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Preparing for Divine Service

As you prepare for God's action in your life today, set aside the busy-ness and distractions of your everyday routine. We invite you to

- in your Bible or Hymnal, read through today's appointed psalm: **PSALM 149**
- Review today's Scripture readings in the bulletin
- Focus on the Lord in prayer. Sample prayers are on the inside front cover of the hymnal, or feel free to use our usual pre-service prayer:

Prayer before Worship

O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name.
Amen.

*Please feel free to participate further in this modified service
by reading aloud the lines in bold marked for congregational participation*

Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

† Confession and Absolution †

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

- P As we are confident of God's promise of salvation, let us confess our sins to our loving, heavenly Father.
C **We confess that we have not lived as Your children, Holy Father. In our thinking, speaking, and acting, we have not shown the people around us the kind of love You have shown us. Forgive us for our sins. Open our eyes of faith so that we look ahead to the eternity that awaits us in Your love and glory. Then move us to love and to be more pure so that our lives give You glory each day until You bring all your children home to You.**

(In Service Absolution)

- P May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

† Service of the Word †

Entrance Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” vs. 1 & 4 LSB 686

Kyrie

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For heaven-sent peace and the hope of salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

P For the Church’s growth in faith and hope, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who here return thanks to God for the hope within them, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Christ, have mercy, now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” vs. 1 & 4 LSB 670

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical Body of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

C Govern us to follow Your blessed saints in all virtue and godly living so that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You;

P through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Epistle Reading

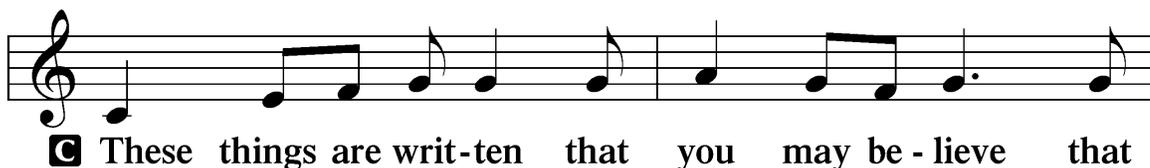
1 John 3:1-3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus 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 thence 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.

Sermon

“As He Is”

*1 John 3:1–3***Prayer of the Church****Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**

P Holy Scripture says in Psalm 116:15: “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.” On All Saints’ Sunday, we remember and give thanks and praise to God for the life and for the death of His saints. We rejoice with those whose happiness now knows no end in the kingdom of glory. As those who trust in Jesus Christ, we do not grieve as the rest of the world grieves. We grieve in hope, we pray with confidence, and we live with certainty that those who have died in Christ are secure in His presence. We also rejoice that one day we shall join them in their heavenly joy, which knows no end.

Let us pray.

Merciful Father, whose dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victoriously over death and the grave, we remember with thanksgiving Your faithful people who have trusted in Christ, whose tears are gone, and whose sorrows You have turned to joy. We humbly implore You to strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Collect

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the source of all goodness, we thank You that for the sake of Your only-begotten Son, You have given us pardon and peace, comfort and joy.

C **We ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit so that we are given power to serve You always;**

- P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**
- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

LSB 685

Sending

- P Go in Peace; serve the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God!**

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