

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**  
Divine Service Setting Four

**Prelude**

**Invocation**

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.**

**Amen.**

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.**

**Kyrie**

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

**1 To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Good-will from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing –  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heart-felt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high.**

**3 For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P The Lord be with you.  
C And also with You.**

**P Let us pray... one God, now and forever.  
C Amen.**

### **Old Testament**

**L This is the Word of the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

**L This is the Word of the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.**

### **Alleluia and Verse**

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

### **Holy Gospel**

**P The Holy Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter.  
C Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CREED** *Apostles' Creed*

**C 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.**

Hymn #748 I'm But a Stranger Here

**1 I'm but a stranger here,  
Heav'n is my home;  
Earth is a desert drear,  
Heav'n is my home.  
Danger and sorrow stand  
Round me on ev'ry hand;  
Heav'n is my fatherland,  
Heav'n is my home.**

**2 What though the tempest rage,  
Heav'n is my home;  
Short is my pilgrimage,  
Heav'n is my home;  
And time's wild wintry blast  
Soon shall be overpast;  
I shall reach home at last,  
Heav'n is my home.**

**3 Therefore I murmur not,  
Heav'n is my home;  
Whate'er my earthly lot,  
Heav'n is my home;  
And I shall surely stand  
There at my Lord's right hand;  
Heav'n is my fatherland,  
Heav'n is my home.**

**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church**

## Offering

### ✠ Service of the 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 ... we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

#### Sanctus

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

#### Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

### **Pax Domini**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

### **Agnus Dei**

**1** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

**2** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

### **Distribution**

(after all have received the Sacrament)

### **Dismissal**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.  
**C** Amen.

### **Post-Communion Canticle Nunc Dimittis**

**1** O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.

**2** All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.

## Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray... one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

## Benedicamus

A Let us bless the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
C **Amen.**

## Hymn #725 Children of the Heavenly Father

**1 Children of the heavenly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.**

**2 God Hius own doth tend and nourish;  
In Hus holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them;  
In Hus mighty arms He bears them.**

**3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord Hus children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.**

**4 Though He giveth or Heb taketh,  
God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.**

## Postlude