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As We Gather

Each of God’s people has a special life story. The book of Jeremiah contains the messages of a prophet whose calling to speak the Word of the Lord brought him great distress and many difficulties. Known as the “weeping prophet,” Jeremiah lived out his life faithfully in challenging historical times. Places associated with him and his life can still be seen by travelers to Jerusalem, including the cave pit where he was imprisoned and the grotto where, according to tradition, he wrote the book of Lamentations. God gave Jeremiah the ability to carry out his mission, saying: “Behold, I make you this day a fortified city . . . and iron pillar” and promised him: “I am with you . . . to deliver you” (Jeremiah 1:18–19). God’s working through faithful people in each generation brings us the treasure of His Word proclaimed faithfully to this day. That transmitted sacred Word merits our most careful and thoughtful listening!

PREPARATION

578 Thy Strong Word

- 1

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 2

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
- 3

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 4

From the cross Thy wisdom shining, Breaketh forth in conqu’ring might;
From the cross forever beameth, All Thy bright redeeming light. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 5

Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name. Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send, Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!
- D 6

God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally. Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee. Mortals, angels, now and ever, Praise the holy Trinity!

Invocation

- P

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C

Amen.

Opening Sentences *Psalms 119:89–94*

- P

Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

- C

Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You have established the earth, and it stands fast.
- P

By Your appointment they stand this day, for all things are Your servants.
- C

If Your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.
- P

I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life.
- C

I am Yours; save me, for I have sought Your precepts.

Confession and Absolution

- P

Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
- C

Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we do things we ought not do and do not live up to our calling as Your people. We are not always careful listeners to Your Word and take for granted those who faithfully proclaim it to us. We know that we justly deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. But trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is solely in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.
- P

God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications and joyfully restores us to His fold. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C

Amen.

WORD

Salutation

- P

The Lord be with you.
- C

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P

Let us pray.
Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C

Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Jeremiah 23:16–29*

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD!
Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹“I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;
I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

²²But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

²³“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in
secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares
the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I
have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who
prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people
forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name
for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak
my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word
like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle *Hebrews 11:17–31; 12:1–3*

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the
promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall
your offspring be named.” ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead,
from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future
blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph,
bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made
mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they
saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. ²⁴By faith Moses,
when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be
mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the
reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.
²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him
who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of
the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they
attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had
been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were
disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every
weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before
us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before
him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not
grow weary or fainthearted.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse *Jeremiah 23:29a, 28b*

C **Alleluia. Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD? What has straw in common with
wheat? Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel *Luke 12:49–53*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁹[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have
a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you
think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now
on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be
divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against
mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son, And bring to naught all He has done.

- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we, May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife, And lead us out of death to life.

Sermon

Creed *Nicene Creed*

- C 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 worshiped 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 T of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:
We pray for the church, that God’s people may live confidently and would joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. And, remembering those who in each generation have faithfully spoken the Word of the Lord, we pray for His servants who today bring us the eternal message from our God through the faithful preaching of Law and Gospel in our midst. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P We pray for the nations of the world, that the presence of Christ be experienced everywhere around the globe and that the Gospel message have free course in every land. And we pray for the gift of peace in the world and in our communities. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P We pray for our land and for all people who are involved in the growing, processing, and distribution of food. Grant that there be a blessing of seasonal summer weather so that we may rejoice in the harvests that are now beginning and will continue through the coming months. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- P We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Help us to never take them for granted that we may encourage all to share joyfully in our work together to the glory of God. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day, including those who are hospitalized or in care facilities, those who are grieving at this time, the unemployed and underemployed, and the chronically ill and shut-in, [*especially . . .*]. Help us to bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P God of the ages, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those sisters and brothers in the faith no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to follow the leading of Jesus, our Great Shepherd, throughout our lives until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.
- C Amen.

Offering

955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

- 1 Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us, A foretaste of the feast to come.

SACRAMENT

Preface

- P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have called us as Your people and have shown us Your kindness. Confident of Your love and assured of Your mercy, we come before You, asking that we may receive Your blessings with heartfelt thanksgiving. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Holy Spirit and grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C Amen.

507 Holy, Holy, Holy *st. 4*

- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise

Thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and might
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Lord’s Prayer

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

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C Amen.

Behold the Lamb

- 1 Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us:
And we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice, as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.
- 2 The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you:
Eat and remember the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice, as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.
- 3 The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you:
Drink and remember He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice, as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.
- 4 And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond
and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth. As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King.

Distribution Hymns

628 Your Table I Approach

- 1 Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart, Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins, And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find, Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 3 Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more, Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament, Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail, To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

(Screen) The Power of the Cross

761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.
- 2 Not the labors of my hands, Can fulfill Thy Law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.
- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.
- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.
Grant, O Lord, that what we have received with our lips we may keep with pure hearts, and that through the gift imparted to us in this present life we may hereafter receive life everlasting; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
C Amen.

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 T give you peace.
- C Amen.

648 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

- 1 Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken, Formed you for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake your sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded, You may smile at all your foes.
- 2 See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,
Well supply your sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river, Ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, Never fails from age to age.
- 3 Round each habitation hov’ring, See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov’ring, Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner, Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna, Which God gives them on their way.
- 4 Savior, since of Zion’s city, I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Your name.
Fading are the world’s vain pleasures, All their boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures, None but Zion’s children know.

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