



**Psalm 145:1-9, 16-17** (said responsively)

- I will exalt you, O God my King, \* **and bless your Name for ever and ever.**
- Every day will I bless you \* **and praise your Name for ever and ever.**
- Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \* **there is no end to his greatness.**
- One generation shall praise your works to another \* **and shall declare your power.**
- I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \* **and all your marvelous works.**
- They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \* **and I will tell of your greatness.**
- They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \* **they shall sing of your righteous deeds.**
- The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \* **slow to anger and of great kindness.**
- The Lord is loving to everyone \* **and his compassion is over all his works.**
- The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, \* **and you give them their food in due season.**
- You open wide your hand \* **and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**

**The Epistle**

**Hebrews 11:8-16**

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**The Gradual Hymn**

*"Now thank we all our God"*

**Hymn 397**

**The Holy Gospel** (standing)

**Matthew 5:43-48**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you

love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*The Rev. Canon Mark A. Scheneman*

### **The Nicene Creed** (in unison, standing)

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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 worshiped 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 the People** (respond after each petition)

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

### **Parish Intercessions** (Celebrant)

#### **The Prayer of St. Francis** (in unison)

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

### **Confession** (kneeling, in unison)

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Most merciful God, 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 neighbors 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.**

### **The Absolution** (Celebrant)

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Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

### **The Exchange of the Peace** (standing)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Announcements** (be seated)

**Offertory Hymn**

*"My country, 'tis of thee"*

**Hymn 717**

**Reception of Gifts** (sung in unison)

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

## **Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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 him thanks and praise**

**Sanctus & Benedictus** (sung in unison)

**Hymn S-129** Holy, holy,

holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

**Prayer of Consecration A** (kneeling, and concluding with **AMEN**)

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**Memorial Acclamation** (in unison)

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Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

**The Lord's Prayer** (traditional words)

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**The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Angus Dei** (sung in unison)

**Hymn S-163**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

# The Administration of Holy Communion

*THE HOLY TABLE around which we gather is the Lord's, not our own. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you with my own faith community, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you live in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen

## Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

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Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen

## The Blessing (Celebrant)

**Recessional Hymn:**   *"O beautiful for spacious skies*

**Hymn 719**

## The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**