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Prelude: "Rendez a Dieu" ... Peter Pindar Stearns

\*Opening Hymn: "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" [LSB 438]

<p>1) <b>A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, The guilt of sinners bearing And, laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing; Goes patient on, grows weak and faint, To slaughter led without complaint, That spotless life to offer, He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mockery, and yet replies, "All this I gladly suffer."</b></p>	<p>2) <b>This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of God, our Savior, Whom God the Father chose to send To gain for us His favor. "Go forth, My Son," the Father said, "And free My children from their dread Of guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear But by Your passion they will share The fruit of Your salvation."</b></p>
<p>3) <b>"Yes, Father, yes, most willingly I'll bear what You command Me. My will conforms to Your decree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O wondrous Love, what have You done! The Father offers up His Son, Desiring our salvation. O Love, how strong You are to save! You lay the One into the grave Who built the earth's foundation.</b></p>	<p>4) <b>Lord, when Your glory I shall see And taste your kingdom's pleasure, Your blood my royal robe shall be, My joy beyond all measure! When I appear before Your throne, Your righteousness shall be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in garments richly wrought, As Your own bride shall we be brought To stand in joy beside You.</b></p>

\*Confession & Absolution [LSB 184]

P. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

P. Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C. who made heaven and earth.**

P. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C. and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P. O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C. I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me a poor sinful being.**

P. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

\*Introit:

*Ps 91:9-13; antiphon: Ps 91:15-16*

P. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

**C. I will rescue him and honor him.**

P. With long life I will satisfy him

**C. and show him my salvation.**

P. Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place

**C. the Most High, who is my refuge**

P. no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

**C. no plague come near your tent.**

P. For he will command his angels concerning you

**C. to guard you in all your ways.**

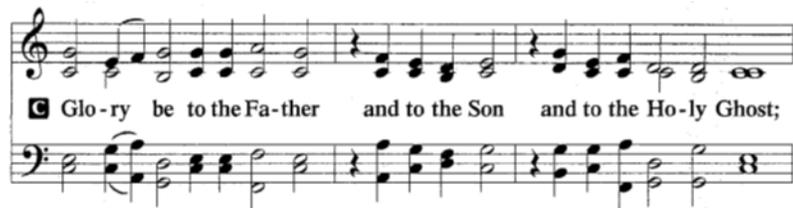
P. On their hands they will bear you up,

**C. lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

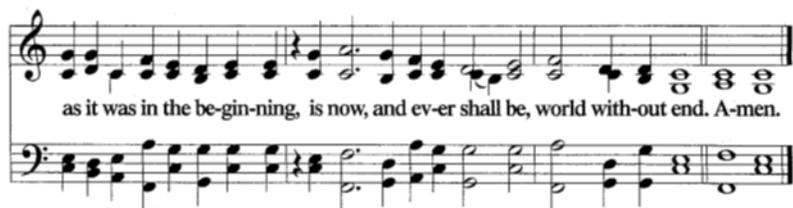
P. You will tread on the lion and the adder;

**C. the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**

Gloria Patri [LSB 186]

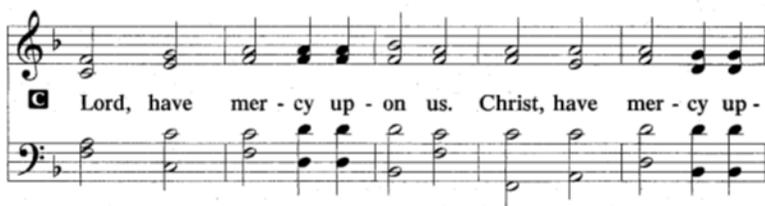


Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

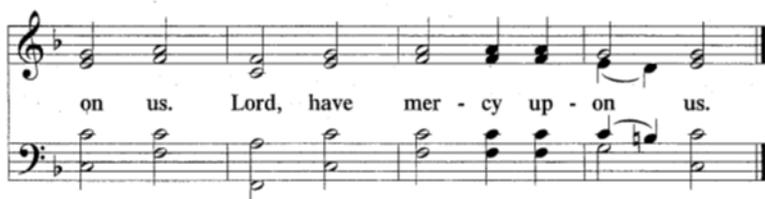


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

\*Kyrie: [LSB 186]



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Welcome & Prayer:

P: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you**

P: Let us pray

**ALL**

**O Lord God,**

**You led Your ancient people through the wilderness  
and brought them to the promised land.**

**Guide the people of Your Church**

**that following our Savior**

**we may walk through the wilderness of this world**

**toward the glory of the world to come;**

**through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with the You and the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and forever. Amen**

Old Testament Reading: **Genesis 22:1-18**

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He 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 of which I shall tell you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

#### **Epistle Lesson: James 1:12-18**

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first-fruits of his creatures.

#### **\*Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:9-15**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

#### **Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven**

**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.  
 And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day: **“Mark How the Lamb of God’s Self-Offering” [LSB 600]**

<p>1) <b>Mark how the Lamb of God’s self-off’ring          Our human sinfulness takes on          In the birth-waters of the Jordan          As Jesus is baptized by John.          Hear how the voice from heaven thunders,          “Lo, this is My beloved Son.”          See how in dove-like form the Spirit          Descends on God’s Anointed One.</b></p>	<p>2) <b>From this assurance of God’s favor          Jesus goes to the wilderness,          There to endure a time of testing          That readied Him to teach and bless.          So we, by water and the Spirit          Baptized into Christ’s ministry,          Are often led to paths of service          Through mazes of adversity.</b></p>
<p>3) <b>Grant us, O God, the strength and courage          To live the faith our lips declare;          Bless us in our baptismal calling;          Christ’s royal priest-hood help us share.          Turn us from ev’ry false allegiance,          That we may trust in Christ alone:          Raise up in us a chosen people          Transformed by love to be Your own.</b></p>	

Sermon

\*Offertory: : **“On My Heart Imprint Your Image” [LSB 422]**  
**On my heart imprint Your image, Blessed Jesus, King of grace,  
 That life’s riches, cares, and pleasures Never may your work erase;  
 Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,  
 Is my life, my hope’s foundation, And my glory and salvation!**

Prayer of the Church

\*Service of The Sacrament [LSB 194]  
 Preface  
 Sanctus [LSB 195]  
 Lord’s Prayer  
 Words of Institution  
 Agnus Dei [LSB 198]  
 Distribution

\*Post Communion: **“Nunc Dimittis” [LSB 199]**

\*Post Communion Collect

\*Benediction [*LSB 202*]

P. The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C. Amen, amen, amen**

Closing Hymn: “O Christ, You Walked the Road” [*LSB 424*]

1)O Christ, You walked the road Our wand’ring feet must go. You faced with us temptation’s pow’r And fought our ancient foe.	2)No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung’ring hearts. Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.
3)No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above. Lord, help us place our trust alone In your unswerving love.	4)When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine, Lord, help us seek your kingdom first; Our wills with yours align.
5)O Christ, You walked the road Our wand’ring feet must go. Stay with us through temptation’s hour To fight our ancient foe.	

Postlude: “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” ... Richard Hillert