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**Experiencing Christ's Love**

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# Welcome and Greeting

*Please Stand*

## Opening Litany

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made!

**Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen!**

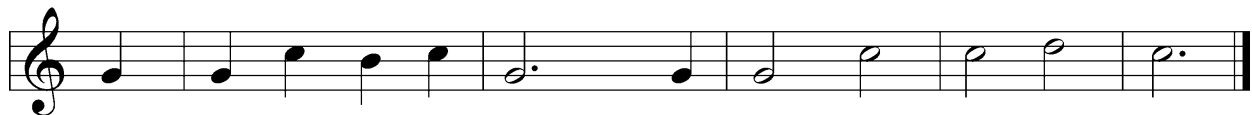
## 807 When Morning Gilds the Skies



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:  
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known  
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:  
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s ho - ly house of prayer  
Than “Je - sus Christ be praised!” There to the e - ter - nal Word  
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” Let all the earth a - round  
Sing, “Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s whole cre - a - tion o’er,



This rings my cur - few call: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Hath none that can com - pare With “Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Ring joy - ous with the sound: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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## Confession of Sins

**P** God’s Word is true: God loves us deeply and in Christ, claims us as His own!

Dear friends, we are children of God, but what we will be through His work in our lives is not yet complete. We still struggle to live a godly life. However, He promises that when we confess our failures, He forgives us, cleanses us and makes us pure. With that wonderful promise in mind, we reflect on our need for His mercy once more.

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

## Prayer of Confession

**P** Father of mercies and God of all comfort and peace:

**C** We know that we have failed to live as Your children. We are broken and confess that we are stuck in our sinful ways. We have not loved You with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ we humbly pray for Your forgiveness. Set us free from the love of ungodly things and help us to grow more fully into who You created us to be in Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Assurance of Faith

**P** Sisters and brothers we have great news! Almighty God has heard our prayer and has had mercy on us! Jesus Christ took our punishment when he died and for His sake, God forgives us all our sins! In His resurrection, Jesus secured our salvation! It is by His authority that I have the privilege to declare His forgiveness to you, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C** Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!

## This Is the Feast



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



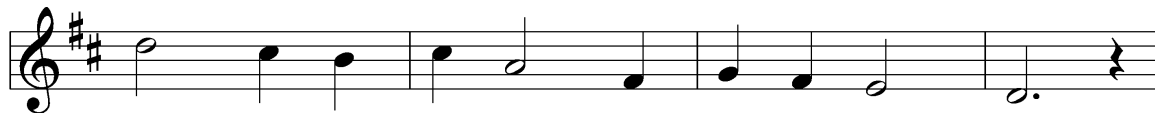
**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



## Prayer of the Day

*Please be seated*

### James 5:7-20

Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained



steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

But above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please Stand*

## **Mark 9:38-50**

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

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

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. For the one who is not against us is for us. For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if the



salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

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

### Apostles' Creed

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 there 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.

*Please be seated*

### 729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

*sts. 1, 4–6*



1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;  
4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,  
5 I am trust-ing Thee for pow - er; Thine can nev - er fail.  
6 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus; Nev - er let me fall.



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.  
Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.  
Words which Thou Thy - self shalt give me Must pre - vail.  
I am trust - ing Thee for - ev - er And for all.

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## SERMON: GETTING READY FOR THE END JAMES 5:7–20

*Please Stand*

## 783 Take My Life and Let It Be

sts. 1–2, 6



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;  
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
Take my-self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

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## Prayer of the Congregation

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

## 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

## Words of the Institution

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

*Please be seated*

## Continuous Distribution by Pastor

*(Family units come forward to receive the elements and take them to their seats. Please wait to eat and drink until instructed.)*

## All Receive the Sacrament together

*(Pastor will indicate when to take the wafer and then the cup.)*

## Thank the Lord



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -

joyce and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Benediction

### 921 On What Has Now Been Sown

1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,  
The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par-don what is ours. Our prais -  
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -  
in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless-ing give.  
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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## The Dismissal

- P** Go in Peace, serve the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God!

*Please be seated and wait for the ushers to dismiss you.*

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