

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: The day of the Lord is coming soon. God's messenger proclaims.

C: But who can abide the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

P: Lest that Day surprise us unawares, let us confess our sins to God our Father, imploring his forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, whose word sounds forth with urgency.

(Silence for meditation and self-examination.)

P: Most merciful God,

C: We are unprepared for your coming, for we have sinned. In our thinking, speaking and doing, we have disobeyed your will. We have turned deaf ears to your Word. We implore your forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, and seek the power of your Holy Spirit to restore our joy.

P: He who is coming has come, born among us to live our life and die our death, and guarantee our resurrection. For his sake your sins are forgiven. The joy of your salvation is restored.

C: Even so, come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

THE HYMN: - "The Angel Gabriel"

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord,
hear our prayers and come to us,
bringing light into the darkness of our hearts;

for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God,
now and forever. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN – "Come, Thou-Long Expected Jesus"

THE SERMON: "John the Baptist and Mrs. Nolan"

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 – “Hark, the Glad Sound!”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen