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Prelude

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution (*stand*)

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Introit *Who is Like the Lord Our God?*

Psalm 113:1–2, 4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 3

From the rising of the sun to its | setting,*
the name of the LORD is | to be praised!

**Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants | of the LORD,*
praise the name | of the LORD!**

Blessèd be the name | of the LORD*
from this time forth and for- | evermore!

**The LORD is high above all | nations,*
and his glory above the | heavens!**

He raises the poor | from the dust*
and lifts the needy from the | ash heap,

**to make them sit with | princes,*
with the princes of his | people.**

**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.

From the rising of the sun to its | setting,*
the name of the LORD is | to be praised!

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Collect of the Day

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** (*sit*)

Old Testament *Jonah Goes to Ninevah*

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!**

Epistle *The Unmarried and the Widowed*

1 Corinthians 7:29–31

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no

goods,³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

- A This is the word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day (*stand*)

Mark 1:15

Alleluia. Alleluia.

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God | is at hand:*
repent and believe in the | gospel.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Jesus Calls the First Disciples*

Mark 1:14-20

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** (*sit*)

Hymn of the Day "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

LSB 839, *soloist sts. 2, 4*

Sermon "Jesus Gave Us Hip-Waders"

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Apostles' Creed (*stand*)

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Offering (*sit*)

Offertory (*stand*)

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Prayer of the Church

congregation responds "Hear our prayer"

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Distribution (*sit*) "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

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Nunc Dimittis (*stand*)

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Closing Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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