

**HYMN** . . . . . "Lift High The Cross" 837

*Refrain:* Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

- 1) Come, Christians,  
follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious,  
Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
- 3) All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows  
the seal of Him who died. *Refrain*
- 5) Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves  
our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*
- 6) So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

**INVOCATION AND RESPONSES**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: With these words, we recall our Baptisms.

**C: In Baptism, God, the Holy Trinity, receives us into fellowship with Himself.**

P: What is Baptism and what benefits does it give?

**C: Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word. It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.**

P: How can water do such great things

**C: Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three.**

**THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: What is Confession?

**C: Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

P: What sins should we confess?

**C: Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's prayer.**

P: Consider, then, your place in life according to the Ten Commandments, and make confession of your sin.

**C: I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have not always served joyfully where God has placed me in life. I have been disobedient and unfaithful in service to those in authority over me. At times I have been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome. I have hurt others by my words and deeds and been negligent in my duties. I have not always set a good example for those under my care. I stand condemned for the sins I am aware of, and since I sin daily in thought, word, and deed, there are many sins I am not even aware of. I am sorry for all this, and want to change my life so that it clearly reflects the grace and love God has shown to me. Lord, have mercy.**

P: *The Office of the Keys . . . Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness.*

**C: Yes, I believe that the words you speak are the same as if God were speaking to me.**

P: *Let it be . . . Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

P: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

**C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** . . . . . 566

By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why stagger at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
No! Then this word must true remain:  
By grace you too will life obtain.  
  
By grace! This ground of faith is certain;  
As long as God is true, it stands.  
What saints have penned by inspiration,  
What in His Word our God commands,  
Our faith in what our God has done  
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.

**THE PRAYER 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.**

**THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

1<sup>st</sup> : Acts 11:1–18 2<sup>nd</sup> : Revelation 21:1–7

**Gospel:** John 13:31–35

*(After Each Reading)*

P: Your Word, Oh Lord, is a lamp unto my feet.

**C: And a light unto my path**

**HYMN** . . . . . "Love Divine" 700 (verses 1, 3-4)

- 1) Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

3) Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.

4) Finish then Thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

### THE SERMON

### THE OFFERING

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### THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Prayer is speaking to God in words and thoughts. We pray to God the Father,

**C: He tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**

P: We pray in the name of Christ.

**C: Jesus says, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) and again he says, (John 14:13) "And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father."**

P: We pray with the Holy Spirit.

**C: (Rom 8:26-27) "The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will."**

P: *(After each petition)* . . . Lord in Your Mercy

**C: Hear our Prayer**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,

**C: Amen.**

### THE PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

P: We now prepare to receive the Lord's Supper. What is the Lord's Supper?

**C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink.**

P: In this sacrament we receive . . . *How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

**C: Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."**

P: *Who receives this sacrament worthily?*

**C: That person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.**

P: To further implore God's blessing, we pray the prayer the Lord has taught us.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**

*(The Consecration concluded with the following)*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

**C: And also with you.**

### AGNUS DEI . . . . . "At the Lamb's High Feast" 633

- 1) At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!
- 2) Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- 4) Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS . . . . . 602, 722

### POST COMMUNION HYMN (rise). . . . . 643

- 1) Sent forth by God's blessing,  
Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended. O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.
- 2) With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us,  
With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

## THE COLLECT

P: Let us pray . . . one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

P: (Heb 13:20-21 NIV) May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him,

**C: Through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you . . . give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN . . . . . "I want to Walk" 411 (verses 1, 3)

1) I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* In Him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

3) I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,

We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

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