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Worship Focus

Christ defeats spiritual darkness with his light.



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OPENING HYMN

569 - O Christ, Our True and Only Light



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light,
2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace
3 Oh, gent - ly call those gone a - stray
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold;
5 That they with us may ev - er - more



En - light - en those who sit in night;
The souls now lost in er - ror's maze
That they may find the sav - ing way!
Re - call the wan - d'ers to your fold.
Such grace with won - d'ring thanks a - dore



Let those a - far now hear your voice
And all whom in their se - cret minds
Let ev - 'ry con - science sore op - pressed
U - nite all those who walk a - part;
And end - less praise to you be giv'n



And in your fold with us re - joice.
Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
In you find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart
By all your Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: O JESU CHRIST, WAHRES LICHT (LM) *Ankündigte Haus-Kirche*, Nürnberg, 1676, alt.

INVOCATION

Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation A - men.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

Musical notation for 'Lord Have Mercy' in two staves. The first staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are: C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. The second staff continues the melody: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are: on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Musical notation for the Absolution, consisting of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are: C: A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



M Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 42:14-21

The grace of God expressed in his desire to give light to the blind is contrasted by the stubbornness of the people who prefer to live in darkness.

ISAIAH 42:14 “For a long time I have kept silent,
I have been quiet and held myself back.
But now, like a woman in childbirth,
I cry out, I gasp and pant.

¹⁵ I will lay waste the mountains and hills
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn rivers into islands
and dry up the pools.

¹⁶ I will lead the blind by ways they have not known,
along unfamiliar paths I will guide them;
I will turn the darkness into light before them
and make the rough places smooth.
These are the things I will do;
I will not forsake them.

¹⁷ But those who trust in idols,
who say to images, ‘You are our gods,’
will be turned back in utter shame.

¹⁸ “Hear, you deaf;
look, you blind, and see!

¹⁹ Who is blind but my servant,
and deaf like the messenger I send?
Who is blind like the one committed to me,
blind like the servant of the LORD?

²⁰ You have seen many things, but have paid no attention;
your ears are open, but you hear nothing.”

²¹ It pleased the LORD
for the sake of his righteousness
to make his law great and glorious.



PSALM

Psalm 143

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*Women are asked to sing the first line of each verse, and men the second line.
All sing refrain and Gloria.*



(Women) O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for | mercy;*
(Men) in your faithfulness and righteousness come to | my relief.

Do not bring your servant into | judgment,*
for no one living is righteous be | fore you.

My spirit grows faint with | in me;*
my heart within me | is dismayed.

Refrain

Answer me quick | ly, O LORD;*
do not hide your | face from me.

Let the morning bring me word of your un | failing love,*
for I have put my | trust in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God;*
may your good Spirit lead me on | level ground.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 5:8-14

Paul distinguishes between the lifestyle of those in darkness and those who are children of the light.

EPHESIANS 5:8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said:

“Wake up, O sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

VERSE OF THE DAY

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



GOSPEL John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

Jesus gives physical and spiritual light to the man born blind, while the Pharisees and leaders remain spiritually blind.

JOHN 9:1 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

³ “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

⁶ Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷ "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴ Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵ Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath."

But others asked, "How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?" So they were divided.

¹⁷ Finally they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

The man replied, "He is a prophet."

³⁴ To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

³⁶ "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

³⁷ Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

³⁸ Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried,

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.





1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none oth - er;
 2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none oth - er;
 3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none oth - er;
 4 Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er;



Born in our dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er.
 No one can serve him and de - spise an - oth - er.
 Sold once for sil - ver, mur - dered here, our broth - er,
 Give God the glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and Fa - ther;



If we have seen him, we have seen the
 Who else u - nites us, one with God the
 He who re - deemed us reigns with God the
 Give God the glo - ry, God with us, my



Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
 Fa - ther? Glo - ry to God on high!
 Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
 broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high!

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 Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM (10 11 11 6) *Antiphoner*, Paris, 1681.

SERMON

Ephesians 5:8-12

Jesus is the Difference between Darkness and Light



PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

For all who are troubled in their consciences or burdened by the memory of their sins, that they may be comforted by the peace we now have with God through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who died for us while we were still sinners, justifying us before God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are gathered here today to worship, that we may recognize that the one true God is present among us to give us His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation as we worship Him in spirit and in truth, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those undergoing temptation or doubts about their faith, that they may be strengthened and upheld by the power of the Holy Spirit through the Lord's Word and worship, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick, suffering and recovering [*including _____*], that they may be granted health and healing as it pleases the Lord, and that they may be comforted by God's love poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who receive the gift of Christ's body and blood this day, that they may be granted to receive this holy Supper in repentant faith for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those who mourn [*including _____*], that they may be comforted by the blessed hope of the resurrection to eternal life for all who are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and that the Lord would keep us all steadfast in the true faith until we join all the saints around His throne in His eternal kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.

Our *who art in HEAVEN*
Father *hallowed* **BETHY**
NAME
THY KINGDOM *thy will be done*
COME *Heaven* *on earth as it is in*



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

M The Lord be with you.



M Lift up your hearts.



M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

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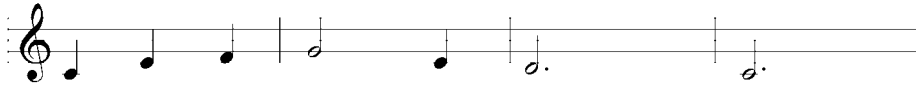
The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

771 - 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 Right - ous - 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.

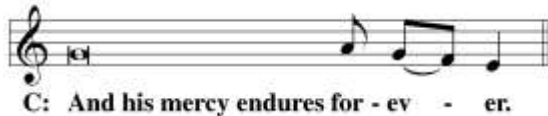
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SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

367 - Christ Be My Leader

1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day,
 2 Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;

Safe through the dark - ness, for he is the way,
 Drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the truth,
 Death can - not hold me, for he is the life, Nor

Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care;
 Grant me to trust him, though shift - ing as sand,
 dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain Can

Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 Doubt can - not daunt me— in Je - sus I stand!
 touch my sal - va - tion— with Je - sus I reign!

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 Tune: SLANE (Irregular) Irish folk tune.

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

*Live as
children of light –
for the fruit of
the light is found in
all that is good
and right and
true.*

Ephesians 5:8-9,
NRSV