

#### Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16:23-25

Sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works
among all the peoples! ...

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be held in awe above all gods.

### Rejoice, The Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore! Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains he took his seat above! Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice! His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n! Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice! He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit, and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet!

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home!

#### Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

## Prayer of Invocation

#### Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 130:3-4

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

#### National Confession of Sin

Father Of Life,
for many years and in many ways,
I and my fellow citizens
have brought forth death
when we should have
protected and promoted life.

We have sinned against our own nature, against each other, and against You.

We have chosen what is easiest for ourselves, and we have blinded ourselves to the consequences of our choices that others have suffered.

We have been at each other's throats, trying to cut each other off from love, trying to make ourselves out as the only right ones entitled to favor.

I have been a hypocrite in my self-righteousness, in my eagerness to defend myself, in my condemnation of those who oppose me.

I have not devoted my life in sacrificial love to the flourishing of the lives of others.

Together, we have been complicit in the murder of countless millions of our unborn brothers, sisters, and children, whether passively or actively, through each one's self-centeredness.

Together,
we stand in the wrong before You,
guilty of great evil,
both personally and corporately.

Together,
we lament the hell
that we have brought upon ourselves
in our inability to love as You love.

#### Together, we call on Your name for mercy that we do not deserve:

O Father, forgive us, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us, lived for us, and gave himself up for us at the cross to save us from our self-centeredness. Grant us the transforming love of Your Holy Spirit, so that we might taste heaven instead of hell in our lives, in our nation, and in our world.

#### By Your grace, make us the kind of people who truly protect and promote life.

I pray for my fellow citizens as they pray for me, in the name of Your Son, the only Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## (Silent Confession)

#### Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 130:7-8

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD

there is steadfast love,

and with him

there is plentiful redemption.

# And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

# May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you!

### Offering

Malachi 3:10

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts...

"if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."

## Offertory

### The Doxology

Text: Thomas Ken (1674)

Music: "Old 100th" / Genevan Psalter / Louis Bourgeois (1551)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise him all creatures here below!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Amen!

### Gospel Reading

John 17:1-3, 20-23

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said,

"Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,

<sup>2</sup> "since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

<sup>3</sup> "And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent...

<sup>20</sup> "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,

<sup>21</sup> "that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

<sup>22</sup> "The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,

<sup>23</sup> "I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me."

# The Gospel of Jesus Christ. *Praise be to you, O Christ!*

### Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

(Elder prays)

## And now as our Savior taught us, we pray...

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.

## Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace, now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

#### In Christ Alone

In Christ alone
my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength,
my song;

this Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!

This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save;

'till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,

for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.

Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!

And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,

for I am his, and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry
to final breath,
Jesus commands
my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;

### 'till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

## Old Testament Reading

Psalm 133

A SONG OF ASCENTS. OF DAVID.

<sup>1</sup> Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

<sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

<sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

### The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!



#### Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

What do you believe?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth...

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell...

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the 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.

#### The Passing of the Peace

Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

## The Institution of the Lord's Table

#### Mysterium Fidei

(The Mystery of Faith)

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again!

# Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

#### I Lay My Sins On Jesus

I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God; he bears them all, and frees us from this accursed load: I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains white in his blood most precious, till not a spot remains.

The spotless Lamb of God.
I rest my soul on Jesus!
This weary soul of mine.

I lay my wants on Jesus; all fullness dwells in him; he heals all my diseases, he doth my soul redeem:

I lay my griefs on Jesus, my burdens and my cares; he from them all releases, he all my sorrows shares. The spotless Lamb of God.
I rest my soul on Jesus!
This weary soul of mine.

I give my cares to Jesus, the worries of my mind; his right hand me embraces, I on his breast recline. I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord; like fragrance on the breezes his name abroad is poured. The spotless Lamb of God.
I rest my soul on Jesus!
This weary soul of mine.

I long to be like Jesus, meek, loving, lowly, mild; I long to be like Jesus, the Father's holy child: I long to be with Jesus amid the heav'nly throng, to sing with saints his praises, to learn the angels' song.

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#### Glorify Your Name

Father, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify your name in all the earth.

Glorify your name, glorify your name, glorify your name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify your name in all the earth.

Glorify your name, glorify your name, glorify your name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify your name in all the earth.

Glorify your name, glorify your name, glorify your name in all the earth.

#### Benediction

Psalm 29:11

May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD May the LORD bless his people with peace!

