



## Call to Confession

Sisters and brothers,  
there is joy in the presence of the angels of God  
every time we turn toward our home and remember  
whose we are.

*Luke 15:10*

With open hearts, let us pray.

## Prayer of Confession

**Creator of the universe,  
we imagine that we are in familiar territory,  
that we know what to expect of this hour,  
that we leave much the way that we came.**

*Jer. 4:12,22; Ps. 14:1; Luke 15:5*

**Do not abandon us to our foolishness.**

**In judgement, illumine our darkness.**

**In mercy, bear us home—**

**until we recognize your presence wherever**

**evil is confronted,**

**truth is spoken,**

**and life is restored.**

*(silent confession)*

## Assurance of God's Forgiveness

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.  
Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*1 Tim. 1:12-27*

**Thanks be to God.**

Now may the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

Amen.

## We Hear God's Word

**Anthem**

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

## A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God's Word

**Scripture**      Luke 15:1-10

**Sermon**      "Divine Joy"      the Reverend Chris Richardson

**\*An Affirmation of Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

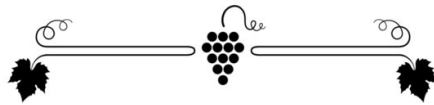
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*The Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it  
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen! Amen!**

**\*Hymn 776**

**“Let Us Break Bread Together”**



**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Invitation to God's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks and praise to God.

**It is always right and our greatest joy to give God thanks and praise....**

....Therefore, we join our voices with all those who sing your praise  
**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest....**

....for great is the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again....**

...as our Savior, Jesus, taught us to pray when he said:

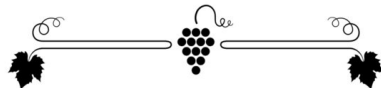
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Communion of God's People

A Prayer After Communion

**God of grace, you renew us at your Table with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Grant that this food may strengthen us in love and help us to serve you as we serve one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**



**Invitation to the Offering**

As a shepherd searches for a lost sheep,  
as a woman searches for a lost coin,  
God seeks us out to save us.

*Luke 15:1-10*

With gratitude and joy, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

**Offertory**

**“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

**McDonald**

**\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all  
creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Prayers of the People**

**We Go in God’s Name**

**\*Hymn 522**

**“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

**verse 1 only**

**Charge**

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

**Benediction**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all, this day and forevermore.

**Postlude**

**“My Tribute”**

**Austin**

