

## The Word of God

### PRELUDE

*Pavane*

Gabriel Faure

Nancy Bieschke and Jessica Dunnivant, flutists

### A PENITENTIAL ORDER

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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*The people stand.*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* His mercy endures for ever.

### DECALOGUE

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*The Decalogue is sung, the People kneeling.*

*Celebrant, Deacon, or Cantor*

*People*

(Each commandment monotoned)

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not make for yourself any idol. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Honor your father and your mother. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit murder. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit adultery. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not steal. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not be a false witness. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. Minister and People*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

*The following is sung,*

*Cantor or Choir*                      *All*                      *Cantor or Choir*  
 Lord, have mer - cy.    Lord, have mer - cy.    Christ, have mer - cy.  
  
*All*                      *Cantor or Choir*                      *All*  
 Christ, have mer - cy.    Lord, have mer - cy.    Lord, have mer - cy.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*                And also with you.  
*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**FIRST READING**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

*The people sit.*

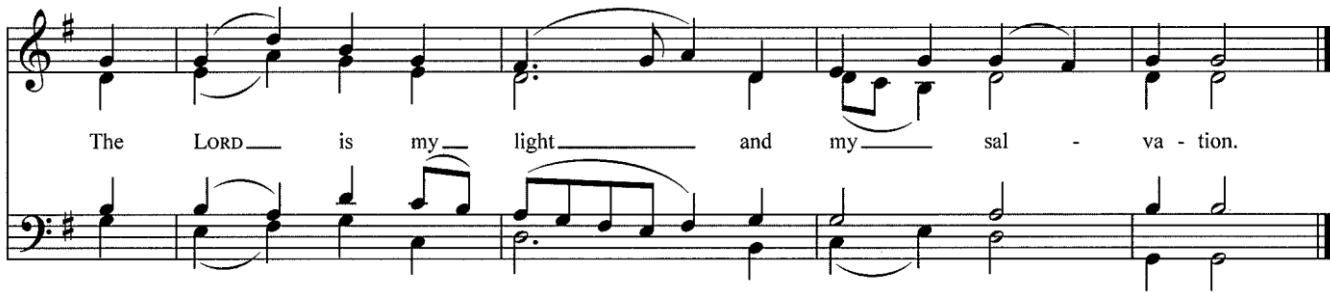
The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the

birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Reader       The Word of the Lord.  
People       Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 27



<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid? *Refrain*

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers came upon me to eat up my  
flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who  
stumbled and fell.

<sup>3</sup>Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

<sup>4</sup>And though war should rise up against me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in him. *Refrain*

<sup>5</sup>One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all  
the days of my life;

<sup>6</sup>To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
and to seek him in his temple. *Refrain*

<sup>7</sup>For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in  
his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.

<sup>8</sup>Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the Lord. *Refrain*

<sup>10</sup>Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>11</sup>You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my  
face." \*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek. *Refrain*

<sup>12</sup>Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

<sup>13</sup>You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

<sup>14</sup>Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
the Lord will sustain me. *Refrain*

<sup>15</sup>Show me your way, O Lord; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my  
enemies.

<sup>16</sup>Deliver me not into the hand of my  
adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice. *Refrain*

<sup>17</sup>What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of the Lord \*  
in the land of the living!

<sup>18</sup>Oh, tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  
wait patiently for the Lord. *Refrain*

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE HYMN***My Jesus I love Thee*

LEVAS 89

*The people stand.***GOSPEL**

Luke 13:31-35

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**THE SERMON***The people sit.***THE NICENE CREED**

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*The people stand.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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*The people kneel or stand.*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, John our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald, our President and Bill, our Governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For \_\_\_\_\_, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. Paul and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## THE PEACE

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*The people stand.*

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                And also with you.

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY

*The Lord Is My Light*  
Stephen Smith, tenor

Frances Allitsen

## DOXOLOGY

*The people stand.*

Hymnal 380 v. 3

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Celebrant*        Lift up your hearts.  
*People*            We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*            It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

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*The people kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### FRACTION ANTHEM

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *have mercy on us.*  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *have mercy on us.*  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *grant us peace.*

NOTE ON RECEIVING COMMUNION: *All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to receive a blessing—indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Intercessory prayer teams are available to pray with you on either side of the nave.*

### COMMUNION MUSIC

*Laudate Pueri*

Felix Mendelssohn

Susan Kelly, Harrison Bieschke, Nancy Bieschke, soloists

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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*The people kneel or stand.*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Let us bow down before the Lord our Maker.

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### POST-COMMUNION HYMN

*Hail, thou once-despised Jesus*

Hymnal 495

*The people stand.*

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Fugue in D Minor*

Felix Mendelssohn

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**--PRAYER CONCERNS--**

**For those with cancer:** Brenda, Chuck, Dennis, Dru, Jeff, Joe, Kathy, Katarina, Larry, Leigh, Margaret, Mark, Marsha, Matt, Pat, Penny, Sage, Terry, and Valter.

**For those in cancer remission:** Andie, Jim, and Mandy.

**For those healing from Surgery:** Hank, Bill, and Linda.

**For those experiencing mental health issues.**

**For those with other needs:** Beverly, Bernice, Cooper, Donnie, Emily, Hannah, Henry, Hope, Jack, Jalce, Kandice, Kim, Lillian, Marcie, Margaret, Martha, Vanessa, Wilma, Zach, the people of Ukraine, and the people of the Middle East.

**For those imprisoned including:** Abu-Ali, Charlie, Corinio, Gregory, Joe, and Michael.

**For those experiencing homelessness including:** Adrienne, Andrea, Brad, Carol, Cindy, Connie, Deborah, Donna, Jacki, Jeri, Jessica, Joe, Kanasha, Kelsey, Kimberley, Kristi, Laura, Leanna, Lori, Melissa, Renada, Sharon, Tiffany, and Trista.

**For all veterans and those in military service and their families, including:** Benjamin, Brianna, Chris, Evan, Jeffrey, Kaitlin, Trevor, and Sean.