

## WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

## PRELUDE

*Lift High the Cross*, arr. G. Young<sup>1</sup>

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From daily worries that distract and distort your life-giving path,  
**People: Gather us, O God.**  
Leader: From suffering that overwhelms and weighs heavy on our hearts,  
**People: Gather us, O God.**  
Leader: From temptations to escape through worldly addictions and comforts,  
**People: Gather us, O God.**  
Leader: We choose you and Christ's way. Help us attend to your presence with us in worship.  
**People: Let us worship God.**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*HYMN 503                      *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*, O Quanta Qualia<sup>2</sup>

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Holy God, you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed life into our bodies. Yet we take these lives for granted, choosing destructive paths and unhealthy habits. We turn to idols that addict and enslave, instead of the liberating resources Christ provides. Forgive our foolishness, God our Redeemer, and grant us the wisdom to follow you in faith (continue with silent confession...). Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Our God, who restores and resurrects, grants us new life in Jesus Christ. Know that you are forgiven and live fully in joyful freedom.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*ACCLAMATION HYMN** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me, Glory to God<sup>3</sup>

**\*PASSING THE PEACE** (*Greet your neighbor with a first-bump, elbow-bump, or wave*)

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Greet each other with the peace of Christ.

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

#### **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Luke 14: 25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

#### **SERMON**

*Counting the Cost*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer

**PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 469** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, Children Praying*<sup>5</sup>  
Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

## CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

## OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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*Voluntary, J. Stanley*<sup>6</sup>

\***DEDICATION HYMN 717** *For the Life That You Have Given, Pleading Savior*<sup>7</sup>  
For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you,

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise (*prayer continues...*) Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and every place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**People: Sanctus Hymn 559** *Holy, Holy, Holy*<sup>8</sup>

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty (*prayer continues...*) Now accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to be a holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

**People: Memorial Acclamation Hymn 560** *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*<sup>9</sup>

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us (*prayer continues...*) We pray the prayer taught to us by our Lord Jesus Christ:

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## BREAKING OF BREAD AND POURING OF CUP

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Adagio*, L. van Beethoven<sup>10</sup>

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

## \*HYMN 697

*Take My Life and Let It Be*, Herndon<sup>11</sup>

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Postlude*, W. Mathais<sup>12</sup>

### **Leaders Today:**

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