

# The Order of Service

## The Greeting

- P** This is the day that the Lord has made. | **P** We are transformed in Christ  
**C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it. | **C** to share the hope of eternal life.

## Welcome and the Sharing of the Peace

### Opening Hymn ..... **"Fools in Their Hearts Believe and Say"**

- 1. Fools in their hearts believe and say  
That all religion's vain,  
"There is no God that reigns on high  
Or minds th'affairs of men." ↗**
- 2. The Lord from His celestial throne  
Looked down on things below  
To find the man that sought His grace,  
Or did His justice know.**
- 3. By nature all are gone astray,  
Their practice all the same;  
There's none that fears his Maker's hand;  
There's none that loves His name. ↗**
- 4. Are sinners now so senseless grown  
That they the saints devour?  
And never worship at Thy throne,  
Nor fear Thine awful pow'r?**
- 5. Great God, appear to their surprise;  
Reveal Thy dreadful name;  
Let them no more Thy wrath despise,  
Nor turn our hope to shame. ↗**
- 6. Oh, that the joyful day were come  
To finish our distress!  
When God shall bring His children home,  
Our songs shall never cease.**

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## The Invocation

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

## Opening Sentences

*Psalm 14:1, 3, 7*

- P** The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."  
**C** They are corrupt; they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good.  
**P** The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man  
**C** to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

**P** They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;

**C** **there is none who does good, not even one.**

**P** Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!

**C** **When the Lord restores the fortunes of His people, let Jacob rejoice; let Israel be glad.**

### **Confession and Absolution** *Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5; John 20:19-23*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**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.**

### **The Kyrie**

*based on Acts 16, Mark 7, and Ephesians 5*

**P** O Lord, as You guide Your church according to Your will,

**C** **have mercy upon us.**

**P** O Christ, as we are called not only to worship with our lips but also with our hearts,

**C** **have mercy upon us.**

**P** O Lord, as You cleansed Your church through washing of the water with the Word,  
**C** have mercy upon us.

**Hymn of Praise • 602 .....“The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”**

**The Salutation**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

**The Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, defend Your church from all false teaching and error, that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**The First Reading**

**Acts 16:6-15**

***The Macedonian Call***

<sup>6</sup> And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. <sup>7</sup> And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. <sup>8</sup> So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. <sup>9</sup> And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup> And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

<sup>11</sup> So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. <sup>13</sup> And on the Sabbath day, we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup> One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **The Epistle**

## **Ephesians 5:22-33**

***Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.***

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup> In the same way, husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> “Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Verse**

***Jeremiah 15:16a***

**P** Alleluia. Your words were found, and I ate them,

**C** and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.

## **The Holy Gospel**

## **Mark 7:1-13**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

***“This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.”***

Now when the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup> (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, <sup>4</sup> and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe,

such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.)<sup>5</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”<sup>6</sup> And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;  
<sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’  
<sup>8</sup> You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

<sup>9</sup> And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! <sup>10</sup> For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ <sup>11</sup> But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, ‘Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God)—<sup>12</sup> then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, <sup>13</sup> thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **The Children’s Message**

### **Sermon Hymn • 589 ..... “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”**

#### **The Sermon**

#### **The 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.

#### **The Offering**

##### ***Three ways to give:***

- 1) offering plate—cash or check.**
- 2) online at [holycrossstegen.org](http://holycrossstegen.org) • Click the “Give” icon.**
- 3) by mail.**

*Please stand as the offering is brought forward.*

## **The Offertory**

**Psalm 51:10-12**



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## **The Prayer of the Church**

- P** Guard Your people, O Lord; let not our hearts be empty of faith nor our minds filled with pride. Give us a healthy respect for the things of old, which we have received from those who have gone before, and give us a living faith that trusts not in works but in Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give grace to Your church, that she be built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets and Christ, the chief cornerstone, but also that she faithfully pass on the Gospel to those to come. Bless all pastors and church workers in their vocations to serve us with Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give grace to the leaders of this and every land, that every people may enjoy good government, peace among the nations, security in their homes, and reward for virtue.

Bless us in our service to our neighbor and those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Give grace to the catechumens and to the newly baptized, that they diligently seek the instruction of Your Word to grow in the knowledge of our Lord and so become steadfast and immovable in the face of challenge or temptation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Give grace to those afflicted in body or mind, that they may rest their cares upon You and be kept strong in the day of trouble, [*especially . . .*], and those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Give grace that those who come to the Lord's Table may approach with clean hearts, with repentance for their sins, and with confidence that they receive here the body and blood of our Lord in this bread and cup. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*Additional prayers and petitions may be added.*

**P** Give grace so that we may be grateful for Your blessings new every morning and we may be generous in sharing from Your abundant gifts to those in need. Be with the unemployed and those just entering the workforce, that our labors may be fruitful for our benefit and for Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Give grace that we may not disdain the living faith of the dead whose witness daily encourages our own faithfulness nor abandon the sacred tradition we have received but keep it with holy hearts and confess it with bold voices. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** For these and all of our prayers, we ask that you would hear and answer us according to Your good and gracious will. In Jesus' name.

**C** Amen.

## **Service of the Sacrament**

### **The Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**2 Timothy 4:2**

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**Colossians 3:1**

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

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

**Psalms 136**

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

## The 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## The Sanctus *∞ Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9**



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** 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 faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, 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. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **The Words of Our Lord**

*Matthew 26:26-28*

**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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **The Proclamation of Christ**

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.

## The Pax Domini *↻ The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## The Agnus Dei *↻ The Lamb of God*

John 1:29



**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



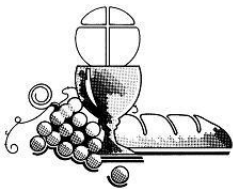
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.



### The Distribution of Holy Communion

*The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine. We believe the Lord's Supper is a means of grace in that it provides forgiveness of sins and strengthening of our faith. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal.*

*Participants are encouraged to ask these questions: Do I believe that I am a sinner and am truly sorry for my sins? Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior and that it is His true body and blood given to me along with the bread and wine? Do I intend with the help of God to repent of sin as I seek to follow Him?*

*If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold to a different confession of faith, please come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.*

**Communion Hymn • 547** ..... **"The Lamb"**

**Communion Hymn • 576** .... **"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**

**Communion Hymn • 707** .... **"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"**

**The Nunc Dimittis** ∞ *The Song of Simeon*

*Luke 2:29-32*

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

**The Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake, You have

given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **The Benediction**

**Numbers 6:24-26**

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

**C** Amen.

## **Closing Hymn.....“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go”**

- 1. Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,  
My daily labor to pursue,  
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know  
In all I think or speak or do. ↗**
- 2. The task Thy wisdom has assigned,  
O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
In all my works Thy presence find,  
And prove Thy good and perfect will.**
- 3. Thee may I set at my right hand,  
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
And labor on at Thy command,  
And offer all my works to Thee. ↗**
- 4. Give me to bear Thine easy yoke,  
And ev’ry moment watch and pray,  
And still to things eternal look,  
And hasten to Thy glorious day.**
- 5. For Thee delightfully employ  
Whate’er Thy bounteous grace has giv’n,  
And run my course with even joy,  
And closely walk with Thee to heav’n.**

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