

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS AND THE WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: "Lift High the Cross" (#837, vs. 1, 4-6)

*[REFRAIN:] 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. [REFRAIN]*

*O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Raise us, and let your cross the magnet be. [REFRAIN]*

*Let every race and every language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. [REFRAIN]*

*So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! [REFRAIN]*

Invocation

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.

Pastor: God our strength,

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: God has promised His merciful forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus, to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in faith. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, in His stead and by His command, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: O God of compassion and mercy, continue your work of setting us free from all that separates us from you and from one another, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen

THE RESPONSE: "Make Us One" (by Tim Frusti)

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!*

Jeremiah 23:1-6

How terrible will be the LORD's judgement on those rulers who destroy and scatter his people! ²This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says about the rulers who were supposed to take care of his people: "You have not taken care of my people; you have scattered them and driven them away. Now I am going to punish you for the evil you have done. ³I will gather the rest of my people from the countries where I have scattered them, and I will bring them back to their homeland. They will have many children and increase in number. ⁴I will appoint rulers to take care of them. My people will no longer be afraid or terrified, and I will not punish them again. I, the LORD, have spoken." ⁵The LORD says, "The time is coming when I will choose as king a righteous descendant of David. That king will rule wisely and do what is right and just throughout the land. ⁶When he is king, the people of Judah will be safe, and the people of Israel will live in peace. He will be called 'The LORD Our Salvation'.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹You Gentiles by birth—called "the uncircumcised" by the Jews, who call themselves "the circumcised" (which refers to what men do to their bodies)—remember what you were in the past. ¹²At that time you were apart from Christ. You were foreigners and did not belong to God's chosen people. You had no part in the covenants, which were based on God's promises to his people, and you lived in this world without hope and without God. ¹³But now, in union with Christ Jesus, you who used to be far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For Christ himself has brought us peace by making Jews and Gentiles one people. With his own body he broke down the wall that separated them and kept them enemies. He abolished the Jewish Law with its commandments and rules, in order to create out of the two races one new people in union with himself, in this way making peace. By his death on the cross Christ destroyed their enmity; by means of the cross he united both races into one body and brought them back to God. So Christ came and preached the Good News of peace to all—to you Gentiles, who were far away from God, and to the Jews, who were near to him. ¹⁸It is through Christ that all of us, Jews and Gentiles, are able to come in the one Spirit into the presence of the Father. ¹⁹So then, you Gentiles are not foreigners or strangers any longer; you are now fellow-citizens with God's people and members of the family of God. ²⁰You, too, are built upon the foundation laid by the apostles and prophets, the cornerstone being Christ Jesus himself. ²¹He is the one who holds the whole building together and makes it grow into a sacred temple dedicated to the Lord. ²²In union with him you too are being built together with all the others into a place where God lives through his Spirit.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Mark 6:30-44

³⁰The apostles returned and met with Jesus, and told him all they had done and taught. ³¹There were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his disciples didn't even have time to eat. So he said to them, "Let us go off by ourselves to some place where we will be alone and you can rest for a while." ³²So they started out in a boat by themselves for a lonely place. ³³Many people, however, saw them leave and knew at once who they were; so they went from all the towns and ran ahead by land and arrived at the place ahead of Jesus and his disciples. ³⁴When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw this large crowd, and his heart was filled with compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began to teach them many things. ³⁵When it was getting late, his disciples came to him and said, "It is

already very late, and this is a lonely place. ³⁶Send the people away, and let them go to the nearby farms and villages in order to buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷ “You yourselves give them something to eat,” Jesus answered. They asked, “Do you want us to go and spend two hundred silver coins on bread in order to feed them?” ³⁸ So Jesus asked them, “How much bread have you got? Go and see.” When they found out, they told him, “Five loaves and also two fish.” ³⁹ Jesus then told his disciples to make all the people divide into groups and sit down on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So the people sat down in rows, in groups of a hundred and groups of fifty. ⁴¹ Then Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven, and gave thanks to God. He broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² Everyone ate and had enough. ⁴³ Then the disciples took up twelve baskets full of what was left of the bread and the fish. ⁴⁴ The number of men who were fed was 5,000.

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. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: 849, “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;

*Praise the One who frees the prisoners,
turning blindness into sight.*

*Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
healing every 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 every 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

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

PRAYER HYMN: "Espíritu de Dios" ("Oh Spirit of God")

*Espíritu de Dios, llena mi vida, llena mi alma, llena mi ser.
Espíritu de Dios, llena mi vida, llena mi alma, llena mi ser.*

*Y lléname, lléname, lléname de tu presencia lléname, lléname,
de tu verdad, de tu amor.*

*Y lléname, lléname, lléname de tu presencia lléname, lléname,
de tu verdad, de tu amor. Espíritu de Dios.*

*Oh Spir-it of God, come fill my life, come fill my soul,
come fill me whole.*

*Oh Spir-it of God, come fill my life, come fill my soul,
come fill me whole.*

*Come fill me now, fill me now, fill me now;
come with your presence, fill me now, fill me now;
come with your truth; come with your love.*

*Come fill me now, fill me now, fill me now;
come with your presence, fill me now, fill me now;
come with your truth; come with your love. Oh Spir-it of God!*

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 (sung)

*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 (sung)

*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: "Peace Be Yours" (by Blair A'Hearn, c. 1997 Blair A'Hearn)

*Peace be yours. May the Lord be with you
as we gather now and your whole life through,
Blessing and mercy and wholeness, too.
May God's peace be yours.*

*Peace be yours as you scatter from here.
Anywhere you go, God is always near,
Loving and calming your deepest fear.
May God's peace be yours.*

*Seek your strength where the Lord does abide
When the greatest evil is at your side.
In Word and Sacrament Christ resides.
May God's peace be yours.*

*Always know He has conquered the one
who defies your life in God's only Son
Yours is the struggle that Christ has won.
May God's peace be yours.*

THE BLESSING