

Lord Jesus Christ, you speak the word of truth which brings good news to the poor, freedom to those who are oppressed and enslaved, and healing to those whose lives lack wholeness. We confess that too often our minds are swayed by the media's 'truth' that can be often so contrary to the gospel.

Forgive us when our lives deny the truth of your words and your deeds.

Lord Jesus Christ, you give us the gift of life - emptying yourself of all self-serving power in order to empower others with your beautiful life and selfless love. We confess that we like to use power to further our own purposes, even if – sadly - it contributes to the powerlessness of others.

Forgive us, Lord, when our desire for power and status is stronger than our desire to make your life visible through us.

Lord Jesus Christ, remind us that...

the landscape of God's grace becomes clearer when we follow your way.

The sound of God's voice is easier to hear when our lives speak your truth.

The heartbeat of God's love throbs within us when our lives bear witness to your life. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you might proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." *1 Peter 2: 9,10.*

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Shout to the Lord"

Nancy Raabe

Sonya Kempf - Organ

A TIME FOR CHILDREN & NOISY OFFERING

WORD

PSALM **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16** *(read responsively)*

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

²**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

¹⁵**My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.**

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."

FIRST READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

Pew Bible NT pg. 251

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

ALLELUIA

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to his name.

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GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

Pew Bible NT pg. 112

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

The holy gospel according to John the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Erin

SONG OF THE DAY

“Better Is One Day”

Matt Redman

How lovely is Your Dwelling place, O Lord almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for you.
For hear my heart is satisfied, within Your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere.
Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek, to see Your beauty.
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.
One thing I ask and I would seek, to see Your beauty.
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
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APOSTLES’ CREED *(please stand)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.** *(please be seated)*

OFFERING

The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the “For Children Everywhere” box.

OFFERING SONG

“I Give You My Heart”

Reuben Morgan

This is my desire, to honor You.
Lord, with all my heart I worship You.
All I have within me, I give You praise. All that I adore is in You.

Lord, I give You my heart. I give You my soul.
I live for You alone. Every breath that I take, every moment I’m awake,
Lord, have Your way in me.

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OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

Gracious and loving God, accept and bless these gifts and all that we do in the name of Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life. May our lives impart the truth of the gospel and our witness point others to Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

MEAL

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All who believe in Jesus Christ and wish to receive his body and blood are welcome at table.
White grape juice and gluten free wafers are available for those who desire – please raise your hand to let the deacon know your preference.*

COMMUNION SONGS

There Is A Redeemer”

Melody Green

There is a Redeemer. Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

“Eat This Bread”

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(please stand)*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life
fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. Share the good news.
We will! Thanks be to God!

SENDING SONG

“Rise Up and Praise Him”

Baloche\Sadler

Let the heavens rejoice. Let the earth be glad.
Let the people of God sing His praise all over the land.
Everyone in the valley come and lift your voice.
All those on the mountaintop, be glad and shout for joy.

Rise up and praise Him, He deserves our love.
Rise up and praise Him, worship the holy one.
With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might
Rise up and praise Him.

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