

## THE RINGING OF THE BELLS AND THE WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN: IMMORTAL INVISIBLE GOD ONLY WISE (803)

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.  
  
Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.  
  
To all life Thou givest--to both great and small--  
In all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish--but naught changes Thee.  
  
Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render: O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.*

### 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.

**RESPONSIVE SONG: MAKE US ONE**

*As we gather together in Your Son,*

*Let us know the joy of being one!*

*Let the time we share in this place*

*Be a time of love and friendship in your grace.*

*By your Spirit help us be one in peace and unity.*

*Bless us here as we gather in Your Son.*

*Give us joy, grant us peace, make us one!*

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**God of glory, ignite in us the fire of your Holy Spirit, that we with the whole of creation may rejoice to sing your praises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS (After each reading:)**

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**AMOS 5:18–24**

Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD! Why do you long for the day of the LORD? That day will be darkness, not light. It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him. Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not light— pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness? “I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

**1 THESSALONIANS 4:13–18**

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**MATTHEW 25:1–13**

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like 10 virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out. ‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you. “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

## 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.**

## SERMON HYMN: I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES (461)

*I know that my Redeemer lives;*

*What comfort this sweet sentence gives!*

*He lives, He lives, who once was dead;*

*He lives, my ever-living head.*

*He lives triumphant from the grave;*

*He lives eternally to save;*

*He lives all-glorious in the sky;*

*He lives exalted there on high.*

*He lives to bless me with His love;*

*He lives to plead for me above;*

*He lives my hungry soul to feed;*

*He lives to help in time of need.*

*He lives to silence all my fears;*

*He lives to wipe away my tears;*

*He lives to calm my troubled heart;*

*He lives all blessings to impart.*

*He lives, all glory to His name!*

*He lives, my Jesus, still the same;*

*Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives;*

*I know that my Redeemer lives!*

## SERMON

### THE PRAYERS

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

#### 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**

**SILENT PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

*Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that, when we were still far off, you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us so we and all your children shall be free and the whole earth live to praise your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**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.**

**CLOSING HYMN: 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 by the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death:*

*this is the power of Christ in me;*

*From life's first cry to final breath,*

*Jesus commands my destiny,  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Till He returns, or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

**THE BLESSING**