

## **THE RINGING OF THE BELLS AND THE WELCOME**

### **OPENING HYMN: LIFT HIGH THE CROSS (847)**

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim*

*Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

*Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,*

*Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim*

*Till all the world adore His sacred name*

*Led on their way by this triumphant sign,*

*The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim*

*Till all the world adore His sacred name*

*O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,*

*As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee.*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim*

*Till all the world adore His sacred name*

*Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell*

*Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim*

*Till all the world adore His sacred name*

*So shall our song of triumph ever be;*

*Praise to the Crucified for victory!*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim*

*Till all the world adore His sacred name*

### **INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES**

**Pastor:** En el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo.

**People:** Amen.

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: In the presence of God, who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin;

**People: we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

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: Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in + Christ Jesus, in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

**People: Amen.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray

**People: Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

**THE RESPONSE: THIS IS THE FEAST**

*This is the feast of victory for our God.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Worthy is Christ the lamb who was slain,*

*Whose blood set us free to be people of God.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are His.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*For the Lamb who was slain  
has begun His reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

### **Isaiah 35:3-7**

<sup>3</sup>Give strength to hands that are tired and to knees that tremble with weakness. <sup>4</sup>Tell everyone who is discouraged, "Be strong and don't be afraid! God is coming to your rescue, coming to punish your enemies." <sup>5</sup>The blind will be able to see, and the deaf will hear. <sup>6</sup>The lame will leap and dance, and those who cannot speak will shout for joy. Streams of water will flow through the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand will become a lake, and dry land will be filled with springs.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18**

<sup>1</sup> My brothers and sisters, as believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, you must never treat people in different ways according to their outward appearance. <sup>2</sup>Suppose a rich man wearing a gold ring and fine clothes comes to your meeting, and a poor man in ragged clothes also comes. <sup>3</sup>If you show more respect to the well-dressed man and say to him, "Have this best seat here," but say to the poor man, "Stand over there, or sit here on the floor by my feet," <sup>4</sup>then you are guilty of creating distinctions among yourselves and of making judgements based on evil motives. <sup>5</sup> Listen, my dear brothers and sisters! God chose the poor people of this world to be rich in faith and to possess the kingdom which he promised to those

who love him....<sup>8</sup> You will be doing the right thing if you obey the law of the Kingdom, which is found in the scripture, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself."<sup>9</sup> But if you treat people according to their outward appearance, you are guilty of sin, and the Law condemns you as a lawbreaker.<sup>10</sup> Whoever breaks one commandment is guilty of breaking them all....<sup>14</sup> My brothers and sisters, what good is it for people to say that they have faith if their actions do not prove it? Can that faith save them?

<sup>15</sup> Suppose there are brothers or sisters who need clothes and don't have enough to eat.<sup>16</sup> What good is there in your saying to them, "God bless you! Keep warm and eat well!"—if you don't give them the necessities of life?<sup>17</sup> So it is with faith: if it is alone and includes no actions, then it is dead.<sup>18</sup> But someone will say, "One person has faith, another has actions." My answer is, "Show me how anyone can have faith without actions. I will show you my faith by my actions."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **Mark 7:24-37**

Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." "Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter." She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **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.

#### KID SERMON

#### SERMON HYMN: 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 the 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.*

### **SERMON**

### **PRAYERS**

#### **PRAYER SONG: CANTAD AL SEÑOR**

*Cantad al Señor un cantico nuevo. (3 veces)*

*¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

*Porque el Señor ha hecho prodigios. (3 veces)*

*¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

*Cantad al Señor alabadle con arpa. (3 veces)*

*¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

*Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo. (3 veces)*

*¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

*¡Jesús es Señor, amén, aleluya! (3 veces)*

*¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

#### **THE 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 truly right, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give You thanks, holy Father, eternal God. From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and has scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade. The risen Lord walks with us and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake the day, you summon us to live in endless light, the unending Sabbath of the Lord. So, with choirs of angels and with the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory!

**People: Amen!**

### **THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

### **THE 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.*

### **THE CONSECRATION**

#### **THE ACCLAMATION AND THE INVITATION**

Pastor: As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim your  
Death, O Lord, and profess your  
Resurrection until you come again.

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Jesus who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**People: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

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### THANK THE LORD

*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.**

### CLOSING HYMN: ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME (549)

*All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;*

*Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.*

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*Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God Who from His altar call;*

*Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.*

*Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.*

*Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,*

*Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.*

*Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.*

*Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget, The wormwood and the gall,*

*Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.*

*Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.*

*Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball*

*To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.*

*To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.*

*Oh, that with yonder sacred throng, We at his feet may fall!*

*We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.*

*We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all.*

**THE BLESSING**