

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: "Turn to me and be saved," says the Lord; "for I am God, and there is no other."

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Saving Lord,

C: **We confess to you our sins of thought, word, and deed, our woeful inadequacy. We are infected with sin, and our malady is fatal. We are doomed to die. Without your help, we perish. Therefore we implore your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son. Forgive us our sin and empower us for faithful witness. Turn us, that we may be saved.**

P: Jesus Christ was handed over for our trespasses, and raised for our justification. For the sake of his suffering and death, your sins are forgiven. You are saved.

C: **Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

THE HYMN: - "The Greatest Thing"

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, the strength of those who hope in you:
Be present and hear our prayers;
and, because in the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do nothing good without you,**

**give us the help of your grace,
so that in keeping your commandments
we may please you in will and deed;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN – "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

THE SERMON: "Sinners Anonymous"

THE APOSTLES 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 – “What A Mighty God We Serve”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

73. THE GREATEST THING

- 1. The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You.
The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You.
I want to know You more;
I want to know You more.
The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You.**

- 2. The greatest thing in all my life is loving You.
The greatest thing in all my life is loving You.
I want to love You more;
I want to love You more.
The greatest thing in all my life is loving You.**

- 3. The greatest thing in all my life is serving You.
The greatest thing in all my life is serving You.
I want to serve You more;
I want to serve You more.
The greatest thing in all my life is serving You.**

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

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1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
 2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in him;
 3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;

He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
 He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul he does re - deem.
 His right hand me em - brac - es; I on his breast re - cline.

I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
 I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
 I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;

Clean in his blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
 He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
 Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

Chief of Sinners though I Be

1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his blood for me,
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High - er than the heav'ns a - bove,
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the wound - ed heart,
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is All - in - All to me;

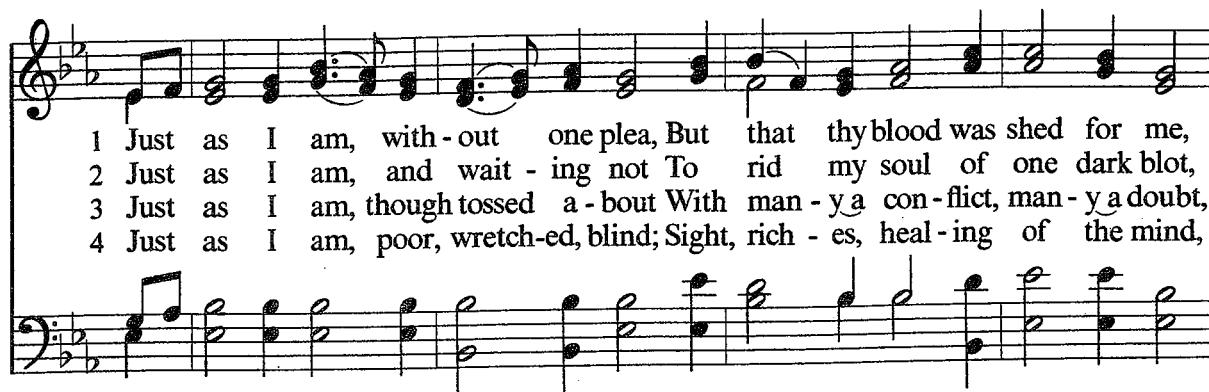
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might nev - er die.
 Deep - er than the depths of sea, Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.
 Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
 All my wants to him are known, All my sor - rows are his own.

As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.
 Love that found me—won - drous thought— Found me when I sought him not.
 Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
 He sus - tains the hid - den life Safe with him from earth - ly strife.

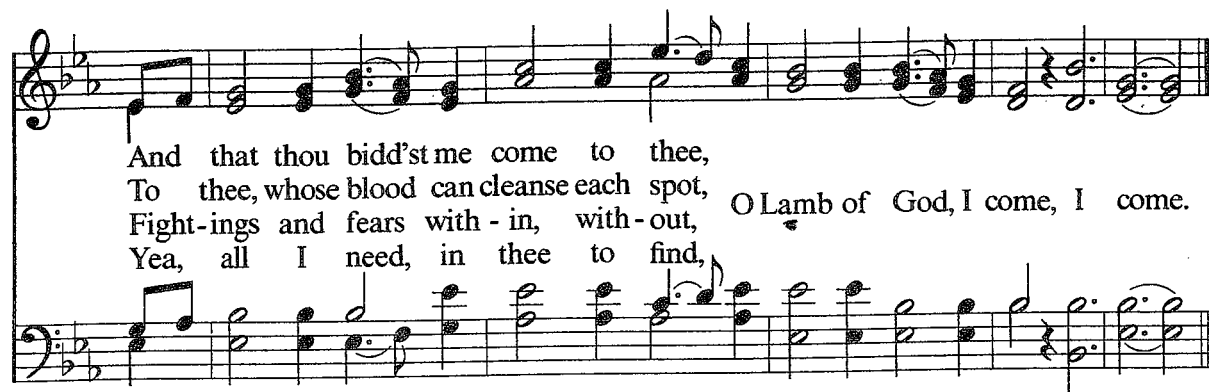
5 O my Savior, help afford
 By your Spirit and your Word!
 When my wayward heart would stray,
 Keep me in the narrow way;
 Grace in time of need supply
 While I live and when I die.

Just as I Am, without One Plea

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1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, But that thy blood was shed for me,
2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,



And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

91. WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE

**What a mighty God we serve!
What a mighty God we serve!
Angels bow before Him,
Heaven and earth adore Him;
What a mighty God we serve.**

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