

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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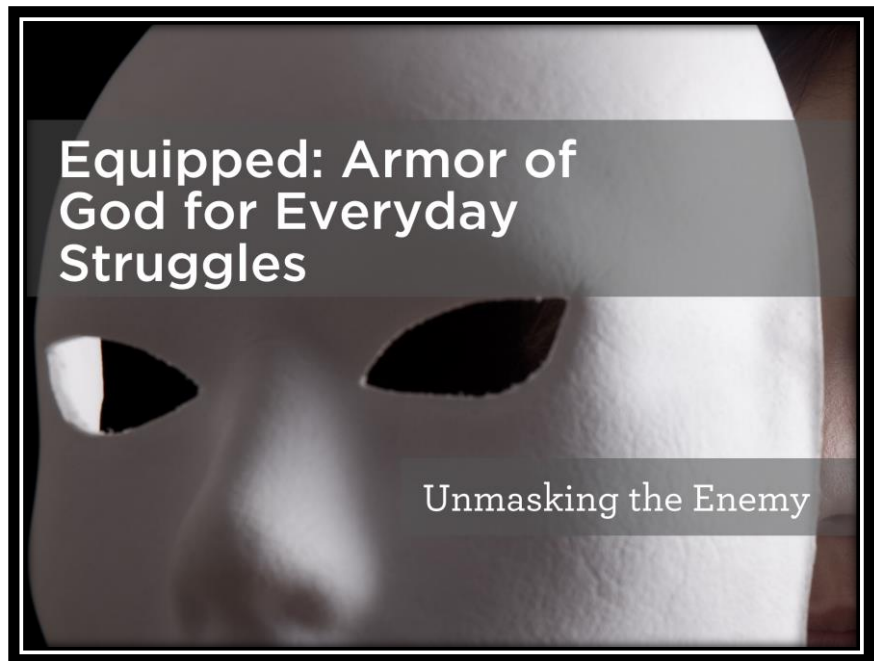
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5:00 pm Saturdays & 8:15 am Sundays (Traditional Music)
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AS WE GATHER

The devil is working daily to make us turn away from our faith in Christ. Sometimes though, it's not in grand efforts, but in the small ones we encounter every day. The devil can work through exhaustion, anxiety, temptation, and frustration, all common daily occurrences. But God provides strength to battle the devil's ways by giving us His armor. Follow along with Ascension's summer sermon series on Ephesians 6 to see how the armor of God equips us to defend against Satan. (see cph.org for further description and details of the book, Equipped: The Armor of God for Everyday Struggles).

PRELUDE:

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Hughes

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You. Hope of a life spent with You.

CHORUS: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.

Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor.

CHORUS

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross,

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

CHORUS

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(Please Stand)

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P Be strong in the Lord

C and in the strength of His might.

P Put on the whole armor of God,

C that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

P Therefore, take up the whole armor of God

C that you may be able to withstand in the evil day.

P And having done all,

C to stand firm.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Silence for self-examination.

- P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
C **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. 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 \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- C** **Amen.**

(or)

- A** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- C** **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

HYMN OF PRAISE: BE STRONG IN THE LORD

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Be strong in the Lord
In armor of light,
With helmet and sword,
With shield for the fight;
On prayer be dependent,
Be belted and shod,
In breastplate resplendent:
The armor of God.

Integrity gird
You round to impart
The truth of His Word
As truth in your heart;
His righteousness wearing
As breastplate of mail,
His victory sharing,
Be strong to prevail.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please Be Seated)

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 3:8–15

⁸They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

8 जब साँझको हावा बहिरहेको थियो परमप्रभु परमेश्वर बगैंचामा घुमिरहनु हुँदा ती पुरुष र स्त्रीले परमप्रभु परमेश्वरको आवाज चाल पाएर तिनीहरु बगैंचाको रुखहरुमाझ लुके।

9 परमप्रभु परमेश्वरले त्यस पुरुष मानिसलाई बोलाउनु भयो अनि सोध्नु भयो, "तिमी कहाँ छौ?"

10 तब त्यस पुरुष मानिसले उत्तर दियो, "तपाईंको आवाज मैले बगैंचा भित्र चाल पाएँ र म नाङ्गै रहेको हुँदा डराएँ र म लुकेँ।"

11 तब परमप्रभु परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, "तिमी नाङ्गै छौ भनी कसले भन्यो? के तिमीले मैले जुन रुखबाट फल नखानु भनी आज्ञा दिएको थिएँ त्यसैको फल त खाएनौ?"

12 त्यस मानिसले भने, "स्त्री जो तपाईंले मसित बस्न दिनु भयो, उसैले मलाई रुखको फल दिईन् अनि मैले खाएँ।"

13 तब परमप्रभु परमेश्वरले त्यस स्त्री मानिसलाई भन्नुभयो, “तिमीले किन यस्तो काम गर्यौं?” तब त्यस स्त्रीले भनी, “सर्पले मलाई धोका दियो र मैले त्यो फल खाँँ।”

14 तब परमप्रभु परमेश्वरले सर्पलाई भन्नुभयो, “तैले यस्तो काम गरेको हुनाले तँलाई अन्य पशुहरु गाई-वस्तु र अरु सबै जङ्गली पशुहरुलाईभन्दा अझै ज्यादा श्राप दिनेछु।” तैले तेरो जीवन भरी आफ्नो पेटले घस्रनु र माटो खाएर बस्नु परोस्।

15 म तँ र त्यस स्त्रीमाझ शत्रुता सृष्टि गर्नेछु। तेरो सन्तान र त्यस स्त्रीका सन्तानमाझ पनि शत्रुता सृष्टि गर्नेछु जसले गर्दा त्यसका सन्तानहरुले तेरो टाउको किच्याउने छन् अनि तेरा सन्तानहरुले पनि तिनीहरुको कुर्कुचामा डस्ने छन्।”

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

¹For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

13 धर्मशास्त्रमा यो लेखिएको छ, “मैले विश्वास गरेँ, यसकारण म बोलें।” हाम्रो विश्वास पनि त्यस्तै नै छ। हामी विश्वास गर्छौं र हामी बोल्छौं।

14 परमेश्वरले प्रभु येशूलाई मृत्युबाट जीवन दिनुभयो। अनि हामी जान्दछौं परमेश्वरले हामीलाई पनि येशूसित बौराउनु हुन्छ। परमेश्वरले हामीलाई तिमीहरुसितै ल्याउनु हुनेछ अनि हामी उनका अधि उभिने छौं।

15 यी सबै कुराहरु तिमीहरुका निम्ति हो ताकि परमेश्वरको महिनमा धेरै मानिसहरुमा बाँढिदैंछ। यसकारण, यसरी उहाँको महिमाका निम्ति परमेश्वरले धेरै धन्यवाद पाउनु भइरहेको छ।

16 त्यसैकारणले हामी कहिल्यै कमजोर बन्दैनौं। हाम्रो भौतिक शरीर जीर्ण र कमजोर हुँदैछ तर हामीभित्रको आत्मा हरेक दिन नयाँ बनिदैछ।

17 यस घरी केही समयको निम्ति साना साना समस्याहरु सामान गर्दैछौं। तर ती समस्याहरुबाट हामीले अनन्त महिमा पाउने सहायता पाइरेहकाछौं त्यो अनन्त महिमा समस्याहरु भन्दा धेरै महान छ।

18 त्यसैले हामीले देखे नसकिने कुराहरु हामी सोच्छौं तर जे देख्छौं ती विषयमा होइन। प्रत्यक्ष देखिने कुराहरु क्षणिक हुन्छन् अनि हामीले देख्न नसकिने कुराहरु चाँहि सँधैको लागि हुनेछ।

1 मी जान्दछौं, यस धरतीमा हामी जुन तम्बूमा बस्छौं त्यो नष्ट हुनेछ। तर जब त्यो नष्ट हुनेछ, हामीले बस्ने घर परमेश्वरबाट पाउनछौं। त्यो घर मानिसले बनाएको होइन। यो घर स्वर्गमा हुन्छ र अनन्त रहनेछ।

(Please Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 3:20–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” ²³And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

²⁸“Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— ³⁰for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him.

³²And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” ³³And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!

³⁵Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

20 त्यसपछि, येशू घर जानुभयो। तर फेरि अनेकौं मानिसहरू त्यहाँ भेला भए, त्यहाँ यति विघ्न मानिसहरू थिए कि येशू र आफ्ना चेलाहरूले भोजन खान पनि पाउनु भएन।

21 येशूका परिवारका सदस्यहरूले यी सबै थाहा पाए। तिनीहरूले उहाँको मन ठेगानमा छैन भनी उहाँको जिम्मा लिन तिनीहरू आए।

22 अनि यरूशलेमबाट आएका व्यवस्थाका शास्त्रीहरूले भने, “बालजिबुल(शैतान) उहाँभित्र रहेको छ! उसले दुष्टआत्मा हरूको मालिकद्वारा अधिकार पाएर मानिसहरूमा भएको दुष्ट आत्माहरू भगाउँदछ।”

23 यसकारण येशूले सबैलाई एकत्र गर्नु भयो अनि मानिसहरूलाई शिक्षा दिनलाई नीति कथाहरूको दृष्टान्त दिनु भयो। येशूले भन्नुभयो, “शैतानले शैतानलाई मानिसहरूबाट कसरी निकाल्न सक्छ?

24 यदि कुनै राज्य विभक्त भएर आफ्नै विरुद्ध झगडा गरे, त्यो धेरै दिन चल्न सक्तैन।

25 अनि एक परिवार विभक्त भएर, अनि फुट भएका अंश एक अर्कासित लडिरहे त्यो परिवारको रूपमा खडा रहन सक्तैन।

26 जब शैतान शैतानसंगै र आफ्नै मानिसहरूसंगै झगडा गर्छ त्यो धेरै दिन टिक्न सक्तैन। यो अवस्थामा शैतानको अन्त हुनेछ।

27 यदि कुनै मानिस एकजना बलवान मानिसको घरमा उसका चीजबीज चोर्न भनी पस्न चाहन्छ भने उसले पहिले त्यो बलवान मानिसलाई डोरीले बाध्नु पर्छ, तब मात्र त्यसले त्यो बलवान मानिसको घरबाट चीजहरू लुटन सक्दछ।

- 28 म तिमीहरूलाई साँचो भन्दछु, मानिसहरूले गरेका सबै पापहरू अनि निन्दाहरू क्षमा हुनेछ।
- 29 तर पवित्र आत्माका विरुद्ध कसैले गरेका खराब कुराहरू कहिल्यै क्षमा हुनेछैन। किनभने उ सधैं त्यो पापको दोषी बन्नु पर्नेछ।”
- 30 येशूले यसो भन्नुभयो किनभने शास्त्रीहरूले येशूभित्र दुष्टात्मा रहेको छ भनेका थिए।
- 31 तब येशूका आमा र भाइहरू आए, उनीहरू बाहिरै खडा भएर एकजनालाई येशूलाई बोलउन पठाए।
- 32 धेरै मानिसहरू येशूको वरिपरि बसेका थिए। तिनीहरूले येशूलाई भने, “तापईका आमा र भाइहरू तपाईंलाई पर्खी बाहिर बसिरहेका छन्।”
- 33 येशूले उत्तर दिनु भयो, “को चाँहि मेरा आमा हुन्? को चाँहि मेरा भाइहरू हुन्?”
- 34 तब येशूले आफ्ना वरिपरि गोलो भएर बसेका मानिसहरूलाई हेर्नुभयो। उहाँले भन्नुभयो, “यी मानिसहरू नै मेरा आमा र भाइहरू हुन।
- 35 मेरा साँच्चा भाइ बहिनीहरू र आमा तिनीहरूनै हुन् जसले परमेश्वरले चाहे अनुसार कर्म गर्दछन्।”

APOSTLES' CREED

**☩ 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 ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED

प्रेरितहरूको विश्वासको सार

म विश्वास गर्दछु एक परमेश्वर सर्वशक्तिमान् पिता, स्वर्ग र पृथ्वी सृष्टि गर्नुहुनेमाथि।

अनि उहाँका एकले पुत्र, हाम्रा प्रभु येशू ख्रीष्टमाथि, जो पवित्र आत्माको शक्तिद्वारा गर्भ धारण हुनुभयो, कन्ये मरियमदेखि जन्मनुभयो,

जसले पन्तियस पिलातसको अधीनमा दुःख भोग्नुभयो, जो क्रूसमा टाँगिनुभयो, स्वर्गमा चढिजानुभयो, अनि सर्वशक्तिमान् परमेश्वर पिताको दाहिने हातपट्टि बस्नुभएको छ;

जहाँदेखि उहाँ जिउँदा र मरेकाहरूको न्याय गर्नलाई फेरि आउनुहुनेछ।

म विश्वास गर्दछु पवित्र आत्मामाथि; पवित्र मण्डलीमाथि; पवित्रहरूको सङ्गतिमाथि; पाप मोचनमाथि; शरीरको पुनरुत्थानमाथि; र अजम्मरी जीवनमाथि। आमिन्।

(Please Be Seated)

SONG OF THE DAY: JESUS FIRM FOUNDATION

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How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word.
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Fear not, He is with us, oh be not dismayed,
For He is our God, our Sustainer and Strength.
He'll be our Defender, and cause us to stand,
Upheld by His merciful, almighty hand.

CHORUS: How firm our foundation. How sure our salvation.
And we will not be shaken. Jesus, firm foundation.

The soul that is trusting in Jesus as Lord
Will press on enduring the darkest of storms.
And though even hell should endeavor to shake,
He'll never, no never, no never forsake.
He'll never, no never, no never forsake.

CHORUS: How firm our foundation. How sure our salvation.
And we will not be shaken. Jesus, firm foundation.

Age to age He stands . . . faithful to the end.
All may fade away, but He will remain. He will remain.

How firm our foundation. How sure our salvation.
And we will not be shaken. Jesus, firm foundation.
Jesus, firm foundation. Jesus, firm foundation.

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SERMON

(Please Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Be strong in the Lord,

C and in the strength of His might.

P For the Church, that God's people would gather together in person to hear the Word of the Lord,
build each other up in song, and receive our Savior who comes to us in His body and blood. Be
strong in the Lord,

C and in the strength of His might.

P For the gift of new church workers, that God would raise up a new generation to serve in
faithfulness and love. Be strong in the Lord,

C and in the strength of His might.

P For our Congress, our president, our justices and all in authority in our land, that God would grant
them wisdom, courage, and honor as they carry out their vocations. Be strong in the Lord,

C and in the strength of His might.

- P** For Ascension's capital campaign, that the Lord would bless us with generous hearts that improvements to our facilities would enable us to better share Christ's love today and tomorrow. Be strong in the Lord,
C **and in the strength of His might.**
- P** For those who do not yet know Christ as Savior, that God would work through us to bear witness to Jesus and share the Good News of His Gospel. Be strong in the Lord,
C **and in the strength of His might.**
- P** For all who suffer oppression from the evil one, for all who struggle under sickness or loneliness or grief, for all whom we have been asked to remember, [especially _____,] that Christ would grant them deliverance and healing according to His gracious will, Be strong in the Lord,
C **and in the strength of His might.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

HYMN VERSE: BE STRONG IN THE LORD

LSB 665 sts. 3-4

With eagerness shod
 Stand firm in your place,
 Or go forth for God
 With news of His grace;
 No foe shall disarm you
 Nor force you to yield,
 No arrow can harm you
 With faith as your shield.

Though Satan presume
 To test you and try,
 In helmet and plume
 Your head shall be high;
 Beset by temptation
 Be true to your Lord,
 Your helmet salvation
 And Scripture your sword.

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OFFERING

*Due to COVID-19 we will not be passing an offering plate. Please place gifts and offerings in the wooden box in the narthex. You can also give online as a one-time gift or reoccurring donation. Simply click "Online Giving" at www.ascensionstl.com.
 "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

How should we each examine ourselves before coming to Holy Communion?

1. Be aware of our sins and be sorry for them
2. Believe in our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in His words in the Sacrament
3. Intend, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as God's forgiven people walking in newness of life

(Please Stand)

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मत्ती ६:९-१३)
हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा बस्नुहुन्छ,
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्।
तपाईंको राज्य आओस्,
तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ त्यस्तै यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।
हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्।

हाम्रा अपराध क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,
जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।
हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्।
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्।
आमिन्।

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

(Please be Seated)

✝ DISTRIBUTION SONGS ✝

SONG: I WILL WAIT FOR YOU (PSALM 130)

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Out of the depths I cry to You
In darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew
And hear my cry for mercy Lord

Were You to count my sinful ways
How could I come before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone

CHORUS 1: I will wait for You
I will wait for You
On Your word I will rely
I will wait for You surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied

So put Your hope in God alone
Take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave

His steadfast love has made a way
And God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice CHORUS 1

CHORUS 2: I will wait for You
I will wait for You
Through the storm and through the night
I will wait for You surely wait for You
For Your love is my delight

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SONG: AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE) Tomlin/Newton/Giglio

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

CHORUS: My chains are gone I've been set free. My God my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me. His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. CHORUS X2

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below will be forever mine.

Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

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(Please Stand)

DISMISSAL

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.
- C** Amen.

HYMN VERSE: BE STRONG IN THE LORD

LSB 665 st. 5

So wield well your blade,
Rejoice in its pow'rs,
Fight on undismayed
For Jesus is ours!
Then in Him victorious
Your armor lay down,
To praise, ever glorious,
His cross and His crown.

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BENEDICAMUS

- A** We are people loved by Christ;
- C** **Sharing Christ's love.**
- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

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 † give you peace.
- C** Amen.

CLOSING SONG: BECAUSE HE LIVES

B. Gaither/G. Gaither

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus.
He came to love heal and forgive.
He bled and died to buy my pardon.
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives

CHORUS: Because He lives I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.

How sweet to hold our newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives.
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days
Because Christ lives. CHORUS

And then one day I'll cross that river.
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He lives. CHORUS

And life is worth the living just because He lives.
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