

# THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

## THE HYMN – “I Love To Tell the Story”

## 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 we may partake of the waters of life.

*(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 fill us with that love which overflows into the lives of others. 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, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ne God, now and forever. Amen.

## THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

## THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN – “Here I Am Lord”

THE SERMON: “Do You Really See Jesus?”

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: Lord, in your mercy,     **People:** Hear our prayer.


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 – “Shine Jesus Shine”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God. Amen

## I Love to Tell the Story

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A. CATHERINE HANKEY, 1834-1911

WILLIAM G. FISCHER, 1835-1912

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove, Of  
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry- More won - der - ful it seems Than  
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry- 'Tis pleas - ant to re - peat What  
 4. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best Seem

Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love; I love to  
 all the gold - en fan - cies Of all our gold - en dreams; I love to  
 seems, each time I tell it, More won - der - ful - ly sweet; I love to  
 hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it like the rest; And when in

tell the sto - ry Be - cause I know 'tis true, It sat - is - fies my  
 tell the sto - ry- It did so much for me, And that is just the  
 tell the sto - ry For some have nev - er heard The mes - sage of sal -  
 scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'Twill be the old, old

REFRAIN

long - ings As noth - ing else can do.  
 rea - son I tell it now to thee. I love to tell the sto - ry! 'Twill  
 va - tion From God's own ho - ly Word.  
 sto - ry That I have loved so long.

be my theme in glo - ry- To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

**40. I THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY  
(HERE I AM LORD)**

- 1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?**

**Refrain**

**Here I am Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord  
if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

- 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)**
- 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)**

HYMNS OF WORSHIP: CHRIST

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## All Hail the Power

CORONATION

EDWARD PERRONET, 1726-1792

Alt. by John Rippon, 1751-1836

OLIVER HOLDEN, 1765-1844

1. All hail the pow'r of Je-sus' name! Let an-gels pros-trate fall;  
2. Ye cho-sen seed of Is-rael's race, Ye ran-somed from the fall,  
3. Let ev-'ry kin-dred, ev-'ry tribe, On this ter-res-trial ball,  
4. O that with yon-der sa-cred throng We at His feet may fall!

Bring forth the roy-al di-a-dem, And crown Him Lord of all;  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all;  
To Him all maj-es-ty as-cribe, And crown Him Lord of all;  
We'll join the ev-er-last-ing song, And crown Him Lord of all;

Bring forth the roy-al di-a-dem, And crown Him Lord of all!  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!  
To Him all maj-es-ty as-cribe, And crown Him Lord of all!  
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# Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

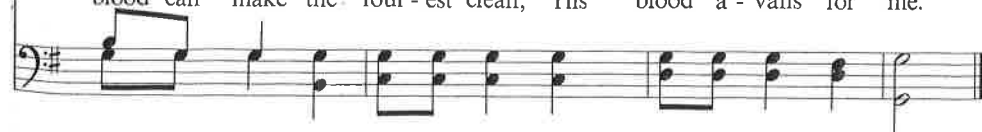
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1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing My great Re-deem-er's praise, The  
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, As-sist me to pro-claim, To  
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears And bids our sor-rows cease, Sings  
4 He breaks the pow'r of can-cel'd sin; He sets the pris-'ner free. His



glo-ries of my God and King, The tri-umphs of his grace!  
spread through all the earth a-broad The hon-ors of your name.  
mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, Brings life and health and peace.  
blood can make the foul-est clean; His blood a-vails for me.



5 To God all glory, praise, and love By saints below and saints above,  
Be now and ever giv'n The Church in earth and heav'n.

**51. LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS  
SHINING (SHINE, JESUS, SHINE)**

- 1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
Shine on me, Shine on me.**

**Chorus**

**Shine, Jesus, shine  
Fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

- 2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,  
Shine on me, shine on me.**

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- 3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display Your likeness;  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story,  
Shine on me, shine on me. (Chorus)**