

THE ORDER OF SERVICE
Divine Service Setting Four

Prelude

Hymn #856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

**1 O Christ, who called the Twelve
To rise and follow You,
Forsaking old, familiar ways
For ventures bold and new:
Grant us to hear Your call
To risk security
And, bound in heart and will to You,
Find perfect liberty.**

**2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve
The truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened faith,
The ways of God revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray,
By Your empow'ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek
Their light, their life, their Lord.**

**3 O Christ, who led the Twelve
Among the desolate
And broke as bread of life
for all Your love compassionate:
Lead us along the ways
Where hope has nearly died
And help us climb the lonely hills
Where love is crucified.**

**4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve
On roads they'd never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim
The nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith
Transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains
Both life and ministry.**

**5 O Christ, the apostles' Lord,
The martyrs' strength and song,
The crucified and risen King
To whom the saints belong:
Though generations pass,
Our tribute still we bring,
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,
Our lives an offering.**

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.**

Hymn #688 "Come, Follow Me"

**1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake,
"All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
Obey My call and guiding
O bear the cross, whate'er betide,
Take my example for your guide.**

**2 "I am the Light, I light the way,
A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day;
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show**

How you must sojourn here below.

3 "My heart abounds in lowliness,
My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express,
With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,
To God I yield, on Him I call.

4 "I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free,
From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav'nly goal."

5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

Sermon

The Rite of Confirmation

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 (Lent)

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.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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 #837 "Lift High the Cross"

Refrain

Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore
His sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow
where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious,
Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

2. Led on their way
by this triumphant sign,

**The hosts of God in
conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain***

**3. All newborn soldiers
of the Crucified
Bear on their brows
the seal of Him who died. *Refrain***

**4. O Lord, once lifted
on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised,
draw us all to Thee. *Refrain***

**5. Let ev'ry race and
ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our
lives from death and hell. *Refrain***

**6 So shall our song of
triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified
for victory! *Refrain***

Postlude