

May 18, 2025

## **INVOCATION**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **CONFESSION**

*P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.*

**C: Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

*John 13:31-35*

When He had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him,

God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek Me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

### **HYMN    Thine Forever, God of Love**

**1    Thine forever, God of love!  
Hear us from Thy throne above;  
Thine forever may we be  
Here and in eternity!**

**2    Thine forever! Oh, how blest  
They who find in Thee their rest!  
Savior, guardian, heav'nly friend,  
O defend us to the end!**

**3    Thine forever, Lord of Life!  
Shield us through our earthly strife.  
Thou, the life, the truth, the way,  
Guide us to the realms of day.**

**4    Thine forever! Shepherd, keep  
These Thy frail and trembling sheep;  
Safe alone beneath Thy care,  
Let us all Thy goodness share.**

**5    Thine forever! Thou our guide,  
All our wants by Thee supplied,**

**All our sins by Thee forgiv'n;  
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.**

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## **SERMON**

## **PRAYERS**

### **THE 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.**

### **BENEDICTION**

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always.*

**C: Amen.**

### **HYMN    Abide, O Dearest Jesus**

**1    Abide, O dearest Jesus,  
      Among us with Your grace  
That Satan may not harm us  
      Nor we to sin give place.**

**3    Abide with heav'nly brightness  
      Among us, precious Light;  
Your truth direct and keep us  
      From error's gloomy night.**

**4    Abide with richest blessings  
      Among us, bounteous Lord;  
Let us in grace and wisdom  
      Grow daily through Your Word.**

**6    Abide, O faithful Savior,  
      Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
      To reach our home above.**

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