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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!

## 901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

*sts. 1, 3-5*



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me  
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty  
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,  
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;  
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed  
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I  
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing  
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.  
foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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## Confession and Absolution

**P** We live a broken world and carry the consequences of our sin in our lives. As we gather to worship in the presence of our God who is pure and holy, our own failures are glaring and could cause us to flee from him. Instead, we are met again today with the invitation to admit our guilt and confess our sinfulness to our loving God who offers us complete forgiveness through his Son, Jesus. So, we pause now to reflect on our need for God's mercy before we pray.

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

## Prayer of Confession

**P** Let us pray,

**C** Gracious God, we thank you for loving us so much that you sacrificed your only begotten Son, Jesus to pay the price we owe for our sin. Today we cling to your mercy and grace as we humbly ask that you forgive us for all that we have done and all that we have left undone. We have not lived our lives in ways that reflect who you are as our Heavenly Father, but you still love us as your children. For the sake of Jesus, we pray for you to renew us and to help us walk more faithfully according to your word and will. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## Assurance of Faith

**P** Almighty God in his mercy has given his only Son, Jesus Christ to die for you and for his sake forgives you all of your sins. His love for you is greater than your failures and brokenness. His grace is greater than your guilt, and his mercy is fresh and real again today. You are forgiven and set free, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**C** Thanks be to God! Amen!

## 804 O Worship the King

*sts. 1-2, 4*



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.  
2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;  
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.  
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

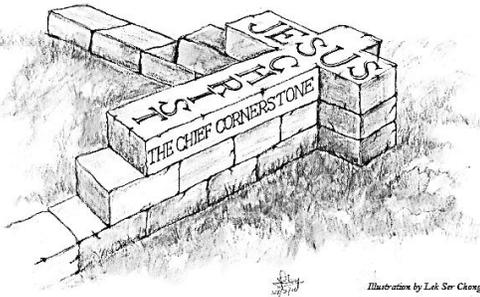
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## Prayer of the Day

*Please be seated*

## Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.



For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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

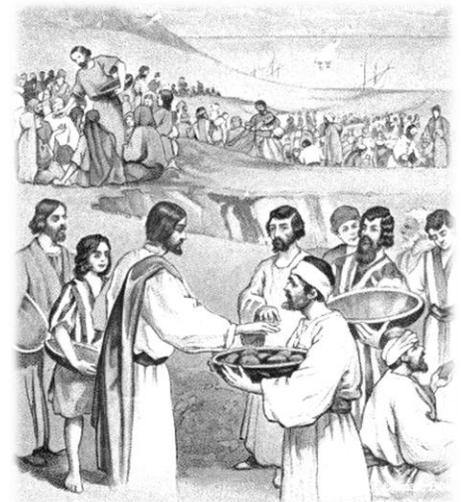
*Please Stand*

## Gospel Reading: Mark 6:30-44

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

And he began to teach them many things. And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.”



Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

**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)*

### 644 The Church's One Foundation

*sts. 1-2, 4-5*



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more  
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,  
O bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

## SERMON:

# UNITY FROM NEAR AND FAR

EPHESIANS 2:11-22

## MINISTRY MOMENT

*Please Stand*

### Prayer of the Congregation

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

### 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.

### 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

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**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 -  
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

## 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.  
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed  
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us  
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.  
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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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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