

March 19th 2023

10:30 am

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Welcome

**Opening Hymn “Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation”**

*Henry Purcell, John Mason Neale*

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone  
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one  
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone

Grant, we pray to all Your people, all the grace they ask to gain  
What they gain from You forever with the blessed to retain  
And hereafter in Your glory evermore with You to reign

Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son  
Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One  
One in might and One in glory while unending ages run

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives our sins,

*People* ***God's mercy endures for ever.***

Collect for Purity

*All* ***Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Act of Penitence

The Ten Commandments

*Celebrant* Our Lord Jesus Christ said: If you love me, keep my commandments; happy are those who hear the word of God and keep it. Hear then these commandments which God has given to His people and take them to heart. I am the Lord your God; you shall have no other gods but me. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

*People* ***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

*Celebrant* You shall not make for yourself any idol. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.

*People* ***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

*Celebrant* You shall not dishonor the name of the Lord your God. You shall worship Him with awe and reverence.

*People* ***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

*Celebrant* Remember the Lord's Day and keep it holy. Christ is risen from the dead: set your minds on things that are above not on things that are on earth.

*People* ***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

*Celebrant* Honor your father and mother. Live as servants of God; honor all people; love the brotherhood.

*People* ***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

*Celebrant* You shall not commit murder. Be reconciled to your neighbor, overcome evil with good.

*People* ***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

*Celebrant* You shall not commit adultery. Know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

*People* ***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

*Celebrant* You shall not steal. Be honest in all that you do and care for those in need.

*People* ***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

*Celebrant* You shall not be a false witness. Let everyone speak the truth.

*People* ***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

*Celebrant* You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbor. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: It is more blessed to give than

to receive. Love your neighbor as yourself, for love is the fulfilling of the law.

*People*     ***Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Your laws in our hearts, we pray You.***

*Celebrant*   God so loved the world that He gave His only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our Advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

*Celebrant*   Let us confess our sins, in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all people.

*A Brief pause*

*All*   ***Almighty God, our heavenly Father, We have sinned against You and against our neighbors, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have not sufficiently walked according to the mind of Christ. We have named the name of Christ, but have not departed from iniquity. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve You in newness of life, to the glory of Your name. Amen.***

*Celebrant*   Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for the **Fourth** Sunday in Lent

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you

*People*         ***And also with you***

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.

**Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The First Lesson is from the First Book of Samuel, Chapter 1**  
**Beginning to read at verse 1**

16 The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”<sup>2</sup> And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’”<sup>3</sup> And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you.”<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?”<sup>5</sup> And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.<sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is before him.”<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”<sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”<sup>10</sup> And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.”<sup>11</sup> Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.”<sup>12</sup> And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.”<sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

*Reader*        This is the word of the Lord.

*People*        ***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 23**        Let us read this responsively by half verse.

1        The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
***therefore I can lack nothing.***

2 He shall feed me in green pastures \*  
*and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.*

3 He shall refresh my soul \*  
*and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.*

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death, I will fear no evil, \*  
*for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.*

5 You shall prepare a table before me, in the presence  
of those who trouble me; \*  
*you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.*

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
*and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

*Reader* This is the word of God.

*People* *Thanks be to God.*

### **The Second Lesson is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians, Chapter 5 Beginning to Read at verse 1**

5 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. <sup>3</sup> But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup> Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup> For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not become partners with them; <sup>8</sup> for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for anything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." (ESV)

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Song, "Ancient Words"

*Lynn De Shazo*

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. (2x)

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel is written in the Book of **St. John Chapter 9**,  
Beginning to read at verse 1

*People* **Glory to Christ our Savior.**

**9** As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup> Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup> and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. <sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup> Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup> So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup> He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup> They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." <sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>15</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>16</sup> The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>17</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>18</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>19</sup> If this man were not from God,

he could do nothing.”<sup>34</sup> They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”<sup>36</sup> He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”<sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.”<sup>38</sup> He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. (<sup>39</sup> **Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”**<sup>40</sup> **Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?”**<sup>41</sup> **Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.)** (ESV)

*Celebrant* This is the Gospel of Christ.

*People* ***Praise to Christ our Lord.***

### Sequence Song, “Ancient Words”

Lynn DeShazo

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. O let the ancient words impart.

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Chuck Thebeau

The Nicene Creed

*Celebrant* We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*All* ***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, and was buried.***

*On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Intercession

*Celebrant* Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for His goodness.

*Psalmist* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You promised through Your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Strengthen Foley our Archbishop, Clark our Bishop and all Your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess Your name may be united in Your truth, live together in Your love, and reveal Your glory in the world.

*Psalmist* Lord in your mercy.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Psalmist* Strengthen your Church for her witness and work in the world. Today we lift up **Good Shepherd Anglican Church, Dripping Springs, Texas**. We ask your anointing upon Archbishop Lamido, Kaduna, Nigeria; and the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans around the world. We especially pray that you would empower our sister parish, Christ Church Jerusalem, as an instrument for your peace in Jerusalem, Israel, and the Middle East.

*Psalmist* Lord in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Psalmist* Bless and guide our rulers; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that people may honor one another, and seek the common good.

*Psalmist* Lord in your mercy,



*People*        ***Hear our prayer.***

*Psalmist*     Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors;  
that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as He loves us.

*Psalmist*     Lord in your mercy,  
*People*        ***Hear our prayer.***

*Psalmist*     Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, give  
them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of Your salvation.

*Psalmist*     Lord in your mercy,  
*People*        ***Hear our prayer.***

*Psalmist*     We pray for the little children and babies: born and unborn, that their  
tender lives may be protected and their rights guarded.

*Psalmist*     Lord in your mercy,  
*People*        ***Hear our prayer.***

*Psalmist*     Hear us as we remember, those who have died in the faith of Christ,  
according to Your promises, grant us with them a share in Your eternal kingdom.

*Psalmist*     Lord in your mercy,  
*People*        ***Hear our prayer.***

*Psalmist*     Rejoicing in the fellowship of all Your saints, we commend ourselves  
and all Christian people to Your unfailing love.

*Psalmist*     Merciful Father,  
*People*        ***Accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus  
Christ. Amen.***

#### The Peace

*The Celebrant says either the following or other suitable words:*

*Celebrant*                     Christ is our peace, He has reconciled us to God in one  
body by the cross. We meet in His name and share His peace.

*Celebrant then says,* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Offertory Song “Sweet By And By”** *Sanford F. Bennett, Joseph P. Webster*

There’s a land that is fairer than day  
And by faith we can see it afar  
For the Father waits over the way  
To prepare us a dwelling place there

*Chorus:* In the sweet by and by we shall meet on that beautiful shore  
In the sweet by and by we shall meet on that beautiful shore

We shall sing on that beautiful shore  
The melodious songs of the blest  
And our spirits shall sorrow no more  
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest *(to chorus)*

To our bountiful Father above  
We will offer our tribute of praise  
For the glorious gift of His love  
And the blessings that hallow our days *(to chorus)*

Doxology

*All sing* ***Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

The Preparation of the Gifts

*The Celebrant takes the Bread and Cup into his hands and places them on the Holy Table.*

*The Celebrant takes the offering in his hands and says:*

*Celebrant* Accept, we pray You, O Lord these gifts which we here bring to You as the token of our love and gratitude; and grant that they may be so wisely used, that by them the work of Your Church may be prospered and Your kingdom enlarged; for the glory of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

*Congregation remains Standing,*

*The Celebrant faces the congregation and sings or says*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* ***It is right to give Him thanks and praise.***

*Celebrant* It is indeed right; it is our duty and joy at all times and in all places to give You thanks and praise Holy Father, heavenly King, Almighty and eternal God through Jesus Christ Your only Son our Lord, For He is Your living Word; through Him You have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in Your own image. Through Him You have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving Him to be born as man and to die upon the cross;

You raised Him from the dead and exalted Him to Your right hand on high, through Him You have sent upon us Your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for Your own possession.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, for ever praising You and singing,

“Sanctus”

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. (2x)***

*Men sing: Holy, Holy, Holy...*

*Ladies sing: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (2x)*

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

*Celebrant* Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and as we follow His example and obey His command, grant that by the power of Your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us His Body and Blood; Who in the same night that He was betrayed, took bread and gave You thanks; He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me," In the same way, after supper, He took the cup and gave You thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

*People* ***Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.***

*Celebrant* Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember His offering of Himself made once for all upon the cross; and proclaim His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, as we look for His coming in glory, We celebrate with this bread and this cup His one perfect sacrifice.

Accept through Him, our great High Priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of Your divine Majesty, renew us by Your Spirit, inspire us with Your love, and unite us in the body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, by the power of the Holy Spirit with all who stand before You in earth and heaven. We worship You, Father Almighty, in songs of everlasting praise.

*People* ***Blessing and honor and glory and power be Yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.***

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant* The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the Body of Christ?

*He then lays his hand on the cup and says*

*Celebrant* The cup which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?

*People*      ***Though we are many, we are one body, because we share in one Bread.***

Prayer of Humble Access

Together we pray ***We do not presume to come to Your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table, But You are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood; that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.***

The Distribution of the Eucharistic Elements

*Before the distribution, the Celebrant says:*

Celebrant    Holy things to Holy people. If any is holy, let him come; if any is not, let him repent. The Lord is here.

*All*      ***There is One Holy, One Lord Jesus Christ to the glory of God the Father, blessed for ever. Amen.***

“O Come To the Altar”    *Steven Furtick, Chris Brown, Wade Joye, Mack Brock*

Are you hurting and broken within overwhelmed by the weight of your sin, Jesus is calling. Have you come to the end of yourself? Do you thirst for a drink from the well, Jesus is calling.

Chorus: O come to the altar, The Father’s arms are open wide. Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes. Come today there’s no reason to wait, Jesus is calling. Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy. From the ashes a new life is born, Jesus is calling. (Chorus x2)

**Communion Songs “Before The Throne Of God Above”**

*Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook*

**Before the throne of God above; I have a strong and perfect plea**

A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart, no tongue can bid me thence depart

When satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within  
upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free  
For God, the Just, is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me  
to look on Him and pardon me

Behold him there! the risen Lamb; my perfect, spotless Righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God  
with Christ, my Savior and my God

### **"Thank You Jesus For The Blood"**

*Bryan McCleery, Charity Gayle, David Gentiles, Ryan Kennedy, Steven Musso*

I was a wretch I remember who I was  
I was lost I was blind I was running out of time  
Sin separated the breach was far too wide  
But from the far side of the chasm  
You held me in Your sight

So You made a way across the great divide  
Left behind Heaven's throne to build it here inside  
And there at the cross You paid the debt I owed  
Broke my chains freed my soul  
For the first time I had hope

*Chorus:* Thank You Jesus for the blood applied  
Thank You Jesus it has washed me white  
Thank You Jesus You have saved my life  
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light

You took my place laid inside my tomb of sin  
You were buried for three days

But then You walked right out again  
And now death has no sting and life has no end  
For I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb *(to chorus)*

*Bridge:* There is nothing stronger  
Than the wonder working power  
Of the blood the blood  
That calls us sons and daughters  
We are ransomed by our Father  
Through the blood the blood *(repeat, chorus)*

*Outro:* Glory to His name  
Glory to His name  
There to my heart  
Was the blood applied  
Glory to His name

**“In Christ Alone”** *Stuart Townend, Keith Getty*

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain

Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

#### After Communion

*Celebrant* Jesus answered, "It is written: Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4

*Celebrant* As our Savior taught us, so we pray,

*All*            ***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 for ever and ever. Amen.***

Together we pray            ***Father of all, we give You thanks and praise, that when we were still far off You met us in Your Son and brought us home. Dying and living He declared Your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's Body, live His risen life. We who drink His cup, bring life to others. We whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us. So we and Your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise Your name: through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

#### The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and the



blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

**Closing Hymn “Abide With Me”** *Henry Francis Lyte, William Henry Monk*

Abide with me fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless O abide with me

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness  
Where is death’s sting where grave thy victory  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies  
Heaven’s morning breaks and earth’s vain shadows flee  
In life in death O Lord abide with me

Celebrant    Go in the peace of Christ.  
People        Thanks be to God.

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