



*“This is my Son,  
whom I love;  
with him I am well pleased.  
Listen to him!”*

### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

*O God, you pour out your Spirit of Grace and Love. By the power of your Spirit deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts. Settle us so that we might hear you so that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in Spirit and Truth all the days of our lives.*

### **GREETING**

*Leader: The Lord be with You.*

*All: And also with you.*

### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

*It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, proclaiming your Love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. (Psalm 92:1-2)*

### **SONG OF PRAISE**

#### **\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Wondrous God,  
who set the sun and moon above us, mountains and  
valleys below us, and friends and strangers around us:  
how often have we tried to hide from you,  
how seldom have we looked for your glory in creation  
how rarely do we rest in your sustaining power.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Wondrous God,  
who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh when you became our brother,  
when you were born and wrapped in cloth and placed in a manger,  
when you took the form of a servant to save us:  
how often we have forgotten you,  
how seldom we have looked for the way you are making all things new,  
how rarely do we really love and follow you.  
Christ, have mercy on us.*

*Wondrous God,  
who hovered over creation,  
who raised our savior from the dead,  
who leads us into truth and convicts us of sin:*

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*how often we have ignored your promptings,  
how seldom do we ask for your help,  
how rarely do we recognize and use your gifts.  
Lord, have mercy on us.*

*Father, Son and Holy Spirit, forgive us and make us new.  
Raise us up and send us out today and every day  
with ears to hear and eyes to see and hearts that understand  
until the day when you make all things new and all things right.*

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE**

*Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Your sins are pardoned.  
The penalty is paid for. Thanks be to God.  
(from Isaiah 40:1-2)*

**SERMON:** *Matthew 13:1-23*  
*The Listening Life: Where Life Begins*

**\* CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

*Leader: Lift up your hearts.*

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

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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*Leader: Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels  
and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.*

**All: 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.  
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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\* BENEDICTION**

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