

# 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: 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 time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent, and believe the good news.

*(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. Those who repent and truly believe are not overthrown. The Lord calls them by name.

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

Almighty God,

you sent your son to proclaim your kingdom  
and to teach with authority.

Anoint us with the power of your Spirit,  
that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted,  
bind up the brokenhearted,  
and proclaim liberty to the captive;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

## THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

## THE OFFICE HYMN – "Here I Am to Worship"

## THE SERMON: "If Jesus Ran the World"

## THE APOSTLES CREED

*LEADER: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostolic Creed:*

CONG: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian 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 – “Follow On”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

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