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**PRELUDE***Chorale- You Are Blessed – J.S. Bach***ENTRANCE HYMN****O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate (ELW 722)**

1. O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore  
ev'ry human pain.  
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth,  
God's vast domain.  
The heart of God, the heart of Christ  
combined in perfect rhyme  
To write God's love in human deeds,  
eternity in time.
4. O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the  
sparrow's fall,  
Whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace  
and bear us all:  
Come, make your church a servant church that walks  
your servant ways,  
Whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of  
praise!

**GREETING (ELW p. 98)**

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

**KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb  
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and  
 strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,  
 glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

*Final refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9**

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you are my God;  
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.  
<sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;  
the palace of aliens is a city no more,  
it will never be rebuilt.  
<sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.  
<sup>4</sup>For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.  
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,  
<sup>5</sup>the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was stilled.  
  
<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.  
<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.  
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.  
<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9**

A reading from Philippians.

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

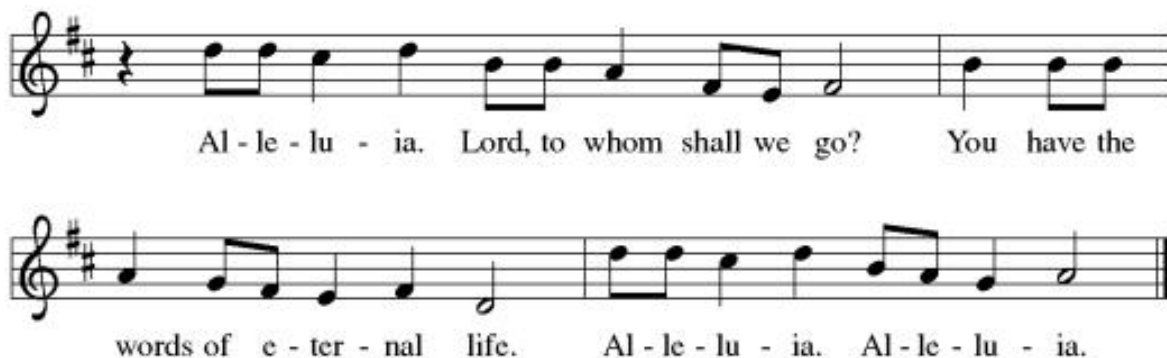
<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **PERSONAL REFLECTION**

*A Hymn Tune from the Carillon*

## **SERMON**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Now We Join in Celebration (ELW 462)*

1. Now we join in celebration at our Savior's  
invitation,  
Dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed  
instead in joy and wonder;  
For the Lord of all existence, putting off divine  
transcendence,  
Stoops again in love to meet us, with his very  
life to feed us.

3. Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly  
of God's children,  
Reconciled through you, our brother, one in you  
with God our Father.  
Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both  
friends and strangers,  
Seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in  
final glory.

## **PEACE**

Peace be with you  
**And also with you**

## **OFFERTORY**

*The Lost Chord – Sir Arthur Sullivan*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our Prayer.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## BLESSING (ELW p. 114)

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

**Let All Things Now Living (ELW 881)**

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.
2. God rules all the forces; the stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and  
fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a song let us raise  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving;  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

## DISMISSAL (ELW p. 115)

Go in peace! Celebrate! Think! Serve!  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

***Toccata - Rossbach***