

For those who have died in the faith, we give You thanks and ask for Your consolation to those who grieve. For ourselves that at the time of our death our hands will be clasped in Your own as You welcome us into the kingdom of heaven, let us pray to the Lord: **Into Your hands, O Lord, we commit them.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all those for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: **Our Father, who art in heaven....**

BENEDICTION

HYMN 722 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *“Lamb Alone Bears Willingly”*
Tune: An Wasserflussen Babylon; setting by F. Ziff

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PRELUDE - *“Adagio” by J. S. Bach*

HYMN 846 - *we sing, standing*

OPENING VERSICLES

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

Make haste, O God, to deliver me; **make haste to help me O Lord.**

Your hands have made and fashioned me; **give me understanding that I may learn Your commandments.**

Teach me Your way, O Lord, **that I may walk in Your truth.**

Unite my heart to fear Your name **and redeem me by Your righteous hand.**

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

GREETING, followed by PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST READING – Genesis 2:4-8

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. **In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. **Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING – 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

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HOLY GOSPEL – John 8:1-11 - *all standing*

Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!

After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 739 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

OFFERTORY

“Jesus is Our Refuge” by Schumann. Saxophone soloist, Frank Vasi

PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole body of Christ and for all people according to their needs.

For all nations of the world that their hands may be productive, peaceful and full of charity, let us pray to the Lord: **Into Your hands, O Lord, we commit them.**

For Your body, the Church, that our hands may carry the Gospel to all people, let us pray to the Lord: **Into Your hands, O Lord, we commit them.**

For our congregation, that our hands may join in fellowship with those whose need for Your love is unfulfilled, let us pray to the Lord: **Into Your hands, O Lord, we commit them.**

For those who are caught in sin and for those who would condemn them while ignoring their own sins, that they may be reconciled by the forgiveness for which Your hands were pierced, let us pray to the Lord: **Into Your hands, O Lord, we commit them.**

For the sick, the suffering, and all those in need, that Your hands which so often reached out to strengthen the infirm and to heal the ill will also touch them with Your healing power, let us pray to the Lord: **Into Your hands, O Lord, we commit them.**