

# 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: "As we forgive those who trespass against us," we pray. – Do we?

*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 hoard your love, and fail to share it. We are unloving, unforgiving, unrelenting in our self-esteem. 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: Our God forgives our debts, as often as we turn to him. Jesus Christ was give 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 you
- People: **And also with you**

## THE HYMN: - "Bind Us Together"

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

## THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

## THE OFFICE HYMN – "I Am The Church"

## THE SERMON: "I AM A Christian – Part 2, I Am A Church Member"

## 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: 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 – “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

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

## **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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# I Am The Church

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## Chorus 1

**I am the church  
You are the church  
We are the church together  
All who follow Jesus  
All around the world  
Yes we're the church together**

## Verse 1

**The church is not a building  
The church is not a steeple  
The church is not a resting place  
The church is a people**

## Verse 2

**We're many kinds of people  
With many kinds of faces  
All colors and all ages too  
From all times and places**

## Verse 3

**Sometimes the church is marching  
Sometimes it's bravely burning  
Sometimes it's riding sometimes hiding  
Always it's learning**

## Verse 4

**And when the people gather  
There's singing and there's praying  
There's laughing and there's crying sometimes  
All of it saying**

## Verse 5

**At Pentecost some people  
Received the Holy Spirit  
And told the Good News  
Through the world  
To all who would hear it**

## Verse 6

**I count if I am ninety  
Or nine or just a baby  
There's one thing I am sure about  
And I don't mean maybe**

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# Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.

*Refrain*  
 When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

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*Refrain*  
 When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: Negro spiritual  
 Tune: Negro spiritual

BREAK BREAD TOGETHER  
 10 10 with refrain

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## The Church's One Foundation

1 The Church's . . one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der This world sees her op-pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war,

She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 By schisms . . rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis-tressed,  
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;

From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,

With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.  
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

# **THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE**

- 1. We are one in the Spirit.  
We are one in the Lord.  
We are one in the Spirit.  
We are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity,  
may one day be restored.**

## **Chorus:**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

- 2. We will walk with each other.  
We will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other.  
We will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the news,  
that God is in our land. (Chorus)**
- 3. We will work with each other.  
We will work side by side.  
We will work with each other.  
We will work side by side.  
And we'll guard each man's dignity,  
and save each man's pride. (Chorus)**
- 4. All praise to the Father,  
from whom all things come.  
All praise to Christ Jesus,  
His only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit,  
who makes us one. (Chorus)**