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## Welcome and Greeting

## **REPENTANCE & FORGIVENESS**

### **Invocation Song**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

## Opening Verses

- P** Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light that shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.
- C** **The true light which enlightens everyone has come into the world.**
- P** He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.
- C** **The voice called out, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” (John 1)**
- P** Yet, He was handed over by His own to die a forsaken death.
- C** **He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our sins.**  
(Isaiah 53:5)
- P** They laid Him in an empty tomb and rolled a stone in front of it, closing His body in the darkness of the grave.
- C** **On the third day as the women came to the tomb they found the grave empty and Jesus resurrected from the dead.**
- P** On this day the Lord Jesus Christ is alive!
- C** **He has defeated death, leaving it in the empty tomb, and brings life to those who call on His name.**
- P** He Is Risen!
- C** **His Is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!**

## **Song— Garden**

Thistled ground  
Tomb of my love  
Heart torn apart  
Coming God  
Soften the soil  
Tend now the scars

Open, Your love breaks us open  
Open, come and break us open  
Resurrect a garden, a garden

'Love', you said  
Poured out like wine  
Broken like bread  
Waken us  
Enliven our minds  
Unearth the dead

Rend this heart of stone and  
mend it into flesh  
Let your love bring me to life  
Yield this hardened earth  
until a garden spills  
the ground and brings us  
back to life, to life

Open, Your love breaks us open  
Open, come and break us open  
Resurrect a garden, a garden

Love is bringing me to life  
it's bringing me to life (x4)

## Confession and Absolution

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

## Kyrie— Come and Fill Our Hearts

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia!

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

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** He Is Risen!
- C** He Is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

## **Song of Praise—**

Lord to whom should we go?  
You have the words of eternal life  
(repeat)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
(repeat)

## **WORD**

### ***Luke 24:36-49***

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

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

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Song— In the Wasteland**

In the wasteland there's a river  
bringing life to arid earth.  
Waves of justice will deliver  
gracious gifts to all who thirst.  
Erode all fearful borders,  
live the truth that we are one.  
There is nowhere we can wander  
and be far away from love.

On this journey we remember  
there is hope in every place.  
In our searching we discover  
we are held in Your embrace.  
As we lose ourselves we find You,  
when we find You, find our soul.  
Every breath becomes a blessing,  
every moment we are home.

Blooming beauty, new creations  
Grace is growing without end.  
Freedom flowers like a garden  
giving peace to give again.  
Like a river in a wasteland  
is the song that births new life,  
never-failing, never ceasing  
is the love that never dies.

## **Sermon**

## **Song— I Am Set Free**

You broke my chains of sin and shame  
And You covered me with grace  
You mend my life with Your holy fire  
You cover me with grace  
And You are the hand that reaches out to save

Chorus: (And) I am set free oh  
I am set free oh  
It is for freedom that I am set free

You broke my chains of sin and shame  
And You covered me with grace  
You mend my life with Your holy fire  
You cover me with grace  
And You are the hand that reaches out to save *chorus*

(And) yes Lord we are grateful for Your grace  
And for Your love  
(repeat)  
'Cause You are the hand that reaches out to save *chorus*

## **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 thence 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.**



## **Prayer of the Church**

**Refrain            The sun will rise, the sun will rise  
                         Bringing life to the earth  
                         As it springs from the ground  
                         The sun will rise, the sun will rise  
                         Won't you dry all your tears lay your burden down?  
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- For the sick, hospitalized, homebound, injured, and dying.
- For those who mourn.
- For those who need food, clothes, shelter, employment.
- For genuine love for neighbor.
- For those we know who have yet to be baptized.
- For our church.

## **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.**

# **SACRAMENT**

## **Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **Sanctus— Holy, Holy Holy**

Holy, Holy, Holy

God of goodness, God of light

All the universe is full,

Full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is the One who comes

In the name of love.

## **The Words of Our Lord**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

## **Song— Go Out Now**

Go out now to love and serve;  
Go in peace in all your work;  
Go out now to love and serve;  
Go in peace in all your work, in all your rest.

God is the peace of all things calm;  
God is the place to hide from harm.

Go out now to love and serve;  
Go in peace in all your work;  
Go out now to love and serve;  
Go in peace in all your work, in all your rest, in all your play.

God is the stranger at the door;  
God is the calling of the poor.

Go out now to love and serve;  
Go in peace in all your work;  
Go out now to love and serve;  
Go in peace in all your work, in all your rest, in all your play, in all your hopes.

God is the peace of all things calm;  
God is the place to hide from harm.  
God is the stranger at the door;  
God is the calling of the poor.

Go out now;  
Go in peace;  
Go in love;  
Go with God.

# Benediction