

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS AND THE WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD (657)

A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;

He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod

And wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe, Has sworn to work us woe.

With craft and dreadful might, He arms himself to fight.

On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might.

We would be lost, rejected.

But now a champion comes to fight,

Whom God Himself elected.

You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He;

Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.

He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land

All threat'ning to devour us,

We tremble not, unmoved we stand;

They cannot overpow'r us.

Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage.

His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!

One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide,

No thanks to foes, who fear it;

For God Himself fights by our side

With weapons of the Spirit.

*Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.*

The Kingdom's ours forever!

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray

People: God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

REVELATION 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice,

“Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ROMANS 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood; to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished; he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. 28 For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

JOHN 8:31-36

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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: THY STRONG WORD (578)

Thy strong Word did cleave the darkness;

At Thy speaking it was done.

For created light we thank Thee,

While Thine ordered seasons run

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia without end!

From the cross Thy wisdom shining

Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;

From the cross forever beameth

All Thy bright redeeming light.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia without end!

Give us lips to sing Thy glory,

Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,

Throats to shout the hope that fills us,

Mouths to speak Thy holy name.

Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send,

Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.

To Thee, Light from Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.

Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.

Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the Holy Trinity!

SERMON

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*(After Lord in Your Mercy all respond with **Hear our Prayer**)*

THE LORDS 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 SONG: CANTEN CON ALEGRIA

Canten con alegria las alabanzas de Cristo el Rey;

Anden en los caminos que nos mostrara su augusta grey.

Vivan los redimidos en las victorias del vencedor;

Para que todos juntos veamos las glorias del Redentor.

Come let us sing of Jesus,

our blessed Savior, Redeemer King;

Let every heart with full adoration, tribute and homage bring.

He'll be exalted in every tribe and nation the world around;

Join in the chorus, His banner o'er us,

Christians, proclaim the sound!

Cristo es la luz del mundo, y él que le sigue la luz tendrá;

Cristo es el pan de vida, y él que de él come no morirá.

Cristo es la fuente viva, y él que de él bebe no tendrá sed;

Y si quereis la vida, id a la fuente y allí bebed.

To Thee, O blessed Savior,

we lift our voices in grateful praise;

Joining our hearts sincerely with full devotion,

the song we raise.

Soon every knee in earth and in heav'n

shall bow down before thy name--

*Name ever glorious, o'er all victorious,
through endless years the same.*

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. 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.**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL 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.*