

*Be merciful,*  
**JUST AS YOUR FATHER**  
*is merciful.*  
**LUKE 6:36**

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☞ WELCOME ☞

Welcome to all in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit!  
If you are a guest today, we welcome you and invite you to worship with us again.  
Please sign our guest register.

## THE DIVINE SERVICE

*Rite One*

### I. The Service of Preparation

#### THE OPENING PRAYER

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

#### THE ENTRANCE HYMN

**411: Christians, Come, in Sweetest Measures**

#### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

#### THE KYRIE ELEISON (*Lord, have mercy*)

**C: [sing, p. 42] O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.  
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.**

#### THE ABSOLUTION

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. Amen.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (*Glory to God in the Highest*)

P: Glory be to God in the highest.

C: [sing p. 44] **And on earth peace, good will toward men.  
All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended!  
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended;  
God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again;  
O thank Him for His Goodness!**

THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: [sing, p. 45] **And with your spirit.**

THE COLLECT (*Prayer of the Day*)

C: **O Lord God, heavenly Father: You are merciful, and through Christ promised us that You will neither judge nor condemn us, but graciously forgive us all our sins, and abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul: We pray that by Your Holy Spirit You would establish in our hearts a confident faith in Your mercy, and teach us also to be merciful to our neighbor, that we may not judge or condemn others, but willingly forgive all, and, judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives in Your fear; through Your dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.**  
[sing, p. 45] **Amen.**

## II. The Service of The Word

### THE OLD TESTAMENT — Isaiah 58:6–12

*“The LORD Will Guide You Always”*

“Is this not the fast that I have chosen:

To loose the bonds of wickedness,

To undo the heavy burdens,

To let the oppressed go free,

And that you break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out;

When you see the naked, that you cover him,

And not hide yourself from your own flesh?

Then your light shall break forth like the morning,

Your healing shall spring forth speedily,  
And your righteousness shall go before you;  
The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.'

"If you take away the yoke from your midst,  
The pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,  
If you extend your soul to the hungry  
And satisfy the afflicted soul,  
Then your light shall dawn in the darkness,  
And your darkness shall be as the noonday.  
The LORD will guide you continually,  
And satisfy your soul in drought,  
And strengthen your bones;  
You shall be like a watered garden,  
And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.  
Those from among you  
Shall build the old waste places;  
You shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach,  
The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In. <sup>(NKJV)</sup>

## GRADUAL

- P: O LORD, provide atonement for our sins.  
C: **Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"**  
P: Help us, O God of our salvation,  
C: **For the glory of Your Name deliver us.**  
P: You sat on the throne judging in righteousness;  
C: **Be a Refuge for the oppressed in times of trouble.**  
P: Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers,  
C: **Praise Him and highly exalt Him forever.**

## THE EPISTLE — Romans 8:18–23

*Creation Waits for the Freedom of the Saints*

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the

redemption of our body. <sup>(NKJV)</sup>

## THE HOLY GOSPEL — St. Luke 6:36–42

*Compassionate Love*

Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. “Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” And He spoke a parable to them: “Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher. And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the plank that is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother’s eye. <sup>(NKJV)</sup>

### RESPONSE

P: Here end the Scripture readings.

C: [sing, p. 46] **God be prais-éd for His glad tidings.**

### THE CREED

P: Having heard God’s Word, we confess our Christian faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,**

**the only-begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
Very God of Very God,  
Begotten, not made,**

**Being of one substance with the Father,  
By Whom all things were made;**

**Who for us men and for our salvation**

**came down from heaven**

**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary  
and was made man;**

**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures;  
and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
Who spoke by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead  
and the Life of the world to come.

C: [sing, p. 47] Amen.

THE CHIEF HYMN 470, Vss. 1-4: O God, Thou Faithful God

THE SERMON **“Get Your Eyes Examined”** St. Luke 6:36-42

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit ✠ be with you all. Amen.

THE OFFERING — *Basket placed at entrance to the Sanctuary*

HYMN VERSE

C: [sing] **We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’re the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

### III. The Service of Holy Communion

*Guests and visitors, please read the important information about our  
communion practice on the bulletin insert.*

THE PREFACE

P: The LORD be with you.

C: [sing, p. 50] **And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts unto the LORD.

C: [sing, p. 50] **We lift up our hearts unto the LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

C: [sing, p. 50] **It is good and right so to do.**

## 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, who with Your only begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. 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*)

C: [sing, pp. 51, 52] **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## THE EXHORTATION

P: Dear friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ: "This is My body, which is given for you; this is My Blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins," you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare.

From Christ's words "For the remission of sins," you should believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all of your sins.

And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says "Take, eat; drink of it, all of you," and "This do in remembrance of Me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins.

You should also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

C: [sing, p. 53] **Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "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, gave thanks, and 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 and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## THE AGNUS DEI (*Lamb of God*)

C: [sing p. 55] **O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen**

## THE DISTRIBUTION

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**315: Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee**

### THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

**325: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee**

## THE COLLECT OF THANKSGIVING

P: We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with our Savior's Body and Blood in, with and under the bread and wine. We pray that You would strengthen us through this Sacrament in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: [sing p. 56] **Amen.**

## THE BENEDICTION

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

C: [sing p. 57] **Amen, amen, amen.**

## THE CLOSING HYMN

**459: Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us**

## THE CLOSING PRAYER

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.