

Worship Service for Sunday, July 13, 2025
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Confession and Absolution

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a
Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,
count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit - responsively read

Psalm 27:3–4a, 5; antiphon: vv. 1–2

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom I shall I fear?*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, *

my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; *

though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: *

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; *

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up on a rock.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, *

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom I shall I fear?*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

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Kyrie

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C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

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C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual - responsively read

Psalm 79:9–10a

Atone for our sins, for your | name's sake!*

Why should the nations say, "Where | is their God?"

Help us, O God of our sal- | vation,*

for the glory of your name de- | liver us.

Epistle

Romans 12:14–21

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

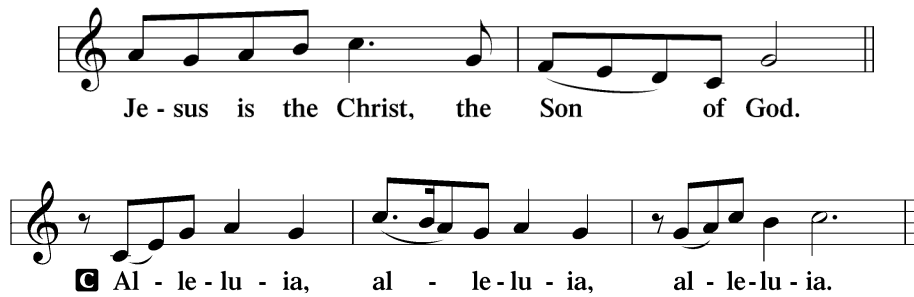
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse





Holy Gospel

Luke 6:36–42

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.
 C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁶[Jesus said:] “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

³⁹He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. ⁴¹Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴²How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.”

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
 C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles’ Creed

- C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.**

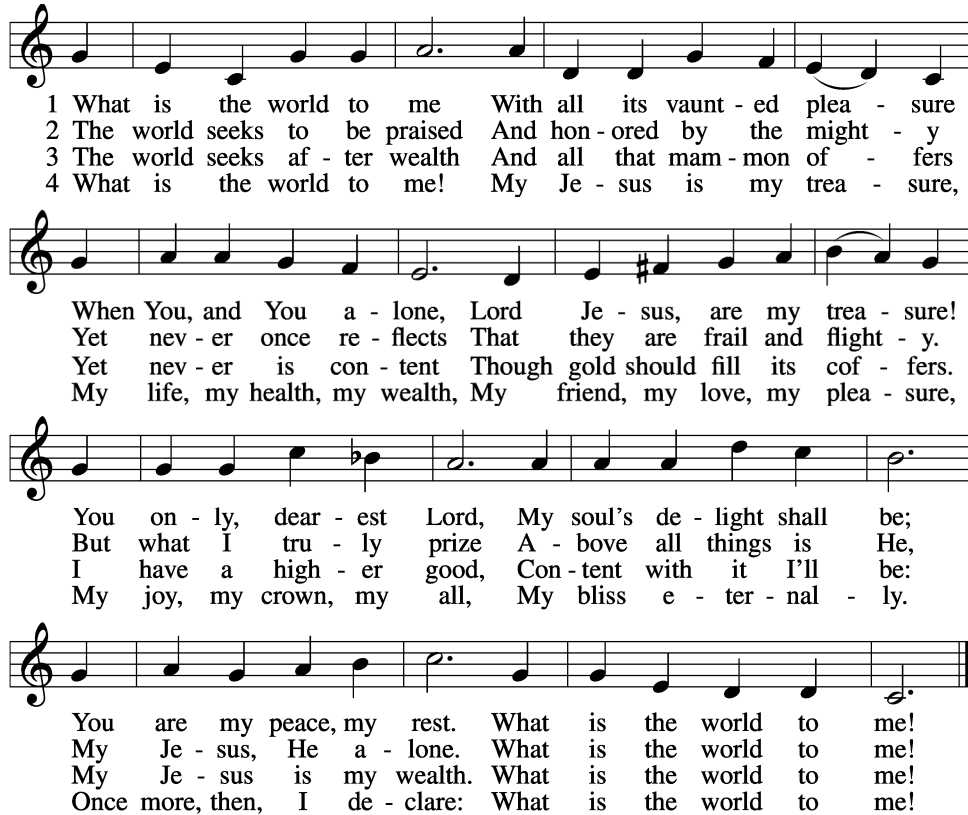
**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Sit

What Is the World to Me

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1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt-ed plea-sure
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon-ored by the might-y
 3 The world seeks af-ter wealth And all that mam-mon of-fers
 4 What is the world to me! My Je-sus is my trea-sure,
 When You, and You a-lone, Lord Je-sus, are my trea-sure!
 Yet nev-er once re-flects That they are frail and flight-y.
 Yet nev-er is con-tent Though gold should fill its cof-fers.
 My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea-sure,
 You on-ly, dear-est Lord, My soul's de-light shall be;
 But what I tru-ly prize A-bove all things is He,
 I have a high-er good, Con-tent with it I'll be:
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e-ter-nal-ly.
 You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 My Je-sus, He a-lone. What is the world to me!
 My Je-sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 Once more, then, I de-clare: What is the world to me!

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Sermon

The Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
 The emblem of suffering and shame;
 And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
 For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
 'Till my trophies at last I lay down
 I will cling to the old rugged cross,
 And exchange it some day for a crown.

- 2 Oh, the old rugged Cross, so despised by the world,
 Has a wondrous attraction for me;
 For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
 To bear it to dark Calvary.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
 'Till my trophies at last I lay down
 I will cling to the old rugged cross,
 And exchange it some day for a crown.

3. In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
 A wondrous beauty I see;
 For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
 To pardon and sanctify me.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
'Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

4. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
'Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

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Stand

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Benedicamus

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A Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C Amen.

God Loved the World So That He Gave

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1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

D 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessèd Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

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