

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: In that name, and with that faith – as dear children approaching a loving parent, as sinners redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, as believers filled with the Holy Spirit – let us confess our sins to almighty God.

C: Let us seek forgiveness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we have been unworthy and disobedient children. We have ignored our Father's admonitions, disregarded our Savior's instructions, grieved the Holy Spirit. We are not worthy to be called children of God. But we beg you – of your fatherly compassion, by your saving merits, at your inviting call – to have mercy on us and grant us your forgiveness.

P: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him might not perish but have eternal life. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, the heavenly Father gives the Holy Spirit that they may be children of God. Rejoice in the Lord; your sins are forgiven – 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: - "This Little Gospel Light of Mine"

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given us grace,
by the confession of the true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and, in the power of your divine majesty,
to worship the unity.
Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship,
and bring us at last to see you in your eternal glory,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN – "Father, I Adore You"

THE SERMON: "A Church Shaped by the Great Commission"

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

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

THIS LITTLE GOSPEL LIGHT OF MINE

This little gospel light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine
This little gospel light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little gospel light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't let Satan wh.. it out,
I'm gonna let it shine
Don't let Satan wh.. it out,
I'm gonna let it shine
Don't let Satan wh.. it out,
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

21. FATHER, I ADORE YOU

**Father, I adore You,
lay my life before You,
how I love You.**

**Jesus, I adore You,
lay my life before You,
how I love You.**

**Spirit, I adore You,
lay my life before You,
how I love You.**

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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 - mighty - 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!

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con - fess - ing, The
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

ruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve. The
rac - 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.