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WORSHIP BOOKLET

PRELUDE Wondrous Love - David N. Johnson John Cribb

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Amy Beveridge and others

Order for Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,

and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love,

forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another

for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING Rock of Ages #623 (red hymnal rear section)

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.**

GREETING

The grace of Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

For your people here who have come to give you praise,
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, and defend us, O God.

A---men.

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

REFRAIN

**Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!**

**Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God.**

REFRAIN

**Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ, forever.**

REFRAIN

**For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new.**

REFRAIN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Let us pray together... **Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages,
as the Lord commanded.

They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

The people quarreled with Moses, and said,

“Give us water to drink.”

Moses said to them,

“Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?”

But the people thirsted there for water;

and the people complained against Moses and said,

“Why did you bring us out of Egypt,
to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?”

So Moses cried out to the Lord,

“What shall I do with this people?
They are almost ready to stone me.”

The Lord said to Moses,

“Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you;
take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb.

Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight
of the elders of Israel.

He called the place Massah and Meribah,

because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying,

“Is the Lord among us or not?”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

Come, let us sing to God;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.**

For you, God, are a great God,

and a great ruler above all gods.

**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

The sea is yours, for you made it,

and your hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before God our maker.**

For God is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture
and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

**“Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.
Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
‘The heart of this people goes astray;
they do not know my ways.’
Indeed I swore in my anger,
‘They shall never come to my rest.’ ”

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15 – 2:10

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,
and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.
I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God,
so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope
to which God has called you, what are the riches of God’s glorious inheritance among the saints,
and what is the immeasurable greatness of God’s power for us who believe,
according to the working of God’s great power.
God put this power to work in Christ when God raised him from the dead
and seated him at God’s right hand in the heavenly places,
far above all rule and authority and power and dominion,
and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.
And God has put all things under Christ’s feet
and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is Christ’s body,
the fullness of the one who fills all in all.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived,
following the course of this world,
following the ruler of the power of the air,
the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient.
All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh,
following the desires of flesh and senses,
and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.
But God, who is rich in mercy,
out of the great love with which he loved us
even when we were dead through our trespasses,
made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved –
and raised us up with him and seated us with him
in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
so that in the ages to come,
God might show the immeasurable riches of grace in
kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
For by grace you have saved through faith, and this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God – not the results of works, so that no one may boast.
For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

Gospel Lesson: John 4:5-15

The gospel passage for today is from the book of John, the 4th chapter, beginning with the 5th verse.

Glory be to you, Oh Lord.

[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar,
near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.
Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well.
It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her,
"Give me a drink."
(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)
The Samaritan woman said to him,
"How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?"
(Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)
Jesus answered her,
"If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you,
'Give me a drink,'
you would have asked him,
and he would have given you living water."

The woman said to him,
"Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep.
Where do you get that living water?
Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well,
and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"
Jesus said to her,
"Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,
but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.
The water that I will give
will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."
The woman said to him,
"Sir, give me this water,
so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

This is the gospel indeed.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Amy Beveridge

SERMON HYMN

Come to the Water

CHORUS

And Jesus said, "Come to the water, stand by my side.
I know you are thirsty, you won't be denied.
I felt ev'ry tear drop, when in darkness you cried.
And I strove to remind you that for those tears I died."

**You said You'd come and share all my sorrows.
You said You'd be there for all my tomorrows.
I came so close to sending You away,
but just like You promised, You came there to stay.
I just had to pray.**

CHORUS

**And Jesus said, "Come to the water, stand by my side.
I know you are thirsty, you won't be denied.
I felt ev'ry tear drop, when in darkness you cried.
And I strove to remind you that for those tears I died."**

**Your goodness so great, I can't understand.
And dear Lord I know That all this was planned.
I know You're here now, And always will be.
Your love loosed my chains, And in You I'm free.
But Jesus why me.**

CHORUS

**Jesus I give You My heart and my soul.
I know that without God, I'd never be whole.
Savior You opened all the right doors.
And I thank You and praise You from earth's humble shores,
Take me I'm Yours.**

CHORUS

APOSTLE'S CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 And he will come to judge the living and 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the universe. All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us into your beloved community where diversity of gender, race, language, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness, and others in need of our prayers, especially,

- Diane Williams, recovering from intestinal issues
- John Cribb - death of his father in South Carolina
- The Aparicio and Padilla families of Rebecca Aparicio who passed this week
- Gary & Eileen Orback whose home was damaged in the storm
- Betty Johnson - recovering from infection and blood clot while undergoing chemotherapy
- Jennifer Kurrle - adjusting to new medications
- Ina Davenport - Healing of her arm
- Aaron Brochtrup - still unable to return to work - neck pain, headaches, neurological trauma
- Janelle Muff -Healing after surgery and blood clot
- Joanne Kulczyk – recovering from a fall
- Sally Mingo, Jennifer Kurrle's mother - knee injury
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas - continuing to make progress in recovery
- Linda Luke - to gain weight and strength
- Jim Luke - supporting Linda's recovery
- Becky Padilla- responding well to treatment for cancer
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- James Hecker- ongoing abdominal pain
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- Marcia and Rick Walt, friends of Cindy Haener
- Darel and Betty Sorenson - Betty remains in nursing care on Hospice
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting the new COVID-19 omicron variants
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing and protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- For Jacob Rocha and Rachel Jacoby who celebrate their birthdays this week

Give them your living water always. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We also lift up at this moment, others for whom we have concern and care, especially,
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the lives of all your. Their hope in you sustained lives of faith and service. Encourage us with the hope they shared in you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
Let us share that peace with one another.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.... **God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.**
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY #191 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it
and gave it to his disciples saying,
"Take and eat, this is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Drink this, all of you. It is the new covenant of my blood,
shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us pray the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, a
we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION

[All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ. Gluten-free bread is available if you ask for it, and alcohol-free grape juice is in the center ring of the tray. During the distribution of Communion, you may also seek prayers of healing at the chair by the baptismal font.]

COMMUNION Wondrous Grace - Mary Ann Fritz

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

PRAISE TO YOU, O GOD OF MERCY #208 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!**

**From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you forever!
Truth and justice you have taught us: thanks be to you forever!**

**Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love,
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.**

**Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!
Thanks be to you forever!**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

**Embodied God,
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors
and touch the world with your love.
AMEN.**

BLESSING

God, the giver of love,
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you in this Lenten journey.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN Be Thou My Vision #793 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Postlude in A Minor - Heinrich Gotze

John Cribb

Thank you to:

- **Pastor Amy Beveridge**, for preaching and presiding this day.
- **Jean Senter** for assisting in worship.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **John Cribb** for accompanying worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo** and others for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo** for editing and assembling worship bulletins and the newsletter.
- **Nancy Padilla**, for setting up and welcoming.
- **Gary and Mark Orback**, for tending to our outside property.
- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.
- **Ken Brocks and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.

Events this week:

- Today we are continuing our **Lent Collection for the people served by Iglesia Luterana de Santa Cruz**. You may place food and other donations in the “beach bags” or in the boat for the disciples to take down south at the end of the season!
- **The Preaching Congregation group** will meet next with Professor Hannan on Tuesday night, March 14th starting at 5:30 pm for about twenty minutes. We will also be meeting as a group on Monday evening, March 13th on Zoom at 6:00 pm to organize ourselves. **AND** the last class for this group will be on Sunday, March 19th, 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom.
- **The Chosen discussion group** will next meet on Sunday, March 26th at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Watch for the invite!
- **Coffee Club** will meet Friday morning, March 17th, starting at 9:00 pm at the Foghorn on Main Street in north Morro Bay.
- **Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, March 15th at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- The **Outreach Committee** is cancelled for this month.
- The third of our **Lenten soup suppers** will be this Wednesday night, March 15th, with supper starting at 5:30 pm and a brief worship at 6:15 pm.
- Thanks to all who remembered or were reminded that **Daylight Savings Time** started this early morning!
- **IMPORTANT:** We have learned that the **Vineyard congregation has decided that they do not wish to further pursue** holding their Sunday worship and fellowship at our building. Therefore special congregational meetings originally scheduled for March 19th and 26th have been cancelled. Thank you for your patience and attention in this matter!
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**.
(bsteinwebber@gmail.com)

**Don't forget to check the Calendar website page for upcoming events:
morrobaylutherans.org**