

#### Prelude

## Opening Hymn 567

- 1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to heal and save; it triumphed o'er disease and death, o'er darkness and the grave. To thee they went, the blind, the deaf, the palsied, and the lame, the leper set apart and shunned, the sick with fevered frame.
- 2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hearing, strength, and sight; and youth renewed and frenzy calmed owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty as of yore, in crowded street, by restless couch, as by Gennesaret's shore.
- 3 Be thou our great deliverer still, thou Lord of life and death; restore and quicken, soothe and bless, with thine almighty breath: to hands that work and eyes that see, give wisdom's heavenly lore, that whole and sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee evermore.

Officiant: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:2

### **Confession and Absolution**

The Officiant invites the People to confess.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People pray together

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest says

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. Amen.

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

# Invitatory Canticle: The Jubilate metrical version tune "Old 100th"

1. Be joyful in the Lord, you lands, And serve God all your days; Come now and stand before the Lord, With songs of love and praise.

- 2. Know this: the Lord is truly God, And made us all to keep; We are God's people, God's alone, God's people and God's sheep.
- 3. Enter God's gates with thankfulness, With hymns of praise go there; Give thanks to God and humbly call Upon God's Name in prayer.
- 4. Lord, you are good; your mercy stands Forever strong and true, And so your faithfulness endures, Age-old and ever new.

### **The Psalter:** Psalm 86:11-17 read in unison

11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; \*

knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

- 12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, \* and glorify your Name for evermore.
- 13 For great is your love toward me; \* you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my life; \* they have not set you before their eyes.
- 15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, \* slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \* give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,

so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \* because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

#### First Lesson

A Reading from Isaiah Isaiah 44:6-8 The Word of the Lord. [Thanks be to God.]

## Canticle: metrical version tune "Wareham"

- 1. Blessed be Israel's Lord and God, For Christ has come and freed God's own; God sent a mighty savior born, Of David's house and for the throne.
- 2. God promised through the prophets once To save us from our foes' intent; God promised to show mercy and Recall the holy covenant.
- 3. God swore this oath to Abraham, To set us free from hostile might, To worship God, free from all fear, Holy and righteous in God's sight.
- 4. And you, my child, shall now be called The prophet to prepare the way, To teach salvation to God's own, By putting all their sins away.
- 5. In the compassion of our God, The heavenly dawn shall bring release, To shine on those who dwell in fear, And guide us in the way of peace.

#### Second Lesson

A Reading from Matthew. Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 The Word of the Lord. [Thanks be to God.]

# Canticle: Song of the Love of Wisdom metrical version tune "Newman"

1. Wisdom begins with true desire, To learn and understand; The longing to be taught proceeds, From love of her command.

- 2. And love of her commands requires, That they should be maintained And those who keep all wisdom's laws, Eternal life have gained.
- 3. And those who gain eternal life, Draw near the Deity, And so desire for wisdom's light, Leads on to sovereignty.

The Sermon today is by Fr. George Welles. It will be sent in our newsletter mailing tomorrow. If you do not receive our newsletter and would like to receive it, please email us at office@messiahmb.org.

## The Apostles Creed

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 to the dead.

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.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

All pray the Lord's Prayer

# The Versicles and Responses

Priest: Show us your mercy, O Lord; **People:** And grant us your salvation.

Priest: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: Let your people sing with joy.

Priest: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; **People: For only in you can we live in safety.**Priest: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Priest: Let your way be known upon earth; **People: Your saving health among all nations.**Priest: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; **People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.** 

Priest: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Prayers are offered.

Anthem Creator of the Stars of Night (see box)

Intercessions and thanksgivings are invited.

At the conclusion of the intercessions, the Officiant says: Lord, in your mercy. And the people reply: **Hear our prayer**.

Then follow two more prayers, concluded by all joining in The General Thanksgiving:

Creator of the Stars of Night plainsong melody, arr. John Scott (b.1956)

Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light, O Jesu, savior of us all, regard thy servants when they call. Thou, grieving, at the bitter cry of all creation doomed to die, Didst come to save a ruined race with healing gifts of heav'nly grace. Thou camest, bridegroom of the bride, as drew the world to evening tide, Proceeding from a virgin shrine, the Son of Man, yet Lord divine. At the great name, majestic now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow, And things in heav'n and earth shall own, that thou art Lord and King alone. To thee, O holy One, we pray, our judge in that tremendous day, Preserve us while we dwell below, from ev'ry onslaught of the foe. All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent sets thy people free, Whom with the Father we adore, and Spirit blest for evermore. Amen.

Officiant: Together, let us pray the General Thanksgiving

All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.** 

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the

fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:14

# Closing Hymn 482 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy: Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace: Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm: Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

#### Postlude

On Sundays we receive the gifts of the people for the support of the church and its mission in the world. Please mail your gifts to The Church of the Messiah, PO Box 70367, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572.

The cross at the top of the first page is our altar cross.

You make make an appointment to come to the Chapel to receive communion this week by sending an email to <u>office@messiahmb.org</u>. If you desire the Sacrament of Unction, please email us.

