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Season of Eastertide
Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.

The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow.
His eyes were like a flame of fire,
his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace,
and his voice was like the roar of many waters.

In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.
But he laid his right hand on me, saying,
"Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one.
I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.
Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.

As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches."
Praise Our Redeeming Lord

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
You have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all.
Yet we confess that we have not bowed before Him or acknowledged His rule in our lives.
We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give Him glory.
Forgive us for our arrogant hearts, our misplaced affections, and our love for the world.
Raise us from sin, transform our hearts, and strengthen our wills so that the power of Christ’s resurrection will make us new people, rejoicing in nothing but the glorious freedom of Christ.
We pray in His matchless name.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. ....................... Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. ............... Michael G. Stokke

INSTRUMENTAL OFFERTORY:

“Lapis Lazuli” from Five Short Pieces for Koto…Katsutoshi Nagasawa, arr. R. Lowther

GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

Praise Our Eternal King

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (please stand)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 457 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”…NETTLETON
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON. ........................................... Acts 9:1-31
(page 917 in the pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;
The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen. (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

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PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 580 “Lead On, O King Eternal” ............ LANCASHIRE

†BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE:
“Amber” from Five Short Pieces for Koto ......... Katsutoshi Nagasawa, arr. R. Lowther

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