

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE CONFESSION

: We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

C: if we walk in the light as God himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin.

P: The Lord calls each of us by name, to follow faithfully, pure in heart and life.

(Silence for meditation and self-examinations)

P: Almighty God,

C: You dwell in light unapproachable. Unprotected, we perish in your presence. For our hearts are darkened, our minds beclouded; we call for night to cover our deeds; we have loved darkness rather than the light.

P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

C: For his sake we beg forgiveness.

P: For his sake God hears your prayer. You were bought with a price. God who raised the Lord Jesus Christ will also raise you by his power.

C: We have seen the Lord's glory; we have heard the Lord's voice.

P: Walk, then, as children of light; in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

THE HYMN: - "I Want to Walk as a Child of Light"

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God,
you showed your glory
and led many to faith by the works of your Son.
As he brought gladness and healing to his people,
grant us these same gifts
and lead us also to perfect faith in him,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN – "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

THE SERMON: "Out of Nazareth"

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 – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen