# **Confession and Absolution**

#### Hymn of Invocation 1 Fight the good fight with all might; Christ is your your 2 Run the straight race through God's Lift your good grace; up 3 Cast bound - less care side, lean guide; His а on your 4 Faint not nor fear. His arms are near; He chang - es strength, right. life. and Christ your Lay hold on and way eyes, and seek His face. Life with its be will pro vide. Trust, mer cy and en - dur ing not who holds you dear; On ly be - lieve, and it shall be joy and crown Your e ter nal - ly. fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize. Christ faith shall prove is life and Christ your love. your you will That Christ all ter nal - ly. see is e -Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-75, alt. Tune: The Methodist Harmonist, 1821, New York Text and tune: Public domain

#### Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### Kneel/Stand

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

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

# Service of the Word

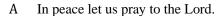
#### Introit

Let your steadfast love comfort me according to your promise to your servant.
Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.
Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in your word.
I know, O LORD, that your just decrees are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.
Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight.
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.
Let your steadfast love comfort me

according to your promise to your servant.

#### Kyrie

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A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



#### Gloria in Excelsis

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



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#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

# **Old Testament Reading**

<sup>1</sup>"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes!
<sup>2</sup>Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; Amos 6:1-7

then go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better than these kingdoms?

Or is their territory greater than your territory,

<sup>3</sup>O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence?

- 4"Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches,
- and eat lambs from the flock
- and calves from the midst of the stall.

<sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp

and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,

<sup>6</sup>who drink wine in bowls

and anoint themselves with the finest oils,

but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

<sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

#### C Thanks be to God.

#### **Epistle**

#### 1 Timothy 3:1–13

Luke 16:19-31

<sup>1</sup>The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup>Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup>not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup>He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup>for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? <sup>6</sup>He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup>Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

<sup>8</sup>Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. <sup>9</sup>They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup>And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. <sup>11</sup>Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but soberminded, faithful in all things. <sup>12</sup>Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. <sup>13</sup>For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

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

#### Stand



# Holy Gospel

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup>[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and

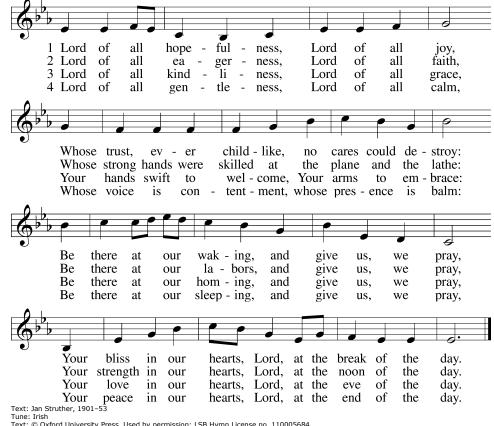
send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' <sup>27</sup>And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup>But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' <sup>30</sup>And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup>He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'''

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

# Children's Message

#### Sit

# 738 Lord of All Hopefulness



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# Sermon

# Offering

# Welcome and Support of Ministry

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# **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 T everlasting. Amen.

# Prayer of the Church

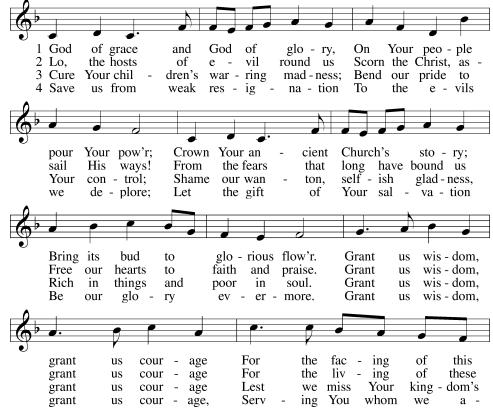
# Lord's Prayer

# **Concluding Collect**

#### Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C Amen.

# 850 God of Grace and God of Glory



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