

be - ing praised with pure voic - es for - ev - er. O Son of God,

O Giv - er of life: The u - ni - verse pro - claims your glo - ry.

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ☑ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

☐ Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led your people

Israel by a pil - lar of cloud by day and a pil - lar of fire by night:

Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may his Word be a lamp

to our feet and a light to our path; for you are mer - ci - ful,

and you love your whole cre - a - tion, and we, your crea - tures, glo - ri - fy you,

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. ☑ A - men

✠ PSALMODY ✠

We sit.

PSALM 141

Women sing parts marked ❶. Men sing parts marked ❷. All sing parts marked ❸.

❸ Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;

the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

❶ O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I cry to you.

❷ Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;

the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

❶ Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

❷ Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing; let me not be oc - cu -

pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers. ❶ But my eyes are

turned to you, Lord God; in you I take ref - uge. Strip me not of my life.



☐ Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it;



☐ as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



☐ Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Silence for meditation is observed, then:

PSALM PRAYER

☐ Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified minds we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.

☐ Amen.



ANTIPHON: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

- L** Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,*
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- C** **Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**
- L** The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;*
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- C** **The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;*
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**
- L** The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;*
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- C** **he makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,*
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**
- L** The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;*
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.
- C** **The voice of the LORD makes the | oak trees writhe*
and strips the | forests bare.**
- L** And in the temple | of the LORD*
all are | crying, “Glory!”
- C** **The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;*
the LORD sits enthroned as | king forevermore.**
- L** The LORD shall give strength | to his people;*
the LORD shall give his people the bless- | ing of peace.

Silence for meditation is observed, then:

PSALM PRAYER

- L** Lord our king, your voice sounds over the waters as you reign above the flood.
Help us, who are born again by water and the Holy Spirit,
to praise your wonderful deeds in your holy temple;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

We stand.

HYMN: Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

(green) **LBW #192**



1 Bap-tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here you take me hence-forth to be your
3 O faith - ful God, you nev - er fail me; your cov-'nant sure - ly
4 All that I am and love most dear - ly, re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
child and heir; my faith - ful Sav - ior, here you make me
will a - bide. Let not e - ter - nal death as - sail me
Lord, from me. Oh, let me make my vows sin - cere - ly,



a - mong your seed, your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
the fruit of all your sor - rows share; O Ho - ly Ghost, you
should I trans-gress it on my side! Have mer - cy when I
and help me your own child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, I have your Spir - it now with - in.
com - fort me though threat-'ning clouds a - round I see.
come de - filed; for - give, lift up, re - store your child.
am or own serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

Text: Johann J. Rambach, 1693–1735; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
Music: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE, Kornelius Heinrich Dretzel, 1705–1773

✠ WORD ✠

We sit.

READING: Genesis 9:8–17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

Pastor David R. Lyle

Silence is observed, then:

☐ In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

☑ **But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.**

We stand and sing.

MAGNIFICAT



☑ My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir- it re-joic- es in



God my Sav-ior, for he has looked with fa- vor on his low- ly ser- vant.



From this day all gen- er - a - tions will call me bless- ed.



The Al- might- y has done great things for me, and ho- ly is his name.



He has mer-cy on those who fear him in ev-'ry gen-er-a-tion.



He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the



proud in their con-cept. He has cast down the might-y from their thrones,



and has lift-ed up the low-ly. He has filled the



hun-gry with good things, and the rich he has sent a-way emp-ty.



He has come to the help of his ser-vant Is-ra-el,




for he has re-mem-bered his prom-ise of mer-cy, the prom-ise he



made to our fa-thers, to A-bra-ham and his chil-dren for-ev-er.



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men

We sit.

OFFERING

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ANTHEM: A New Heart

Melissa Dunphy

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you.
I will take away your heart of stone;
I will give you a heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 36:26

✠ PRAYERS ✠

We stand.

LITANY



☐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☑ Lord, have mer - cy.

After each petition:

☐ ...let us pray to the Lord.



☑ Lord, have mer - cy.

The litany concludes:

☐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence is kept, then:

☐ Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.



☑ To you, O Lord.

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works:
Give to us, your servants, the peace which the world cannot give,
that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments;
and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies,
may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

C Amen.

L Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

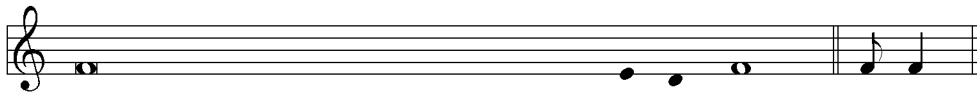
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS DOMINO & BENEDICTION



L Let us bless the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.



P The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve you. **C** A- men

HYMN: Lord Jesus, Think on Me

(green) LBW #309

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,
from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.
let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375–430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–1896, alt.
Music: SOUTHWELL, W. Daman, *The Psalms of David*, 1579, alt.

After the ministers in the chancel exit, we depart in peace.

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