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Experiencing Christ's Love

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Welcome and Greeting

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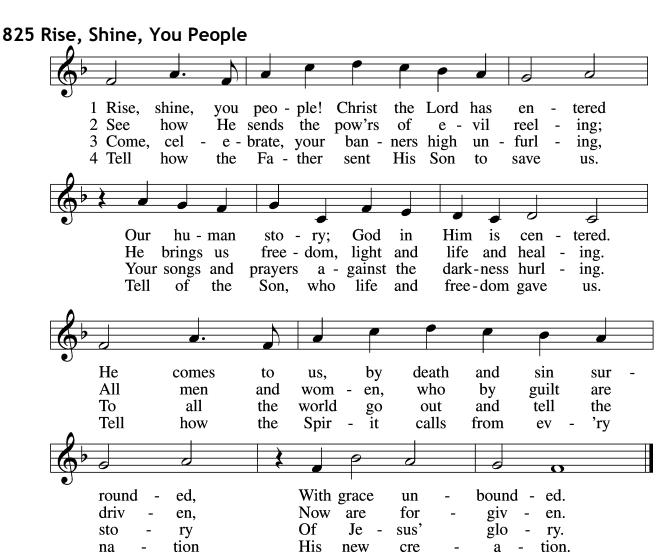
Opening Litany

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!



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Confession of Sins

P God's Word is true: God loves us deeply and in Christ, claims us as His own!

Dear friends, we are children of God, but what we will be through His work in our lives is not yet complete. We still struggle to live a godly life. However, He promises that when we confess our failures, He forgives us, cleanses us and makes us pure. With that wonderful promise in mind, we reflect on our need for His mercy once more.

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

Prayer of Confession

- **P** Father of mercies and God of all comfort and peace:
- We know that we have failed to live as Your children. We are broken and confess that we are stuck in our sinful ways. We have not loved You with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ we humbly pray for Your forgiveness. Set us free from the love of ungodly things and help us to grow more fully into who You created us to be in Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Faith

- P Sisters and brothers we have great news! Almighty God has heard our prayer and has had mercy on us! Jesus Christ took our punishment when he died and for His sake, God forgives us all our sins! In His resurrection, Jesus secured our salvation! It is by His authority that I have the privilege to declare His forgiveness to you, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- C Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!





Prayer of the Day

Please be seated

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Thus says the LORD:

"Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say,

'O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.'

Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back,
I will make them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble,
for I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Mark 10:46-52

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

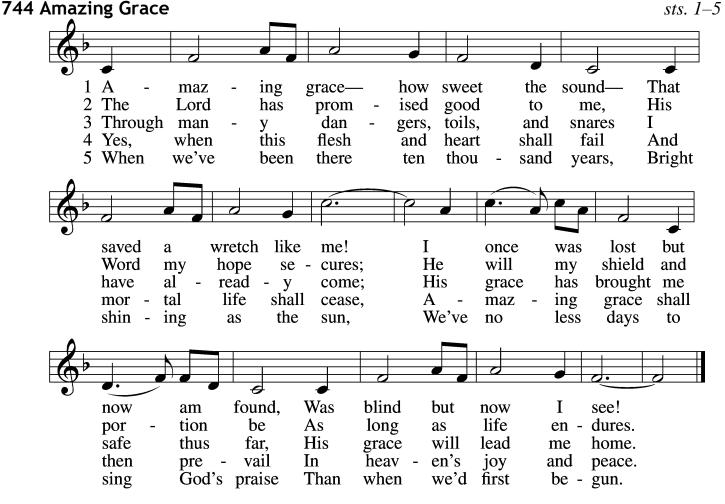
They came to Jericho. And as Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

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

Apostles' Creed

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 there 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 everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

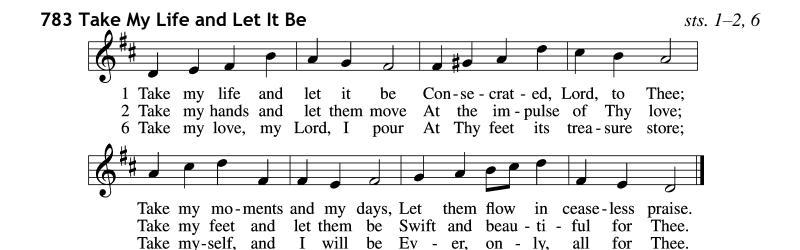


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SERMON: THE VISION TO FOLLOW

MARK 10:46-52

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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.

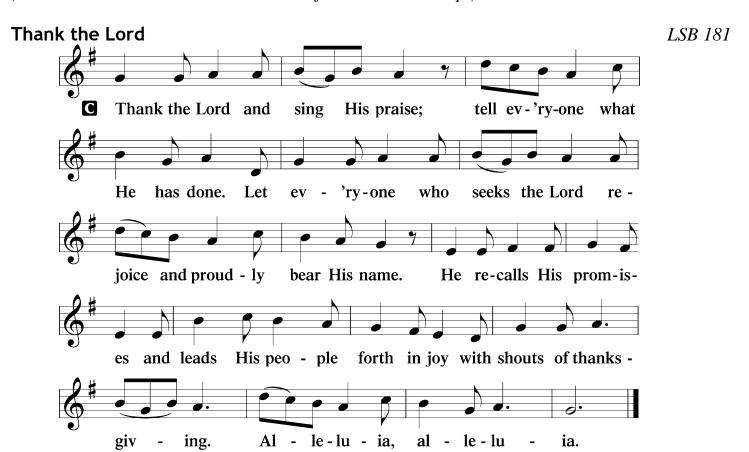
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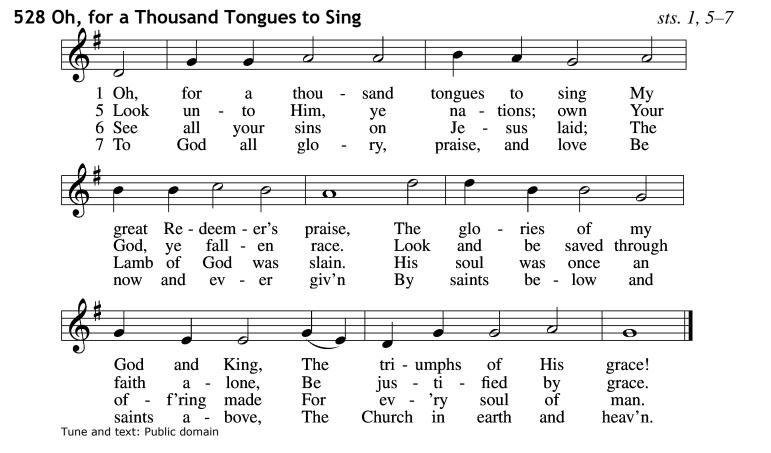
(Family units come forward to receive the elements and take them to their seats. Please wait to eat and drink until instructed.)

All Receive the Sacrament together

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



Benediction



The 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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