



**OPENING SENTENCES**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**PRELUDE**

*Partita on 'Jesu, Meine Freude', J.G. Walther*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 119

Leader: Blessed be God whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams,

**People: whose love has conquered death.**

Leader: Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,

**People: who leads us into life.**

**HYMN 830**

*Jesu, Priceless Treasure, Jesu, Meine Freude*

1 Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure,  
truest friend to me; ah, how long I've panted,  
and my heart has fainted, thirsting, Lord, for thee!  
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb: nothing in the world  
can hide thee; naught I ask beside thee.

3 Hence, all fears and sadness! For the Lord of  
gladness, Jesus, enters in: God, who dearly loves  
us, from all trial saves us; gives sweet peace within;  
I have borne this worldly scorn; still in thee lies  
purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would oppress me  
cannot reach me here. Though the earth be shaking,  
every heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear;  
lightning's flash and thunders crash: yet, though sin  
and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**Almighty God, You have set before us the path but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. Sometimes we are like toddlers and we hear Your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back. And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek Your wisdom and guidance. But most of all, too often we think we are adults and have figured it all our and know our own way, only to stumble and stray so far. Remind us, parental God, that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight, that we always have much to learn. Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with You. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith (continue with silent confession...). Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Children of God, do not fear, for our God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. God's hand shall lead us and hold us fast. So be reconciled to God and at peace with one another.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:31-32, 41-52

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

### SERMON

*A Mustard Seed Faith*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

### CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

### HYMN 450

*Be Thou My Vision, Slane*

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Prelude in B Flat Major, J.S. Bach*

#### ***Leaders Today***

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