Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

**EPHESIANS 4:24 ESV** 

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# Welcome and Greeting

#### Please Stand

#### **Opening Litany**

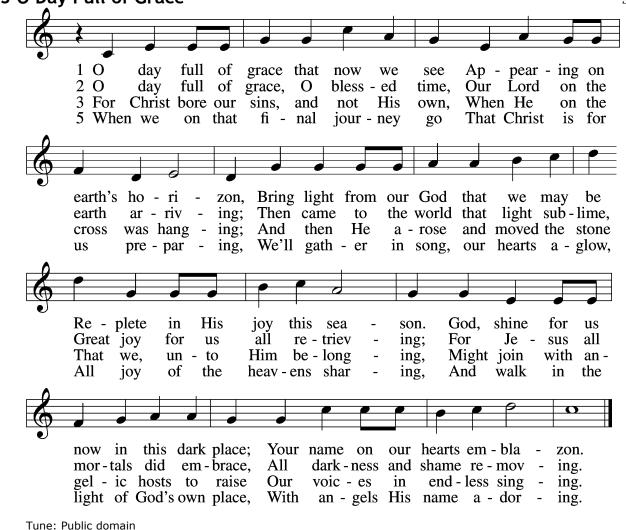
Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made!

Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

## 503 O Day Full of Grace



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## Confession

P We live a broken world and carry the consequences of our sin in our lives. As we gather to worship in the presence of our God who is pure and holy, our own failures are glaring and could cause us to flee from him. Instead, we are met again today with the invitation to admit our guilt and confess our sinfulness to our loving God who offers us complete forgiveness through his Son, Jesus. So, we pause now to reflect on our need for God's mercy before we pray.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

#### **Prayer of Confession**

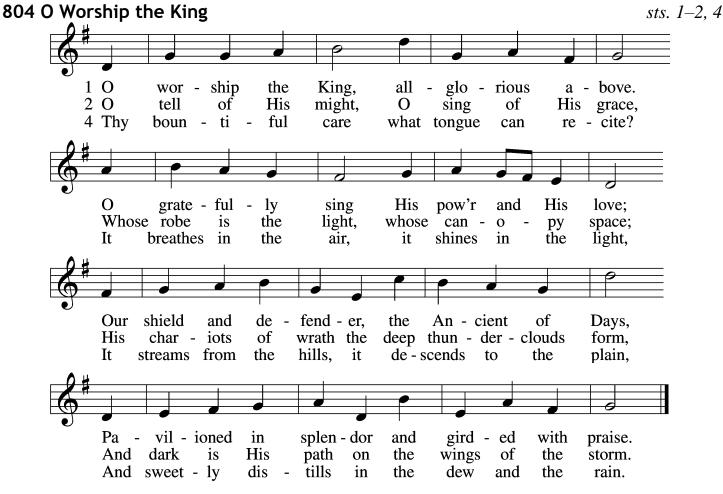
#### **P** Let us pray,

**C** Gracious God, we thank you for loving us so much that you sacrificed your only begotten Son, Jesus to pay the price we owe for our sin. Today we cling to your mercy and grace as we humbly ask that you forgive us for all that we have done and all that we have left undone. We have not lived our lives in ways that reflect who you are as our Heavenly Father, but you still love us as your children. For the sake of Jesus, we pray for you to renew us and to help us walk more faithfully according to your word and will. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

#### Assurance of Faith

P Almighty God in his mercy has given his only Son, Jesus Christ to die for you and for his sake forgives you of all your sins. His love for you is greater than your failures and brokenness. His grace is greater than your guilt, and his mercy is fresh and real again today. You are forgiven and set free, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

#### **C** Thanks be to God! Amen!



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## Prayer of the Day

#### Please be seated

## Ephesians 4:17-5:2

This I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ!— assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

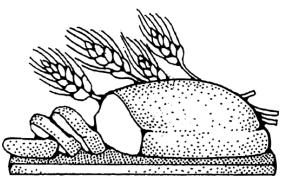
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Please Stand

### John 6:35-51

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

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me,



that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



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## SERMON: OFF WITH THE OLD EPHESIANS 4:17–5:2

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#### Prayer of the Congregation

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

#### Lord's Prayer

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.

## Words of the Institution

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

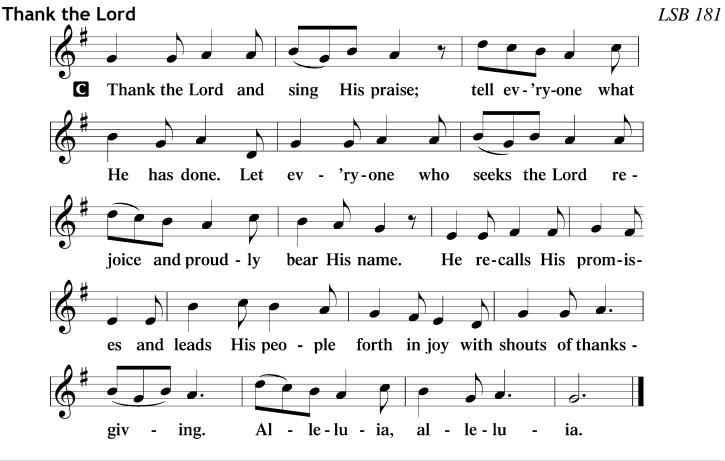
Please be seated

## **Continuous Distribution by Pastor**

(Family units come forward to receive the elements and take them to their seats. Please wait to eat and drink until instructed.)

## All Receive the Sacrament together

(Pastor will indicate when to take the wafer and then the cup.)



**Benediction** 

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

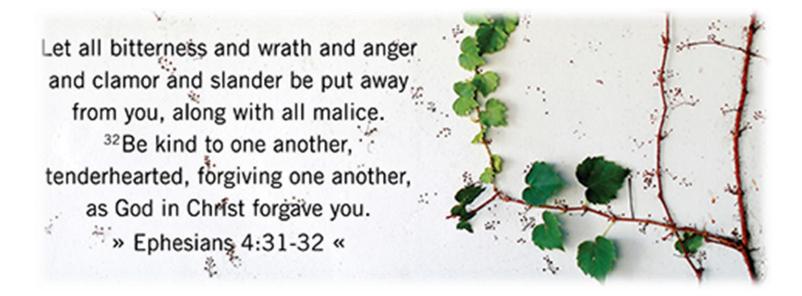


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#### Dismissal

- **P** Go in peace, serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God!

Please be seated and wait for the ushers to dismiss you.



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