

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS AND THE WELCOME

PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS (849)

Praise the One who breaks the darkness,

With a liberating light;

Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,

Turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the Gospel,

Healing ev'ry dread disease,

Calming storms, and feeding thousands.

With the very Bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children

With a strong, yet gentle word;

Praise the One who drove out demons,

With a piercing two-edged sword.

Praise the one who brings cool water,

To the desert's burning sand;

From this Well comes living water,

Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Let us praise the Word incarnate,

Christ, who suffered in our place.

Jesus died and rose victorious,

That we may know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness,

Seeing what our God has done;

Let us praise the true Redeemer,

Praise the One who makes us one.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Señor, ten piedad de nosotros.

People: Señor, ten piedad de nosotros.

Pastor: Cristo, ten piedad de nosotros.

People: Cristo, ten piedad de nosotros.

Pastor: Señor, ten piedad de nosotros.

People: Señor, ten piedad de nosotros.

(SILENT PRAYER) (MOMENTO DE ORACIÓN PERSONAL)

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

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

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of creation, whose glory is around us and within us, open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS (After each reading:)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ After the death of their father, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still hates us and plans to pay us back for all the harm we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph: "Before our father died, ¹⁷ he told us to ask you, 'Please forgive the crime your brothers committed when they wronged you.' Now please forgive us the wrong that we, the servants of your father's God, have done." Joseph cried when he received this message. ¹⁸ Then his brothers themselves came and bowed down before him. "Here we are before you as your slaves," they said. ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid; I can't put myself in the place of God. ²⁰ You plotted evil against me, but God turned it into good, in order to preserve the lives of many people who are alive today because of what happened. ²¹ You have nothing to fear. I will take care of you and your children." So he reassured them with kind words that touched their hearts.

Romans 14:1-10, 15:7

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith, but do not argue with them about their personal opinions. ² Some people's faith allows them to eat anything, but the person who is weak in the faith eats only vegetables. ³ Those who will eat anything are not to look down on those who don't; while those who eat only vegetables are not to pass judgement on those who will eat anything; for God has accepted them. ⁴ Who are you to judge someone else's servants? It is their own Master's business whether they stand or fall. And they will stand, because the Lord has power to enable them to stand. ⁵ Some people think that a certain day is more important than other days, while others think that all days are the same. We should each firmly make up our own minds. ⁶ Those who think highly of a certain day do so in honor of the Lord; those who will eat anything do so in honor of the Lord, because they give thanks to God for the food. Those who refuse to eat certain things do so in honor of the Lord, and they give thanks to God. ⁷ None of us lives for himself only, none of us dies for himself only. ⁸ If we live, it is for the Lord that we live, and if we die, it is for the Lord that we die. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For Christ died and rose to life in order to be the Lord of the living and of the dead. ¹⁰ You then, who eat only vegetables; why do you pass judgement on others? And you who eat anything; why do you despise other believers? All of us will stand before God to be judged by him. So then, accept one another as Christ has accepted you, to the glory of God.

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, if my brother keeps on sinning against me, how many times do I have to forgive him? Seven times?” ²² “No, not seven times,” answered Jesus, “but seventy times seven, ²³ because the Kingdom of heaven is like this. Once there was a king who decided to check on his servants’ accounts. ²⁴ He had just begun to do so when one of them was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. ²⁵ The servant did not have enough to pay his debt, so the king ordered him to be sold as a slave, with his wife and his children and all that he had, in order to pay the debt. ²⁶ The servant fell on his knees before the king. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay you everything!’ ²⁷ The king felt sorry for him, so he forgave him the debt and let him go. ²⁸ “Then the man went out and met one of his fellow-servants who owed him a few dollars. He grabbed him and started choking him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he said. ²⁹ His fellow-servant fell down and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back!’ ³⁰ But he refused; instead, he had him thrown into jail until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were very upset and went to the king and told him everything. ³² So he called the servant in. ‘You worthless slave!’ he said. ‘I forgave you the whole amount you owed me, just because you asked me to. ³³ You should have had mercy on your fellow-servant, just as I had mercy on you.’ ³⁴ The king was very angry, and he sent the servant to jail to be punished until he should pay back the whole amount.” ³⁵ And Jesus concluded, “That is how my Father in heaven will treat every one of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.”

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

KID SERMON

SERMON HYMN: BE UNTO YOUR NAME

We are a moment. You are forever.

Lord of ages, God before time.

We are a vapor. You are eternal.

Love everlasting, reigning on high

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Highest praises, honor and glory.

Be unto Your name. Be unto Your name.

We are the broken. You are the healer.

Jesus Redeemer, mighty to save.

You are the love song we'll sing forever.

Bowing before you, blessing Your name.

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Highest praises, honor and glory.

Be unto Your name. Be unto Your name. (repeated)

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Highest praises, honor and glory.

Be unto Your name. Be unto Your name. Be unto Your name

SERMON

THE PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come. Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised. In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, and making us all, a divided and broken humanity, forever one in your kingdom.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us to faithfully eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to in His own testament. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate, with all the faithful, the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone be all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever. Amen

LAMB OF GOD

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.*

CONSECRATION & DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION SONG

*Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
tell everyone what He has done.*

*Let everyone who seeks the Lord,
rejoice and proudly bear His name.*

*He recalls His promises,
and leads His people forth in joy*

with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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 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. Amen.

JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA (570)

Just as I am, without one plea

But that Thy blood was shed for me

And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not

To rid my soul of one dark blot,

To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about

With many a conflict, many a doubt,

Fightings and fears within, without,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;

Sight, riches, healing of the mind,

Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,

Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;

Because Thy promise I believe,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; thy love unknown

Has broken ev'ry barrier down;

Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

THE BLESSING