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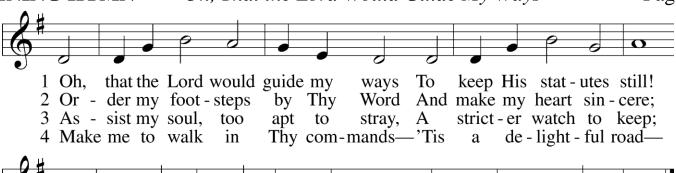
AS WE GATHER

Imagine someone offering you a gift – a gift that you cannot get on your own. How do you think the giver of that gift would react if you rejected it? That is what today's Readings are about. The children of Israel refused to go into the Promised Land. God's response was, "They shall not enter My rest." They had been slaves and gotten a good taste of the harshness of the wilderness. Yet they refused to go into a land where they would have rest. Today, God offers you rest through the gift of the forgiveness of sins. Do not miss out on the rest God offers you right now through Jesus.

- **PRELUDE**
- ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

(The congregation stands at the ringing of the bell.)





Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!

Let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.

And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re-store Thy wan-d'ring sheep.

Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a-gainst my God.

INVOCATION Page 184

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins

unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal

and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved

Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

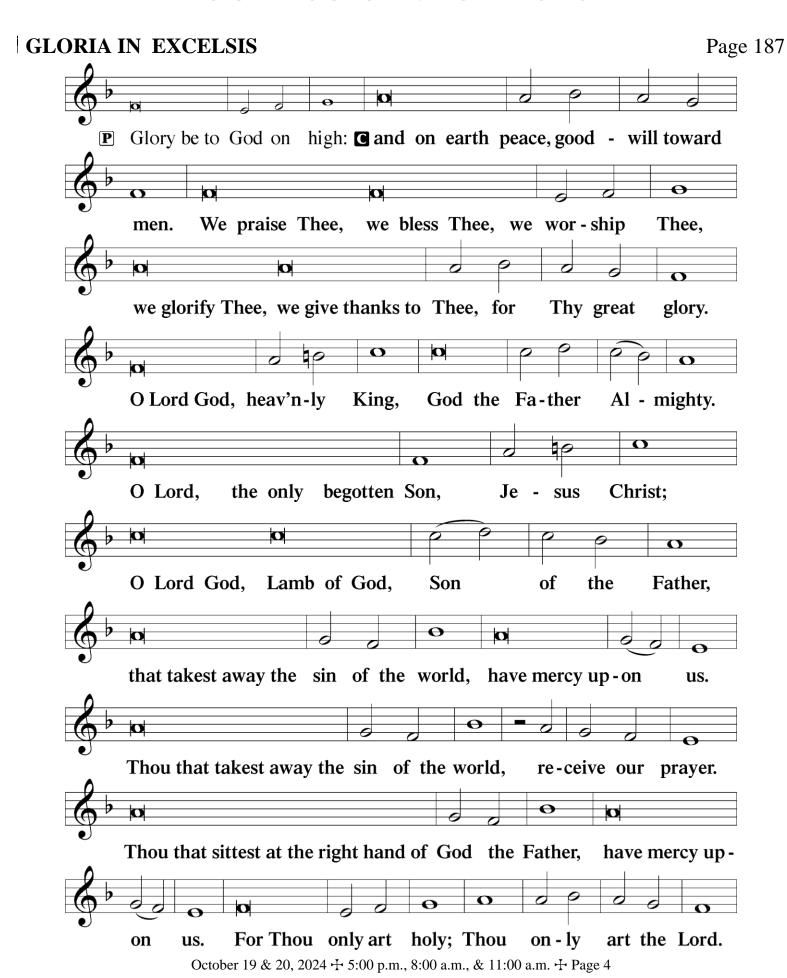
Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the

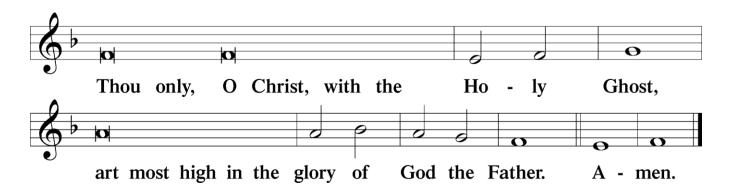
stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your

sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Service of the Word





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Pastor:

Let us pray. Almighty God, You created mankind not only to work but to rest as well. Yet we too often spend our energy and time seeking and working for those things that Satan has set as traps to destroy us. By the leading and guiding of Your Holy Spirit, turn us away from the things Satan has set as snares to take away our rest. Help us recall our true rest and hope is in You alone. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who came to give us rest, who with You and the Holy Spirit is one God, now

and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep. There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger. Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil – this is the gift of God. For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 4:1-13

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. For we who have believed enter that rest, as He has said, "As I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest," although His works were finished from the foundation of the world. For He has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works." And again in this passage He said, "They shall not enter My rest." Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again He appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts." For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY BAPTISM (11:00)

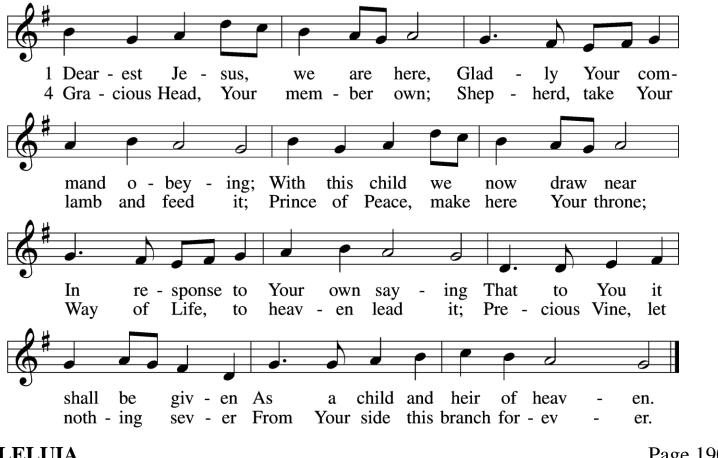
James Nicholas Kammer

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Page 592, vs. 1 & 4 BAPTISMAL HYMN (11:00) "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"





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HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.



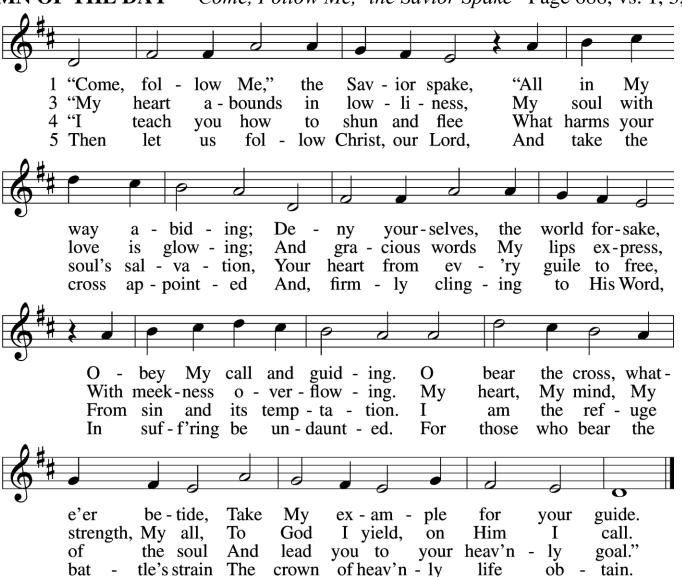
Mark 10:23-31

And Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to Him, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." Peter began to say to Him, "See, we have left everything and followed You." Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for My sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN OF THE DAY "'Come, Follow Me,' the Savior Spake" Page 688, vs. 1, 3, 4, 5



SERMON

"Are You Wealthy?"

Pastor Bradford Hildebrandt

Text: *Mark 10:23-31*

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 men 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.

OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Prayer Requests: Please print prayer requests on the blue "Prayer" card and hand it to an usher during this time.

• OFFERTORY ANTHEM "How Can I Keep From Singing?" by Robert Lowry arr. by Timothy Shaw

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

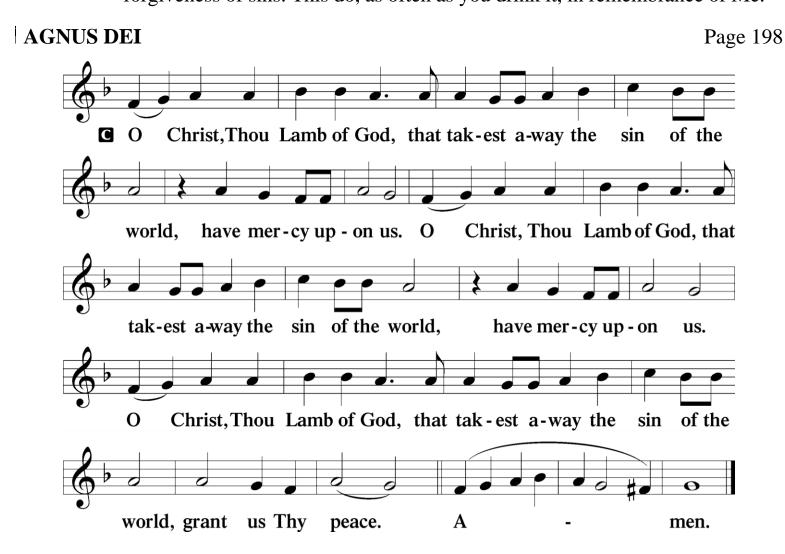
Pastor:

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.



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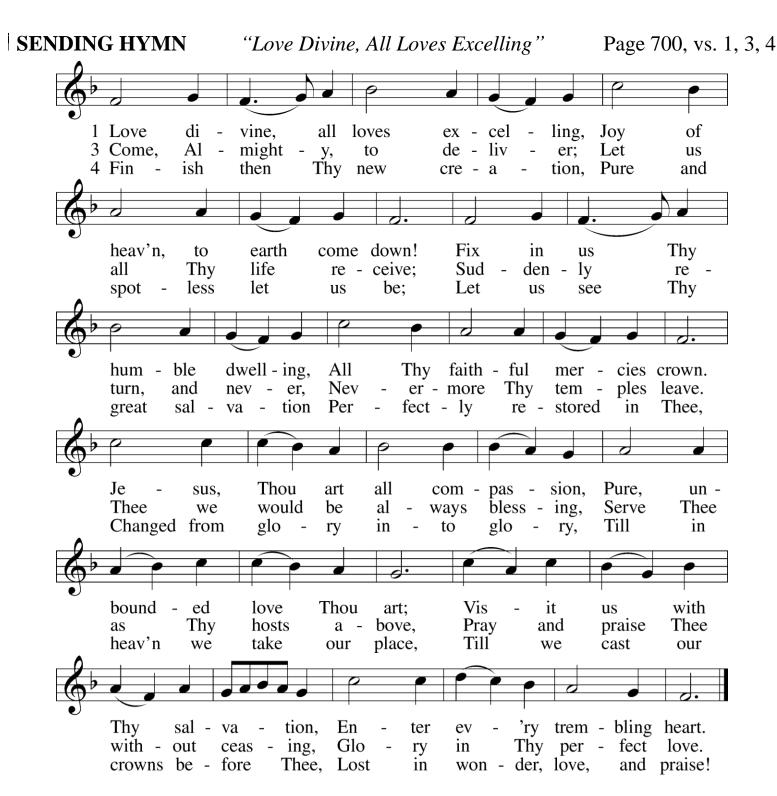
(Please review our statement of faith inserted into the front of the hymnal.)

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless You and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you

and be gracious to you; the LORD look on you in favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.



POSTLUDE