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M: Minister
A: All

WELCOME

HYMN: “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”
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INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

A: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

The minister offers the Prayer of the Day.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON:

1 John 4:7-21

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. ¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

THE NICENE CREED

**A: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

HYMN: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"
offered by Emily Foster and Jim Lake

MESSAGE:

“Guidance for the Journey—God”

based on Exodus 20:1-3

Two weeks ago, we celebrated Memorial Day—what is known as the unofficial beginning to summer. As this summer has begun, there are many things before us in the headlines: COVID-19, unemployment, the murder of George Floyd, race relations, protests, violence, upcoming elections, and gigantic swarms of locusts in Africa and India. Additionally, all of us have matters before us on the journey of our person lives. Some have commented, “It’s a crazy time.”

How does one make it through such a time as this? How do Christians travel this part of the journey of their lives?

The Bible tells us about a large group of God’s people on a journey. They were the Nation of Israel after God rescued them from slavery in Egypt. They had present and future challenges before them. However, they were blessed with relationship with God and with one another. To use the current slogan, they were “in it together.”

But how did they make their way? How did they do the journey?

The Bible tells us that God guided them. One of the ways through which God guided Israel was through what we call the Ten Commandments. God used the Ten Commandments to direct Israel in their relationship with him and with one another.

For this year’s summer message series—during this “crazy time”—may God use our exploration of the Ten Commandments to guide us through this segment of our life’s journey.

Exodus 20:1-3

¹ And God spoke all these words:

² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ “You shall have no other gods before me.

PRAYERS & BLESSING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The minister offers the Prayer of the Church.

LORD'S PRAYER

A: 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.

HYMN:

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
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BLESSING

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Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

HOLY TRINITY

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Who was and is and ev - er - more shall be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The middle staff is a piano accompaniment in treble clef, and the bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words hyphenated across bar lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!"

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n -
 ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, abr.
 Tune: *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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Alternate settings: 233, 286

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