

Rite II, p. 60

1. The Entrance Hymn: #233, "The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace" (Please stand at the last verse)

2. The Invocation, p 60

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. ♪ Amen.

3. The Confession and Absolution, Rite I, p 60

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to 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. ♪ **Who made heav' n and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord; ♪ **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins? **I do.**

Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His name? **I do.**

Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. May He comfort your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full. Peace be with you! **Amen.**

4, 5. Introit/Gloria Patri

♪ Awake! Why do you sleep 'O Lord? / Arise! Do not cast us 'off forever.

Why do you hide 'Your face / and forget our affliction and 'our oppression?

We have heard with our ears 'O God / our fathers have told us what deeds You 'did in their days.

♪ **Glory be to the Father, 'and to the Son / and to 'the Holy Ghost;**

as it was in the be - 'ginning, is now / and ever shall be: forever - 'more. Amen.

6. The Kyrie Eleison, p. 63

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

7. Hymn #289:5-6

♪ Je-sus, my great High Priest, Offered His blood and died;
My guilty conscience seeks No Sacrifice beside.
His pow'rful blood did once atone; And now it pleads before the throne.

My Advocate appears For my defense on high,
The Father bows His ear, And lays His anger by.
Not all that hell or sin can say Shall turn His heart, His love away.

8. The Salutation, p. 66

The Lord be with you. ♪ **And with your spirit.**

9. Collect, p. 66

O God, you see that we do not put our trust in anything we do: Mercifully grant, that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. ♪ **Amen.**

10. The Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 4:1–20 (ESV)

Then Moses answered, "But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, 'The LORD did not appear to you.'" The LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A staff." And he said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it. But the LORD said to Moses, "Put out your hand and catch it by the tail"—so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand— "that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you." Again, the LORD said to him, "Put your hand inside your cloak." And he put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow. Then God said, "Put your hand back inside your cloak." So he put his hand back inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh. "If they will not believe you," God said, "or listen to the first sign, they may believe the latter sign. If they will not believe even these two signs or listen to your voice, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground, and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground."

But Moses said to the LORD, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue." Then the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak." But he said, "Oh, my Lord, please send someone else." Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses and he said, "Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well. Behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you both what to do. He shall speak for you to the people, and he shall be your mouth, and you shall be as God to him. And take in your hand this staff, with which you shall do the signs."

Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, "Please let me go back to my brothers in Egypt to see whether they are still alive." And Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace." And the LORD said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt, for all the men who were seeking your life are dead." So Moses took his wife and his sons and had them ride on a donkey, and went back to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the staff of God in his hand.

11. The Gradual:

♪ Christ humbled himself and became obedient to 'the point of death./ **Even the death 'of the cross.**

12. Epistle: II Corinthians 11:30, 12:1-9

If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity... It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me *to be* or hears from me.

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

13. The Alleluia:

♪ Lord, by Your cross and resurrection, You 'have set us free./ **You are the Savior 'of the world.**

14. Gospel, p. 68:

The Holy Gospel is written in the 8th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the 4th verse. (rise) ♪ **Glory be to You, O Lord!**

And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest *it is given* in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’

“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock *are those* who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones *that* fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep *it* and bear fruit with patience.

This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ♪ **Praise be to You, O Christ!**

15. The Nicene Creed

- I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

- And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

- And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

16. The Chief Hymn: #230, "Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth"

17. Sermon Text/Theme: Exodus 4:1-20, "Scripture Alone"

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and mind in Christ Jesus unto everlasting life. Amen.

18. The Offertory verse:

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

18b. Offering: As the offering is brought forward, the congregation sings Hymn #445:1,2

♪ We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

19. The Prayer of the Church

Hymn of Preparation: #309 (tune, St. Crispin) "A Wondrous Mystery Is Here"

The Exhortation (See p. 38 or 77)

20. The Preface

The Lord be with you. ♪ And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. ♪ It is good and right so to do.

21. Proper Preface and Sanctus:

It is good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God (*prayer of the season prayed by the pastor...*) Therefore

with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪:Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

23. The Lord's Prayer

♪ Our Father ...

24. The Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My + blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

25. The Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always. ♪ :Amen

26. Agnus Dei

♪ O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

28. The Nunc Dimittis,

♪ Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. 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, forevermore. Amen

29. The Collect of Thanksgiving I

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good. ♪ **And His mercy endures forever.**

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

31. The Salutation

The Lord be with you. ♪ **And with your spirit.**

32. The Benedicamus

Let us bless the Lord. ♪ **Thanks be to God!**

33. The Benediction

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 give + you peace. ♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

34. The Closing Hymn: #583, "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"