



4 A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

### PREPARING FOR THE WORD

#### **Call to Confession**

Knowing that God will protect us, give us strength and love, while we persist in falling short of God's glory, love and hope for us, let us now join together to offer God those times we need Christ's help to be the people and the Church we are called to be.

#### **Prayer of Confession**

*Liturgist*

**God of salvation, you shower our lives and our world with love, yet we too often turn away from your blessing. It is just so easy to complain! There are little annoyances each day, but they pile up into a mountainous burden that becomes a curse on our lives. Free us from our unwise choices, O Lord. When we are distracted and confused, redirect our attention to the abundant opportunities to experience your love. Help us to focus our hearts on you, that we may choose the blessing of salvation. offered us each day through Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.**

#### **Words of Forgiveness**

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

God sent Jesus into the world so that the world might be saved through him. Through the saving love of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and blessed!

*Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

## HEARING THE WORD

### **Prayer of Illumination**

*Liturgist*

Eternal God, your Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and enlightens us to hear your Word fresh each day. Help us to rely always on your promises in Scripture. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### **Reading from Jeremiah 31:27-37**

*Liturgist*

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will plant the kingdoms of Israel and Judah with the offspring of people and of animals. Just as I watched over them to uproot and tear down, and to overthrow, destroy and bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant," declares the Lord. "In those days people will no longer say, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge.' Instead, everyone will die for their own sin; whoever eats sour grapes—their own teeth will be set on edge. "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to[a] them,[b]" declares the Lord. "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

## **Reading from the Gospel of Luke 18:1-8**

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Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

## **Sermon**

*"For They Shall All Know Me "*

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **Affirmation of Faith (*Apostles Creed*)**

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

### Invitation To The Offertory

*Liturgist*

Through this invitation to share our gifts, we acknowledge that God has blessed us abundantly, and that we are to be a blessing to the world. In the very act of giving, in every act of bestowing blessings on another, we find that we are blessed yet again. I encourage you now to enter fully into this amazing cycle of blessing.

Offertory

*Blessed Jesus, Here We Are*

*Brad Ucci*

*Doxology*

**GTG #606**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise \*him, all creatures here below;  
praise \*him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

*Liturgist*

Generous God, you shower us with gifts, including the greatest gift of all, your own Son, Jesus Christ. In thanksgiving and praise, we offer you our time, our money, our very selves. In these actions, we proclaim our intention to be a blessing in your world. Amen

**Hymn**

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

**GTG #353**

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness seems to hide his face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

**Benediction**

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**Postlude.**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*Brad Ucci*