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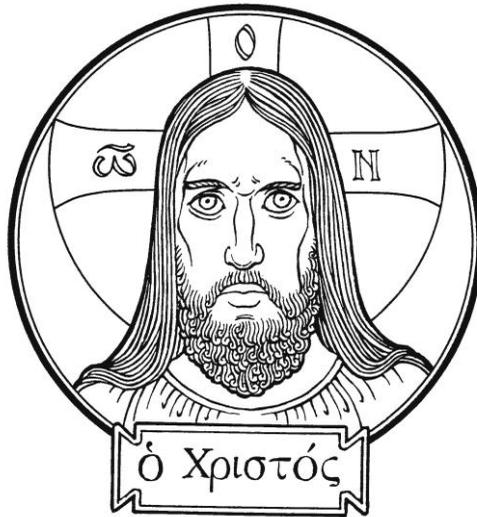


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## *The Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God*

Jesus asked his disciples: "But who do you say that I am?" The question is also put to us: "Who do you say that he is?" Flesh and blood do not reveal this to us, but by the Ministry of the Gospel the Father in heaven reveals his Son to us on earth, who has become flesh and suffered death for our salvation. Thus we believe and confess that he is "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16).

As Jesus died for our transgressions and was raised for our justification, he delivers us from all our sins and preserves our life within his Church, against which even the gates of hell shall not prevail. The Church will stand forever. Nothing can keep our Redeemer from upholding his promised salvation – neither false expectations nor the gates of hell, neither an Egyptian army nor a flowing river, not even the great tribulation of the end times will keep Christ our Savior from preserving his Church.

# ✦ COMMON SERVICE ✦

## THE PREPARATION

(Job 11:13-15; Psalm 25; Isaiah 40:3-5; Hebrews 4:16)

### OPENING HYMN

529 *"Built on the Rock"*



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for his  
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how  
5 Grant then, O God, your will be done, That, when the



stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth his  
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
God did re - ceive us. Th' al - tar re - calls Christ's  
church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
grace us owns Heirs of his won - drous sal - va -  
sac - ri - fice And what the sac - ra - ment gives  
faith may come Where Christ his mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
tion. Were we but two his name to tell,  
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim  
ing: "I know my own; my own know me.



But a - bove all the soul dis - tressed,  
Choos - es to live with us in love,  
Yet he would deign with us to dwell  
Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,  
You, not the world, my face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
Mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
With all his grace and his fa - vor.  
And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.  
My peace I leave with you al - ways.”

**INVOCATION** (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

*\* Please stand.*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**CONFESSION OF SINS** (1 John 1:8-9)

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*\* Please remain silent for reflection on God's Word and for repentant self-examination.*

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**KYRIE – LORD, HAVE MERCY** (Mark 10:47; Luke 17:12-13)



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy

on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

**HOLY ABSOLUTION** (John 20:19-23)

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – GLORY TO GOD** (Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**SALUTATION** (Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22)

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (Philippians 4:6; Matthew 18:19-20)

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

\* *Please be seated.*

# THE WORD

(Romans 10:17; Acts 2:42; 2 Timothy 3:16,17)

## FIRST LESSON

Exodus 6:2-8

*\* After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of Our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 34

*\* Pastor will speak the initial refrain, and then the first half of each Psalm verse.*

*The congregation will respond with the second half of each verse, and join Pastor in the other refrains.*

M: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

M: Taste and see that the LORD is good;

**C: blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

M: The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous

**C: and his ears are attentive to their cry.**

M: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,

**C: and he delivers them.**

**All: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

M: The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;

**C: he delivers them from all their troubles.**

M: The LORD is close to the brokenhearted

**C: and saves those who are crushed in spirit.**

M: The LORD redeems his servants;

**C: no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**All: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

**SECOND LESSON**          Romans 11:33-36

*\* After the reading of the Lesson:*

**M: The Word of Our Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**VERSE OF THE DAY**          2 Timothy 1:10b          (Psalm 150; Revelation 19)

**M: Alleluia.** “Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.” Alleluia.



**C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!**

*\* The pastor processes to the nave floor for the reading of the Gospel, symbolizing Christ's presence among us in his Word.*

**GOSPEL OF THE DAY**          Matthew 16:13-20

*\* Please stand.*

**M: The Holy Gospel for Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, according to St. Matthew, chapter sixteen.**

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

*\* After the reading of the Gospel:*

**M: This is the Gospel of our Lord!**

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*\* Please be seated.*



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her  
 2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, Your name a -  
 3 Help us to serve you ev - er - more With hearts both  
 4 And for your gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri -



one foun - da - tion. In you she trusts, be - fore you  
 lone con - fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in your lov - ing  
 pure and low - ly. And may your Word, that light di -  
 fice all trea - sure; Teach us to bear your bless - ed



bows, And waits for your sal - va - tion. Built  
 care, True u - ni - ty pos - sess - ing. Your  
 vine, Shine on in splen - dor ho - ly That  
 cross, To find in you all plea - sure. Oh,



on this rock se - cure, Your Church shall en - dure  
 sac - ra - ments, O Lord, And your sav - ing Word  
 we re - pent - ance show, In faith ev - er grow.  
 grant us stead - fast - ness In joy and dis - tress.



Though all the world de - cay And all things  
 To us e'er pure re - tain. Grant that they  
 The pow'r of sin de - stroy And e - vils  
 Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, Let us by



pass a - way. Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Je - sus!  
 may re - main Our on - ly strength and com - fort.  
 that an - noy. Oh, make us faith - ful Chris - tians.  
 grace par - take Of end - less joy and glo - ry.

## SERMON

Matthew 16:13-20

## NICENE CREED (Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 2:10-11)

*\* Please stand.*

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

*\* Please be seated.*

## OFFERTORY MUSIC      531    *“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST (1 Timothy 2:1-6; Ephesians 6:18)

*\* Please remain seated.*

## LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

**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 SACRAMENT

(Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11)

### PREFACES

*\* Please stand.*

**M: The Lord be with you.** (2 Timothy 4:22; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

**C: And also with you.**

**M: Lift up your hearts.** (Colossians 3:1; Lamentations 3:41)

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.** (Psalm 107:1; Psalm 136)

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

**M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.**

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### SANCTUS – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



**C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:**

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-24)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**PAX DOMINI – THE PEACE OF THE LORD** (John 20:19)

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

C: Amen.

**AGNUS DEI – O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD** (John 1:29; Isaiah 53:7)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us your peace. A - men.

\* Please be seated.

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (1 Corinthians 11:26)

### Personal Prayer before Holy Communion

*Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.*

**DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**    309 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"  
    315 "Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"

### Personal Prayer after Holy Communion

*Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.*

## NUNC DIMITTIS – SONG OF SIMEON (Luke 2:29-32)

\* Please stand.



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

## THANKSGIVING (Psalm 118:1)

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**AARONIC BENEDICTION** (Numbers 6:24-26)

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

\* Please be seated.

**CLOSING HYMN**

538 vv 1,5 "The Church's One Foundation"

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus  
5 Mid - toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult  
Christ, her Lord; She is his new cre - a - tion By  
of her war She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of  
wa - ter and the Word. From heav'n he came and  
peace for - ev - er - more Till with the vi - sion  
sought her To be his ho - ly bride; With his own  
glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest And the great  
blood he bought her, And for her life he died.  
Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.





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### **Personal Prayer for after Worship**

*Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. In your Name, I pray. Amen.*

**Special thanks to:** Peter Hermanson for serving as cantor, Ben Leyrer for recording the video of the service, and Peter Hermanson for playing the music.

**Offering:** If you have an offering, you can place it in the box in the narthex, mail it to the church, or give online via the link on our church website. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation.

**"About the Propers,"** a document explaining the changeable parts of the service, and **"The Congregation at Prayer,"** a document offering suggestions for daily devotions and Scripture readings are posted on our website.

**Thank you for joining us** as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!

**Please contact Pastor Berg** if you are need of any pastoral care during the week.

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