



**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**

### **ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus on His cross, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the authority of Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus we pray.  
**Alleluia and Amen.**

### **ENTRANCE HYMN: R235 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

### **OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Apostles Creed (C)**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.**

### **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY: (Unison):**

**Our Loving Lord Jesus, every blessing you do and have done for us allows us to keep praising your name, and reminding us of the undeserved love you had for us when you went to the cross. We thank you for every blessing you have given to us. ALLELUIA AND AMEN**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS: 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 17:8-16 ESV**

#### **The Widow of Zarephath**

1Ki 17:8 Then the word of the LORD came to him,

1Ki 17:9 **"Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you."**

1Ki 17:10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink."

1Ki 17:11 **And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."**

1Ki 17:12 And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die."

**1Ki 17:13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son.**

1Ki 17:14 For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'

**1Ki 17:15 And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days.**

1Ki 17:16 The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

#### Elijah Raises the Widow's Son

**1Ki 17:17 After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him.**

1Ki 17:18 And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!"

#### **Psalm: Psalm 146 with Doxology ESV**

##### **Put Not Your Trust in Princes**

**Psa 146:1** Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**Psa 146:2 I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Psa 146:3 Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**Psa 146:4 When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**

Psa 146:5 Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

**Psa 146:6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**

Psa 146:7 who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

Psa 146:8 **the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

Psa 146:9 The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

Psa 146:10 **The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

**EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 9:11-22 ESV**

Redemption Through the Blood of Christ

11 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) 12 he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

**15 Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. 16 For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. 17 For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive.**

18 Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. 19 For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." 21 And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. 22 Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

*Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel.*

**GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 12:28-37 ESV**

28 And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

29 Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

32 And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. 33 And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

34 And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

#### Whose Son Is the Christ?

35 And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? **36** David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared, "'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.'" 37 David himself calls him Lord. So how is he his son?" And the great throng heard him gladly.

#### **MUSIC MEDITATION: Why We Tithe**

**SERMON:** *"This is the New Covenant in My Blood!"* - Rev. Steve Dygert + STS  
Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Ephesians 1:2*

**C: Amen**

**SERMON HYMN: R183 Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

**OFFERING:**

**Rite of Friendship:**

P. The Peace of the Lord Be With You Always.

C. **And Also With You.**

P. Please share the Peace with those around you.

P. We now have the opportunity to share back with the Lord a little of the bounty He has shared with us.

**OFFERING HYMN:**

The image shows a musical score for the Doxology in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics and guitar chords written above the notes. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here be - low; praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost." The chords are: G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G; G, D, Em, C, G, D, Em; D/F#, G, D, G/B, C, D7/A, G, D/F#; G, A7/E, D, Am, G/D, D7, G.

*As the offering is brought forward, we will sing the Doxology.*

*Doxology, written in England for Protestant Churches in 1674.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Merciful Father, **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us-our selves, 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 PRAYERS:**We pray For: *(Prayer Response)* Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayers!**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER: KJV**

**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.  
 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
 forever and forever. Amen**

**PREPARATION OF THE TABLE:**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION:***Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 11:23-25*

On the night He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said; "Take and eat; this is My body, given for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same manner, after supper He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to the them saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of of Me."

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As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. *1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:26*

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:**

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!**

**THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN: R236 All Creatures of Our God and King**

*vs 1,2, instrumental interlude, 6, then 2<sup>nd</sup> line repeats at Praise, Praise the Father, Praise the Son*

**THE AARONIC BENEDICTION: Numbers 6: 24-26**

**LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH:**

**Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be  
With God as our father  
People all are we  
Let me walk with all people  
In perfect harmony**

**Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now  
With every step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment  
And live each moment  
In peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me!!**

**THE DISMISSAL** P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C. Thanks be to God!!**

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