

LIVING AND LOVING IN THE KINGDOM OF JESUS

AS WE GATHER

Jesus Is Our Good Samaritan

The Law commands that “*you shall love the Lord your God*” with all your heart, soul, mind and strength (Luke 10:27), and that you shall “*love your neighbor as yourself*” (Lev. 19:18). Love fulfills the Law because love does no harm to the neighbor. Christ Jesus is the Good Samaritan, who with divine compassion saves you from all evil. He takes your sin and death upon Himself and bears these in His body to the cross. He binds up your wounds with the healing balm of His Gospel, and He brings you into His Church, where He takes care of you at His own expense (Luke 10:34–35). By such mercy, He proves “*to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers*” (Luke 10:36). Therefore, “*you go, and do likewise*” (Luke 10:37). By “*your faith in Christ Jesus*” and “*because of the hope laid up for you in heaven*” (Col. 1:4–5), you have the same love for others as the Lord Jesus has for you.

PREPARATION

OPENING HYMN “JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE”

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1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di - vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 41:4; Leviticus 18:4; Colossians 1:10, 12–14; Luke 10:27*

- P** As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me;
C **heal me, for I have sinned against You!”**

In silent prayer, we come before our merciful Lord for His healing forgiveness.

- P** Holy God, You have commanded us: “You shall follow My rules and keep My statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God.”

- C** **We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**

- P** “Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

- C** **We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

- P** “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

- C** **We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- P** As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us give thanks to the Father, “who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** **Amen.**

WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 136:23–26; antiphon: v. 1

- P** Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

- C** **It is He who remembered us in our low estate, for His steadfast love endures forever;**

- P** and rescued us from our foes, for His steadfast love endures forever;

- C** **He who gives food to all flesh, for His steadfast love endures forever.**

P Give thanks to the God of heaven, for His steadfast love endures forever.

C **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.**

P Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

C **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

KYRIE

P In the peace and love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy!**

P For the gift of love from above and for the salvation of all who trust in Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy!**

P For His love to fill the whole world as the Church of God walks in unity and proclaims the message of His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy!**

P For our congregation, for its labors of love, and for all who offer in this holy house their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy!**

P Help, heal, rescue, and redeem us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen!**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 18:1–5; 19:9–18

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. ³You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. ⁴You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. ⁵You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD. . . .

⁹“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹²You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Colossians 1:1–14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Luke 10:27, adapted

P Alleluia. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.

C And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:25–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend,

I will repay you when I come back.’³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?’³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME”

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1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred
 4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet
 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,
 bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
 bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,
 three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,
 All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
 As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,
 vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
 bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

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 † everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Fellow redeemed, we have been made holy by the blood of Jesus and have been called into His eternal kingdom. Let us then lift our prayers before our holy God, trusting that He hears and answers us for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Holy God, our Father in heaven, we thank You for the mercy You have shown to us. We have not lived the lives of holiness You require, choosing to put ourselves first instead of fearing, loving, and trusting in You above all things. And yet You transfer the holiness of Your Son to us as we trust in Him as our Lord and Savior.

C Your name be holy among us as we live our lives for Your glory!

P Lord Jesus, You reign at the Father's right hand as King of kings and Lord of lords. As You minister to us now by Your Holy Spirit, working through the means You have established, Your kingdom breaks into our world and touches our lives with Your love.

C Your name be holy among us as we share in the blessings of Your kingdom!

P Your will, O Lord, is for all people to know You and confess You as their holy God. Send Your Church into every corner of this world that the Great Commission be accomplished as people of every nation are baptized in Your name and taught the fullness of Your Word. Lead, guide, and bless our congregation—along with all churches and workers in Your kingdom—that we dedicate our lives to sharing the Good News of Christ. Loving You, grant that we also love our neighbors as ourselves, thereby revealing Your Son to the world He died to save.

C Your name be holy among us as we walk according to Your gracious will!

P Giving Lord, You provide daily bread to all Your creation. Help us to receive with thanksgiving every blessing Your hand provides. As stewards of Your good gifts, grant that we be wise managers of what rightfully belongs to You. Sharing with our neighbors in need, grant that Your love be extended through our generosity.

C Your name be holy among us as we receive our daily bread with thanksgiving!

- P** Gracious Father, You give the healing balm of Your forgiveness to all who cling to Your Son by faith. Bless those who stand in need of spiritual healing and also those who cry out for relief from their physical suffering, *especially Hedy, Jean, Kathleen, Ray, Wally, Dana, Kaylee, Kris, Jen, John, Jonathan, Leah, and Rod.* We entrust all those in need to Your healing care.
- C** **Your name be holy among us as we experience Your forgiveness and healing!**
- P** Blessed Redeemer, You have rescued us from the domain of sin and death by Your death upon the cross and resurrection from the grave! Satan stands defeated because You live and reign to all eternity. We give You all praise and glory for the work You have done to lead us away from temptation, to deliver us from the evil one, and to transfer us into Your eternal kingdom. By Your grace, through faith in You alone, we receive the gifts that You pour out upon us as we stand in Your holy presence.
- C** **Your name be holy among us as we stand in Your victory!**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray, for Yours alone is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and forever.
- C** **Amen!**

LORD'S PRAYER

- C** **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.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

CLOSING SENTENCES

Luke 10:27, adapted

- P** Alleluia. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.
- C** **And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. Alleluia.**

BENEDICTION

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

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING”

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1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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