

Confession and Absolution

Please stand as you are able. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Invocation

- A In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

Exhortation

- A Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- A 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.
- A Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.

Self-examination

A We will have a period of silence as we reflect on our nature in light of God's Word and the Ten Commandments.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Call to confess

A Let us call unto the Lord.

Confession of Sins

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

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- A In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all of our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun a good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **C** Amen.

Sharing the Peace

- **A** The peace of the Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

Service of the Word



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **A** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **A** Let us pray.

Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

Verse of the Month

- A Please b e seated as our service continues as we speak our Verse of the Month from John, chapter six, verse fifty-one.
- **C** [Jesus said,] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." John 6:51

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 19:1–8

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay

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down again. ⁷And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." ⁸And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

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

Psalmody

- **A** I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- **C** My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
- A Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!
- **G** I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
- A Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.
- **C** This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.
- A The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! 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.

Epistle

Ephesians 4:17-5:2

¹⁷This I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Alleluia and Verse



Psalm 34:1-8





Holy Gospel

A The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

⁴¹So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—⁴⁶not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

- **A** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.

Please be seated.

Sermon

John 6:35–51

625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread 1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May Ι in grace 2 To pas-tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, То rest - ful wa 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full free and 4 I do not it fa - vor, Lord, mer -My weight of sin You. fed, with ly food be pos sess Let me ho _ ters lead me: Your ta ble well for me pro - vide, mis sion Ι come with prayer be - fore Your sight re would break In all guilt - y heart's dis - cord, me; my In hun - ger Ι ad _ dress You. Pre pare me well Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -Your In sor - row and con tri tion. righ-teous-ness, -Ο Lord, do not for sake In dis - tress _ me. my 6 O Lord, hum-bly prayer im - plored, You, And, by for my in You ful, sick, and weak, Ref uge lone T seek, а wor - thi - ly, You Lord, cov - er me That re-ceive T this com-forts That You re-ceive me gra-cious - ly, me 0 0 6 Give me Your grace and mer cy. Your of То share cup heal _ ing. Your full As sured of par don. 0 Christ, Lord of cy! my mer Text and tune: Public domain

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Prayer of the Church

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.
- ▲ Let us pray. Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Benediction

▲ The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ♥ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Please be seated.



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