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**1.The Entrance Hymn:** #544:1, "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

**2. The Invocation**
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
♪ **Amen.**

**3. The Confession and Absolution I**
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.**

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.**

**4, 5. Introit/Gloria Patri**

♪ I know the thoughts I think toward you / says the Lord ... thoughts of peace and / not of evil.
**Then you will call upon Me and go / and pray to Me ... and I will / listen to you.**
Lord, You have been favorable / to Your land. You have brought back the captivity /of Jacob.
**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. A men.**

**6. The Kyrie Eleison**

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

**7. The Gloria in Excelsis - Hymn, #35:1**

**♪ All glory be to God on high,**
**Who hath our race befriended!**
**To us no harm shall now come nigh,**
**The strife at last is ended.**
**God showeth His good will to men,**
**And peace shall reign on earth again:**
**O thank Him for His goodness!**

**8. The Salutation**

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

**9. Collect**: Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son we pray, that He may lead home His Bride, the Church, that we with all Your saints may enter into Your eternal kingdom; 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:** Isaiah 65:17-19
"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem *as* a rejoicing, And her people a joy. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, And joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, Nor the voice of crying.

**11. Gradual:**

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

**12. Epistle**: I Thessalonians 5:1-11
But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the

night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do,* but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and *as* a helmet the hope of salvation. For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

**13. Alleluia:**

♪ Al-' le -lu-ia / Behold, I am 'coming quickly. **Amen. Even so, 'come, Lord Jesus. / Al-' le -lu-ia!**

**14. Gospel:** The Holy Gospel is written in the 25th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the 1st verse. (rise ) **♪ Glory be to You, O Lord!**

"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. Those who *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

"And at midnight a cry was *heard:* 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, '*No,* lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the

wedding; and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**♪ Praise be to You O Christ!**

**15. The Nicene Creed, p. 69**

**- 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:** #100:1-4. "The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"

**17. Sermon Text/Theme:** Matthew 25:1-13/"Saying Awake for Jesus' Return"

**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**
*(While the offering is brought forward, the following verses of Hymn 445 are sung:)*

**♪ We give thee but Thine own, Whate'r the gifts to 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 firstfruits give!**

**19. The Prayer of the Church**

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**Hymn of Preparation: #**544:2-3, Wake Awake, for Night Is Flying"

**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; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, *(the pastor prays the preface of the season…)* 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** (sung in unison)

**♪ 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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

**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:** #100:5-7, "The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"