

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 907 "God Himself Is Present"



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him  
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;  
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His  
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in  
ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and  
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne  
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:  
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!  
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.  
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord, C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.**

**INTROIT: Psalm 71: 15-18; antiphon: v. 12**

O God, be not | far from me;\* **O my God, make haste to | help me!**  
My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation | all the day,\*  
**for their number is past my | knowledge.**

With the mighty deeds of the Lord God | I will come;\*  
**I will remind them of your righteousness, | yours alone.**  
O God, from my youth you have | taught me,\* **and I still proclaim your | wondrous deeds.**  
So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not for- | sake me,\*

**until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all | those to come.**  
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* **and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\* **is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
O God, be not | far from me;\* **O my God, make haste to | help me!**

**KYRIE: pages 186 (sung)**

**Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us, Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:**

**P: Glory be to God on high: C: and on earth peace, good-will toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we glorify Thee,  
we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,  
God the Fa-ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly  
Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

**P: The Lord be with you. C: And with thy spirit. P: Let us pray.**

**C: O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through**

**Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

**Isaiah 6:1–13**

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” And he said, “Go, and say to this people:

“Keep on hearing, but do not understand;  
keep on seeing, but do not perceive.”

Make the heart of this people dull,  
and their ears heavy,  
and blind their eyes;

lest they see with their eyes,  
and hear with their ears,  
and understand with their hearts,  
and turn and be healed.”

Then I said, “How long, O Lord?”

And he said:

“Until cities lie waste  
without inhabitant,  
and houses without people,  
and the land is a desolate waste,  
and the Lord removes people far away,  
and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

And though a tenth remain in it,  
it will be burned again,  
like a terebinth or an oak,  
whose stump remains  
when it is felled.”

The holy seed is its stump.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL:**

**Psalm 117: 1-2a; 96:8**

Praise the Lord, all nations!

**Extol him, all peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

**bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

**THE EPISTLE READING:**

**1 Corinthians 14:12b–20**

Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say “Amen” to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA:** page 190 (*sung*) **Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**Luke 5: 1–11**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter. **C:(*sung*) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: (*sung*) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Nicene Creed (page 191)**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and 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 men 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I 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 I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 830 “Spread the Reign of God the Lord”**



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;  
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,  
 3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race  
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.  
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.  
 And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
 Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

**5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;  
 Ripe the promise of its yield.  
 But the reapers, oh, how few  
 For the work there is to do!**

**6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,  
 Rouse to action heart and mind;  
 Let the gath'ring nations all  
 See Your light and heed Your call.**

**SERMON:** “Where do we turn?”

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(please stand if you are able)*

*(Each petition ends, “Lord, in Your mercy,” and we respond, “hear our prayer.”)*

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 194ff.

**PREFACE:** *(we speak the responses) (page 194)*

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** *(Sung)* And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: (Sung) We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: (Sung) It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary ...evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus:** *(page 195) (sung)*

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry. Ho-san-na,  
ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He,  
bless-ed in He, bless-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.**

**Lord's Prayer, the Words of Our Lord and the Pax Domini:**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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 as 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.**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: (sung) A-men.**

**Agnus Dei:** *(sung) (page 198)*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est away the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A-men.**

**Nunc Dimittis:** "Song of Simeon" *(pages 199-200)*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre-pared before the face of all people, a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy peo-ple Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.**

**Thanksgiving:**

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C: (sung) and His mercy endureth for-ev-er.**

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (sung) Amen.**

**SALUTATION, BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spir-it.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace.

C: (*sung*) A-men, a-men, a-men.

### CLOSING HYMN: 920 "Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go"



1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;  
3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth  
4 Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;  
5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show



Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
King - ship with Him His ser - vants gain;  
This world of time to con - se - crate,  
Proph - ets are we whose deeds pro - claim  
That in His Church all na - tions find



Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
With Christ the Ser - vant - Lord of all,  
This world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ's truth in love that we may be  
Their hearth and home where Christ re - stores



Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.  
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.  
Christ's world in Christ to re - cre - ate.  
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.  
True peace, true love to all man - kind.

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