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PRELUDE: Lord Jesus Christ, be present now J.S. Bach

THE PREPARATION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

HYMN #250: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty Unser Herrsher

- Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there, Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for God who answers prayer. Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2. Gracious God, I come before thee; Come thou also unto me; Where we find thee and adore thee, There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, oh, enter thou, Let it be thy temple now!
- 3. Here thy praise is gladly chanted, Here thy seed is duly sown; Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone, So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.
- 4. Thou my faith increase and quicken, Let me keep thy gift divine; Howsoe'er temptations thicken, May thy Word still o'er me shine As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.

- P: O Lord, open my lips.
- C: And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- All: Glory be to God, who creates, redeems and sanctifies us: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

PSALM #145

I will exalt you, O God my king, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; there is no end to your greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works. They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will tell of your greatness.

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Lord is loving to everyone and your compassion is over all your works.

All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.

SECOND LESSON: II Corinthians 3: 1-6

THE GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

THE SERMON

HYMN #415: God of Grace and God of Glory Cwm Rhondda

- God of grace and God of glory, On your people pour your pow'r; Crown your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.
- Lo! The hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days, For the living of these days.
- Cure your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to your control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss your kingdom's goal, Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
- 4. Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore; Let the gift of your salvation Be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving you whom we adore, Serving you whom we adore.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SOLO: How beautiful are the feet (Messiah) G.F. Handel

THE PRAYERS

P: Show us your mercy, O Lord:

C: And grant us your salvation.

P: Clothe your ministers with righteousness:

- C: Let your people sing with joy.
- P: Give peace, O God, in all the world:
- C: For only in you can we live in safety.

P: Lord, keep this nation under your care:

- C: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- P: Let your way be known upon earth:
- C: Your saving health among all nations.
- P: Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten:
- C: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

- P: Create in us clean hearts, O God:
- C: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.
- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray.
- THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

- P: Let us pray.
- All: Almighty God, by your grace we have come together to offer you our common petitions; and you have promised by your son Jesus Christ that when two or three are gathered in Jesus' Name he will be in the midst of them. Fulfil now, O Lord, our desires and petitions, as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All:

Our Father in heaven. hallowed be your Name, your Kingdom come, vour will be done. on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN #551: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee Hymn To Joy

- Joyful, joyful we adore thee, 1. God of glory, God of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, Praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.
- All thy works with joy surround thee, 2. Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays, Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3. Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest, Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest! Thou our rock of sweet redemption, All who live in love are thine; Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine!

..... Barrie Cabena POSTLUDE: Grand Choeur alla Handel

Participants

The Rev. Dr. Oscar L. Cole Arnal, Professor of Church History, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, is the Preacher. Barrie Cabena, Professor of Church Music and Organ, Wilfrid Laurier University, is the Organist. Camilla Krishnamurthy, Graduating Faculty of Music Student, Wilfrid Laurier University, is the Soloist.

Friday: Kevin Baglole, Graduating Seminary Student, is the Worship Leader.

Saturday: James Hendricksen, Graduating Seminary Student, is the Worship Leader.