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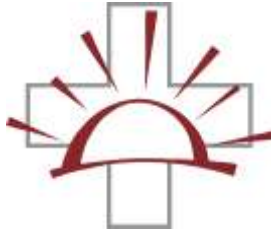
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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Morning Praise

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MORNING HYMN

Father, We Praise You



1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, Ac - tive and
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; Ban - ish our
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you. Sing - ing, we of - fer
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing. Bring us to heav - en,
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion. Yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.
where your saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.



OPENING SENTENCES



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

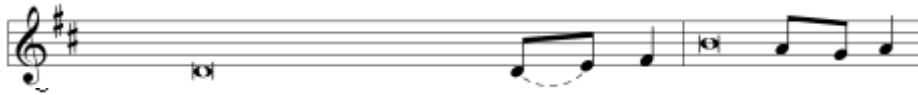
C Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PRAAYER AND PRAISE



M: General) Praise be to God, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy — Spir - it: let us wor-ship him.

VENITE



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 13:1-11

Jeremiah and the hidden belt.

HYMN RESPONSE

704 (3) – Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending

**Those dear tokens of his passion Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation To his ransomed worshipers.
With what wonder, With what wonder, With what wonder,
Gaze we on those glorious scars.**

SECOND LESSON Ezekiel 4:1-8

Ezekiel and the symbolized siege.

HYMN RESPONSE

341 (3) – Crown Him with Many Crowns

**Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**

THIRD LESSON Hosea 1:2-11

Hosea's wife and children were themselves to be living messages for Israel.

HYMN RESPONSE

225 (2) – This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

**Today he rose and left the dead, And Satan's empire fell;
Today the saints his triumphs spread And all his wonders tell.**

FOURTH LESSON Jonah 1:11-17

Jonah's time in and out of the fish proved to be a sign of Jesus' death and resurrection.

HYMN RESPONSE

254 (3) – The Day Full of Grace

**The daylight grew dim on Calvary When Christ for the world was given,
But on Easter morn our Lord broke free To give us new life from heaven.
His Spirit now testifies in us That we are the Father's children.**

FIFTH LESSON Acts 21:10,11

Agabus was a New Testament prophet with a visual message for Paul.

HYMN RESPONSE

363 (3) – The King of Glory Comes

**The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.**

**He gave his life for us, the lamb of salvation;
He took upon himself the sin of the nations.**

**The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.**

SERMON

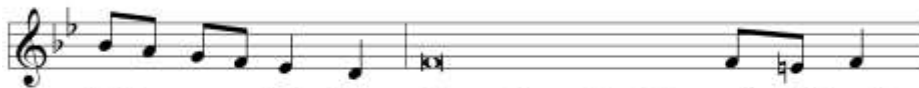
1 Corinthians 9:22

Those Crazy Prophets!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – CONFESSION OF FAITH



C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

C **Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.**

M Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

C **Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**

M Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

C **Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

M Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer.

M Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

C **Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

SETTING APART OF THE ELEMENTS

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

741 – Take and Eat

Refrain

Take and eat, take and eat, this is my bod - y
giv-en up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,
this is my blood giv - en up for you. *Last time*

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Take and eat, take and eat, this is my bod - y'. The second staff continues with 'giv-en up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,'. The third staff concludes with 'this is my blood giv - en up for you.' and is marked 'Last time' with a fermata over the final note. The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one flat, and various note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes) with stems and beams.

See the facing page for the verses.



1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
 2 I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;
 3 I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;
 4 I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid,
 5 I am the Light that came in - to the world;
 6 I am the First and Last, the liv - ing One;



I am the seed that died to be re - born;
 I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;
 I am the gate that guards you night and day.
 A chos - en stone and pre - cious in his eyes.
 I am the Light that dark - ness can - not hide;
 I am the Lord who died that you might live;



I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;
 I am the life that rais - es up the dead;
 You are my flock: you know the Shep - herd's voice;
 You are God's dwell - ing place; on me you rest
 I am the Morn - ing Star that nev - er sets.
 I am the Bride - groom, this my wed - ding song.

To Refrain



I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.
 I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
 You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.
 Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.
 Lift up your face; in you my light will shine.
 You are my bride; come to the mar - riage feast.

Martin Luther reminds us in his Small Catechism that the power of the Sacrament is not our "eating and drinking . . . but the words 'Given' and 'poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" This hymn underscores the powerful and creative Word of our Savior.

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PRAYER AND BLESSING

M O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.