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Saint and Sinner

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Today's Lay Reader: Judy Pine

Welcome

Prelude

Prelude in B Minor

Frederick Chopin

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **We come, ready to welcome, and ready to be welcome.**

Leader: We are all one in the Body of Christ!

People: **We are all sinners. We are also all saints. How can we be both at the same time? God will show us!**

Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name (verses 1, 2, 3, and 6)

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let angels prostrate
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ransomed from the
 3. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the wormwood and the
 4. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial
 5. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar
 6. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may

fall, let an - gels pros-trate fall; bring forth the roy - al
 fall, ye ran - somed from the fall, hail him who saves you
 gall, the worm - wood and the gall, go spread your tro - phies
 ball, on this ter - res - trial ball, to him all maj - es -
 call, who from his al - tar call; ex - tol the Stem of
 fall, we at his feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er -

di - a - dem, and crown him,
 by his grace, and crown him,
 at his feet, and crown him,
 ty as - cribe, and crown him,
 Jes - se's Rod, and crown him,
 last - ing song, and crown him,

crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,
 crown him,

crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.
 him,

Opening Prayer

God, we are all your works in progress. But we are also all made in your image. We have all missed the mark. But we have all been given spiritual gifts. We are saints and sinners at the same time. Let us be your works in progress moving towards perfection.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Freely, Freely

1. God for - gave my sin in Je - sus' name, I've been
 2. All power is given in Je - sus' name, in

born a - gain in Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I
 earth and heaven in Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I

come to you, to share his love as he told me to.
 come to you, to share his power as he told me to.

Refrain

He said, "Free - ly, free - ly you have re - ceived,

free - ly, free - ly give. Go in my name, and be -
cause you be - lieve, oth - ers will know that I live."

Senior Choir**I Go to the Rock**

arr. Lloyd Larson

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev**Scripture Lesson**

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God****Message****Saint and Sinner****Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God****Offertory**

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

David Paxton

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A Service of Word and Table

Please see the Communion Liturgy on [page 7](#) of this document.

Communion Anthem

God Be with You

arr. Fred Bock

Hymn

We Thy People Praise Thee

Unison

We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, God of ev - ery na-tion!

We, thy peo-ple, praise thee, praise thee, Lord of Hosts e - ter - nal!

1. Days of won-der, days of beau-ty, days of rap-ture filled with light

2. For thy bless-ings, for thy boun-ty, joy - ful songs to thee we sing,

tell thy good-ness, tell thy mer-cies, tell thy glo - rious might.

songs of glo - ry, songs of tri - umph to our God and King.

A musical score for two voices. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics "We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, praise thee ever more!" are written below the notes. The music consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth note chords.

Benediction

Postlude

Rhythmic Trumpet

Seth Bingham

A Service of Word and Table

Invitation

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are all forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's mighty acts of salvation, and concludes: And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The people sing their response:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of

power and might. Heaven and earth are

full of your glo - - - - -

- ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -

san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high -

est! Blest is the one who comes

— in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -

san - na in the high - est! Ho -

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The pastor continues the Thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes: And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The people sing their response:

Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding: All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen!

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Cup