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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                      **252, Vss 1-3, 5: I Walk in Danger All the Way**

#### 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 SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

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

### THE COLLECT *(Prayer of the Day)*

C: **Lord God, heavenly Father, through Your Son You have promised us that whatever we ask in His name You will give us: We beseech You, keep us in Your Word, and grant us Your Holy Spirit, that He may govern us according to Your will; protect us from the power of the devil, and false doctrine and worship; and also defend our lives against all danger. Grant us Your blessing and peace, that we may in all things perceive Your merciful help, and both now and forever praise and glorify You as our gracious Father; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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

OLD TESTAMENT — Jeremiah 29:11–14  
*The LORD Desires Peace for His People*

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive. <sup>NKJV</sup>

## GRADUAL

P: Christ, who has redeemed us with His blood

**C: Has risen and appeared to us.**

P: If I am lifted up from the earth

**C: I will draw all peoples to Myself.**

P: I came forth from the Father and have come into the world.

**C: Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.**

P: Hallelujah! Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**C: Therefore let us keep the feast. Hallelujah!**

## EPISTLE — James 1:22–27

*Admonition to Living Worship*

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. <sup>NKJV</sup>

## HOLY GOSPEL — St. John 16:23–30

*Prayer in the Name of Jesus*

“And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. “These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.” His disciples said to Him, “See, now You are speaking

plainly, and using no figure of speech! Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God.” <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 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**

**From there he shall 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.**

C: [sing, p. 46] **Amen.**

## HYMN

**384: Our Father, Throned in Heaven Above**

## THE SERMON

*“Be Doers of the Word”*

James 1:22-27

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### 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. Amen.**

### 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.**

### OFFERING

### 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.**

### HYMN

**63: Now Thank We All Our God**

### THE COLLECT

**P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You gather Your people into Your Christian Church. We humbly ask, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and finally obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.**

**C: [sing p. 58] 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. 59] Amen, amen, amen.**

## 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.

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been  
saved...  
Ephesians 2:5