

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,
e 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.**

First Reading *Acts 1:12-16*

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

Epistle *Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20*

**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 *Luke 20:9-20*

**P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 20th 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 #490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.

2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne
High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.

3 Jesus lives! For me He died.
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.

**All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.**

**4 Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from Him shall sever,
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.**

**5 Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense;
Jesus is my confidence!**

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 (Easter)

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. For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

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 #492 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

**1 On Christ's ascension I now build
The hope of my ascension;
This hope alone has always stilled
All doubt and apprehension;**

For where the Head is, there as well
I know His members are to dwell
When Christ will come and call them.

2 Since Christ returned to claim His throne,
Great gifts for me obtaining,
My heart will rest in Him alone,
No other rest remaining;
For where my treasure went before,
There all my thoughts will ever soar
To still their deepest yearning.

3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,
Recalling Your ascension,
That I may serve You faithfully
In thanks for my redemption;
And then, when all my days will cease,
Let me depart in joy and peace
In answer to my pleading.

Postlude