

# THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

## 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: For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit to a yoke of slavery; do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence.

C: **If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Do not be deceived; God is not mocked.

*(Silence for meditation and self – examination)*

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we have sinned.**

P: The works of the flesh are obvious:

C: **immoral ways, filthy thoughts, shameful deeds, idolatry and sorcery, enmity and strife, jealousy and anger, drunkenness and carousing. For such as these we ask forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ.**

P: According to the will of God our Father, Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to set us free. In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

C: **We have been crucified with Christ. Now we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us.**

P: The Lord has put away your sin.

C: Amen.

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: And also with you

## THE HYMN – “Ancient Words”

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God of all nations,  
you have revealed your will to your people  
and promised your help to us all.  
Help us to hear and to do what you command,  
that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

## THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

## THE OFFICE HYMN – “Thy Word”

## THE SERMON: “Just Speak the Word”

## THE APOSTLES CREED (not spoken on Saturday evening)

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

#### **THE OFFERTORY AND THE PRESENTATION 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 RECESSIONAL HYMN – “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”**

**Pastor:** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God. Amen

## ANCIENT WORDS

1. Holy words, long preserved,  
For our walk in this world,  
They resound with God's own heart,  
O, let the ancient words impart.  
Words of life, words of hope,  
Give us strength, help us cope.  
In this world, where'er we roam,  
Ancient words will guide us home.

### Chorus:

Ancient words, ever true,  
Changing me, and changing you;  
We have come with open hearts,  
O, let the ancient words impart

2. Holy words of our faith  
Handed down to this age,  
Came to us through sacrifice.  
O, heed the faithful words of Christ.  
Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world,  
They resound with God's own heart.  
O, let the ancient words impart;

### Chorus:

Ancient words, ever true,  
Changing me, and changing you;  
We have come with open hearts,  
O, let the ancient words impart

(Repeat Chorus 2 more times)

We have come with open hearts,  
O, let the ancient words impart

## **84. THY WORD**

### **Refrain**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path. (Repeat)**

- 1. When I feel afraid,  
think I've lost my way,  
still You're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear  
as long as You are near.  
Please be near me to the end. (Refrain)**
- 2. I will not forget  
Your love for me, and yet  
my heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide  
and hold me to Your side,  
And I will love You to the end (Refrain)**

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## Thy Strong Word

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark-ness; At thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark-ness, Dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be-speaks us righ-teous; Bright with  
 4 From the cross thy wis-dom shin-ing Break-eth

thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!  
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speaking it was done. For cre-ated  
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
 thine own ho-li-ness, Glo-rious now, we  
 forth in con-quer-ing might; From the cross for-

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with-out end!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with-out end!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with-out end!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with-out end!

light we thank thee, While thine or-dered sea-sons run.  
 thy sal-va-tion, Breathed thine own life-giv-ing breath.  
 press toward glo-ry, And our lives our hopes con-fess.  
 ev-er beam-eth All thy bright re-deem-ing light.

- 5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
 Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 Mouths to speak thy holy name.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 May the light which thou dost send  
 Fill our songs with alleluias,  
 Alleluias without end!

- 6 God the Father, light-creator,  
 To thee laud and honor be.  
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 Praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
 Glory, glory be to thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever  
 Praise the holy Trinity!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to

## He Leadeth Me

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JOSEPH H. GILMORE, 1834-1918

WILLIAM B. BRADBURY, 1816-1868

1. He lead-eth me! O bless-ed thought! O words with heav'n-ly  
 2. Some-times 'mid scenes of deep-est gloom, Some-times where E - den's  
 3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ev - er mur - mur  
 4. And when my task on earth is done, When by Thy grace the

com-fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, Still  
 bow-ers bloom, By wa - ters still, o'er trou-bled sea, Still  
 nor re - pine; Con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, Since  
 vic - try's won, E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since

CHORUS

'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.  
 'tis His hand that lead-eth me! He lead-eth me, He  
 'tis my God that lead-eth me!  
 God thru Jor - dan lead-eth me.

lead-eth me, By His own hand He lead-eth me; His faith-ful

fol - l'wer I would be, For by His hand He lead-eth me.

## Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con - fess - ing, The  
2 With praise and thanks-giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing, The

seed of his teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing, Shall  
your feast you feed us, With your light now lead us; U -

peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take leave.  
tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.

blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all. His  
nite us as one in this life that we share. Then

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed The  
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing, Em -

grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us To  
may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks-giv - ing Give

fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve. The  
brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and race. With

work for God's king - dom and an - swer his call.  
hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.