

Pastor: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for our sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Song of Praise: Praise the Lord! O Heavens

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
In death his love shall never die.

(Please Be Seated)

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 104:1-4,10-13,24-35

Theme: God the creator of the earth

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty,

²**wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent,**

³you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind,

⁴**you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.**

¹⁰You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills,

¹¹**giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.**

¹²By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.

¹³**From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.**

²⁴O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷**These all look to you to give them their food in due season;**

²⁸when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—**

³²who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

Prelude

Prayer of the Day:

God of Compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Gathering Song: Bless the Lord O My Soul

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Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

Song of Forgiveness:

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives thy service find,
I deeper reverence, praise.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

³⁵Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

Gospel (Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to John 14:1-14

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Gospel Response

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ

Kid Talk

Sermon

Hymn: Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word
LBW 379

Spread, oh, spread, almighty Word,
Spread the reign of God the Lord;
Tell how his own Son he gave,
All from sin and death to save.

Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price,
Gave himself as sacrifice.

Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.

Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See your light and heed your call.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Offering

(*Please Stand for Offertory Response)
Tune: "Now All the Vault"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose pow'r uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia,

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prayers of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs

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.**

Benediction

**Sending Hymn: In Christ There is No East or
West. LBW 359 3 verses**

**In Christ there is no east or west,
In him no south or north
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In him shall true hearts ev'ry-where
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding all mankind.**

**Join hands then, brothers of the faith,
What-e'er your race may be.
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.**

Postlude