

52nd Annual Convention | March 3-4, 2023



Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

University of West Florida Conference Center
Worship Guide

Morning Prayer Rite II

Friday, March 3, 2023

All stand. The Officiant begins the service saying,

Jesus said, "If anyone will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." *Mark 8:34*

The Invitatory

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The congregation is seated

Song

Blessed Assurance

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

2 Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **[Refrain]**

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **[Refrain]**

A Scripture Reading

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you

believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Bishop's Address

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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, for ever and ever. *Amen*

Suffrages A

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

A Collect for Friday

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings follow.

Blessing of the Chrism *The Bishop will bless the oil for Chrism. Clergy may collect oil later.*

Officiant and People pray the following collect together,

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20-21*

**The Convention will convene for business,
immediately following the conclusion of Morning Prayer**

THE MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

Officiant	Sally Crenshaw	Holy Trinity, Pensacola
Readers	Kelley Theriot	Holy Trinity, Pensacola
	Jeannie Williams	Holy Trinity, Pensacola

The New Zealand Prayer Book

Night Prayer

Night Prayer derives its content from the wisdom of the centuries in Scripture and above all in the psalms, but also from contemporary Christian experience of God. It celebrates the awareness that each of us who tries to pray is a part of the human whole. So we are taken over the threshold from daytime, not in a mood of self-centered spirituality, but as representatives of humanity, acknowledging our creaturehood before God.

Leader: The angels of God guard us through the night,

People: and quieten the powers of darkness.

Leader: The Spirit of God be our guide

People: to lead us to peace and to glory.

Leader: It is but lost labor that we haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of anxiety. For those beloved of God are given gifts even while they sleep.

Silence

Leader: My sisters and brothers, our help is in the name of the eternal God,

People: who is making the heavens and the earth.

Leader: Dear God, thank you for all that is good, for our creation and for our humanity, for the stewardship you have given us of this planet earth, for the gifts of life and of one another, for your love which is unbounded and eternal. O God, most holy and beloved, my Companion, my Guide upon the way, my bright evening star. We repent the wrongs we have done:

Silence

Leader: We have wounded your love.

People: O God, heal us.

Leader: We stumble in the darkness.

People: Light of the world transfigure us.

Leader: We forget that we are your home.

People: Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Leader: Eternal Spirit, living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you, to the very secret of our hearts and all that rises to trouble us. Living flame burn into us, cleansing wind, blow through us, fountain of water, well up within us, that we may love and praise in deed and in truth.

Leader: Eternal Spirit, flow through our being and open our lips,

People: that our mouths may proclaim your praise.

Leader: Let us worship the God of love.

Psalm 31

O God, I have come to you for shelter:

let me never be put to shame.

Deliver me in the justice of your ways:

incline your ear to me and be swift to save me.

Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:

for you are my rock and my stronghold.

Lead me and guide me for your name's sake:

deliver me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me,
for you are my strength.

Into your hands I commit my spirit,

for you will redeem me, eternal God of truth.

The following passage of scripture is read.

It is the God who said, Let light shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. *2 Corinthians 4:6-10*

Silence may follow the reading.

Prayers

Leader: Into your hands, O God, I commend my spirit,

People: for you have redeemed me, O God of truth and love.

Leader: Keep me, O God, as the apple of an eye;

People: hide me under the shadow of your wings.

The following antiphons is said together, before the Nunc Dimittis.

Preserve us, O God, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep may rest in your peace.

Song of Simeon Nunc dimittis *said together*

Praise be to God, I have lived to see this day.
God's promise is fulfilled, and my duty done.

At last you have given me peace,
for I have seen with my own eyes
the salvation you have prepared for all nations -
a light to the world in its darkness,
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to God, sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,
as in the beginning, so now, and forever. *Amen.*

Preserve us, O God, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep may rest in your peace.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The minister and people pray responsively.

Leader: I will lie down in peace and take my rest,

People: for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid.

Leader: Let us bless the Earth-maker, the Pain-bearer, the Life-giver,

People: let us praise and exalt God above all forever.

Leader: May God's name be praised beyond the furthest star,

People: glorified and exalted above all forever.

The Leader continues:

Lord, it is night.

The night is for stillness.

Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.

What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be.

The night is dark.

Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you.

The night is quiet.

Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.

Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities.

In your name we pray. *Amen*

The blessing of God, the eternal goodwill of God, the shalom of God, the wildness and the warmth of God, be among us and between us, now and always. *Amen.*

The service concludes.

Leader: The divine Spirit dwells in us.

People: Thanks be to God

**A reception will follow the conclusion of the service, in the lounge area.
The Convention will reconvene in the morning at 9:00 AM.**

THE MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

Officials

Deborah Knight-Epps
Cris Turnage

Candidate to be Ordained Deacon, March 25, 2023
St. Cyprian's, Pensacola

The Holy Eucharist

Saturday, March 4, 2023

The Word of God

All stand

The Hymn at the Procession **I come with joy to meet my Lord**

- 1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.
- 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known: we see and praise him here.
- 5 Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways
and as his people in the world we'll live and speak his praise

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **God's mercy endures forever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise **Surely The Presence**

- 1 Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
- 2 Surely the Spirit of the Lord is here in love;
and it brings God's peace as quietly as a dove.
I can see the glow of angel's wings shining brightly from above.
Surely the Spirit of the Lord is here in love.
- 3 Surely the blessing of the Lord is in my heart;
and its here when we're together or apart.
I can feel the brush of angel's wings and I know how great thou art.
Surely the blessing of the Lord is in my heart.

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Lessons *The people are seated*

Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalm 121 *said responsively by verse*

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

2 **My help comes from the, ***
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 **Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel ***
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

6 **So that the sun shall not strike you by day, ***
nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 **The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, ***
from this time forth for evermore.

The Sequence Hymn

Wind, Wind

Refrain

Wind, wind, blow on me; wind, wind set me free;
wind, wind, my Father sent the blessed Holy Spirit.

1 Jesus told us all about You,
how we could not live without You,
with His blood the power brought to
help us live the life He taught. **[Refrain]**

2 When we’re weary You console us:
when we’re lonely You enfold us;
when in danger You uphold us;
Blessed Holy Spirit. **[Refrain]**

3 When unto the church You came, it was
not in Your own but Jesus name,
Jesus Christ is still the same, He
sends the Holy Spirit. **[Refrain]**

4 Set us free to love our brothers;
set us free to live for others,
that the world the Son might see and
Jesus’ name exalted be. **[Refrain]**

The Gospel

Remain standing

John 3:1-17

NICODEMUS A reading from the Gospel of John. Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews who came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.”

JESUS Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.

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**ALL For God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but may have eternal life.
Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.**

The Sermon

All of us

Celebrant Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all People, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us in eternal life by his grace; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE RENEWAL OF VOWS TO ORDAINED MINISTRY

The Deacons will stand. The Bishop says these words,

You have accepted the call of God to study and be nourished by the Scriptures, and to model your life upon them; to proclaim the Gospel, and to make Christ and his redemptive work known by your word and example; to interpret for the Church the needs, concerns and hopes of the world; and to assist the bishop and priests in public worship and the ministration of God's Word and Sacraments. As the ordained sign of the Church's servant ministry, do you, here in the presence of Christ and his Church, renew your commitment to your ministry?

Deacons **I do.**

The priests will stand. The Bishop says these words,

My sister and brother Priests: You have accepted the call of God to work as a pastor, priest and teacher, together with your bishop and fellow presbyters, and to take your share in the councils of the Church; to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to fashion your life on its precepts; to love and serve Christ's people, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor; to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinners, to pronounce God's blessing, and to share in the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood. As the ordained sign of the Church's pastoral ministry, do you, here in the presence of Christ and his Church, renew your commitment to your ministry?

Priests **I do.**

The Bishop then says the following words to all the ordained,

Dear friends, the ministry we share is none other than the sacrificial ministry of Christ, who gave himself up to death on the cross for the salvation of the world. By his glorious resurrection he has opened for us the way of everlasting life. By the gift of the Holy Spirit he shares with us the riches of his grace. We are called to proclaim his death and resurrection, to administer the Sacraments of the New Covenant which he sealed with his blood on the cross, and to care for his people in the power of the Spirit. Do you here, in the presence of Christ and his Church, renew your commitment to your ministry, under the pastoral direction of your bishop?

Answer **I do.**

Bishop Do you reaffirm your promise to give yourself to prayer and study?

Answer **I do.**

Bishop Do you reaffirm your promise so to minister the Word of God and the Sacraments of the New Covenant that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received?

Answer **I do.**

Bishop Do you reaffirm your promise to be a faithful servant of all those committed to your care, patterning your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?

Answer **I do.**

The Bishop then makes this affirmation,

As your Bishop, I have accepted the call of God to proclaim Christ's resurrection and interpret the Gospel, and to testify to Christ's sovereignty as Lord of lords and King of kings; to guard the faith, unity and discipline of the Church; to share in the leadership of the Church throughout the world; to celebrate and provide for the sacraments of the New Covenant; to ordain priests and deacons and to join in ordaining bishops; to be a faithful pastor; and to be a wholesome example for the entire flock of Christ. And now, I too, before God and you, re-dedicate myself and reaffirm the promises that I made when I was ordained. I ask your prayers.

Bishop and Clergy

May the Lord who has given us the will to do these things, give us also the grace and power to perform them.

The Prayers of the People *The following litany is the ministry of The Reverend Lowell Grisham who publishes a weekly form of The Prayers of the People that aligns with the themes found in the readings for the day. If you would like to subscribe to these prayers, email him at: lowellgrisham@gmail.com*

Celebrant: Loving God, you sent your Son into the world not to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved: Let the wind of your Spirit blow freely throughout creation so that all people may be born anew from above and live in the wonder of your steadfast and abounding grace, as we pray: Our help comes from God, the maker of heaven and earth.

Litanist: Gracious God, through Jesus you have revealed to your Church divine realities about earthly things and about heavenly things: Inspire our bishops and other leaders, and help us to receive your testimony and to live in the power of your Spirit. Our help comes from God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

You led Abram away from his homeland and kindred to make of him a great nation, to be a blessing to all the families of the earth: Guide our national leaders and all in positions of authority or power throughout the world; move them forward from their familiar places of comfort, toward new, compassionate responses to the needs of the world, that they also may be a blessing to all people. Our help comes from God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Let your Spirit go forth over all the earth to refresh and heal all who are confused, suffering or oppressed, that everyone on earth may know themselves as your beloved people. Our help comes from God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Your presence is among us in this community, inviting us to enter the Kingdom of God and to be people born of the Spirit: Inspire our witness and service to you and to our neighbor, that we may love the world even as Christ has loved us. Our help comes from God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

You watch over us without slumber or sleep and have promised to preserve us from all evil and to keep us safe. Hear our prayers for those whom we commend to your benevolent care, especially _____.

We give thanks that you watch over our going out and our coming in, as we offer our prayers of praise and gratitude, especially for _____.

You give life to the dead and call into existence the things that do not exist: Bring into your eternal life those who have died, especially _____. Our help comes from God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Gracious and ever-present God, you justify the ungodly with the promise that rests upon grace and is guaranteed to all of Abraham's descendants: Send forth your Spirit of new birth into the world, that all humanity may trust in your goodness and be blessed, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Deacon says: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Exchange of the Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Offertory

The Song at the Offertory

Spirit of the living God

1 Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

2 Spirit of the living God, come to us this day,

Spirit of the living God, teach us Thy way.

Fill us, love us, bind us, keep us.

Spirit of the living God, fall on us today.

The Holy Communion

All stand

The Presentation Hymn

Take Our Bread

Refrain

Take our bread, we ask You; take our hearts we love You.

Take our lives, oh Father; we are Yours, we are Yours.

1 Yours as we stand at the table You set:

Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.

We are the sign of Your life with us,

yet we are Yours, we are Yours. *[Refrain]*

2 Your holy people standing washed in Your blood,

Spirit filled yet hungry we await Your food.

We are poor, we've brought ourselves the best that we could;

we are Yours, we are Yours. *[Refrain]*

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blesses is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant extends the invitation to Communion.

Several stations for the distribution of Communion will be located in the conference center. Please move to the one nearest you. During communion the congregation is encouraged to sing the following hymns.

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

1 He's got the whole world in his hands.

2 He's got the sun and the moon in his hands. [x3]

He's got the whole world in his hands.

3 He's got the wind and the rain in his hands. . .

He's got the whole world in his hands.

4 He's got the little bitty baby in his hands. . . .

He's got the whole world in his hands.

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 Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine! [x3]

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

3 Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine. . .

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

4 Won't let Satan blow it out. 'm gonna let it shine. . .

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

5 Shine all over the neighborhood. I'm gonna let it shine. . . .

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

6 Let it shine 'till Jesus comes. I'm gonna let it shine. . .

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Down By The Riverside

1 Gonna lay down my sword and shield,

down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down
by the riverside

Gonna lay down my sword and shield,

down by the riverside, Down by the riverside.

Refrain

I ain't gonna study war no more,

I ain't gonna study war no more

I ain't gonna study war no more.

2 Gonna put on my long white robe,

down by the riverside, down by the riverside,
down by the riverside

Gonna put on my long white robe,

down by the riverside, Down by the riverside. **[Refrain]**

3 Gonna put on my golden shoes,

down by the riverside, down by the riverside,
down by the riverside

Gonna put on my golden shoes,

down by the riverside, Down by the riverside. **[Refrain]**

4 Gonna put on my starry crown,

down by the riverside, down by the riverside,
down by the riverside

Gonna put on my starry crown, down by the riverside,

Down by the riverside. **[Refrain]**

5 Gonna talk with the Prince of Peace,

down by the riverside, down by the riverside,
down by the riverside

Gonna talk with the Prince of Peace,

down by the riverside, Down by the riverside. **[Refrain]**

6 Gonna shake hands with everyone,

down by the riverside, down by the riverside,
down by the riverside

Gonna shake hands with everyone,

down by the riverside, Down by the riverside. **[Refrain]**

I am the bread of life

1 I am the bread of life,
the who come to me shall not hunger,
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.

Refrain

And I will raise them up,
And I will raise them up,
And I will raise them up on the last day.

2 (The) Bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and they who eat of this bread,
they shall live for ever, they shall live for ever. *[Refrain]*

3 (Un)less you eat
of the Flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his Blood,
you shall not have life within you,
you shall not have life within you. *[Refrain]*

4 I am the resurrection,
I am the life,
they who believe in me,
even if he die, they shall live for ever. *[Refrain]*

5 (Yes,) Lord, we believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who has come into the world. *[Refrain]*

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 a 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;
(and) 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 the blind man that God gave back his sight.
Praise the Lord! I saw the light. *[Refrain]*

3 I was a fool to wander and stray,
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]*

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the people.

The Hymn at the Dismissal

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

The Deacon dismisses the people.

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Blessed Assurance

2 Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [*Refrain*]

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [*Refrain*]

Immediately following the hymn, all Clergy will gather at the dais for a photograph.

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