

PRELUDE**HYMN*****Here I Am, Lord***

I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
 I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

***Refrain: Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night
 I will go Lord, If you lead me
 I will hold your people in my heart***

I the Lord of snow and rain I have borne my people's pain
 I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? ***Refrain***

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide 'til their hearts are satisfied.
 I will give my life for them. Whom shall I send? ***Refrain***

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

People And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,

**People To you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.
 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 Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Eternal Father,
 who at the baptism of Jesus
 revealed him to be your Son,
 anointing him with the Holy Spirit,
 keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,
 faithful to their calling;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Acts 10: 34-43

READ BY ADA DIXON

Reader: The 1st Reading is taken from the book of *Acts, Chapter 10, beginning at verse 34*

Gentiles Hear the Good News

AFTER THE READING Reader:

The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

Anthem

Star of Wonder

SELAHBRATION

ARR. BY: TOM FETKE

Children's Chat

KIDS EXIT TO GNC

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3: 13-17

READ BY OLIVE KINGSTON

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. *Matthew, Chapter 3, beginning at verse 13*

The Baptism of Jesus

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

AFTER THE READING Reader:

The Gospel of Christ

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus

Christ

Sermon

CANON MACKENZIE WOLF

The Nicene Creed

PLEASE STAND

Celebrant

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All

**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 worshipped 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 INTERCESSION

PLEASE BE SEATED OR KNEEL

LED BY DES WILLIAMS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sin, confident in God's forgiveness.*

Celebrant Most merciful God,

**All 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 neighbours 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**

*Celebrant Almighty God,
have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sin,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

THE PEACE*PLEASE STAND*

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious thru the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high;
who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

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OFFERTORY DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

COMMUNION - THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord is here!

People His Spirit is with us.

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 our thanks and praise.

*Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those
who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.
He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness
of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.
Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.*

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

*Celebrant Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which
is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."*

*Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we present to you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that
you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts.
Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Son,
Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church, now and for ever.*

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**All 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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God

THE COMMUNION**COMMUNION HYMNS****HYMN*****BE STILL, FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD***

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here;
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear:
In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy one is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendor He is crowned:
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him.
In faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

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HYMN**The Best of Gifts is Ours**

The best of gifts is ours
within our Father's hand,
with joy and peace beyond the powers
of mind to understand.

Bid every anxious care
and wayward thought depart;
make known your need to God in prayer
and he will keep your heart.

Give love the highest place;
have all things good your goal.
Let truth and righteousness and grace
in peace possess your soul.

In honour take delight;
let justice mark your ways;
things innocent and pure and right
command your love and praise.

Become God's garden fair,
where virtue freely flowers;
and as the mind of Christ is there
the God of peace is ours.

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HYMN**In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save:
'til on that cross as Jesus died, the love of God was magnified –
for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
'til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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CLOSING DOXOLOGY

PLEASE STAND

Celebrant Glory to God,

**All Whose power, working in us,
 can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
 Glory to God from generation to generation,
 in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen**

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

HYMN

Joy To the World!

Joy to the world, the Lord is come:
let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing (repeat)
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns,
let us glad songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy, (repeat)
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let wrongs and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make his blessings flow
far as our sin is found (repeat)
far as, far as our sin is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, (repeat)
and wonders, wonders of his love.

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant *Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.*

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

SILENT PRAYER