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PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE:

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we depend entirely on You for everything that we need in this life. Teach us to trust that You will give us what we need when we need it so that we may depend on You. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN: 711

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Saviour, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us we are yours.
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We are Yours; in love befriend us. Be the guardian of our way.
Keep Your flock – from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
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You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be.
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek Your favour, Early let us do Your Will.
Blessed Lord and only Saviour, With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.
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INVOCATION:

P: As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain.
For He says, "In the time of My favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you."

C: Now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Saviour, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all our sins. By the perfect life

of our Lord and Saviour, and by His innocent suffering and death, Christ has reconciled us to God. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PSALMODY: (Based on Psalm 124)

P: "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!" (Mark 4:41)

C: If the Lord had not been on our side— let Israel say— if the Lord had not been on our side when people attacked us, they would have swallowed us alive when their anger flared against us; the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us, the raging waters would have swept us away.

P: Praise be to the Lord, who has not let us be torn by their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

THE LESSONS:

Job 38:1-11 (*Many times we complain to God as if we had the right to tell Him what to do. God reminds us that He does things for His own purposes so that we can be assured He has the best thing in mind for us.*)

Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm. He said: "Who is this that obscures My plans with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me. "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell Me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone— while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, when I said, 'This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt'?"

R: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 (*Our response when we have been blessed by the compassion and mercy of others for the sake of Jesus Christ should be to open our own hearts in the same way.*)

As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For He says, "In the time of My favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonour, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. As a fair exchange – I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.

R: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Mark 4:35-41 (*Sometimes Jesus allows us to panic before He helps us because He knows that is the only way we can truly appreciate the help that He gives us.*)

That day when evening came, Jesus said to His disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took Him along, just as He was, in the boat. There were also other boats with Him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to His disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN: 717

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Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep, Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traffic runs amain,
By mountain pass or valley low; Wherever, Lord, Thy people go.
Protect them by Thy guarding hand, From ev'ry peril on the land.

O Spirit, whom the Father sent, To spread abroad the firmament;
O wind of heaven, by Thy might, Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by Thy watchful care, From ev'ry peril in the air.

O Trinity of love and pow'r, Our people shield in danger's hour,
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them where-so-e'er they go.
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee, Glad praise from air and land and sea.

SERMON

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten
of His Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, very God of
very God, Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the
Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our
salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the Virgin Mary and was made man. And was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day,
He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with
glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have
no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds
from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified. Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe
in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism
for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

(THE COMMUNION)

THE BENEDICTION

HYMN: 725

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Children of the heav'nly Father, Safely in His bosom gather,
Nestling bird nor star in heaven, Such a refuge e'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish, In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them, In His might arm He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever, From the Lord His children sever.
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh.
His the loving purpose solely, To preserve them pure and holy.