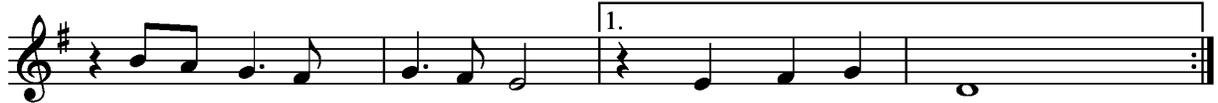


## Opening Hymns: Here I Am, Lord

*Unison*



I, the God of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I, the God of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts if love a - lone.



All who dwell in dee-pest sin my hand will save.  
 Who will bear my light to them?  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will speak my word to them.

2. *Refrain (Harmony)*

Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_ Here I am, Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Is it I,  
 Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_

I have heard you call-ing in the night. \_\_\_\_\_ I will go, Lord,

\_\_\_\_\_ if you lead me. \_\_\_\_\_ I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## Come Down, O Love Divine

1. Come down, O Love di - vine, Seek out this soul\_ of mine And  
2. O let it free - ly burn, Till earth - ly pas - sions turn To  
3. And so the year - ing strong With which the soul\_ will long Shall

vis - it it with Your own ar - dor\_ glow - ing: O Com - fort - er, draw near,  
dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing: And let Your glo - rious light  
far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing: For none can guess God's grace,

With - in my heart ap - pear, And kin - dle it, Your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
Shine ev - er on my sight, And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
Till Love cre - ates a place Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a\_ dwell - ing.

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

There is one Body and one Spirit;

**People: There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People One God and Father of all.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Exodus 33:12-23**

**Lector:** A reading from Exodus

*pause*

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

**Lector:** The word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 99**

- 1 The LORD is King;  
let the people tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; \*  
he is high above all peoples.

- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and fall down before his footstool; \*  
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

## 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

**Lector:** A reading from Thessalonias

*pause*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

*pause*

**Lector:** The word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God

**Sequence:** Alleluia (Britt)

**Matthew 22:15-22**

**Officiant:** The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

**Lector:** The Gospel of the Lord

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sequence:** Alleluia (Britt)

**Sermon**

### **The Baptisms of Ava Rapatalo**

**Officiant:** The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

**Parent and Godparent**

We present Ava to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

**Officiant**

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

**Parent and Godparent**

We will, with God's help.

**Officiant**

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

**Parent and Godparent**

We will, with God's help.

**Officiant:** Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**Parent and Godparents:** We renounce them.

**Officiant:** Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**Parents/Godparents:** We renounce them.

**Officiant:** Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**Parents/Godparents:** We renounce them.

**Officiant:** Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

**Parents/Godparents:** We do.

**Officiant:** Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**Parents/Godparents:** We do.

**Officiant:** Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**Parents/Godparents:** We do.

**Officiant:** Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People :** We will.

**Officiant:** Let us renew our own baptismal covenant.

**Officiant:** Do you believe in God the Father?

**People :** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**Officiant:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
**People:** **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.**

**Officiant:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People :** **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.**

**Officiant:** Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People :** **I will, with God's help.**

**Officiant:** Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People :** **I will, with God's help.**

**Officiant:** Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People:** **I will, with God's help.**

**Officiant:** Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People:** **I will, with God's help.**

**Officiant:** Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People:** **I will, with God's help.**

### **Prayers for the Candidate**

Let us now pray for Ava who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth

**Leader:** Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People :** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader :** Open her heart to your grace and truth.

**People :** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader :** Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People :** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader :** Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People :** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader :** Send her into the world in witness to your love.

**People :** **Lord, hear our prayer**

**Leader** Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People :** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Officiant:** Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

**People :** **And also with you.**

**Officiant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People :** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**Officiant:** We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

## **The Baptism**

**Officiant:** Ava baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Let us pray.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Ava are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized

**People and Officiant:** We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

## **The Peace**

### **Announcements**

### **Birthday Prayer**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as s/he begins another year. Grant that s/he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of her/ his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Anniversary Prayer**

O God, be with N. and N., as they celebrate another year together. Deepen their love for each other, grant them joy, and make their life together a blessing to all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Offertory: Show Us Christ (Choir)**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Officiant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People :** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Officiant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Officiant:** Holy and loving God; we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through

Jesus Christ our Lord, because through Christ you bring us to the knowledge of your truth, that we may be united by one faith and one baptism to become his body in the world. Therefore we praise you, joining with angels and arch angels and with the whole company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Sanctus: Schubert**

1.  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of power and might.

2.  
might. Heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo -  
Blest is the one who comes in the name of our God.

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You have reconciled us to yourself through Christ, no longer holding our failures at loving you, our neighbors, our enemies and ourselves against us, you have enlisted us in the service of reconciliation. And so remembering Christ, who died on the cross, believing in him who has risen from the dead, and recognizing him here in our brothers and sisters, we obey his command. We offer this bread and wine. We offer ourselves for the work of peace.

Send down your Holy Spirit of life and power, glory and love, upon this people and upon this bread and wine, so that the bread which we break may be our communion in the body of Christ, and the cup that we bless and share may be our communion in the blood of Christ, that the risen Lord may live in us and we may live in him. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, broken it, and gave it to his disciples saying:

“Take this, all of you and eat it. This is my body which will be given up for you.”

In the same way he took the cup saying,

“Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.”

God of love, as we share this one bread and one cup, we pray that all the barriers and walls which divide us may be broken down, that swords may be beaten into ploughshares and wars abolished from the earth, that all those who take up the sword may be disarmed, that we may be liberated from discrimination and be conformed into the image of your Christ, that we may plant the garden of peace on this planet and renew the old wastes, that we may rebuild our broken world together in the name of Christ, our peace;

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours almighty God, forever and ever. Amen

**Officiant:** And so we pray the prayer your son taught us to pray.

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### [Fraction](#)

**Officiant:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### Moment of Reflection Before the Monstrance

Adore and praise the immense love Jesus has for you in this Sacrament of Himself. In order not to leave you a lonely orphan in this land of exile and misery, He comes from heaven for you personally, to offer you companionship and consolation. Thank him therefore, with all your love and all your strength; thank him in union with all the saints!

- Fr. Vincent M. Lucia

### Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

*People:*

**Post Communion Prayer**

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing**

## Closing Hymn: God Be With You Till We Meet Again

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain: Lov - ing coun - sels  
2. God be with you till we meet a - gain: Un - seen wings pro -  
3. God be with you till we meet a - gain: When life's per - ils  
4. God be with you till we meet a - gain: Keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, With a Shep - herd's  
tect - ing - hide you, Dai - ly man - na  
thick con - found you, Put un - fail - ing  
float - ing - o'er you, Smite death's threat - ening

care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
still pro - vide you:  
arms a - round you:  
wave be - fore you:

## Dismissal

**Officiant:** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

