

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS AND THE WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: CHRIST BE MY LEADER (861)

Christ be my leader by night as by day;

Safe through the darkness for He is the way.

Gladly I follow, my future His care,

Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,

Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.

Grant me to trust Him, though shifting as sand,

Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;

Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.

Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain

Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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

People: Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in 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!

Amos 7:10-15

¹⁰Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, then sent a report to King Jeroboam of Israel: “Amos is plotting against you among the people. His speeches will destroy the country. ¹¹This is what he says: ‘Jeroboam will die in battle, and the people of Israel will be taken away from their land into exile.’” ¹²Amaziah then said to Amos, “That’s enough, prophet! Go on back to Judah and do your preaching there. Let them pay you for it. ¹³Don’t prophesy here at Bethel any more. This is the king’s place of worship, the national temple.” ¹⁴Amos answered, “I am not the kind of prophet who prophesies for pay. I am a herdsman, and I take care of fig trees. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from my work as a shepherd and ordered me to come and prophesy to his people Israel.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! For in our union with Christ he has blessed us by giving us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world. ⁴Even before the world was made, God had already chosen us to be his through our union with Christ, so that we would be holy and without fault before him. Because of his love ⁵God had already decided that through Jesus Christ he would make us his children—this was his pleasure and purpose. ⁶Let us praise God for his glorious grace, for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son! For by the blood of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God, ⁸which he gave to us in such large measure! In all his wisdom and insight ⁹God did what he had purposed, and made known to us the secret plan he had already decided to complete by means of Christ. ¹⁰This plan, which God will complete when the time is right, is to bring all creation together, everything in heaven and on earth, with Christ as head. ¹¹All things are done according to God’s plan and decision; and God chose us to be his own people in union with Christ because of his own purpose, based on what he had decided from the very beginning. ¹²Let us, then, who were the first to hope in Christ, praise God’s glory! ¹³And you also became God’s people when you heard the true message, the Good News that brought you salvation. You believed in Christ, and God put his stamp of ownership on you by giving you the Holy Spirit he had promised. ¹⁴The Spirit is the guarantee

that we shall receive what God has promised his people, and this assures us that God will give complete freedom to those who are his. Let us praise his glory!

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Mark 6:14-29

¹⁴ Now King Herod heard about all this, because Jesus' reputation had spread everywhere. Some people were saying, "John the Baptist has come back to life! That is why he has this power to perform miracles." ¹⁵ Others, however, said, "He is Elijah." Others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago." ¹⁶ When Herod heard it, he said, "He is John the Baptist! I had his head cut off, but he has come back to life!" Herod himself had ordered John's arrest, and he had him chained and put in prison. Herod did this because of Herodias, whom he had married, even though she was the wife of his brother Philip. John the Baptist kept telling Herod, "It isn't right for you to be married to your brother's wife!" ¹⁹ So Herodias held a grudge against John and wanted to kill him, but she could not because of Herod. ²⁰ Herod was afraid of John because he knew that John was a good and holy man, and so he kept him safe. He liked to listen to him, even though he became greatly disturbed every time he heard him. ²¹ Finally Herodias got her chance. It was on Herod's birthday, when he gave a feast for all the chief government officials, the military commanders, and the leading citizens of Galilee. ²² The daughter of Herodias came in and danced, and pleased Herod and his guests. So the king said to the girl, "What would you like to have? I will give you anything you want." ²³ With many vows he said to her, "I swear that I will give you anything you ask for, even as much as half my kingdom!" ²⁴ So the girl went out and asked her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered. The girl hurried back at once to the king and demanded, "I want you to give me here and now the head of John the Baptist on a dish!" ²⁶ This made the king very sad, but he could not refuse her because of the vows he had made in front of all his guests. ²⁷ So he sent a guard at once with orders to bring John's head. The guard left, went to the prison, and cut John's head off; ²⁸ then he brought it on a dish and gave it to the girl, who gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When John's disciples heard about this, they came and took away his body, and buried it.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: SAINTS, SEE THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES (667)

Saints, see the cloud of witnesses surround us;

Their lives of faith encourage and astound us.

Hear how the Master praised their faith so fervent:

“Well done, My servant!”

These saints of old received God’s commendation;

They lived as pilgrim-heirs of His salvation.

Through faith they conquered flame and sword and gallows,

God’s name to hallow.

Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suffered,

He faced the cross, His sinless life He offered;

He scorned the shame, He died, our death enduring,

Our hope securing.

Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,

On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;

Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us—

With grace precede us.

You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!

Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;

Past, present, future—You, the same forever—

You fail us never!

SERMON

PRAYERS

PRAYER HYMN: 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!

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 scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade. The risen Lord walks with us, unfolds for us your word, 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. And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory!

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 AND DISTRIBUTION

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: BE UNTO YOUR NAME

*We are a moment. You are forever.
Lord of the 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. (chorus repeated)*

THE BLESSING