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ORDER OF WORSHIP

(\**Stand as you are able)*

Prelude

 Enter joyously to worship the Lord!

P: Give glory to God, our light, and our life.

**C: Oh come, let us worship him**

\*The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Sharing the Peace

\*OPENING HYMN *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*  **#543**

\*Confession & Forgiveness

P: Called, gathered, enlightened and sanctified by the Holy Spirit of

God, we worship in the name of God the Father, Son + and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us come humbly before God and our brothers and sisters in the faith, confessing our sins, known and unknown, trusting in God’s gracious word of forgiveness.

 *Silence for Meditation*

P: Holy God who brings life out of death and transforms the whole creation with a Word, forgive our disobedience and breathe on us the Spirit of righteousness.

**C: Free us from the power of sin, death, and the devil in our lives; renew us with your loving Spirit as you bring us from death to sin to life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Make us your instruments of peace and love in the world and free us from all that seeks to enslave us, trusting that your will for us is that we would be free to live fully into your mercy and grace. Amen**

P: By the command and authority of Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. For freedom Christ has set us free, stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

**C: Amen**

\*Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who grants us life eternal, the glory of the Father who created us in love, and the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our life, be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

\*The Kyrie p. 78

\*Hymn of Praise *“Glory to God in the Highest”* p. 79

P: Give glory to God, our light, and our life.

**C: Oh come, let us worship him**

\*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray

**God of abundance, all good gifts come from you and you bless us with life and salvation. Apart from your holy love we have nothing. Keep us mindful that we have been bought with a price and teach us to live generous and obedient lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING **Amos 8:4-7**

PSALMS **Psalm 113:1-9**

SECOND READING **1 Timothy 2:1-15**

\*Gospel Acclamation  *“Alleluia”* p. 83

 “***Glory to you, O Lord”*** p. 83

\*HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 16:1-15**

 **“*Praise to you, O Christ”***  p. 83

PULPIT HYMN *“I Need Thee Every Hour”*  **Gray Hymnal #443**

Children’s Message

Sermon Pastor Tony Scalisi

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Bind Us Together”* **Insert**

**\***Confession of Faith Apostles’ Creed p. 85

\*Prayers

Let us pray for the whole people of God … to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

The Offering

**\***TheOffertory *“We Give Thee but Thine Own”*  #410

P: Let Us Pray

 **Benevolent God, you have granted us in abundance with all the good things that life has to offer. May we be truly grateful for our daily bread, even as we return a portion of what you have first given us as a sign of our humility and thanksgiving for your bounteous gifts. Let the treasures we have received from you be used to serve the world you love**.

**Amen**

\*The Lord’s Prayer p. 97

\*The Blessing p.97

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace

**C: Amen.**

\*SENDING HYMN *“Master Let Me Walk with Thee”* **Gray Hymnal #442**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

 Postlude

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PIANIST Nancy Scalisi

LECTOR: Lisa Durby

*~Pastor Tony is available for visitations and prayer requests.*

 *~ Please call or email with your request*.

**The first lesson is from the 8th Chapter of Amos**

**4**Hear this, you who trample the needy
    and do away with the poor of the land,

**5**saying,

“When will the New Moon be over
    that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath be ended
    that we may market wheat?”—
skimping on the measure,
    boosting the price
    and cheating with dishonest scales,
**6**buying the poor with silver
    and the needy for a pair of sandals,
    selling even the sweepings with the wheat.

**7**The Lord has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: “I will never forget anything they have done.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 113 ( let us pray responsively)**

**1**Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, you his servants;
    praise the name of the Lord.
**2Let the name of the Lord be praised,
    both now and forevermore.
3**From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
    the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**4The Lord is exalted over all the nations,
    his glory above the heavens.
5**Who is like the Lord our God,
    the One who sits enthroned on high,
**6who stoops down to look
    on the heavens and the earth?**

**7**He raises the poor from the dust
    and lifts the needy from the ash heap;
**8he seats them with princes,
    with the princes of his people.
9**He settles the childless woman in her home
    as a happy mother of children.

Praise the Lord.

**AMEN**

**The second lesson is found in the 2nd Chapter of 1 Timothy**

**2**I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— **2**for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. **3**This is good, and pleases God our Savior, **4**who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. **5**For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, **6**who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. **7**And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles. **8**Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. **9**I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, **10**but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God. **11**A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. **12**I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet. **13**For Adam was formed first, then Eve. **14**And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. **15**But women will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**The Holy Gospel according to St Luke the 16th Chapter**

**16**Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. **2**So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’ **3**“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— **4**I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’ **5**“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ **6**“‘Nine hundred gallonsof olive oil,’ he replied “The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’ **7**“Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ “‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied. “He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’ **8**“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. **9**I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.**10**“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. **11**So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? **12**And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own? **13**“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” **14**The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. **15**He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.