

1. Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

Almighty God our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hear the holy and comforting Word of Our Lord! Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

2. The Psalm: Psalm 48, p, 180, ELH

3. The Kyrie (spoken)

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

4. The Gloria Hymn: #35, "All Glory Be to God on High"

5. The Collect for the Day

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward You, that we may love You above all things, and lead us, by faith, to Your eternal promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **Amen.**

6. The Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 23:21-32

"I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in My counsel, And had caused My people to hear My words, Then they would have turned them from their evil way And from the evil of their doings.

"Am I a God near at hand," says the LORD,
"And not a God afar off?
Can anyone hide himself in secret places,
So I shall not see him?" says the LORD;

“Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the LORD.

“I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ How long will *this* be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart, who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal.

“The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream;
And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat?” says the LORD. “Is not My word like a fire?” says the LORD,
“And like a hammer *that* breaks the rock in pieces?

“Therefore behold, I *am* against the prophets,” says the LORD, “who steal My words every one from his neighbor. Behold, I *am* against the prophets,” says the LORD, “who use their tongues and say, ‘He says.’ Behold, I *am* against those who prophesy false dreams,” says the LORD, “and tell them, and cause My people to err by their lies and by their recklessness. Yet I did not send them or command them; therefore they shall not profit this people at all,” says the LORD.

7. The Gradual:

♪ Al - 'le-lu-ia! / Blessed be the Lord God 'of our fathers. **Praise Him and highly exalt 'Him forever / Al - 'le-lu-ia!**

8. The Epistle: Romans 8:12-17

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

9. The Chief Hymn: #511, “Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”

10. The Gospel: Matthew 7:15-23

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

10. The Creedal Hymn: #37, “We All Believe in One True God”

11. The Sermon Text and Theme: Matthew 7:15–23, “The Great Shepherd of the Sheep, Keeps You on the Narrow Way”

12. The Offering; while the offering is brought to the altar, the congregation speaks:

♪ 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!

13. The Exhortation, p. 77

14. The Hymn of Preparation: “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”, #41

15. The Lord’s Prayer

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. C: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the pow’r and the glory forever and ever. Amen

16. The Consecration

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.

17. The Distribution and Reception of the Sacrament

18. Hymn of Thanks #325, “O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”

19. The Collect of Thanksgiving

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.**

20. 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.**

21. Closing Hymn: #370, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"