

# 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: Just as parents have compassion on their children, so the Lord has compassion on all who fear him.

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

P: God's banquet is prepared. Are we prepared to participate?

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most gracious God,

C: **We are not worthy of all the kindness and all the love which you have shown unto your children. We have responded with disobedience and indifference, turning our backs on your table, turning away from your grace. We truly deserve your wrath and punishment. For the sake of Jesus Christ we turn to you for forgiveness.**

P: Our heavenly Father does not forsake his dear children. Jesus Christ was given to die for us, that we might have a place at the table. For his sake your sins are forgiven, and the Holy Spirit enables you to be named the children of God.

C: **This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. 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

Almighty God, source of every blessing,  
your generous goodness comes to us anew every day.  
By the work of your spirit  
lead us to acknowledge your goodness,  
give thanks for your benefits,  
and serve you in willing obedience;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

## THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

## THE OFFICE HYMN – "Spirit Song"

## THE SERMON: "I AM A Christian – Part 6, I Am A Prayer Warrior"

## 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 – “Prayer of St. Francis”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

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