

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

Ave Verum/ W. A. Mozar

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior/ arr. T. Kendall

WORDS OF GREETING

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WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

from Revelation 1:4-6 (NIV)

Leader: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was,
and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne,

People: **And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first-born from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**

Leader: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,

People: **And has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever!
Amen.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 295

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*WE CONFESS OUR SIN

from *Reformation Theology*

Unison: **Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.**

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:
Who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!
Philippians 2:5-8 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/CHORAL OFFERTORY *Humbly I Adore Thee/arr. M Schweizer*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:1-16 (NIV)

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.

4 Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,

5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.

7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach;
8 if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.
9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.
10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.
11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.
12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
13 Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.
14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.
16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

SERMON

The Sacrifice of Humility
series: Living Sacrifices for Jesus
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE INVITATION
THE BREAD
THE CUP

WE REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED

THE LOVE OFFERING/CLOSING HYMN **246** *Man of Sorrows! What a Name*

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*POSTLUDE