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Loving God. Loving People. Growing in Christ Together.

Leading:

The Reverend Dr. Patrick McManus

People:	and also with you.
	be with you.
	and the Lord Jesus Christ
	from God our Father
Leader:	Grace, mercy and peace

A candle is lit.

Opening Prayer:

Leader: Let us pray. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

> Song of Praise: How Great Is Our God Chris Tomlin

Verse 1:

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice

Chorus:

How great is our God, sing with me How great is our God, all will see How great, how great is our God

Verse 2:

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands Beginning and the end, beginning and the end The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

Bridge: Name above all names Worthy of all praise My heart will sing How great is our God

Chorus

Bible Reading: Job 1:1,2:1-10

There once was a man named Job who lived in the land of Uz. He was blameless—a man of complete integrity. He feared God and stayed away from evil.

One day the members of the heavenly court came again to present themselves before the Lord, and the Accuser, Satan, came with them. "Where have you come from?" the Lord asked Satan.

Satan answered the Lord, "I have been patrolling the earth, watching everything that's going on."

Then the Lord asked Satan, "Have you noticed my servant Job? He is the finest man in all the earth. He is blameless—a man of complete integrity. He fears God and stays away from evil. And he has maintained his integrity, even though you urged me to harm him without cause."

Satan replied to the Lord, "Skin for skin! A man will give up everything he has to save his life. But reach out and take away his health, and he will surely curse you to your face!" "All right, do with him as you please," the Lord said to Satan. "But spare his life." So Satan left the Lord's presence, and he struck Job with terrible boils from head to foot.

Job scraped his skin with a piece of broken pottery as he sat among the ashes. His wife said to him, "Are you still trying to maintain your integrity? Curse God and die."

But Job replied, "You talk like a foolish woman. Should we accept only good things from the hand of God and never anything bad?" So in all this, Job said nothing wrong.

Reader: The word of the Lord. *People:* Thanks be to God.

Bible Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe. The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven. This shows that the Son is far greater than the angels, just as the name God gave him is greater than their names.

And furthermore, it is not angels who will control the future world we are talking about. For in one place the Scriptures say,

"What are mere mortals that you should think about them, or a son of man that you should care for him? Yet for a little while you made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You gave them authority over all things."

Now when it says "all things," it means nothing is left out. But we have not yet seen all things put under their authority. What we do see is Jesus, who for a little while was given a position "a little lower than the angels"; and because he suffered death for us, he is now "crowned with glory and honor." Yes, by God's grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone. God, for whom and through whom everything was made, chose to bring many children into glory. And it was only right that he should make Jesus, through his suffering, a perfect leader, fit to bring them into their salvation.

So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters. For he said to God,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you among your assembled people."

Reader:The Word of the Lordt.People:Thanks be to God.

The Talk: The Reverend Dr. Patrick McManus

The Apostles Creed: After hearing the scriptures read and hearing more about them during 'the talk', we respond with our beliefs about who God is.

All: 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.

> Song of Praise (619): Fairest Lord Jesus Tune: Crusaders' Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou the Godhead's human Son: Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honour, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer Who makes the troubled heart to sing. Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight, And fair the twinkling, starry host; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels heaven can boast.

All fairest beauty, Heavenly and earthly, Wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee; None can be nearer, Fairer, or dearer Than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

Prayer: This is a time to bring those people and things that are on our hearts and minds to God. Intercessions (prayers said for others) are offered and we end by saying the prayer that Jesus taught us, The Lord's Prayer.

Blessed are you, eternal God, to be praised and glorified for ever.

Hear us as we pray for your holy catholic Church: **make us all one, that the world may believe.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you: that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name: give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world: guide them in the ways of justice and peace.

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Make us alive to the needs of our community: **help us to share each other's joys and burdens.**

Look with kindness on our homes and families: grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

Bless all who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble: **may you strengthen, heal, and comfort them.**

We thank you, God of all creation, for your great love toward us and for your many blessings in this life.(take a moment and aloud or silently to offer thanks to God).

Lord of the Church, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

All:Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution:

Presider: Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

cf 1 Corinthians 5.7,8

Presider: Most merciful God,

All: 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 neighbours 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.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Peace: Just as we've made peace with God through confession, this is an opportunity to make peace with one another. You're invited to greet one another.

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People:* And also with you.

Song of Praise: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) Matt Redman

Verse 1:

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the even- ing comes.

Chorus:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

Verse 2:

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger. Your name is great, and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing; Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus

Verse 3:

And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near, and my time has come; Still my soul will sing Your praise unending: Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Chorus

Ending:

I'll worship Your holy name. Yes, I'll worship Your holy name. Leader: God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing:

Leader: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you And remain with you always. **Amen.**

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