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The Lessons

(please be seated.)

Proverbs 8:10-17

Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold; for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her. I, wisdom, live with prudence, and I attain knowledge and discretion.

The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil.

Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.

I have good advice and sound wisdom; I have insight, I have strength.

By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; by me rulers rule, and nobles, all who govern rightly.

I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? ***who may abide upon your holy hill?**

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *** who speaks the truth from his heart.**

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *** he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.**

PRELUDE

THE OPENING HYMN

Hymnal 75

There's a voice in the wilderness

THE WORD OF GOD

The Salutation

Please stand, as you are able.

Bishop: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Gloria

Hymnal S-278

Collect of the Day

Bishop: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Let us pray.

The Collect

Reveal to us your saving word, O God, that like your servant William Tyndale we might hear its call to repentance and new life. Plant in our hearts that same consuming passion to bring the scriptures to all people in their native tongue, and the strength to endure amidst all obstacles; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
**but he honors those who fear
the Lord.**

5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of
gain, *
**nor does he take a bribe against the
innocent.**

7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

The Epistle

James 1:19–27

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL HYMN *Hymnal 490*
I want to walk as a child of the light

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

John 12:44–50

Then Jesus cried aloud: "Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my word has a judge; on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge, for I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I speak, therefore, I speak just as the Father has told me."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON: Bishop Marty Stebbins

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand, as you are able.

**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 truly 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,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we come to you in peace, our Lord, let us respond saying, “Hear our prayers.”

Lord, we are thankful for our accepting and gracious universal church. We ask that you continue to give us the strength to stand for those who have no shield, care for those who have no home and reach out to the world with love.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.

We ask for your hand of love and mercy for our presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Our incoming Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, our Diocesan Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Marty, all bishops and other ministers and holy people that they may bring your message of love and grace to our troubled world.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.

We ask your wisdom and guidance for our national, state and local leaders that they may be fair and just in their service. That they might lead us to a time of dignity and respect for all people.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.

For our church and community family, we ask for humility and understanding. That we can accept and love those who differ in opinion. That we can reach out to those who are scared and angry to offer understanding and peace.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.

We ask that you wrap your arms of love around the poor, the persecuted, the refugees and prisoners – those who most need your care. We look for support and understanding

for our native American and indigenous brothers and sisters.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.

We ask for your hand of healing for those who are sick and all who suffer. [*Are there those you would like to lift up in these prayers either silently or aloud*] We seek your compassion for them; we ask that they might feel your love, your peace and presence in their lives.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.

For all our brothers and sisters who have died and those known only to you – We ask that they rest with the heavenly saints in that special place where there is no pain or sorrow, but only love and grace.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.

Bishop: Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Please kneel or sit reverently, as you are able.

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People:

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Bishop: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Please stand, as you are able.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS *BCP 830*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY *Hymnal 416*

For the beauty of the earth

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THE DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

Please stand, as you are able.

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Bishop: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Bishop: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Bishop: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

THE SANCTUS

Hymnal S-128

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave

thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with William Tyndale and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Bishop: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *(for those attending remotely)*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord

Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen**

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

#1 *Hymnal 593*

Lord, make us servants of your peace

#2 *Hymnal 470*

There's a wideness in God's mercy,

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and
Blood.

Now send us forth a people, forgiven,
healed, renewed; that we may proclaim
your love to the world and continue in the
risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING BY BISHOP

THE CLOSING HYMN *Hymnal 376*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand, as you are able.

POSTLUDE

Celebrant: Rt. Rev. Marty Stebbins

Gospeller: Rev. Alana Cruse, St. Paul's,
Hamilton

Prayers of the People: Rev. Hank Tuell,
Calvary, Red Lodge

Table: Rev. Donna Gleaves, Incarnation,
Great Falls

Healing Prayers: Revs. Mary Alice & Jim
Jones, Pintler Cluster; Revs. Judy & Doug
Anderson, Holy Spirit, Missoula

Dismissal: Rev. Corinne Denegre, St. Luke's,
Billings

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