

PRELUDE: "Prelude in D Minor"

by JS Bach

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.**

P: To the faithless, unrepentant world, taken together with the climax of the events of Holy Week, it appears that, after all, Jesus ends up only a disappointment, dead and gone! To the eyes of faith, however, all His deeds, including His suffering and death, describe the most powerful and mighty act of God, by which He redeems and saves the world and us!

The Christian liturgy preserves certain words in their original language to express their full meaning. For instance, we do not end prayers saying, "Yes, yes, it shall be so," but the original "Amen." Likewise, every Sunday we sing the Sanctus, "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sabaoth." Tsebaot in Hebrew means "hosts" or "armies." "Lord God of hosts" is a way of saying God is over all—all powerful. So also, Greek art depicts the risen, ascended, and reigning Lord Jesus as Pantokrator, "the Almighty!" The church has always claimed that, before and after all, Jesus Christ indeed holds all things. By faith in Jesus, we know that we are forgiven, renewed, redeemed, and destined for eternal glory.

HYMN:

"How Firm a Foundation" (LSB 728)



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,  
 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.  
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

**OPENING SENTENCES:**

(LSB p.229)

P: O Lord, open my lips,

**C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C: make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

**PSALM:**

*Psalm 95:1-7a*

P: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**C: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

**For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

**In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.**

**The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.**

**Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

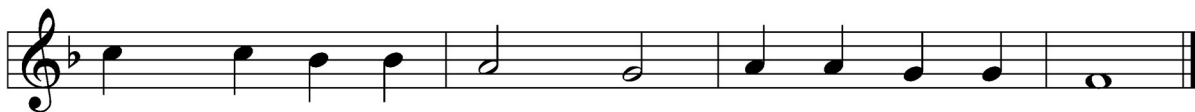
**For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

**ANTHEM: “Glory Be to Jesus” (LSB 433)**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class*



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

**READING:**

*Daniel 7:13-14*

P: <sup>13</sup>I saw in the night visions,  
and behold, with the clouds of heaven

there came one like a son of man,  
and He came to the Ancient of Days  
and was presented before Him.  
<sup>14</sup>And to Him was given dominion  
and glory and a kingdom,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve Him;  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
which shall not pass away,  
and His kingdom one  
that shall not be destroyed.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**READING:**

***Revelation 1:9–20***

P: <sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup>saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup>Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around His chest. <sup>14</sup>The hairs of His head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup>His feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and His voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup>In His right hand He held seven stars, from His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and His face was like the sun shining in full strength.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup>and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. <sup>19</sup>Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. <sup>20</sup>As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

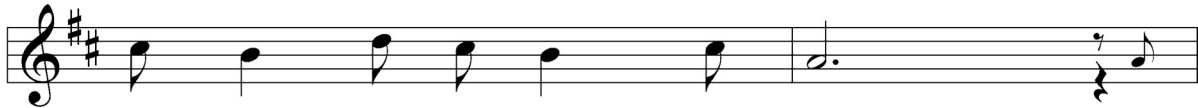
C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN:

“On Eagles’ Wings” (LSB 727)



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -  
 2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And  
 3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the  
 4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com-mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,  
 fam - ine will bring you no fear;  
 ar - row that flies by day; Though  
 guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: “My ref - uge, My  
 Un - der His wings your ref - uge, His  
 thou - sands fall a - bout you,  
 on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you



rock in whom I trust!”  
 faith - ful - ness your shield.  
 Near you it shall not come.  
 dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Refrain*



And He will raise you up on ea - gles’ wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

READING:

*John 3:11–18, 22–36*

P: <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, We speak of what We know, and bear witness to what We have seen, but you do not receive Our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has

ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

<sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. . . .

<sup>22</sup>After this Jesus and His disciples went into the Judean countryside, and He remained there with them and was baptizing. <sup>23</sup>John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized <sup>24</sup>(for John had not yet been put in prison).

<sup>25</sup>Now a discussion arose between some of John’s disciples and a Jew over purification. <sup>26</sup>And they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, He who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, He is baptizing, and all are going to Him.” <sup>27</sup>John answered, “A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. <sup>28</sup>You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before Him.’ <sup>29</sup>The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. <sup>30</sup>He must increase, but I must decrease.”

<sup>31</sup>He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. <sup>32</sup>He bears witness to what He has seen and heard, yet no one receives His testimony. <sup>33</sup>Whoever receives His testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. <sup>34</sup>For He whom God has sent utters the words of God, for He gives the Spirit without measure. <sup>35</sup>The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand. <sup>36</sup>Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **LENT RESPONSORY:**

P: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C: **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C: **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

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**HYMN:**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (LSB 802)



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—  
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;  
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree  
 All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
 Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.  
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

**SERMON****OFFERTORY:**

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

1. He’s got the whole world in His hands, He’s got the whole wide world in His hands,  
He’s got the whole world in His hands, He’s got the whole world in His hands.
2. He’s got you and me, brother, in His hands, He’s got you and me, sister, in His hands,  
He’s got you and me, brother, in His hands, He’s got the whole world in His hands.

**+PRAYER+****ANTIPHON:**

P: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C: **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.****KYRIE:**C: **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.****LORD’S PRAYER****COLLECTS:**

P: O Lord, hear my prayer.

C: **And let my cry come to You.**

- P: Let us pray.  
Heavenly Father, all things are in Your hands, both creation and our very lives. Turn our eyes to follow the finger of John the Baptist pointing to Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Jesus has received nails into His hands for our sins to bring us forgiveness. When and where You will, use us to point others to Jesus and where He promises to be found in His Word and Sacraments; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**
- C: **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**
- P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

#### **BENEDICAMUS:**

- P: Let us bless the Lord.
- C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **BENEDICTION:**

- P: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: **Amen.**

**HYMN:**

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (LSB 739)



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;  
2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
When my life is al - most gone,  
And the day is al - most gone,



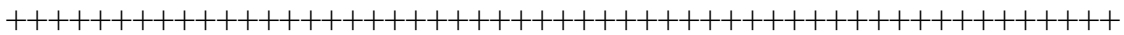
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.  
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.  
At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,



Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.  
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.  
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

**POSTLUDE:** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*arranged by Stephen P. Johnson*



**Serving Us in Worship Tonight**

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