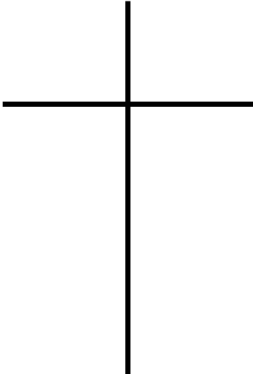


THAT THEY MAY HAVE
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“I came that they may have life and
have it abundantly.” *Jesus*

Entrance Hymn: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds (Tune: St. Peter)

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, And drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole And calms the heart's unrest;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul And to the weary, rest.

Dear name! The rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place;
My never-failing treasury filled With boundless stores of grace.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, Accept the praise I bring.

How weak the effort of my heart, How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death!

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C Make haste to help me, O Lord.

P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

C A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P And now I ask you before God, who searches the heart: Do you sincerely confess that you have failed to fear, love, and trust in God above things?

C I do confess.

P Do you confess that you have failed to love each of your neighbors as yourself?

C I do confess.

P Do you sincerely repent of all your sins and desire to do better?
C **I do repent of all of my sins, and with God's help, I promise to do better.**

P Do you believe that God, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins?
C **I believe.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 16

P Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
C **I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**
P As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.
C **The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**
P The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
C **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**
P I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
C **I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
P Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
C **For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.**
P You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
C **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Collect

P Almighty God, You graciously provide us with all that we need to live in this world and in the world to come. Help us to live with such faith in You that we would never view our neighbors as obstacles but love them all as those created, redeemed,

and called by You to live with You in Your kingdom forevermore; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:11-20

For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, “Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?” Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?” But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it. See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

Epistle Reading: Romans 5:12-18

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man’s

trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

Creed

Hymn of the Day: O God, My Faithful God (Tune: O Gott, Du Frommer Gott)

O God, my faithful God, True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within
A conscience free from blame, A soul unstained by sin.

Grant me the strength to do With ready heart and willing
Whatever You command, My calling here fulfilling;
That I do what I should While trusting You to bless
The outcome for my good, For You must give success.

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Keep me from saying words That later need recalling;
Guard me lest idle speech May from my lips be falling;
But when within my place I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace Lest I offend the weak.

Lord, let me win my foes With kindly words and actions,
And let me find good friends For counsel and correction.
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small
And by Your Spirit's might To live in peace with all.

Let me depart this life Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul That it may live forever;
And let my body have A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave; And let it sleep in peace.

And on that final day When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand, My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice, Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice With those who love Your name.

Sermon

Offering

Prayers

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** For the Holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, that all would believe that true life is found only in Christ Jesus and rejoice that God creates, redeems, and calls every human life as His own precious treasure, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- [P]** For our Christian witness, that the Gospel of Jesus Christ would motivate us to speak His truth and show His love to every neighbor, no matter what age, appearance, or ability, let us pray to the Lord:
- [C] Lord, have mercy.**
- [P]** For our country and all those in positions of authority, that God would grant them wisdom to create and enforce laws which promote justice and the general welfare of all people, especially the unborn, the vulnerable, the sick, and the dying, let us pray to the Lord:
- [C] Lord, have mercy.**
- [P]** For all medical professionals, that Jesus, the Great Physician of body and soul, would use them to bring compassion, relief, and health, and that they would reject every temptation to use death as a solution to suffering, let us pray to the Lord:
- [C] Lord, have mercy.**
- [P]** For those considering abortion, for the barren, those awaiting adoption, those enduring chronic pain, and those approaching death, that our Heavenly Father would sustain them in their distresses and open our hearts and hands to embrace, accompany, and encourage them, let us pray to the Lord:
- [C] Lord, have mercy.**
- [P]** For those who permit, promote, and participate in abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and other violences against life, and especially for those whose hearts have been broken by the abortion of their own children, that God would forgive them and turn them from their sin to receive His healing, let us pray to the Lord:
- [C] Lord, have mercy.**
- [P]** For our brothers and sisters suffering injuries, illnesses, or disabilities (especially ...), that the good Lord would visit them in their affliction through the fellowship of His body, preserve their life and their faith, and grant both quick remedy and complete recovery, let us pray to the Lord:
- [C] Lord, have mercy.**
- [P]** For all those celebrating the gift of earthly life, especially _____, that our Lord of life would continue to bless and keep them in His grace all their days and finally lead them to their heavenly home at His side, let us pray to the Lord:
- [C] Lord, have mercy.**
- [P]** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- [C] Amen.**

The service may continue with the liturgy of the Lord's Supper according to local custom.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: Thanks to Thee, O Christ Victorious (Tune: Werde Munter)

Thanks to Thee, O Christ, victorious! Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!
Death hath now no power o'er us, Thou hast conquered in the strife.
Thanks because Thou didst arise And hast opened paradise!
None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.

Thou hast died for my transgression, All my sins on Thee were laid;
Thou hast won for me salvation, On the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise And shall meet Thee in the skies.
Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.

For the joy Thine advent gave me, For Thy holy, precious Word;
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me, For Thy blest Communion board;
For Thy death, the bitter scorn, For Thy resurrection morn,
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee, And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.



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