

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE CONFESSION

- P: 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 selfish and perverse, and we rebel against our Lord.**
P: Confess your sins to your heavenly Father, that you may be forgiven and restored.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P: Lord of the living harvest:
C: **we confess that we have sinned. In our thinking, speaking, doing-
-proper 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 selfish
rebellion, 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 you
People: **And also with you**

THE HYMN: - "I Believe It"

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Our Lord Jesus,
you have endured the doubts
and foolish questions of every generation.
Forgive us for trying to be judge over you,
and grant us the confident faith
to acknowledge you as Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN – "I Love to Tell the Story"

THE SERMON: "I AM A Christian – Part 5, I Am A Witness"

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 – “Stand Up Stand Up For Jesus”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen