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Come and Worship the Lord

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Today's Lay Reader: Carol McMahon

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11am on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of God's glory.**

Leader: The Lord said, whom shall I send, and who will go out for us?

People: **Let the whole Church say "here I am, Lord, send me"!**

Processional Prelude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

arr. Douglas Wagner

Hymn

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, through John and your Holy Spirit, you taught us the importance of baptism. On the day of Pentecost, 3,000 were baptized. Throughout the centuries, countless disciples of Christ have been baptized. The Saints of Methodism in Absecon have been baptized right here since 1796. Today, Jamie, Parker and Ilah will be baptized. Pour out your Holy Spirit on them, and all of us! Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

Jamison, Parker, and Ilah Lahr

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

Father, I Adore You

Father, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.

Jesus, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.

Spirit, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.

Senior Choir

Can't Stop Praising His Name

William Rowland

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

1 Peter 2:4-10

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"

and

"A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Message *Celebrating the Priesthood of All Believers*

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory I Want Jesus to Walk with Me arr. William Farley Smith

Doxology Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn Spirit of God, Descent upon My Heart (verses 1, 2, and 5)

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 2/2. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. Below the staves, there are five numbered verses of the hymn lyrics.

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3. Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King?
4. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;
5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,



wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
 teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear.
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh,
 the kin - dling of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
 teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in C Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

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