

Here I Am Lord



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SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER WOV

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: *"Spirit of Gentleness"* WOV# 684

GREETING WOV p. 46

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

C **And also with you.**

P *You are the treasured people of the LORD,*

C **a people holy to the LORD our God.**

P *Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.*

C **Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P *One does not live by bread alone,*

C **but every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

SCRIPTURE SONG: WOV p. 47

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. . . .

C O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON: **Genesis 22:1-14**

¹God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on

together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² [The angel] said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

¹Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

²For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;

you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

³"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴"I will establish your line forever,

and preserve your throne for all generations.' "

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!

They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶They rejoice daily in your name;

they are jubilant in your righteousness.

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength,

and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;

our king to the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

JESUS LOVES ME (*1st verse only*)

“LET THE CHILDREN COME”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: WOV p. 48

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 10th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and

whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: *“Hearing The Call”*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY: *“Here I Am Lord”* WOV# 752

CREED (WOV p. 49)

P *In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.*

C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C **pray in the Holy Spirit.**

(Jude 20)

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

(Jude 21)

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C **Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

CONFESSION

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness
of life,**

**to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen**

P Almighty God have mercy on you,

forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,

strengthen you in all goodness,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C Amen

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one
another, agree with one another, live in peace. *(2 Corinthians 13:11)*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN (WOV p.50)

C Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the anointing, the radiant worth.

Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame;

ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.

Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;

yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

P Let us pray.

P God, our Creator,

C you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living
creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and
care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P*God of mercy,*

C Hear our prayer

LORD'S PRAYER (WOV p. 52)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

BLESSING (WOV P. 53)

P May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing.

C Amen

P May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C Amen

P May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

SENDING HYMN: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" WOV# 771

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

C Yes we will. Thanks be to God.

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