

## Welcome

### Prelude (I Shall Not Be Moved)

### Opening Song

#### Do Lord/Psalm 27

Refrain: Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me.  
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Look away beyond the blue.

- 1 I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun. (3 times)  
Look away beyond the blue. (Refrain)
- 2 I have Jesus as my Savior; you have him too. (3 times)  
Look away beyond the blue. (Refrain)
- 3 Glory be to God the Father, and to God the Son  
Glory be to God the Spirit, ever Three in One  
As it was in the beginning now till time is done,  
I will dwell in the house of the Lord (Refrain)

### Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

## Confession and Absolution

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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

- P** Steal, Jesus, steal from us  
**C** The grudge that we will not let go, the pain that we will not let heal, the sin we most condemn in others and most disguise in ourselves.
- P** Liberate, Jesus, liberate  
**C** The hands that care only for one body, the eyes that focus on what they want to see, the tongues that condemn the petty but never challenge the powerful.
- P** Join, Jesus, join in us  
**C** the frayed ends of broken temper, the prose of conviction to the practice of commitment, the tip of our fingers to the hem of your garment.
- P** Love, Jesus, love in us  
**C** The self we most despair, the self we often hide, the self we throw at others because we cannot live with it ourselves.
- P** And when you have stolen the sin in us, liberated the gifts in us, mended the brokenness of us, and loved the whole of us,  
**C** Give us grace to do for others what you have done for us.

### Declaration of Grace

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- P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on us the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 143:1–2, 8a; antiphon: v. 11*

- P** For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
- C** **Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**
- P** Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.
- C** **Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.**
- 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.**
- P** For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

## Song of Praise

### I Saw the Light

- 1 I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in  
Then Jesus came like stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

Refrain: I saw the light, I saw the light,  
No more darkness, no more night  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

- 2 Just like a blind man I wandered along,  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own.  
The like a blind man that God gave back his sight,  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light. (Refrain)
- 3 I was a fool to wander astray,  
Straight is the gate and narrow the way.  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right,  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light. (Refrain)

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** We pray.  
O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Amos 7:7–15*

- <sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand.
- <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; <sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."
- <sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."
- <sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."
- <sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. <sup>15</sup>But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:3–14*

- <sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for

adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,<sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,<sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight<sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ<sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,<sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.<sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,<sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Song

### This Little Light of Mine

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 2 Hide it under a bushel, No! I'm gonna let it shine.  
Hide it under a bushel, No! I'm gonna let it shine.  
Hide it under a bushel, No! I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 3 Won't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Won't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Won't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 4 Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## Alleluia and Verse

*Matthew 5:10*

**P** Alleluia. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 6:14–29*

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

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

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup>For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

<sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup>And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." <sup>25</sup>And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup>And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup>and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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

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

## Old Roman Symbol (Creed)

**C** I believe in God the Father almighty;

and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, Who was born from the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, Who under Pontius Pilate was crucified and buried, on the third day He rose again from the dead, ascended into heaven sits at the right hand of the Father, whence He will come to judge the living and the dead;  
and in the Holy Spirit, the holy Church, the remission of sins, and the resurrection of the flesh. Amen

## Song of the Day

### Victory in Jesus

- 1 I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,  
How He gave His life on Calvary, to save a wretch like me.  
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood atoning,  
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

Refrain: O, victory in Jesus, my Savior forever,  
He sought me, and bought me with His redeeming blood.  
He loved me 'ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him  
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

- 2 I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing,  
How He made the lame to walk again, and caused the blind to see.  
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit."  
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. (Refrain)

## Sermon

### *"Under Attack"*

Mark 6:14-29

## Song of Response

### Are You Washed in the Blood?

- 1 Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power,  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?  
Are you fully trusting His grace this hour,  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Refrain: Are you washed, in the blood, in the soul-cleansing blood of the lamb?  
Are your garments spotless, are they white as snow?  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

- 2 Are you walking daily by the Savior's side,  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?  
Do you rest each moment in the crucified,  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? (Refrain)
- 3 Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin,  
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb.  
There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean,  
O be washed in the blood of the Lamb. (Refrain)

## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

- ☩ 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.**

## Offering

## Song of Benediction

### God Be with You till We Meet Again

- 1 God be with you till we meet again; by His counsels guide, uphold you;  
With His sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain: Till we meet (till we meet), till we meet again,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet (till we meet)  
God be with you till we meet again.

- 2 God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,  
Put His arms unfailing round you. God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)
- 3 God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you;  
Smite death's threat'ning wave before you. God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

### **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 upon you with favor and +† give you peace.

**C** Amen.

### **Closing Song**

#### **Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**

- 1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms,  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms,  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

- 2 O, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms,  
O, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms,  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

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