

# 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: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

C: **If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin.**

P: Those who were once closest to Jesus turned their backs on him.

*(Silence for meditation and self – examination)*

P: Almighty God,

C: **You dwell in light unapproachable. Unprotected, we perish in your presence. For our hearts are darkened, our minds beclouded; we have loved darkness rather than the light.**

P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

C: **For his sake we beg forgiveness.**

P: For his sake God hears your prayer. "Do not be afraid," says the Lord, "For I am with you to deliver you."

C: **We have seen the Lord's glory; we have heard the Lord's voice.**

P: Walk, then, as children of light, in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

**THE HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,  
you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that,  
with your help,  
we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; t  
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

## THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

## THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

## THE HYMN – "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

## THE SERMON – "Extreme Love"

## THE APOSTLES CREED

*LEADER: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostolic 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.<sup>7</sup>

The Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.

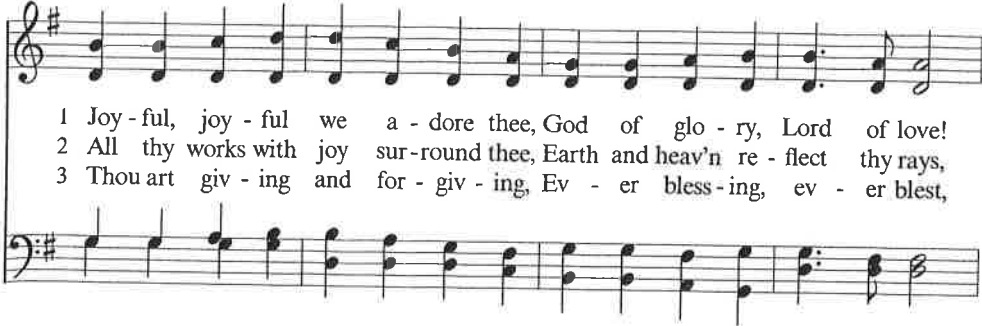
The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

People: Amen.

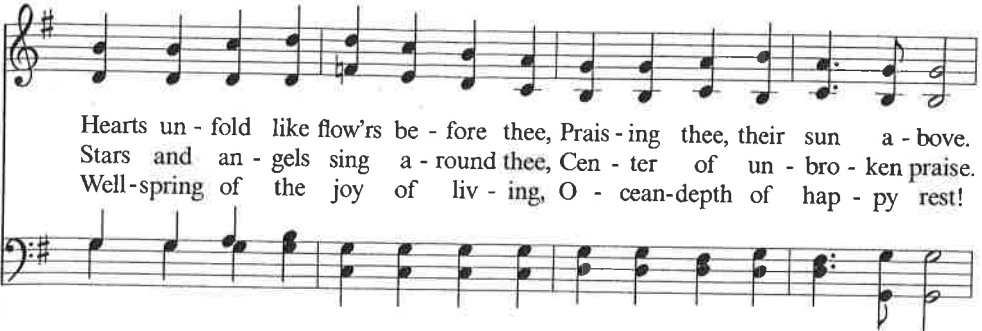
### THE HYMN: "Forever"

## Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

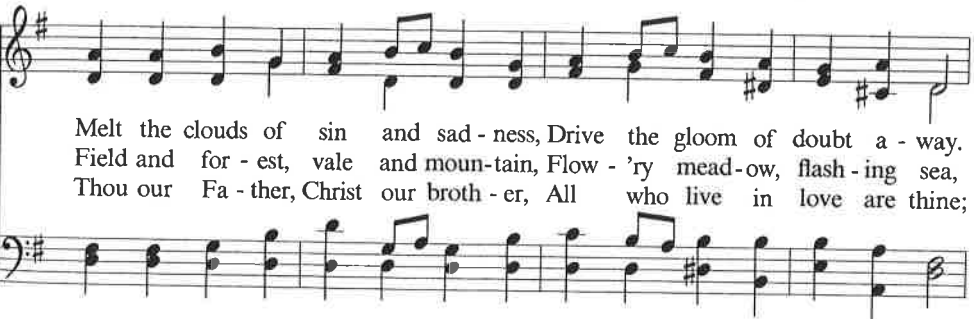
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1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, Prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, All who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
 Chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joice in thee.  
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine!

**81. THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS  
BY OUR LOVE**

- 1. We are one in the Spirit.  
We are one in the Lord.  
We are one in the Spirit.  
We are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity,  
may one day be restored.**

**Chorus:**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

- 2. We will walk with each other.  
We will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other.  
We will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the news,  
that God is in our land. (Chorus)**
- 3. We will work with each other.  
We will work side by side.  
We will work with each other.  
We will work side by side.  
And we'll guard each man's dignity,  
and save each man's pride. (Chorus)**
- 4. All praise to the Father,  
from whom all things come.  
All praise to Christ Jesus,  
His only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit,  
who makes us one. (Chorus)**

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# God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour your pow'r; Crown your an - cient Church's . . . sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; Let the gift of your sal - va - tion

Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
 Lest we miss your king - dom's goal, Lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 Serv - ing you whom we a - dore, Serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

# Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - 'ry trou - bled  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us all thy life re -  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less let us

down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All thy faith - ful  
 breast; Let us all in thee in - her - it; Let us find thy  
 ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more thy  
 be; Let us see thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re -

mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

Pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; Vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
 Serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise thee  
 Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

## **23. FOREVER**

- 1. Give thanks to the Lord our God and King;  
His love endures forever.  
For He is good: He is above all things,  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise.  
Sing praise.**
- 2. With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,  
His love endures forever.  
For the life that's been reborn,  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise.  
Sing praise.  
Sing praise.  
Sing praise.  
Forever God is faithful.  
Forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us, forever.  
forever.**
- 3. From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever.  
And by the grace of God we will carry on;  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise.  
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Forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us, forever.  
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