

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 Lord is eager to proclaim good news. Let us prepare to receive it.

(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. The blessings of the Gospel are given to be shared..

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: - "Send the Light"

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
you sent your only Son as the Word of life
for our eyes to see and our ears to hear.
Help us to believe with joy
what the Scriptures proclaim,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN – "We've a story to Tell"

THE SERMON: "A Whole City at the Door"

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: 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 – “Lift High the Cross”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen