

# RED LETTER

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## CHALLENGE



A 40 DAY LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE

**8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, October 10**

## PRELUDE

“Prelude on PUER NOBIS”

arr. John Behnke

*Organ*

## WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

### OPENING HYMN “Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”

#### OPENING LITURGY *based on Psalm 32*

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

C: **whose sin is covered.**

L: Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,

C: **and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

L: I acknowledged my sin to you,

C: **and I did not cover my iniquity;**

L: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”

C: **and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

L: You are a hiding place for me;

C: **you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

L: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

C: **but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.**

L: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,

C: **and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*[Moment of silent confession]*

L: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Heavenly Father, although You have called us as Your own people, dearly loved, we confess that we have failed to forgive one another as You have forgiven us. We have neglected to reflect Your love at home, school, and work. We have let discord and conflict drown out the peace that You have given us in Christ. We have failed to thank You for Your great love in our private prayers and with our outward words and actions. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and guide us by Your Holy Spirit so that our lives may reflect the love with which You surround us by grace each day.**

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has been so merciful to us by giving His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiven all our sins. By the power of His Holy Spirit, He has worked faith in our hearts, and transformed us to live as His disciples, reminding us always that in Jesus Christ, our Savior, our sins are forgiven and we are now called to live a new life in His truth and grace. May He continue to strengthen us, forgive us, and renew us to live as His beloved and redeemed children.

**C: Amen.**

## ANTHEM

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Dan Forrest

*Voices of Peace; Erica Adkins, violin*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### **HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-25 [ESV]**

Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.

When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

**STATEMENT of FAITH** *The Apostles’ Creed*

**RESPONSE “Forgive Our Sins, as We Forgive”**

**SERMON “FORGIVING (AS HE FORGAVE)”**

**OFFERING**

**RESPONSE “Where Charity and Love Prevail”**

**PRAYERS of the CHURCH**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**THE PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

P: Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to You, almighty God, through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, by whose perfect obedience and all-sufficient sacrifice we are bold to stand in Your presence, now and in the day of judgment. Therefore, with those who bear Your name on earth and those who praise Your name on high, we join in the everlasting hymn:

## **SANCTUS**

## **WORDS of INSTITUTION**

## **THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

## **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

“Aria”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Organ*

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **CLOSING RESPONSE “Nunc Dimittis”**

## **POSTLUDE**

“Rigaudon”

Andre Campra (1660-1744)

*Organ*



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