

*Here is the  
bridegroom!  
Come out  
to meet him*

**MATTHEW 25:6**



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**Prelude**      **"This is Amazing Grace"**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **GATHERING**

L) The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L) In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C) Amen.**

L) Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C) Amen.**

L) Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L) Most merciful God,

**C) we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L) God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C) Amen.**

#### **GREETING**

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

### **GATHERING HYMN/HOLY COMMOTION**      **"Praise"**

#### **KYRIE Setting 3**

L) In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C) Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C) Lord, have mercy.**

L) 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. **C) Lord, have mercy.**

L) For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C) Lord, have mercy.**

L) Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C) Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L) The Lord be with you **C) And also with you.**

L) Let us pray.... O God of justice and love, **you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

### **Amos 5:18-24**

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; <sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. <sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? <sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L) The Word of the Lord **C) Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 70**

<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.

<sup>2</sup>**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

<sup>4</sup>**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"**

<sup>5</sup>But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

## **SECOND READING**

### **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since

we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L) The word of the Lord **C) Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

***C) Alleluia. Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia.***

### **GOSPEL**

L) The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C) Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

L) The Gospel of the Lord **C) Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

### **"MIGHTY TO SAVE"**

L) Living Together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

### **APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**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**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L) Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

L) O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Hear us, O God. **C) Your mercy is great.**

L) O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation, and provide clean water to all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear us, O God. **C) Your mercy is great.**

L) O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported and loved. Hear us, O God. **C) Your mercy is great.**

L) O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **C) Your mercy is great.**

L) O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Hear us, O God. **C) Your mercy is great.**

L) O God, in whom we remain, we remember our loved ones who have died and now live in you (*especially*). Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. Hear us, O God. **C) Your mercy is great.**

L) We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **C) Amen.**

## **PEACE**

L) The peace of Christ be with you always. **C) And also with you.**

**OFFERING**                    **"BEAUTIFUL ONE"**  
**OFFERTORY**                **"CREATE IN ME"**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

L) Let us pray... God of all goodness, **generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.**

**\*\*\* Bread is Gluten Free. A Non Alcoholic option is in the center of the trays.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

L) The Lord be with you.

**C) And also with you.**

L) Lift up your hearts.

**C) We lift them to the Lord.**

L) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C) It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L) It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SPOKEN)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **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.**

### **COMMUNION SONG**

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

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

L) Taste and see that the Lord is good. **C) Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION            "GRACE LIKE RAIN"**

L) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C) Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

L) Let us pray.... Lord Jesus, **in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

L) 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.

**C) Amen.**

**SENDING SONG            "HOUSE OF THE LORD"**

**DISMISSAL**

L) Go in peace. To Love and Serve the Lord. **C) Thanks be to God.**