

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: When we confess our sins we become open to the promise of
God's salvation. Friends, believe the good news:
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light, in your truth find wisdom,
and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

*For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation
through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

arr. Mark Schweizer

*There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.*

*There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n;
there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.*

*If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at this word;
and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

Focused on Faith: Be Awake

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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In My Beloved God I Trust

Buxtehude

*DOXOLOGY

*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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 555

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

We Bless Thee, Jesus Christ Our Lord

Buxtehude