

*Greeting, Welcome to Visitors, people on Radio*

## Confession and Absolution

### “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake

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1 “Come, fol - low Me,” the Sav - ior spake, “All in My  
 2 “I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
 3 “My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
 4 “I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your  
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the

way a - bid - ing; De - ny your-selves, the world for-sake,  
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex-press,  
 soul’s sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,  
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,

O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
 With meek-ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My  
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
 In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the

e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
 well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
 strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.  
 of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal.”  
 bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

¶ Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

¶ Our help is in the name of the Lord,

¶ **C who made heaven and earth.**

¶ I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

¶ **C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession of Sins

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¶ Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¶ **C O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### Declaration of Grace

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¶ Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

¶ **C Amen.**

### Service of the Word

#### Introit

*Psalm 22:27–31; antiphon: v. 22*

I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.  
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.  
For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.  
All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.  
Posterity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;  
they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
that he has done it.

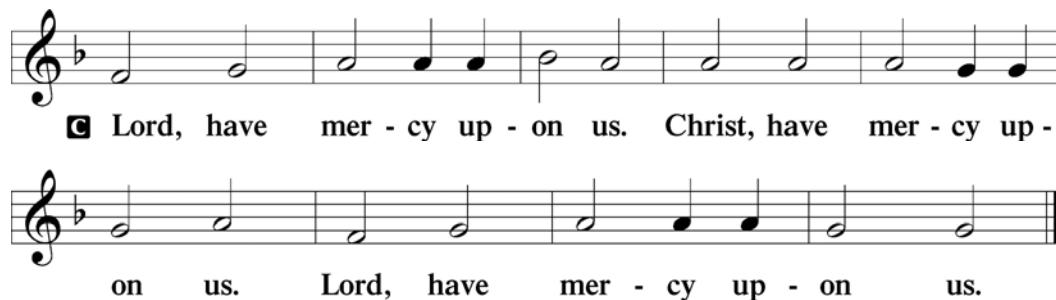
## Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

### Kyrie

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Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### Gloria in Excelsis

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Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us.  
 For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

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### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 9:1-4*

#### For to Us a Child Is Born

<sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shined.  
<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.  
<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!  
For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:10–18*

### Divisions in the Church

<sup>10</sup>I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." <sup>13</sup>Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

### Christ the Wisdom and Power of God

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

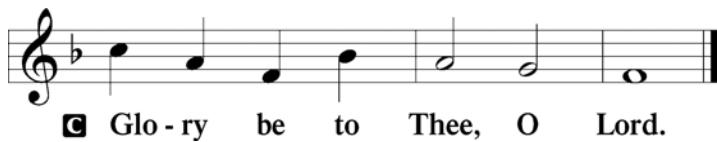
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## Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12–25

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.



## Jesus Begins His Ministry

<sup>12</sup>When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup>And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,  
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
<sup>16</sup>the people dwelling in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,  
on them a light has dawned."

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

## Jesus Calls the First Disciples

<sup>18</sup>While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

## Jesus Ministers to Great Crowds

<sup>23</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. <sup>24</sup>So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. <sup>25</sup>And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



### Apostles' Creed

**C** 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 <sup>†</sup> everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

### Children's Message

### Catechism Review

#### Holy Baptism - Fourth

*What does such baptizing with water indicate?*

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

*Where is this written?*

St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Romans 6:4)

## I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to follow Je sus.  
 I want to look at Je sus.  
 I want to be with Je sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.  
 Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, when we have run with patience, pa - tience, the race,  
 When we have run with patience, pa - tience, the race,

The star of my life is Je sus.  
 And show me the way to the Fa ther.  
 We shall know the joy of Je sus.

*Refrain*

In Him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je sus.

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## Sermon

### Votum

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  
**C** Amen.

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Offertory

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Music notation for the Offertory hymn. The music is in G major, common time, with a basso continuo line below the vocal line. The lyrics are as follows:

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

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Offering

We Give Thee But Thine Own

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Music notation for the hymn 'We Give Thee But Thine Own'. The music is in G major, common time.

1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive  
3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,  
4 To com - fort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,



Music continuation for the hymn 'We Give Thee But Thine Own'.

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!  
And lambs for whom the Shep-herd bled Are stray-ing from the fold.  
To tend the lone and fa - ther-less Is an - gels' work be - low.

5 The captive to release,  
To God the lost to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace,  
It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe Thy Word,  
Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,  
We do it unto Thee.

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### Prayer of the Church

¶ Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness and bless You for the love that sustains us from day to day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for Your holy Church, for the means of grace, for the lives of all faithful and just people, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that You have done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness in lives that are wholly given to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

¶ Save and defend Your whole Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Strengthen Your faithful people through the Word and the holy Sacraments, making them perfect in love and in all good works, and establishing in them the faith once delivered to the saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

¶ Grant Your wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors and to those who hold office in Your Church that, by their devoted service, faith may abound and Your kingdom increase. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

¶ Send the light of Your truth into all the earth. Raise up faithful servants of Christ to advance the Gospel both at home and in distant lands. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

¶ In Your mercy strengthen newly established congregations, and support them in challenging times. Make them steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord, and let their faith and zeal for the Gospel refresh and renew the witness of Your people everywhere. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

¶ Preserve our nation in justice and honor that we may lead a peaceable life with integrity. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, especially the president and congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of this state, and to all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. Help them to serve this people according to Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

¶ Take from us all hatred and prejudice, give us the spirit of love, and order our days in Your peace. Prosper the labor of those who work to bring peace and justice to the nations of the world that mutual understanding and common endeavor may be increased among all peoples. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

¶ Bless the schools of the Church and all colleges, universities, and centers of research and those who teach and work in them. Grant Your wisdom in such measure that people may serve You honorably in Church and state, and that our common life may be conformed to the ways of Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Sanctify our homes with Your presence, and bless them with joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their Baptism, and enable their parents to bring them up in lives of faith and devotion. Unite the members of all families in a spirit of affection and service that they may show Your praise in our land and in all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Let Your blessing remain upon the seedtime and harvest, the commerce and industry, the leisure and rest, the arts and culture of our people. Take under Your special protection those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and be with all who put their hands to any useful task. Give them the just rewards for their labor and the knowledge that their work is a blessing in Your sight. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** By Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity (especially *[name]*). Be with those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near (especially *[name]*). Bring consolation to those in sorrow, and grant to all a measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors (especially *[name]*). Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C** Amen.

**Lord's Prayer**

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**P** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;  
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares.  
 And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz-ing tear.  
 Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.  
 And per - fect love and friend-ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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## Salutation and Benedicamus

### Salutation

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**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

### Benedicamus

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**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\ddagger$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con - fess-ing,  
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing,

The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.  
 The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.

The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed  
 Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,

The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
 Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,  
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;

Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
 U - nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us  
 Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing

To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.  
 Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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