

Gathering Hymn: “Come Just As You Are”

Come just as you are; Hear the Spirit call. Come just as you are; Come and see, come, receive; Come and live forever.

Life everlasting, and strength for today; Taste the Living Water, and never thirst again.

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Call To Worship:

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

C: Amen.

P: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

C: You have set Your glory above the heavens.

P: And God said, “Let there be light,”

C: and there was light.

P: And God saw everything that He had made,

C: and behold, it was very good.

Opening Song: “Step by Step/Awesome God”

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways; and step by step you’ll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

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Our God is an awesome God; He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, pow’r and love. Our God is an awesome God!

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Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Let us come before God with our sins to acknowledge them before Him and in the presence of one another.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Heavenly Father,

C: we confess that we have failed to be the people You have created us to be. We daily miss the mark of being very good, and we fail to be Your representatives in the care of Your good creation. With the early disciples, although we do believe, sometimes we doubt. Only by Your grace are we able to come before You and find peace and joy. Remind us of Your great love and mercy for us. Amen.

P: Jesus has joyful work for us to do. He has commanded us to go, teach, and baptize. And, despite our sins, He also promised, “Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” God’s majesty is not only in creating the world in which we live but in loving us despite our daily failures. He sent His Son to give our every sin. As David wrote, “I saw the Lord shaken.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Scripture Song: “Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

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Prayers of the Day:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Hymn of the Day: “I Will Follow”

Where You go, I’ll go. Where You stay, I’ll stay. When You move, I’ll move. I will follow You. Oh, oh, oh.

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure. I will trust in You alone. Higher than my sight, high above my life, I will trust in You alone.

Where You go, I’ll go Where You stay, I’ll stay. When you move, I’ll move. I will follow You.

Who You love, I’ll love. How You serve, I’ll serve. If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

Light into the world, Light into my life, I will live for You alone. You’re the One I seek, knowing I will find all I need in You alone, in You alone.

Where You go, I’ll go. Where You stay, I’ll stay. When You move, I’ll move. I will follow You.

Who You love, I’ll love. How You serve, I’ll serve. If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

In You there’s life everlasting. In You there’s freedom for my soul. In You there’s joy, unending joy. And I will follow.

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Athanasian Creed:

P: Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the catholic faith. Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally. Now this is the catholic faith: We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

C: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.

P: But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.

C: What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.

P: Uncreated is the Father, uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit.

C: The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite.

P: Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit.

C: And yet there are not three eternal beings; but one who is eternal; as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

P: Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit:

C: And yet there are not three eternal beings; but one who is eternal; as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

P: Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit:

C: And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.

P: Thus the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God:

C: And yet there are not three gods, but one God.

P: Thus the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord:

C: And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.

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C: The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;

P: the Son was neither made nor created but was alone begotten of the Father;

C: the Spirit was neither made nor created but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.

P: Thus there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

All: And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other; but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal; and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.

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P: For this is the true faith that we believe and confess: That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

C: He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father, and he is man, born in the world from the being of his mother - existing fully as God, and fully as man with a rational soul and a human body; equal to the Father in divinity, subordinate to the Father in humanity.

P: Although he is God and man, he is not divided, but is one Christ. He is united because God has taken humanity into himself; he does not transform deity into humanity. He is completely one in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures. For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.

All: He suffered death for our salvation. He descended into hell and rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: At his coming all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

All: This is the catholic faith. One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.

Offertory Hymn: "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

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And now let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us.

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Offertory Prayer:

P: Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself to us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs...

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

P: Taught by our Lord, and trusting in 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.

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: "The Potter's Hand"

Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior, I know for sure, all of my days are held in your hands; Crafted into Your perfect plan

You gently call me into your presence, guiding me by Your Holy Spirit; Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life through Your eyes.

I'm captured by Your holy calling, set me apart, I know You're drawing me to yourself; Lead me, Lord, I pray.

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me, I give my life to the Potter's hand. Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me;

I give my life to the Potter's hand.

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!