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**Sunday Morning Worship ~ 9:00 A.M.**

# **WORSHIP SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION May 2025**

## **The Service of Preparation**

Prelude Music

### **Brief Order For Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God

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**C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

### ***The Service of the Gathering***

**C: Gathering Hymn is sung**

### ***The Greeting***

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also, with you.**

P: Prayer of the Day

### ***The Service of the Word***

L: First Reading is Read

**C: Psalmody:** Psalm is Read Responsively

L: Second Reading is Read

## **The Holy Gospel**

Gospel Acclamation

**C: Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia**

P: The Holy Gospel Announced

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

P: Gospel Reading is Read

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**C: Hymn of the Word is Sung**

P: The Ministry Message is Shared

**C: Hymn of the Day is Sung**

## **The Service of Prayers and Offerings**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was**

**Crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

AM: The Prayers of the Faithful ~ Let Us Pray...

### **Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also, with you.**

### **The Offering**

#### **The Offertory Hymn ~ Let The Vineyards**

**C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessings. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

AM: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Service of Holy Communion**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, Our Lord took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: With this Bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life.

**C: "Christ has Died, Christ has Risen, Christ will Come Again, Amen"**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 Communion Hymn ~ Lamb of God**

**C: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, Grant us peace.**

### **Holy Communion Dismissal Blessing & Prayer**

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**C: Amen**

AM: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## **The Service of Sending**

### **The Benediction & Dismissal**

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give your peace.

**C: Amen**

**C: Hymn 733 ~ Recessional Hymn**

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Postlude Music**

## **WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS**

Welcome! You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, the joy of music, and the sharing of the Word. We gather at the Lord's table today. He is the host—we are the guests. Here He nourishes us with food and drink and the full assurance of our salvation in Him.

## **The Readings & Gospel for May 2025**

### **June 1 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter**

First Reading ~ Acts 16: 16-34

Psalm ~ Psalm 97

Second Reading ~ Revelation 22: 12-21

Gospel ~ St. John 17: 20-26

### **June 8 ~ Sunday of Pentecost**

First Reading ~ Acts 2: 1-21

Psalm ~ Psalm 104

Second Reading ~ Romans 8: 14-17

Gospel ~ St. John 14: 8-27

### **June 15 ~ Holy Trinity Sunday**

First Reading ~ Proverbs 8: 1-31

Psalm ~ Psalm 8

Second Reading ~ Romans 5: 1-5

Gospel ~ St. John 16: 12-15

### **June 22 ~ Second Sunday of Ordinary Times**

First Reading ~ Isaiah 65: 1-9

Psalm ~ Psalm 22

Second Reading ~ Galatians 3: 23-29

Gospel ~ St. Luke 8: 26-39

### **June 29 ~ Third Sunday of Ordinary Times**

First Reading ~ Acts 12: 1-11

Psalm ~ Psalm 87

Second Reading ~ 2 Timothy 4: 6-18

Gospel ~ St. John 21: 15-19