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O Lord my God, you are very great. **People: You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.**  Leader: You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, **People: You make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.** Leader: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. **People: You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.** Leader: At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. **People: They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.** Leader: You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. **People: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. ALL: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!**   \* Hymn  #32        I Sing the Mighty Power of God   Prayer of Confession **Generous God, we come to you, acknowledging our own desires to become better disciples. Yet sometimes we get caught up in our own ego, our own worth, and our desire for perfection. We want to prove to others that we are more holy, purer, and better than others. We pray that you help us to release ourselves from our own reputation and focus solely upon you and your glory. Forgive us for the ways in which we have erred and right us again in the way to go. Amen.**   Silent Prayers of Confession   Response:   Hear My Prayer - #782 Hear My Prayer, and listen to my plea; Faithful, righteous one, give ear and answer me.  Words of Assurance  Leader: The mercies of the Lord are from everlasting to everlasting. **People: We declare in the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people! Let us act as such! Alleluia, Amen!**   Response:   O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer - #438  Bless Your Maker, all you creatures, even under God's control. All throughout God's vast dominion; bless the Lord of all, my soul!  The Peace Leader: The peace of Christ be with you! **People: And also with you!** (You may greet those around you)   The Proclamation of the Word  Prayer of Illumination O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**   First Scripture Lesson Psalm 91  1You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, 2will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.” 3For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; 4he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. 5You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, 6or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. 7A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. 8You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. 9Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, 10no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. 11For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. 12On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. 13You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. 14Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. 15When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. 16With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.  Second Scripture Lesson Mark 10:35-45   |  | | --- | | 35James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” 36And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” 37And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” 38But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” 39They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; 40but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” 41When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 42So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. 43But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, 44and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”   Sermon The Fight to Glory   – Rev. Becca Crate-Price   The Response to the Word  \* Hymn        # 727     Will You Let Me Be Your Servant Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer  “For this I pray to God” / “For this I give thanks to God.” Congregational Response: “**Hear our prayer, O God.”**  And now, in confidence and in gratitude, we say the prayer together that Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, taught us to pray…  **Our Father,** **who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven and give us this day our daily bread** **and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.** **For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.** |   Hymn  # 320     The Church of Christ in Every Age  Charge and Benediction  Leader: Take us from this place, **People: As disciples seeking your kingdom.** Leader: Let us learn to walk in your ways. **People: May we be guided by your love** Leader: The love that grants us salvation. **People: For all who follow Christ.**   Postlude | | | | |