

*Use the Hymnal for the Hymn*

*The choir sings the first three verses.*

*The congregation joins in on verse four*

*Stand*

**Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the Son  $\dagger$  and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Confession** (p.155)

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Lord, Have Mercy** *Kyrie*

♪ In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

♪ For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

♪ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

♪ For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

♪ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**A - men.**

## Glory Be to God

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Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## The Word

### Salutation

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

### First Reading

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup> Yes, the days are coming, declares the Lord,  
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel  
and with the house of Judah.

<sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers,  
when I took them by the hand  
and led them out of the land of Egypt.

They broke that covenant of mine,  
although I was a husband to them, declares the Lord.

<sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those  
days,

declares the Lord.

I will put my law in their minds,  
and I will write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.

<sup>34</sup>No longer will each one teach his neighbor,  
or each one teach his brother, saying, "Know the Lord,"  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord,  
for I will forgive their guilt,  
and I will remember their sins no more.

The Word of the Lord.

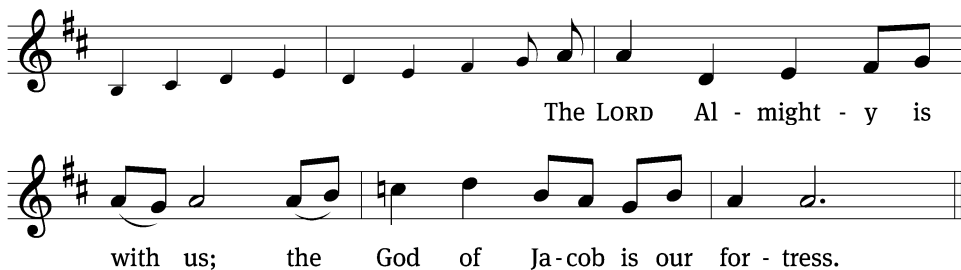
Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 46

## The LORD Almighty Is with Us

*Sung by the choir*

### *Refrain*



The LORD Al - might - y is  
with us; the God of Ja - cob is our for - tress.

God is our ref- / uge and strength,  
an ever-present help in / trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart / of the sea,

though its waters / roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their / surging. *Refrain*

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- / y of God,  
the holy place where the Most / High dwells.  
God is within her, she / will not fall;  
God will help her at / break of day.  
“Be still, and know that / I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted / in the earth.”  
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## Second Reading

## Galatians 5:1–6

<sup>1</sup> It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not allow anyone to put the yoke of slavery on you again.

<sup>2</sup> Look, I, Paul, tell you that if you allow yourselves to be circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. <sup>3</sup> I testify again to every man who allows himself to be circumcised that he is obligated to do the whole law. <sup>4</sup> You who are trying to be declared righteous by the law are completely separated from Christ. You have fallen from grace. <sup>5</sup> Indeed, through the Spirit, we by faith are eagerly waiting for the sure hope of righteousness. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision matters. Rather, it is faith working through love that matters.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

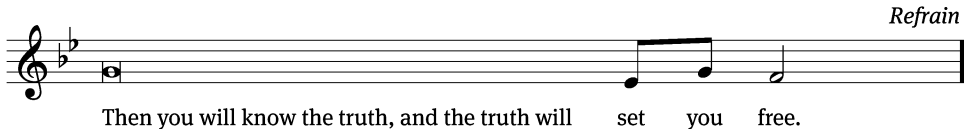
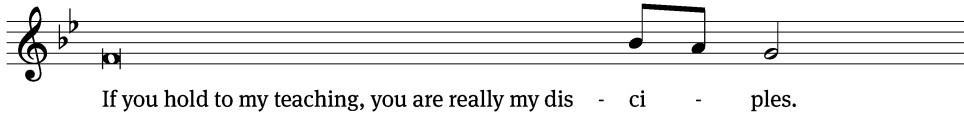
John 8:31,32



### Refrain



### Tone



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## Gospel

John 8:31-36

<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup> You will also know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

<sup>33</sup> “We are Abraham’s descendants,” they answered, “and we have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say, ‘You will be set free?’”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Everyone who keeps committing sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> But a slave does not remain in the family forever. A son does remain forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

**1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
with exultation springing,  
and, with united heart and voice  
and holy rapture singing,  
proclaim the wonders God has done,  
how his right arm the vict'ry won.  
How dearly it has cost him!**

**2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;  
death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day;  
in sin my mother bore me.  
Yet deep and deeper still I fell;  
life had become a living hell,  
so firmly sin possessed me.**

**3 My own good works availed me naught,  
no merit they attaining;  
my will against God's judgment fought,  
no hope for me remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair  
left only death to be my share  
and hell to be my sentence.**

**4 But God beheld my wretched state  
before the world's foundation,  
and, mindful of his mercies great,  
he planned for my salvation.  
A father's heart he turned to me,  
sought my redemption fervently;  
he gave his dearest treasure.**

**Men:**

5 He spoke to his beloved Son:  
"It's time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of my crown,  
and bring to all salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free;  
slay bitter death for them that they  
may live with you forever."

**Women:**

6 The Son obeyed his Father's will,  
was born of virgin mother,  
and, God's good pleasure to fulfill,  
he came to be my brother.  
No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore;  
a servant's form like mine he bore  
to lead the devil captive.

7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me,  
I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I myself will be;  
for you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, your friend divine,  
and evermore you shall be mine;  
the foe shall not divide us.

**Men:**

8 "The foe will shed my precious blood,  
me of my life bereaving;  
all this I suffer for your good;  
be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict'ry win;  
my innocence shall bear your sin,  
and you are blest forever.

9 "Now to my Father I depart,  
the Holy Spirit sending  
and, heav'nly wisdom to impart,  
my help to you extending.  
He will a source of comfort be,  
teach you to know and follow me,  
and in all truth will guide you.

10 "What I on earth have lived and taught  
be all your life and teaching;  
so shall my kingdom's work be wrought  
and honored in your preaching.  
Take care that no one's manmade laws  
should e'er destroy the gospel's cause;  
this final word I leave you."



## **“The Truth Will Set You Free”**

*Stand*

### **Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*

### **Prayer of the Church and Lord’s Prayer**

Lord, our refuge and strength, we gather to worship and praise you for your ongoing work of reformation in your Church.

**Lord, to you alone be glory.**

God of grace, in unfathomable love you pitied us sinners and sent your Son as our substitute to deliver us from sin, guilt, death, darkness, and despair.

**For your grace, Lord, to you alone be glory.**

By your grace you sent your Spirit to call us to repentance. Your powerful gospel rescued us from rebellion and fills us with faith in you, the true and living God.

**For saving faith, Lord, to you alone be glory.**

By your grace we are heirs of your eternal Word and trustees of the inspired Scriptures, through which you proclaim your saving truth to every generation. By the Scriptures you overthrew the darkness of those who perverted your teachings and restored to your church the message of salvation by grace alone.

**For the Holy Scriptures, Lord, to you alone be glory.**

In these last days, Lord Jesus Christ, protect your little flock. We are like sheep living among fierce wolves. Satan stalks us like a roaring lion. Defend us from false teachers who twist your Word to satisfy the latest longing.

**For wisdom and watchfulness under attack, hear our prayer, O Lord.**

As we celebrate the Reformation that restored your pure gospel to your Church, we also celebrate our common confession of the pure gospel in Word and sacrament.

**For this unity of faith, we give you thanks, O Lord.**

In thanksgiving for the many and amazing blessings restored to your Church through the Reformation, and preserved for us in Lake Havasu City by your grace, we commend ourselves and our congregation to your care today and in future years.

**Be our mighty fortress, our trusty shield and weapon, O Lord.**

**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.**

**Sermon Hymn**

**874 Preserve Your Word, O Savior**

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## The Prayer for the Word

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

## 863 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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*Following the Postlude, the service of the Sacrament of the Altar continues for those who wish to receive Holy Communion*

## The Sacrament

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving CW21, p.168

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread ... in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

## Distribution

### Thanksgiving CW21, p.187

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus + Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

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