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Experiencing Christ's Love

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Welcome and Greeting

Call to Worship lent

Pastor: Lift up your voice and call out to our Lord God.

Congregation: We cry out, believing that God hears us.

P: Come together and wait for God.

C: We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.

P: Surely God's presence is here with us now.

C: We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.

P: Come, worship the Lord.

C: We celebrate the power of God in Christ that restores us.

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

C: Amen!

645 Built on the Rock

sts. 1-3, 5



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



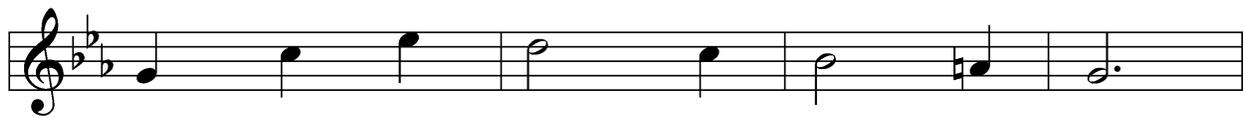
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
Choos - es to live with us in love,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
With all His grace and His fa - vor.
My peace I leave with you. A - men.”

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Confession of Sins

P This year our season of Lent is focused on growing more in the likeness of our Lord Jesus. As we explore and implement principles that Jesus taught, we pray our lives will be more faithful and fruitful for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Before we gather around God’s word though, we recognize how far we have yet to go in our quest. We have failed more often than succeeded and yet, our loving Lord welcomes us to return to him again. Let us bring our whole selves to this time of prayer, as we confess our shortcomings and sins.

Prayer

P Let us pray:

C **Father in heaven, you have promised that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all our unrighteousness. We are guilty of more than we even realize and confess that we have sinned against you, and against one another. We have walked in darkness far too long. We need the light of your Spirit to lead us. Father, thank you for hearing our prayer and answering with mercy and forgiveness. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Faith

P Brothers and sisters, God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Believe the good news we have in Jesus Christ: our sins are forgiven, and by Him we are made into new people. Thanks be to God!

C **Amen.**

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading

First Reading: John 15:12-17

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?

This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, “Who will go and work to - day?
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on’s wall,
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, “There is noth - ing I can do,”



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.
Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - f’ring life and peace to all,
While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas - ter calls for you.



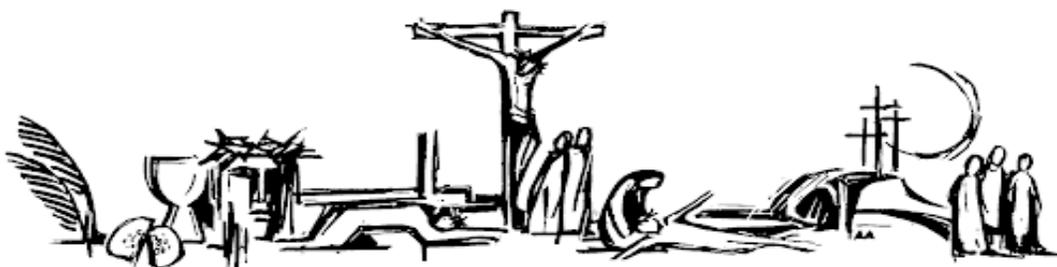
Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the judg - ment’s dread a - larms,
With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what God com - mands;
Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, “Here am I, send me, send me”?
You can lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior’s wait - ing arms.
You can be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et’s hands.
An - swer quick - ly when He call - eth, “Here am I, send me, send me!”

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Prayer

P: Let us pray,

C: God of Eternal Love, we have made our commitment to you, and have started a new journey into purposeful growth. But, we know that if we are to remain faithful we need your help and your strength each day.

So, we ask that you would...

Teach us to pray with faith and read your word with understanding.

Teach us to worship with passion and gather together with love.

And Lord, we ask that you would also...

Teach us to know that we have our being in you, to forgive just as we have been forgiven, to serve humbly and compassionately, to give generously with our resources and use our time mindfully, and may we go in your name joyfully, reflecting your goodness so that others will discover your grace through our lives and example. In Jesus' name and for his sake we pray. Amen.

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

922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

sts. 1-4



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy - ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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Blessing

P May you pursue Jesus with all your heart, may God use you to do mighty things for his kingdom, and after all is said and done in this world, may you hear God say to you, “Well done, my good and faithful servant.”

Dismissal

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

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