

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

February 2, 2025

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.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C Amen.**

#### **Old Testament Reading *1 Samuel 1:21-28***

**L This is the Word of the Lord**

**C Thanks be to God.**

#### **Epistle *Hebrews 2:14-18***

**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 St. Luke, the second 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** Nicene Creed

**C** **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

**HYMN #519** In His Temple Now Behold Him

**1** **In His Temple now behold Him,  
See the long-expected Lord;  
Ancient prophets had foretold Him,  
God has now fulfilled His word.  
Now to praise Him, His redeemed  
Shall break forth with one accord.**

**2** **In the arms of her who bore Him,  
Virgin pure, behold Him lie  
While His aged saints adore Him  
Ere in perfect faith they die.  
Allelujah, allelujah!  
Lo! the incarnate God Most high!**

**3 Jesus, by Your presentation,  
When they blessed You, weak and poor,  
Make us see Your great salvation,  
Seal us with Your promise sure;  
And present us in Your glory  
To Your Father, cleansed and pure.**

**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 (Epiphany)**

**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.**

**As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.**

**We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.**

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 and Benediction**

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

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 #937 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace**

**1 Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,  
Your word is now fulfilled.  
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,  
This child so long foretold.**

**2 This is the Savior of the world,  
The Gentiles' promised light,  
God's glory dwelling in our midst,  
The joy of Israel.**

**3 With saints of old, with saints to come,  
To You we lift our voice;  
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest  
Be honor, love, and praise.**

**POSTLUDE**