

I am a Child of God

Call to Worship

Prelude

Liturgical Response

Leader: *The Lord is in His holy temple;*

Response: *... let all the earth keep silent before Him.*

Habakkuk 2:20

Lighting the Christ Candle #85 (LYH)

“Thy Word”

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.

And nothing will I fear, as long as you are near,

Please be near me, to the end.

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Presenting the Word

Leader: *Your Word, O Lord, is eternal;*

Response: *It stands firm in the heavens forever! Psalm
119:89*

✠ Song #56 (LYH)

“We Are Singing”

Refrain

We are singing for the Lord is our light,

We are singing for the Lord is our light. (repeat)

We are singing..Oh, We are singing for the Lord is our light,

We are singing..Oh, We are singing for the Lord is our light,

The Lord is the strength of our lives;

Of whom shall we be afraid?

Though foes may be near to destroy;

The Lord will be our light.

Refrain

When burdens are heavy to bear,

Our shelter is God alone.

Our feet are lifted high;

Yes, high upon a rock.

Refrain

We walk in the strength of the Lord,

God's love is ever sure.

We shout that the world may hear,

We sing a joyful song.

✠ Song #18 (LYH)

“You Are Here”

You are here among us, for we have gathered in your name.

We can feel your presence in this place.

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You are here among us, You are enthroned upon our praise,

You are here, here to heal and here to save.

You are here in our midst, how we waited for moments like this,

Have your way in this place, Holy Spirit, come do as you wish,

We are changed as you move in our midst.

(repeat)

Lead Leader: *This is our hope,*

Response: *To know Christ and make Him known.*

Greeting:

You are somebody,

somebody on the Lord's side.

You are somebody,

somebody on the Lord's side.

Leader: *May the peace of Christ be with you.*

Response: *And also with you.*

Welcome and Announcements

- **Welcome to visitors.**
- **Life Center Meal**
- **Prayer Request**

Confession:

Leader: *God is Good!*

Response: *All the time!*

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Response: *God is good to me!*

✠ Song #477 (BH) Master Proclaim”

“Ye Servants of God, Your

*Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad, His wonderful name;
The name all victorious of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious, He rules over all.*

*God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still He is nigh—His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.*

*Then let us adore, and give Him His right,
All glory and power, all wisdom and might.
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.*

Confession of Sin

Invitation to Silent Confession: *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sin, he who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sin and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

Congregation: *Amen!*

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Leader: *Believe the good news, having confessed our sin we are God’s healed and forgiven people, made righteous in Christ.*

Response: *The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name,**

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Consecration of Gifts:

The Bread and the Cup

Offering

Worship Asst: *For God so loved the world he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life!*

Now, as Christ humbled himself and gave Himself on the cross on our behalf, let us consecrate our tithes and offerings to Him!

Even more than this: Let us “present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship!”

✠ Song

“God, We Honor You”

God, we honor you.

God, we trust in you.

God, we worship and adore you.

Take what we bring offered to you.

Teach us to show your abundant blessings.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen. (repeat)

Prayer of Dedication

Story Time

“God's Field of Dreams”

Matthew

13:24-30, 36-43

✠ Song
“Sanctuary”

*Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

Scripture Lesson

**Genesis 28:16-17, Psalm 139:1-10, 23-24,
Romans 8:12-16, Matthew 13:24-32, 43**

Hear the Word of the Lord!

Genesis 28:16-17

16 Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!

17 And he was afraid, and said, How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

Psalm 139:1-10, 23-24

1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

3 You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

7 Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

24 See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Romans 8:12-16

12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live

according to the flesh—

13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!”

16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God....

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon
Theodicy”

“7. Romans:

✠ Song #339 (BH)
“Be Thou My Vision“

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.*

The Lord's Supper

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: Let us confess our faith.

Leader: Do you believe in one God, the Father almighty?

Congregation: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Congregation: *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 to the dead. 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.*

Leader: *Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?*

Congregation: *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Leader: *Now, all who have confessed faith in Jesus Christ are invited to share in this bread and the cup when they are served and participate in the mystery of faith.*

Congregation: *Thanks be to God!*

Leader: *Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:*

Congregation: *Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!*

Leader: *Thanks be to God for the victory that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

Response: *O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!*

✠ Benediction

**✠ Song #137 (LYH)
Ever Be the Same"**

"No One Will

*We're going to shine like the sun in the Kingdom of Heaven,
Shine like the sun in the Kingdom of Heaven,
We're going to shine like the sun in the Kingdom of Heaven,
And no one will ever be the same.*

*Ref:- And it's all in Jesus' name, and it's all in Jesus' name,
Yes, it's all in Jesus' name, and no one will ever be the same.*

Postlude