

Choose Life
in order that
you may *Live,*
you and your
descendants.
Deuteronomy 30:19b

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Experiencing Christ's Love

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Welcome and Greeting

Please Stand

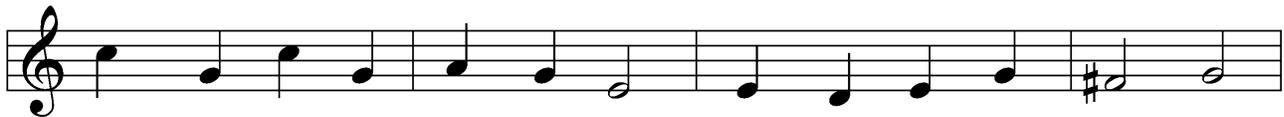
Call to Worship

- P** Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised! One generation will commend His works to another.
- C** We will speak of His awesome deeds and declare His greatness.
- P** The Lord is near to all who call on Him and He upholds all who are falling.
- C** Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!
- P** We make our beginning in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen!

869 With the Lord Begin Your Task



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.
3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a - larm you;
4 If your task be thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's bless - ing,
5 Thus, Lord Je - sus, ev - 'ry task Be to You com - mend - ed;



For His aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.
In His prom - is - es con - fide, And no ill can harm you.
Safe - ly then your course will run, Toward the prom - ise press - ing.
May Your will be done, I ask, Un - til life is end - ed.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed,
Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,
All your trust and hope re - pose In the might - y Mas - ter,
Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where While you here must wan - der;
Je - sus, in Your name be - gun Be the day's en - deav - or;



In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him com - mend - ed.
Save you from the tempt - er's might, With His pres - ence cheer you.
Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.
You at last the joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise for - ev - er.

Confession and Absolution

Confession of Sin

- P** God's word is true! In His great love He has claimed us as His own! Dear friends, we are children of God, but we still struggle to think, speak or act the way God has called us. However, He promises that when we're honest and confess our failures, He forgives us and cleanses us from all that makes us unholy. So, we pause now to reflect on our need for His mercy and forgiveness before we confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Prayer of Confession:

- P** Let us pray:
- C** **Almighty God, we realize that even though through faith in Jesus we have new life in You, our lives don't always reflect who we are in Christ. We have sinned against You by what we have done and also by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, we humbly ask that You forgive us. Send us the power of Your Holy Spirit so we can grow more fully into who You created us to be in Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Faith

- P** Friends, hear the good news and believe! Almighty God, in His mercy, has given us His only Son, Jesus Christ to die for us and for His sake, forgives us all our sins! We have been redeemed and set free! Thanks be to God!
- C** **Hallelujah, we are forgiven! Hallelujah, we are set free!**

Please be seated

Hymn of Praise Video: " The Power of the Cross" by Casting Crowns

Prayer of the Day

Please be seated

Deuteronomy 30:11-20

“For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and

multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Luke 14:25-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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 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:
AN EASY CHOICE
DEUTERONOMY 30: 11-20

Please Stand

955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our

cup of bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were
 sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
 hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
 give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

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Prayer of the Congregation

- A** 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

Please remain standing

Words of the Institution

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

Please be seated

Video During Communion: "Me On Your Mind" by Matthew West

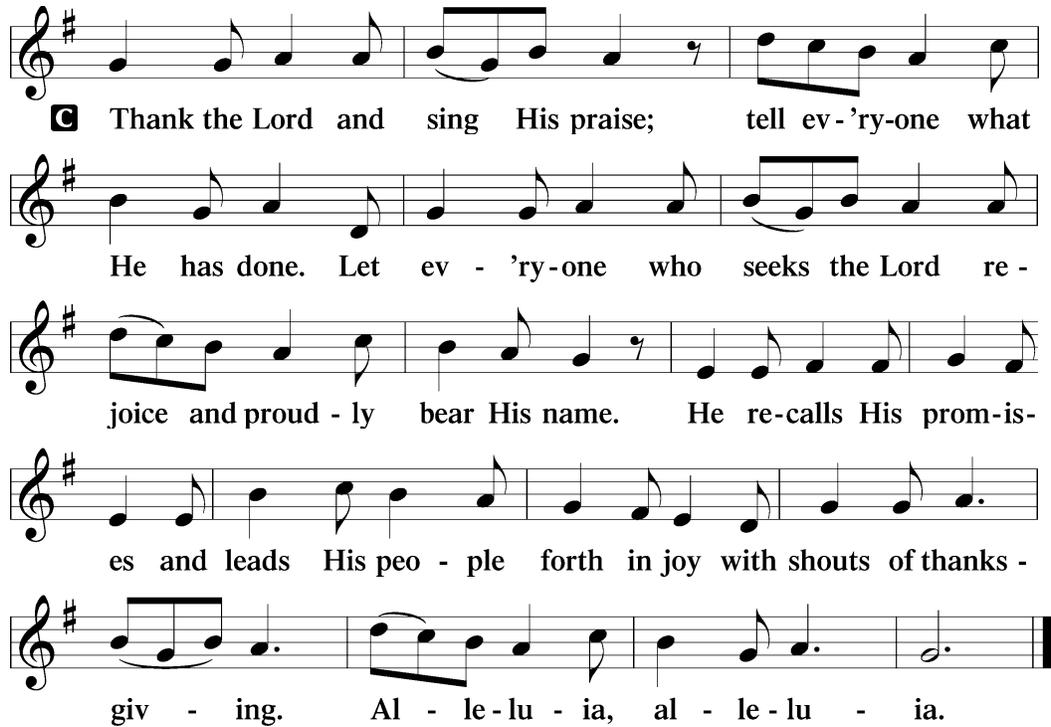
Continuous Distribution by Pastor

(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.)

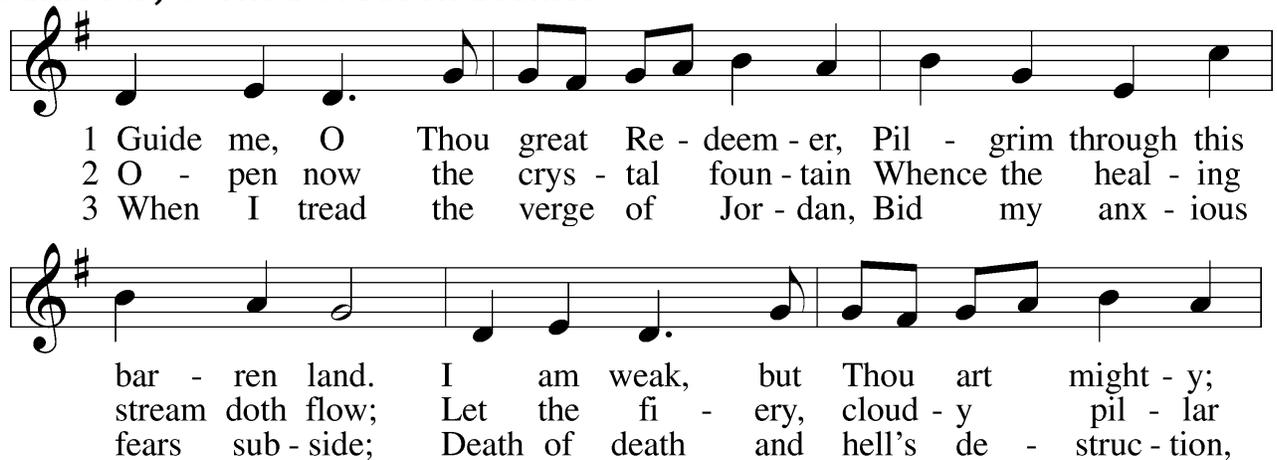
Thank the Lord



G Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice 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

918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious
bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.
shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

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Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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

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