

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation *Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense/ J. Cruger*
On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand/ arr. A. Mason

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD from Psalm 36

Leader: Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart and there is no fear of God before his eyes.

People: **He flatters himself in his own eyes.**

Leader: But your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: **Man and beast you save, O LORD.**

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

People: **The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

Leader: They feast on the abundance of your house.

People: **And you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life.

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 457 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Leader: O Lord, my every sense, member, faculty and affection, is a snare to me.

People: **I can scarce open my eyes but I envy those above me or despise those below.**

Leader: I covet the honor and riches of the mighty and am proud and unmerciful to the rags of others.

People: **If I behold beauty it is a bait to lust but if I see deformity, it stirs up loathing and disdain.**

Leader: Am I attractive?

People: **What fuel for pride!**

Leader: Am I deformed?

People: **What an occasion for discontent!**

Leader: Am I gifted?

People: **How I crave applause!**

Leader: Am I unlearned?

People: **How I despise what I have not!**

Leader: Am I an authority?

People: **How I am prone to trust in myself!**

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, my chain of sin holds me captive.

People: **Yet your compassions yearn over me.**

Leader: Your heart hastens to my rescue and your love endured my curse,

Unison: **Let me walk in humility, bathed in your blood, living in triumph as an heir of salvation through your blessed name precious Christ.**

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!"

Revelation 19:6-8a, & 9a (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name/ arr. C. Tornquist*
Kathleen Golias, Piano

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:15-23 (NIV)

¹⁵ When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."

¹⁶ Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests.

¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

¹⁸ "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'

¹⁹ "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.'

²⁰ "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'

²¹ "The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'

²² "'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'

²³ "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.'

SERMON

At the Party or Out in the Cold
Jason Sauder

*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

HYMN OF RESPONSE 38

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

I Am Thine, O Lord (Hymn 533)