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Experiencing Christ's Love

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Welcome and Greeting

Please Stand

Call to Worship

Pastor: We have come here as a people of faith,

C: Celebrating all that God has done for us.

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

C: Amen!

804 O Worship the King sts. 1–4 10 King, wor - ship all - glo - rious the a - bove. 2 O tell of His might, 0 sing of His grace, 3 This earth. with ders un - told, its store of won re - cite? 4 Thy boun - ti ful care what tongue can _ 0 grate - ful ly sing His pow'r and His love; -Whose robe the light, is whose can -0 _ ру space; might - y, Thy hath found - ed old, Al pow'r of It breathes in the air, it shines in the light, An - cient de Our shield and _ fend - er, the of Days, deep thun - der - clouds His char - iots of wrath the form. - tab - lished a change - less Es it fast by de cree, It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain, 6 splen - dor Pa - vil - ioned and with in gird - ed praise. And dark is His path on the wings of the storm. And round it hath cast, like man - tle, the a sea. And sweet - ly dis tills the dew the rain. in and Text and tune: Public domain

Confession and Absolution

Confession of Sins

P Today we hear of God's forgiveness for us in Christ and we will also taste and see that His love for us is real. Before we do so, we need to be honest about our sin and our need for forgiveness. We come, seeking the power of the Holy Spirit to believe God's promises once more, humbly asking for mercy through Christ Jesus our Lord.

We take a moment of silence to reflect of our need for God's forgiveness.

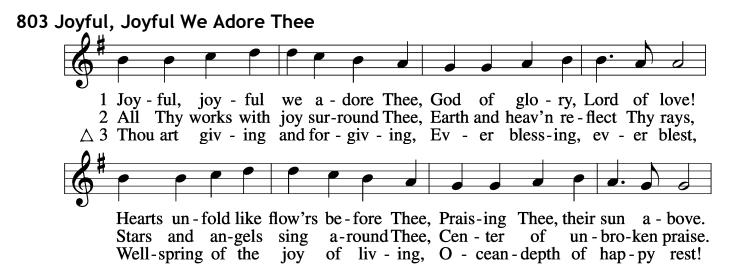
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

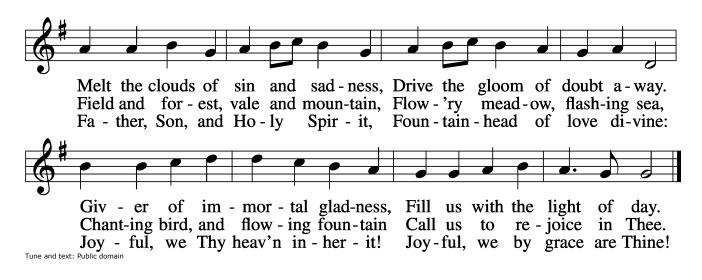
Prayer of Confession

- **P** Father of mercies and God of all comfort and peace:
- C We know that we have failed to live as Your children. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words and actions; by what we have done and 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, Jesus Christ, we humbly ask You to forgive us, free us, and make us clean once more. Help us to grow more fully into who You created us to be in Christ. Through faith in Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Faith

- P Sisters and brothers, Almighty God has heard our prayer and gave us His only Son, Jesus Christ to take our punishment. For His sake, God forgives us all our sins! It is by His authority that I have the privilege to declare His forgiveness to you now, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Praise God, we are forgiven!





Prayer of the Day

Please be seated

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

John 18:33-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was

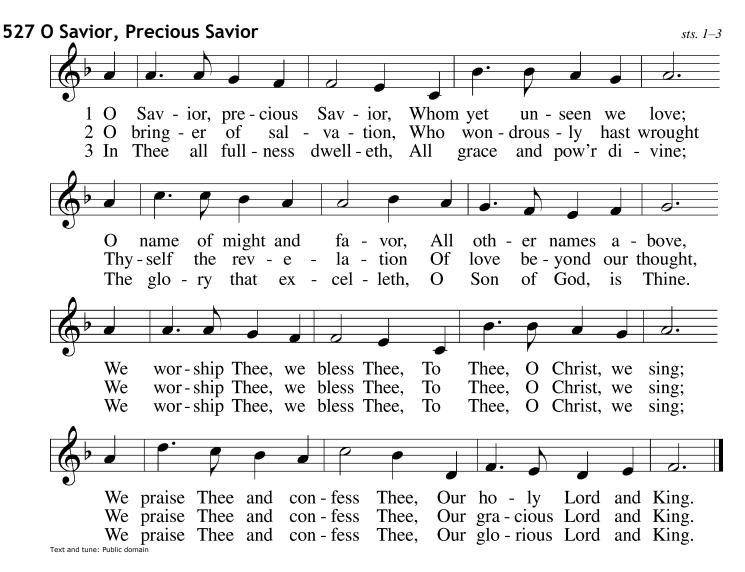
born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

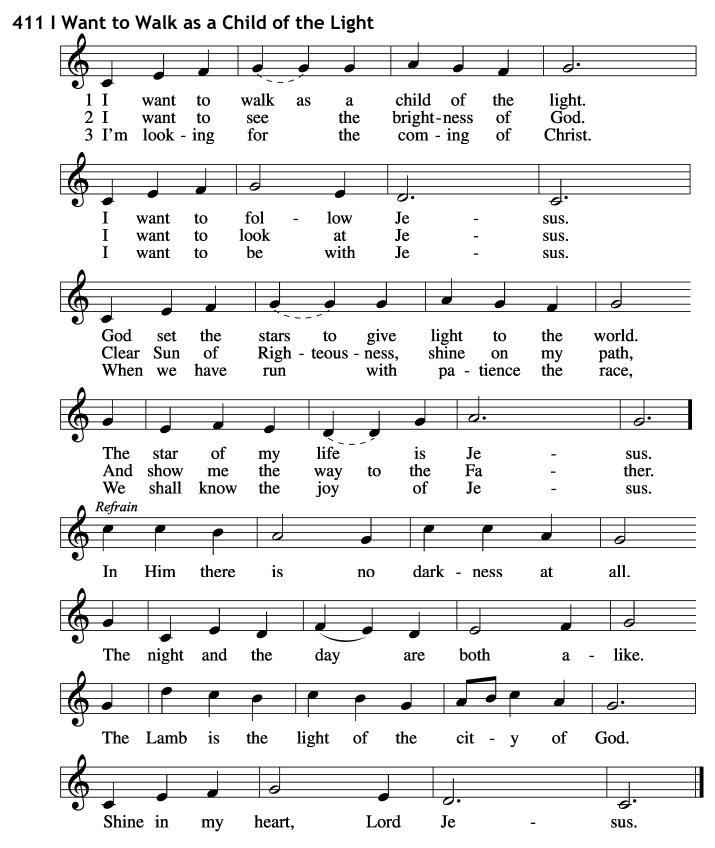
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the 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



SERMON: TO TELL THE TRUTH JOHN 18:33-37

Please Stand



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.

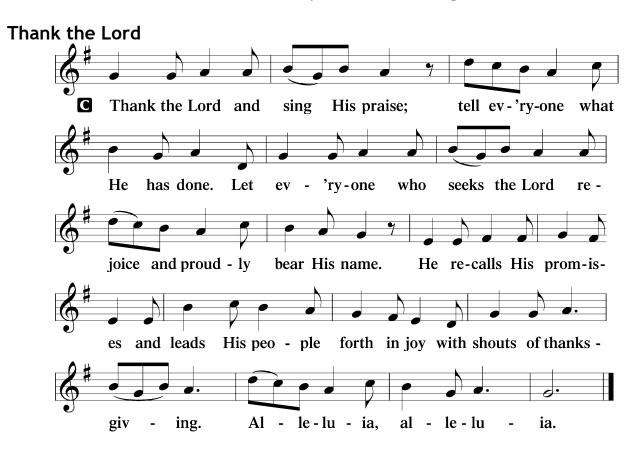
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Continuous Distribution by Pastor

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

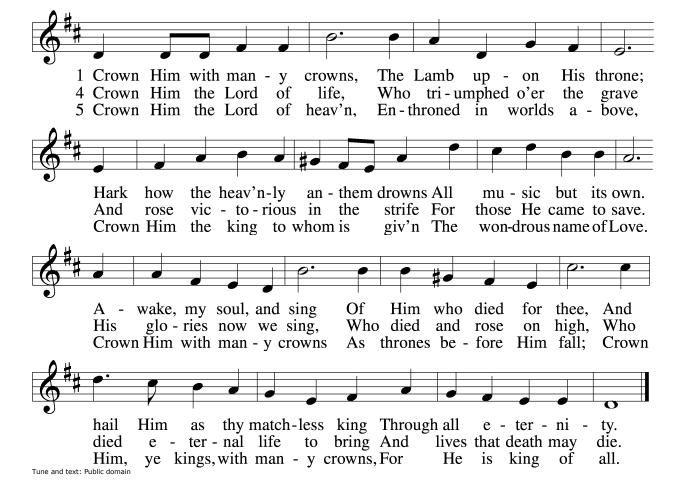
All Receive the Sacrament together

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



Benediction

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns



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.

Acknowledgments

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