

TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP:

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THE INVOCATION:

(We call on the name of our Triune God)

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost

CONGREGATION: (SPOKEN) AMEN.

PASTOR: *Service introduction and opening prayer*

Opening Hymn

#232 - "Let Songs of Praises Fill the Sky"



THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION:

(We come before our Creator and Redeemer, confessing our guilt and seeking His forgiveness)

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth.

In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child.

But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray:

Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love.

Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: (SPOKEN) AMEN.

THE KYRIE:

(Assured of forgiveness, we continued to plead with our Savior for His continued mercy)



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



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THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:

(With the angels at Christ's birth, we glorify the Triune God for our salvation)



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - mighty Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

THE SALUTATION:

(The Pastor and Congregation greet one another)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (SPOKEN) And with your spirit.

THE COLLECT:

(A prayer based on the service theme, along with any prayer requests)

P: Let us pray: Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C: (SPOKEN) AMEN.

The Scripture Lessons

"The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever." (Is 40:8)

