

THE LORD'S SERVICE

God Calls Us

*Call to Worship

Psalm 148

Minister: *Lord, open our lips.*

Psa. 51:15

People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Minister: *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

People: *Come let us adore Him. Alleluia!*

*Salutation

*Hymn of Praise

Psalm 98

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*Invocation

God Cleanses Us

The Reading of the Law of God

Minister: *Hear now the Covenant of Your God, which he has commanded you to keep saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.*

You shall have no other gods before Me.

People: *You shall not make for yourself an idol.*

Minister: *You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.*

People: *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*

Minister: *Honor your father and your mother.*

People: *You shall not murder.*

Minister: *You shall not commit adultery.*

People: *You shall not steal.*

Minister: *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*

People: *You shall not covet.*

Minister: *Have you fully obeyed the Lord in all that He has commanded? Have you loved the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and your neighbor as yourself?*

People: *No, but we have sinned in thought, in word and in deed.*

Minister: *Then confess your sins to the Lord for with Him there is mercy and abundant redemption.*

Corporate Confession of Sin (In Unison)

Almighty and most merciful Father;

We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against Your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;

And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;

And there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent;

According to Your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake;

That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life;

To the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Lift up your heads and hear the good news...*

...The peace of the Lord be with you!

People: *And also with you!*

*Hymn of Response

Hymn #76 Praise the Lord the King of Heaven

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1-7

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Psalm of Preparation

Hymn #87

Psalm 23

New Testament Reading

Acts 8:1-8

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word

Congregational Prayer

Minister: *...praying now, even as our Lord has taught us;*

People: *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 Response** *Hymn #642 Be Thou My Vision*

***Confession of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth

of all things visible and invisible

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;

by whom all things were made;

who for us and for our salvation

came down from heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried;

and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,

and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

and he shall come again, with glory,

to judge both the living and the dead;

whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;

who spoke by the prophets;

and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;*

we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

and we look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*"catholic", in its historical usage means "universal"

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology** (with hands raised) #731 Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

God Communes With Us

***Sursum Corda**

Minister: *Lift up your hearts.* Lam. 3:41

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

Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord.* Psa. 92:1

People: *It is good and right so to do.*

Minister: *It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing....*

***Hymn of Praise** The Sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

Supper Exhortation

Prayer of Consecration

Minister: *Holy Father, in thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, in the joy of His resurrection, in the hope of His coming again, we present ourselves a living sacrifice and come to the table of our Lord.*

People: *Amen.*

Minister: *Great is the mystery of faith!*

People: *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!*

Minister: *Alleluia! Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us.*

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

Minister: *The gifts of God for the people of God.*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn #425, Hymn #429, Hymn #472

Hymn #473, Hymn #499

Blessing and Thanksgiving

Minister: *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in life everlasting.*

People: *Amen.*

***Dismissal Hymn**

Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

*Lord bid your servant go in peace
Your word is now fulfilled
These eyes have seen Salvation's dawn
This Child so long foretold*

*This is the Savior of the world
The Gentiles' promised Light
God's glory dwelling in our midst
The Joy of Israel*

God Commissions Us

***Benediction**