

Welcome

Welcome Sequence

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: We are Gathered by God--

C: To Share the Love of Jesus!

Prayer for Blessing on the Word

P: Let us pray. Lord our God:

C: We gather in Your house to hear Your Word and call on You in prayer and praise. Bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a Word of power and peace. By Your Word, gather those not yet Your own and grow those who have already come to faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, from the lip to the life, and from one life to another, that as You have promised, Your Word will not return to You empty, but it will accomplish the holy purposes for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord; Amen.

Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing;

Let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior;

The hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains;

my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.

Forever, Author of salvation;

He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures;

Fill my life again.

I give my life to follow, everything I believe in;

Now I surrender.

Savior, He can move the mountains;

my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.

Forever, Author of salvation;

He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

Shine your light, and let the whole world see

We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

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Rock Of Ages

**There is no rock, There is no god like our God. No other name worthy of all our praise.
The Rock of salvation that cannot be moved, He's proven Himself to be faithful and true.
There is no rock, there is no god like ours.**

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**Rock of Ages; Jesus is the Rock! Rock of Ages; Jesus is the Rock!
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My Reward

**I want to hear You say the words to me, "Well done."
I want to hear You say, "Good and faithful servant."
I want to hear You say, "I've prepared a place for you,
"Let all the treasures of this world fade away."**

**Jesus, You are my reward. To hear Your voice on that day is all I'm living for.
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Invocation

**P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.**

Introit

P: Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,

C: who greatly delights in His commandments!

P: Wealth and riches are in his house,

C: and his righteousness endures forever.

P: Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;

C: he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

P: It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;

C: who conducts his affairs with justice.

P: For the righteous will never be moved;

C: he will be remembered forever.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever; Amen.

P: Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,

C: who greatly delights in His commandments!

Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together:

C: O God, since Your mercy always precedes and follows us, help us to abandon our tendency toward strife, anger and rivalries, and to find in Your kindness the wisdom of our Creator, the love of our Savior, and the encouragement of our Comforter; for You indeed are the Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever; Amen.

Old Testament—Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

^{5:6} Seek the Lord and live, lest He break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, ^{5:7} O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth!

^{5:10} They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. ^{5:11} Therefore because you trample on the poor and exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

^{5:12} For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins--you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. ^{5:13} Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time.

^{5:14} Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. ^{5:15} Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle—Hebrews 3:12-19

^{3:12} Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ^{3:13} But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ^{3:14} For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

^{3:15} As it is said, "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." ^{3:16} For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ^{3:17} And with whom was He provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ^{3:18} And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? ^{3:19} So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

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Children's Ministry

Come, Let Us Return

Come, come let us return to the Lord. Come, come let us return to the Lord.

In brokenness of heart we consecrate our lives, singing: Come, come let us return to the Lord.

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Come, come let us return to the Lord.

With the rending of a heart, with the bowing of a knee--

Lord, we are returning.

With a prayer and with a fast, with a song in minor key--

Lord, we are repenting.

Even now, even now, with all of our hearts—

For You may turn, You may leave a blessing behind.

Come, come let us return to the Lord. Come, come let us return to the Lord.

In brokenness of heart we consecrate our lives, singing: Come, come let us return to the Lord.

In Your mercy You will come, In Your mercy You will come!

Surely as the rising sun, Surely as the rising sun!

In Your mercy You will come, In Your mercy You will come!

Surely as the rising sun, Surely as the rising sun!

Come, come let us return to the Lord. Come, come let us return to the Lord.

In brokenness of heart we consecrate our lives, singing: Come, come let us return to the Lord.

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Confession & Absolution

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another...

(In silence we acknowledge our sin before the Lord.)

P: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

C: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

P: Amen!

C: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

C: Amen!

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

What A Friend

**Everybody has trials and temptations. Everybody knows heart break, isolation.
But we can lay our burdens down, lay our burdens down.**

**What a friend we have in Jesus! East to west my sins are gone.
I see grace on every horizon, And forever and ever His heart is my home.**

**Everybody has fears, everybody got worries. Everybody knows sorrow, devastation.
But we can lay our burdens down, lay our burdens down.**

**What a friend we have in Jesus! East to west my sins are gone.
I see grace on every horizon, And forever and ever His heart is my home.**

**No more betrayal, for He is faithful, He fills me up and my cup runneth over.
No more betrayal, for He is faithful, How He has proven it over and over.
No more betrayal, for He is faithful, He fills me up and my cup runneth over.
No more betrayal, for He is faithful How He has proven it over and over over and over--**

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Holy Gospel—Mark 10:17-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

^{10:17} And as [Jesus] was setting out on His journey, a man ran up and knelt before Him and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ^{10:18} And Jesus said, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ^{10:19} You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" ^{10:20} And [the man] said to [Jesus], "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth."

^{10:21} And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you'll have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ^{10:22} Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

“Called to Kindness”

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But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Sermon Scriptures

**Note then the kindness and the severity of God:
severity toward those who have fallen,
but God's kindness to you,
provided you continue in His kindness.
Otherwise you too will be cut off.**

Romans 11:22 (ESV)

How Can I Thank You, Lord

**How can I thank You, Lord, For all Your loving-kindness,
That You have patiently Borne with me in my blindness!
When dead in many sins And trespasses I lay,
I kindled, holy God, Your anger ev'ry day.**

**It is Your work alone That I am now converted;
O'er Satan's work in me You have Your pow'r asserted.
Your mercy and Your grace That rise afresh each morn
Have turned my stony heart Into a heart newborn.**

**Lord, You have raised me up To joy and exultation
And clearly shown the way That leads me to salvation.
My sins are washed away; For this I thank You, Lord.
Now with my heart and soul All evil I abhor.**

**Grant that Your Spirit's help To me be always given
Lest I should fall again And lose the way to heaven.
Grant that He give me strength In my infirmity;
May He renew my heart To serve You willingly.**

**O Father, God of love, Now hear my supplication;
O Savior, Son of God, Accept my adoration;
O Holy Spirit, be My ever faithful guide
That I may serve You here And there with You abide.**

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Apostles' Creed

C: 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.

Prayers of the Church

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I: Ancient of Days, You revealed to man Your benevolence and generosity when You gave us life and mastery over Your creation as a gift for our well-being and joy. Your steadfast love repeatedly raises Your Church from the ashes of our sin and failures, just as a faithful spouse nurtures and supports their loved one. May Your Church seek to exhort and help one another in every difficult time, confident in the redemption won by Christ, whom You sent to overcome the world, sin and death. Let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Great Redeemer, You are mindful of mankind, providing all that we need: sustenance and blessing for our daily living, grace redemption from our eternal enemies, and the guidance and strength we need to live and serve as Your people. You bless Your people in the same way a parent loves, nourishes and shelters their child. By Your holy Spirit give fathers and mothers the same thoughtfulness You give Your Church, that they may always give their children the tenderness and assurance they need. Let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

I: Good Shepherd, raise up servants from within Your Church to serve, instruct, and lead Your flock. May St. Paul's Missions Team share the love of Jesus with all whom they seek to bless. Preserve our Pastor, Adam; our Bishop, Derek; and our Synod President, Matthew. Strengthen them daily so they may radiate the love and care You graciously pour into Your Church. Let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, Your mercy and kindness comfort us when we are suffering and in need. The promise of eternal life, and the presence of Your Holy Spirit sustain us in times of doubt, pain, illness and self-loathing. Deliver us from the anguish wrought by injury and sickness of both the body and mind, especially in those whom we commend now to Your mercy and kindness... Let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

I: In Christ, wisdom made flesh, we hear that we are to love our neighbors as ourselves, doing good and expecting nothing in return. May Your Church heed this lesson and reflect His kindness to a hostile world, the same world that He loved, even to the point of His own death on a cross. May all peoples heed Christ's wisdom, so they show empathy and generosity to their neighbor, rather than seek profit and gain at the expense of others. May all civic, national, and world leaders reflect the brilliance of Christ's Word, so that strife between nations may be healed and conflict be averted. Let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: May all who look upon the altar this day see there the very house of God and gate of heaven, where Christ is bodily present in the Sacrament to forgive, heal and renew us granting us His true righteousness and holiness. Let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

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Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray: God, whose giving knows no ending,

C: We know how to thank You when we receive from Your kindness. But at this moment, we thank You for the opportunity to give of ourselves, imitating Your kindness. In our giving, receive our heartfelt gratitude for all that You are and all that we have from Your hand. Bless these gifts and put them to use so that Your kindness may be known throughout the world and bless us to join You in sharing the love of Jesus by our words and deeds. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

Communion - Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Christ our Lord! You have called us as Your people and have shown us Your kindness day by day, morning and evening, making us confident of Your mercy. As we again receive Your kindness in this holy meal, secure us in Your salvation and by it give us a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom! Therefore, with Your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Communion - Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might! Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Communion – Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Lord's Prayer

P: Now as our Savior has taught us, so we are bold to pray:

C: 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.

Communion - Agnus Dei

**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.**

Instructions for Receiving Holy Communion

O Lord, We Praise Thee

**O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee, In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!**

**Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!**

**May God bestow on us His grace and favor That we follow Christ our Savior,
And live together here in love and union Nor despise this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!**

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Communion - Reception

**P: Take, eat: this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
C: Amen
P: Take, drink: this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins.
C: Amen**

Communion - Dismissal

**P: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.
C: Amen.**

Communion - Collect

**P: Let us pray together:
C: 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 through the same 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.**

Benedicamus

P: Let us bless the Lord;

C: Thanks be to God!

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Reflection

Let my life be a reflection Of the love that You have shown.

Let Your love be my direction, And my heart be Your home.

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Let Your love be my direction, And my heart be Your home.

**Until the trumpet sounds and the heavens part, And the moon is red and the sky is dark;
'Til the heavens shake and the mountains quake, And the stones cry out Your name;
'Til the hills are sweet and filled with cream, 'Til the young ones see and the old ones dream;
The angel flies, the sleeping rise, And the mysteries are plain.**

Let my life be a reflection Of the love that You have shown.

Let Your love be my direction, And my heart be Your home.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Until the trumpet sounds and the heavens part, And the moon is red and the sky is dark;
'Til the heavens shake and the mountains quake, And the stones cry out Your name;
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Sending

P: We are Gathered by God--

C: to Share the Love of Jesus!

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Farwell and God's Blessings

Postlude

Remember. Reflect. Give thanks!