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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!

905 Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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Confession and Absolution

P If God is for us, who is against us? He who gave us his own Son, now gives us the Spirit and power! The Holy One is in our midst, but we realize that we are far from being holy. We know our failures and so we come to our Lord in humility to confess our sins.

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

Prayer of Confession

P If we confess our sins, God is faithful and will cleanse us.

C **Loving Father, there is more to life than we can grasp, yet how often we try to shrink the mystery of your Spirit, or limit what is possible by your grace. Remind us again that the Spirit is always blowing new life into our days, surprising us with wonder and blessing. Forgive us for dull awareness, resistance to your will, and hesitant witness to your power in our lives. Cleanse us and make us new once again. Thank you for your love that comes to us in Jesus that we might have eternal life. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Faith

P God's word assures us that nothing in all of creation can separate us from his love that is in Christ Jesus our Lord! We are loved by God and by his mercy and grace in Jesus we are forgiven. In Christ we are more than conquerors; we are forgiven, and we are set free!

C **Praise God! Amen!**

This Is the Feast

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



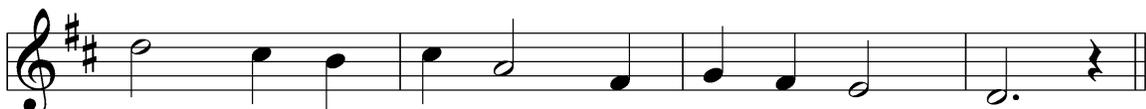
C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



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 -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Please be seated

Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:1–10

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake

of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1–13

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

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

Jesus went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.



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)

856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

sts. 1, 3-4



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -
3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And
4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:
broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,
Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And
Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where



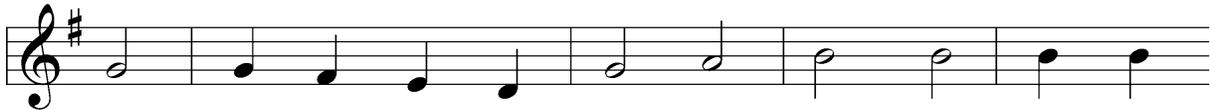
bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.
 help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.

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SERMON:
REALITY CHECKS
(MARK 6:1-13)

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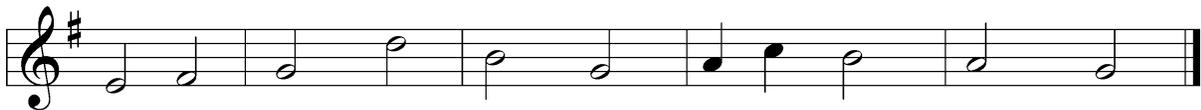
632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee



1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is



thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
 come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -



ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
 in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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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.)

(Please Stand)

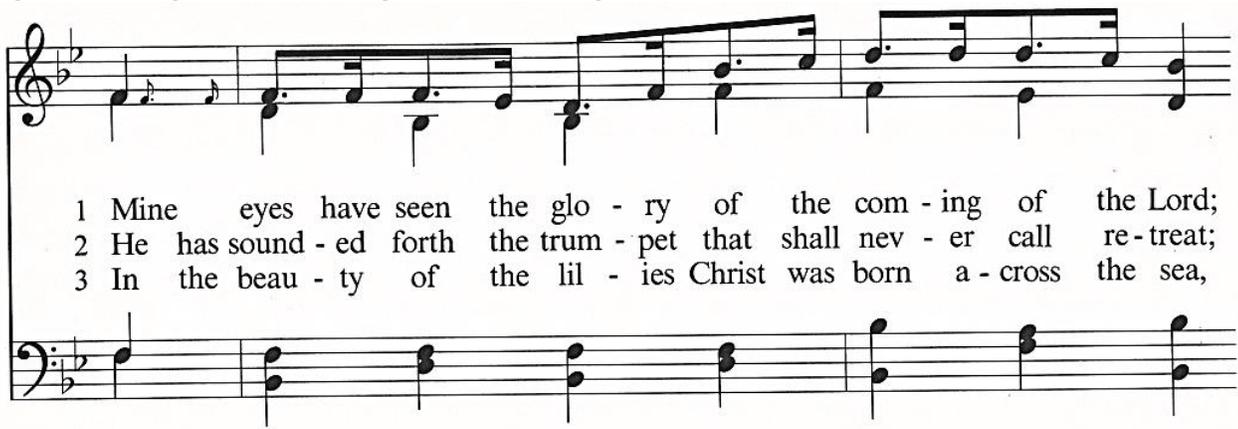
Thank the Lord

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☐ 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

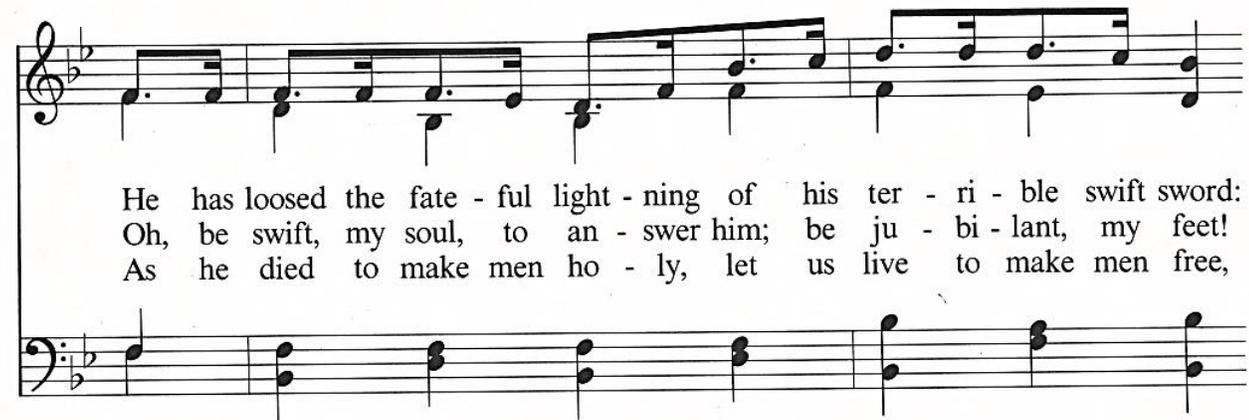
Hymn to Depart: Battle Hymn of the Republic LBW #332



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
With a glo - ry in his bo - som that trans - fig - ures you and me.



He has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



Refrain

His truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on. Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le -
While God is march - ing on.

lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry,
glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

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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But he said to me,
***“My grace is
sufficient for you,
for my power is
made perfect in weakness.”***

Therefore I will boast
all the more gladly
of my weaknesses,
so that the power of Christ
may rest upon me.
For the sake of Christ, then,
I am content with weaknesses,
insults, hardships,
persecutions, and calamities.
For when I am weak,
then I am strong.

-2 Corinthians 12:9-10

