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: "As I live," says the Lord God, "I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live."
- C: If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P: Whatever storms we may face, our Lord is there to see us through. How firmly do we believe that?

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P: Most merciful God,
- C: We confess to you our sinfulness, and our helplessness to escape from it. We despair of your goodness, and doubt your power. Heedless of your strengthening call, we seek to struggle alone. We are wicked; we are doomed to die. We beg your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son. Forgive our sins, and turn us from our ways.
- P: "Why do you doubt?" the Savior asks. "Take heart, for it is I." Jesus Christ was given to die for us; for his sake our sins are forgiven, and we shall live! Our God has turned to us in love.
- C: Thanks be to God! Amen

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor:The peace of the Lord be with youPeople:And also with you

THE HYMN: - "In My Heart There Rings a Melody"

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God,

you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray,

and to give more than we either desire or deserve.

Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy,

forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN - "Bind Us Together"

THE SERMON: "More Than Conquerors"

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 – "Ancient Words"

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

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12. BIND US TOGETHER

Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together, Bind us together in love.

There is only one God, There is only one King, There is only one body, That is why I sing.

Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together, Bind us together in love.

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GUIDANCE AND CARE Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 291 **CWM RHONDDA** WILLIAM WILLIAMS, 1717-1791 JOHN HUGHES, 1873-1932 Trans. by Peter Williams, 1722-1796, and others Arr. by Norman Johnson, 1928-1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho-vah, Pil-grim thru this bar-ren land; 2. O - pen now the crys-tal foun-tain Whence the heal-ing stream doth flow; 3. When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, Bid my anx-ious fears sub-side; am weak, but Thou art might-y- Hold me with Thy powr-ful hand: I and cloud-y pil - lar Lead me all my jour-ney thru: Let the fire Bear me thru the swell-ing cur-rent, Land me safe on Ca-naan's side: of Heav-en, Bread of Heav-en, Bread Feed me till I want no Strong De-liv-'rer, strong De-liv-'rer, Be Thou still my strength and Songs of prais-es, songs of prais-es Ι will ev - er give to more, (want no more,) Feed me till Ι want no more. shield,(strength and shield,) Be Thou still strength and shield. my Thee, I Thee,) will Thee. (give to ev er give to Q

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5. ANCIENT WORDS

 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

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