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: From the Word which God has sown, a harvest will be gathered in.
- C: We have been called to work in God's vineyard, to share in God's harvest, to give God what belongs to God.
- P: "My Word shall not return to me empty," says the Lord. "It shall accomplish the thing for which I sent it."
- C: But we are reluctant to obey, to do our Father's will.
- P: Confess your sins to your heavenly Father, aware that you are still God's child.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P: Lord of the living harvest:
- C: we confess that we have sinned. In our thinking, speaking, doingproper fruit has not been borne. Your final harvest fills our hearts with fear.
- P: "My Word shall not return to me empty," says the Lord.
- C: For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our disobedience and hypocrisy, that we may serve you faithfully.
- P: "My Word shall accomplish the thing for which I sent it," says the Lord. As one who trod the winepress alone, Jesus Christ poured out his life for you. In him there is forgiveness, life, and resurrection from the dead. By him we are redeemed and set at liberty.
- C: How great the harvest God provides! Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

THE HYMN: - "O Master Let Me Walk With You"

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of love,

you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN – "Make Me A Servant"

THE SERMON: "I AM A Christian – Part 4, I Am A Servant"

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 sive you peace.
People: Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN – "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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