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Introduction

Hymn: How Great Thou Art

Call to worship

"God has told you O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God"

Micah 6, 8

Let us pray:

It is good to be together, God, with these people, together listening for your voice, united by your Spirit. In this time of worship, tell us about your kingdom of kindness and forgiveness so that we can seek it. Show us your justice and mercy. We want to walk with you, humbly, closely, daily.

All Amen.

Confession and Absolution

O Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and deeds. We have had anxieties about the future, even though we proclaim you as Lord. We have failed to love to our neighbours and we have disobeyed your commandments have mercy on us

All Lord Jesus forgive us our sins from all unrighteousness that we may walk in your ways and serve you in Grace and love; this we ask in your holy name.

The Lord Jesus Christ is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness; therefore you are forgiven and worthy to bring your praises before Him.

All Amen.

Collect

O Lord we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you: and grant that they may both perceive and know what they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who is alive and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

Hymn: Forgive us our sins as we forgive

Ministry of the Word

Our Reading from the New Testament Philippians 1: 21-30

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labour for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 20 1-16

All Glory to you O Lord

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he

replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Hymn: Lead Me Lord

Intercessions ending with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of sending

All We thank you Lord God, that you feed us with your holy word and call us to be your agents in this world. Help us to be the distributors of your blessings, the agents of your providence, the instruments of your grace, and the ambassadors of your love and forgiveness to all the people we meet in our everyday lives. All this we pray in the most holy and precious name of Jesus Christ, because he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for you are one God now and forever.

Amen

Blessing

Lord God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, feeding us with your word, and encouraging us in our meeting together. Take us and use us to love and serve you and all people in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you all now and forevermore.

All Amen.

The Lord be with your Spirit

All Grace be with you

Music: Peace I leave with you