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# Prelude

# Welcome

To all who are weary and need rest; To all who mourn and long for comfort; To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares; To all who fail and desire strength; To all who sin and need a Savior; To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness; And to whoever will come-

This Church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

# **Call to Worship**

Minister: Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously.

# All: The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him.

Minister: Let us praise the Lord together!

# Hymn of Praise

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God A bulwark never failing Our helper he amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe His craft and pow'r are great And armed with cruel hate On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide Our striving would be losing Were not the right man on our side The man of God's own choosing Dost ask who that may be Christ Jesus it is he Lord Sabaoth his name From age to age the same And he must win the battle

And tho' this world with devils filled Should threaten to undo us We will not fear for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us The prince of darkness grim We tremble not for him His rage we can endure For lo his doom is sure One little word shall fell him Exodus 15:1-2

That word above all earthly pow'rs No thanks to them abideth The Spirit and the gifts are ours Thro' him who with us sideth Let goods and kindred go This mortal life also The body they may kill God's truth abideth still His kingdom is forever

#### Invocation

#### The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

#### Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost As it was in the beginning Is now and ever shall be World without end Amen Amen

# **Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles'

Creed Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 is seated 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 catholic\*\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

> \*Jesus "descended into hell" as he suffered the pain and torment of divine wrath. \*\*The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, geographical, or language barriers.

#### Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder Let us praise the Savior's name He has hushed the law's loud thunder He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame He has washed us with his blood He has washed us with his blood He has brought us nigh to God Let us love the Lord who bought us Pitied us when enemies Called us by his grace and taught us Gave us ears and gave us eyes He has washed us with his blood He has washed us with his blood He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation Threatens hard to bear us down For the Lord our strong salvation Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown He who washed us with his blood He who washed us with his blood He who washed us with his blood Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice Join and point to mercy's store When through grace in Christ our trust is Justice smiles and asks no more He who washed us with his blood He who washed us with his blood He who washed us with his blood Has secured our way to God

#### **Call to Confession**

Minister: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

# **Public Confession**

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: O Lord, we openly admit that you know us thoroughly. Our deepest secrets are open before you. You know our thoughts before they are conceived in our minds. We cannot hide from you. Therefore, we ask that you reveal our sins to us, so that we may humble ourselves again in your presence and seek your forgiveness and grace. We admit we have tolerated sinful thoughts about power, lust, greed, jealousy, partiality, malice and other things that grieve your heart. We have committed sins of omission and commission. But we seek your mercy and cleansing from our sins by the blood of Christ. And we thank you for your Spirit who enables us to walk in holiness and obedience. Give us the grace to please you this day and forever. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Psalm 51:1-4

# **Silent Confession**

#### Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

# Minister: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

# People: Thanks be to God!

# Psalm 116, I Love The Lord

I love the LORD for he has heard my voice He heard my pleas for mercy and for grace Since he inclined his ear to my request I'll call on him as long as life shall last

Anguish of death encompassed me about Cords of the grave and terror held me down I was distressed I called upon his name Rescue my soul O LORD my God I pray

Righteous and gracious is the LORD our God Rich in his mercy tender in his love He will preserve the simple in their need When I was low he came and rescued me

Rest O my soul The LORD has blessed you well For you O LORD from death Redeemed my soul You dried my tears my stumbling feet restored I'll walk the land of life before the LORD

## (8:30) Sacrament of Baptism

Charles Brady King

# **Tithes And Offerings**

## **Musical Offering**

# My Hope Is In The Lord

My hope is in the Lord Who gave himself for me And paid the price Of all my sin at Calvary

Chorus For me he died For me he lives And everlasting life And light he freely gives

No merit of my own His anger to suppress My only hope is found In Jesus' righteousness

Chorus

continued

Ephesians 1:7

And now for me he stands Before the Father's throne He shows his wounded hands And names me as his own

Chorus For me he died For me he lives And everlasting life And light he freely gives

His grace has planned it all 'Tis mine but to believe And recognize his work of love And Christ receive

Chorus

#### The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise him all creatures here below Praise him above ye heavenly host Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

#### **Prayer Of Dedication**

Sermon

#### "Faith at Work"

*Ephesians* 6:5-9 Rev. Richard Harris

#### **Closing Song**

#### The Power Of The Cross

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day Christ on the road to Calvary Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then Nailed to a cross of wood

> Chorus This the pow'r of the cross Christ became sin for us Took the blame bore the wrath We stand forgiven at the cross

Oh to see the pain written on your face Bearing the awesome weight of sin Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed Crowning your bloodstained brow

Chorus

Now the daylight flees Now the ground beneath Quakes as its Maker bows his head Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life Finished the vict'ry cry

Chorus continued

Oh to see my name written in the wounds For through your suff'ring I am free Death is crushed to death life is mine to live Won through your selfless love

> This the pow'r of the cross Son of God slain for us What a love what a cost We stand forgiven at the cross

# Benediction

#### Postlude

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