

The Ringing of the Bells and The Welcome

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES (from John 1)

Pastor: We gather, even as we live, in the name of the living God.

People: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastor: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

People: Through Him all things were made; and without Him nothing was made that has been made.

Pastor: In Him was LIFE, and that life was the light of mankind.

People: That light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it."

Pastor: The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.

People: We have seen His glory, glory as of the Father's one and only Son, full of grace and truth."

Pastor: Let us see today, with the eyes of faith, what the disciples saw on the mountain top.

People: Fill our vision with your light, and our lives with your love!

Opening Hymn: "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise; triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.*

*Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.*

*Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.*

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.

(Moment of 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:

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 SUNG RESPONSE: "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

Almighty God, on the mountain you showed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the King in all his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings (After each reading:)

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God!

2 Kings 2:6-12

⁶Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Now stay here; the LORD has ordered me to go to the River Jordan." But Elisha answered, "I swear by my loyalty to the living LORD and to you that I will not leave you." So they went on, ⁷and 50 of the prophets followed them to the Jordan. Elijah and Elisha stopped by the river, and the 50 prophets stood a short distance away. ⁸Then Elijah took off his cloak, rolled it up, and struck the water with it; the water divided, and he and Elisha crossed to the other side on dry ground. ⁹There, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what you want me to do for you before I am taken away." "Let me receive a double share of your spirit that will make me your successor," Elisha answered. ¹⁰"That is a difficult request to grant," Elijah replied. "But you will receive it if you see me as I am being taken away from you; if you don't see me, you won't receive it." ¹¹They kept talking as they walked on; then suddenly a chariot of fire pulled by horses of fire came between them, and Elijah was taken up to heaven by a whirlwind. ¹²Elisha saw it and cried out to Elijah, "My father, my father! Mighty defender of Israel! You are gone!" And he never saw Elijah again.

2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2

¹²Because we have this hope, we are very bold. We are not like Moses, who had to put a veil over his face so that the people of Israel would not see the brightness fade and disappear. ¹⁴Their minds, indeed, were closed; and to this very day their minds are covered with the same veil as they read the books of the old covenant. The veil is removed only when a person is joined to Christ. ¹⁵Even today, whenever they read the Law of Moses, the veil still covers their minds. But it can be removed, as the scripture says about Moses: "His veil was removed when he turned to the Lord." ¹⁷Now, "the Lord" in this passage is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is present, there is freedom. ¹⁸All of us, then, reflect the glory of the Lord with uncovered faces; and that same glory, coming from the Lord, who is the Spirit, transforms us into his likeness in an ever greater degree of glory. ^{4:1} God in his mercy has given us this work to do, and so we are not discouraged. ²We put aside all secret and shameful deeds; we do not act with deceit, nor do we falsify the word of God. In the full light of truth we live in God's sight and try to commend ourselves to everyone's good conscience.

Mark 9:2-9

²Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain, where they were alone. As they looked on, a change came over Jesus, and his clothes became shining white—whiter than anyone in the world could wash them. Then the three disciples saw Elijah and Moses talking with Jesus. Peter spoke up and said to Jesus, “Teacher, how good it is that we are here! We will make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He and the others were so frightened that he did not know what to say. ⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them with its shadow, and a voice came from the cloud, “This is my own dear Son—listen to him!” ⁸They took a quick look around but did not see anyone else; only Jesus was with them. ⁹As they came down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has risen from death.”

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.

KID SERMON

HYMN: “Eres Todopoderoso” (Spanish song by Juan Salinas, c. 1999, CanZion Producciones, with permission, CCLI #535024)

*La única razón de mi adoración eres tú mi Jesús...
Mi único motivo para vivir eres tú mi Señor...
Mi única verdad está en ti, Eres mi luz y mi salvación...
Mi único amor eres tu, Señor, y por siempre te alabaré...
Tú eres todo—poderoso, eres grande y majestuoso;
Eres fuerte, invensible, y no hay nadie como tú...*

*Jesus, my worship is all about you, you are the source of my hope;
Jesus, my living is rooted in you, you are the source of my life.
My only truth is found in you, O Lord,
 You are my light and you set me free;
The greatest love I have is you, O Lord,
 and forever my praises I’ll give...
For you are holy, you’re almighty,
 yet your grace is revealed in all that you do!
Yours’ the power and the glory, and there’s no one equal to you..!*

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

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: "Have No Fear, Little Flock" (# 735)

*Have no fear, little flock, have no fear, little flock,
For your Father has chosen to give you the kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock.*

*Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you in His love forever;*

Have good cheer, little flock.

*Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!*

*Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God,
For he stays close beside you, in all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!*

The Blessing