

+ DIVINE SERVICE II +4-28-24

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

THE HYMN OF INVOCATION: "Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain" #487

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION: (Please stand)

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your One Holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your spirit. Be in our midst, strengthen our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (DS 4)

C: Amen.

THE INTROIT OF THE DAY

THE KYRIE:

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

L: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: (The Hymn of Praise)

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**L:** Let us pray...one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.** (Please be seated)

**THE FOUNDATION** (See insert)

**THE FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40**

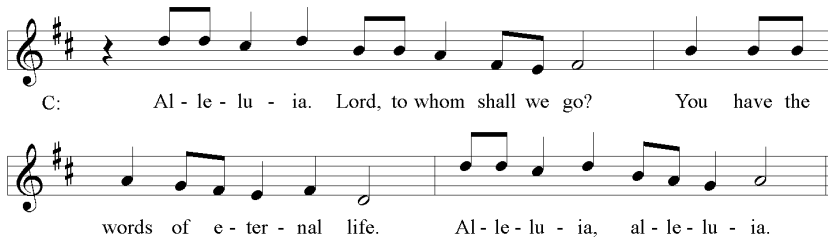
**R:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**THE EPISTLE READING: 1 John 4:1-11**

**R:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.** (Please stand for the verses and the Gospel)



**THE HOLY GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-8**

**R:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**THE 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.** (Please be seated)

**THE SERMON HYMN: "Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing" #691**

**THE SERMON: "We Are the Branches"**

**John 15:1-8**

**THE OFFERING** (Please place your offering and attendance card in the plates at the exits)

**THE OFFERTORY:** (Please stand)

Cre- ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
 spi - rit with-in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence;  
 and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the  
 joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free Spir - it. A - men.

**THE PRAYERS:** (After each petition, we pray...)

**P:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

**P:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. As we pray...

**THE LORDS PRAYER:** (Spoken by 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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**THE BENEDICTION:**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

**THE CLOSING HYMN: "Thine Forever, God of Love" #687**

**SILENT PRAYER** (Prayed during the chimes)

**THE POSTLUDE**