## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE HYMN - "In Christ There Is No East or West"

## THE EASTER GREETING

Pastor: HE IS RISEN!

People: HE IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!

## THE INVOCATION & 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: When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ

- C: We were baptized so that we might have a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.
- P: Therefore, let us confess our sins to God so that he may turn us from our sinful ways to follow Christ in true obedience.

(Silence for meditation and self – examination)

- P: Almighty and all merciful God,
- C: We are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise. We have offended your majesty and defied your divinity; we have brought death and darkness where you once said, "Let there be light." We deserve the doom that you have decreed. We are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise.
- P: But Christ is risen.
- C: Risen indeed!
- P: Since we have been united with him in a death like his.
- C: we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. For his sake, we implore you: forgive our sins, and re-direct our lives according to your purpose. Let us be raised with Christ.
- P: "Thus it is written, that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed in his name." That Word is now proclaimed to you.
- C: We have seen the Lord! Alleluia!

THE CANTICLE "THIS IS THE FEAST" (pg 60 in green hymnal)

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever.

Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: And also with you

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

## THE OFFICE HYMN - "Amazing Grace"

THE SERMON: "The Debate - Fear or Love the Lord"

## THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from light. true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and our salvation

he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made
man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord. **People: Lord, have mercy.** 

# THE OFFERTORY AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (pg 66 in green hymnal)

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come. Amen.

## THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you

and be gracious to you.

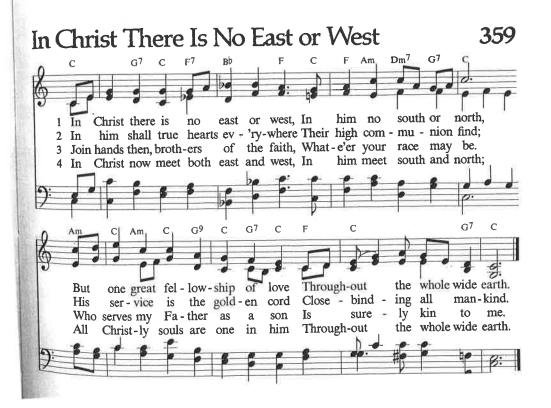
The Lord look upon you with favor and 🖶 give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN - "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

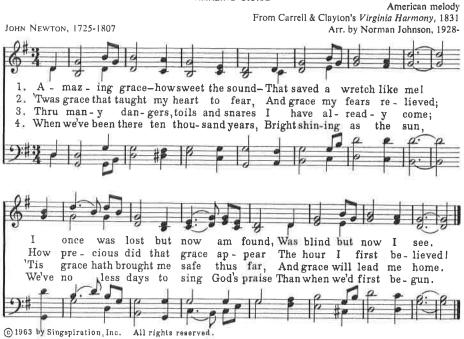
Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

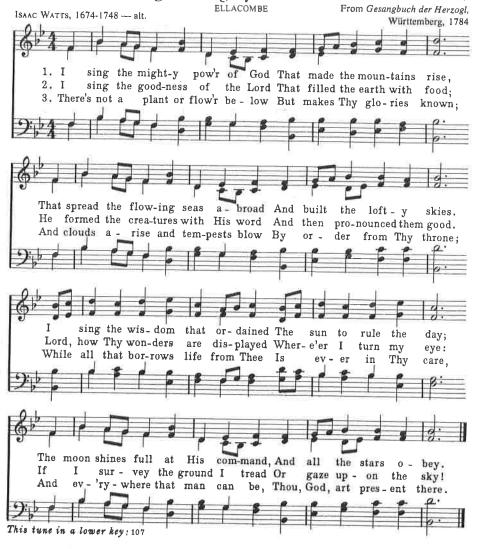
People: Thanks be to God. Amen



# **Amazing Grace**

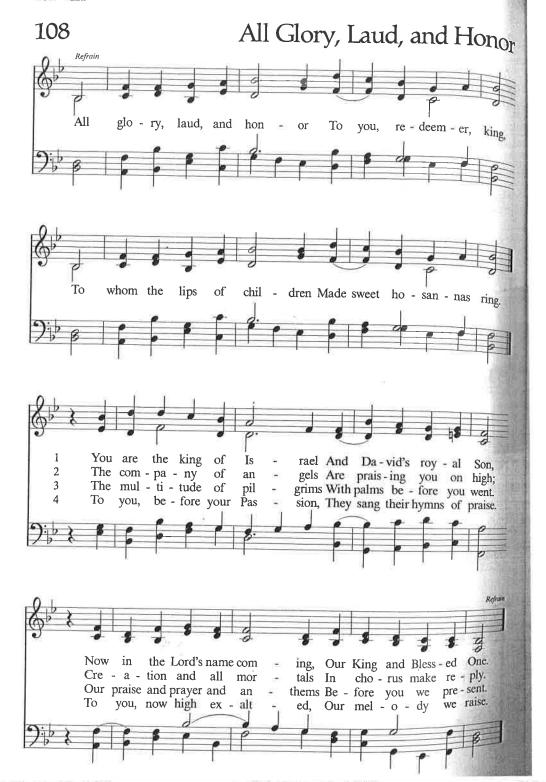
AMAZING GRACE











5 Their praises you accepted;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. Refrain