# THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

### THE CONFESSION

- P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: "I am the Bread of Life," says Jesus Christ. "Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."
- C: Lord, give us this bread always.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

- P: Most merciful and gracious God,
- C: we confess our sins to you.
- P: Our sins of thought-
- C: We have doubted your power and your promise; we have plotted wickedly.
- P: Our sins of word-
- C: We have spoken in anger and in ways that are belittling; we have argued against your good and gracious will.
- P: Our sins of deed-
- C: We have hoarded your gifts selfishly, and have defiled ourselves with all manner of evil.
- P: We hunger and thirst for righteousness.
- C: But we are doomed to starve and die, to thirst eternally. Therefore, we beg you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, to forgive our sins... and to fill us with his perfect goodness, that we may live as your Spirit directs us, filled with all the fullness of God.
- P: Like bread broken to be shared, Jesus Christ was given to die for you. For his sake your sins are forgiven. He will raise you up on the last day, and you will live forever.
- C: Lord, give us this bread always! Amen.

#### THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor:

The peace of the Lord be with you

People:

And also with you

#### THE HYMN – We Have Come Into This House

#### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,

we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world.

Humble us by his example,
point us to the path of obedience,
and give us strength to follow his commands;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

#### THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE HYMN - Soldiers of Christ

THE SERMON - "Marriages That Last"

#### THE APOSTLES CREED

LEADER: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostalic Creed:

CONG: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

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.

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

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

# THE OFFERTORY AND THE GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

## THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

THE HYMN: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

# 88. WE HAVE COME INTO THIS HOUSE

1. We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him.

We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him.

We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Christ the Lord.

Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

2. So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Him.

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So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Christ the Lord.

Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

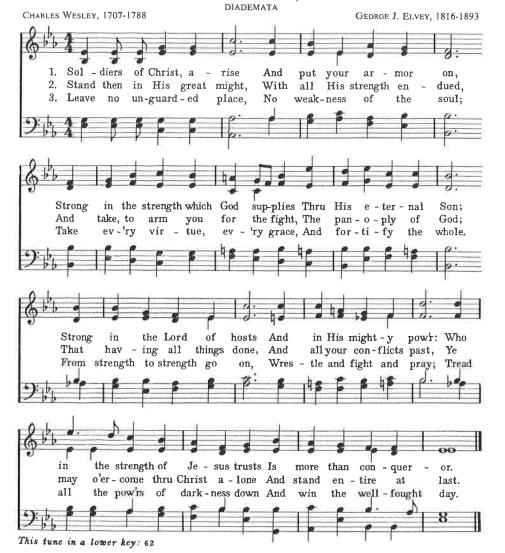
3. Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Him.

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Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Christ the Lord.

Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

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