

Prelude

Lighting the Candles

Jesus says, **"We are the Light of the World."**

Where we encounter sin, **let our Light shine on Jesus.**

Where we encounter selfishness, **let us shine the Light of Mercy.**

Where we encounter the World, **let us shine the Light of Grace.**

Welcome

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with you.

Praise the Lord!

Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.

We come in the name of Christ's mercy. We gather in the name of Christ's Grace. We serve in the name of Christ's Life-Giving Love.

Hymn of Preparation

Prayer of Confession

Father, we believe Jesus Christ. We believe Jesus suffered all sin. We believe Jesus died to sin. We believe Jesus rose to Life. The moment we believed, Christ freed us from the bondage of sin.

Lord, we confess that you freed us from sin to heal our souls. We confess that forgiving our neighbor as Christ forgave us heals our selfishness. We confess that Christ's grace heals our Worldly ways. We confess that Christ's love heals the souls of those wounded by evil. Amen.

Prayer of Blessing

Father, I lift my heart-cup to you. In Christ's Mercy, cleanse my poor spirit and fill my heart-cup with your Holy Spirit.

Father, I lift the soul-cup to you. In Christ's Grace, cleanse my selfish, worldly, evil ways and fill my soul-cup with the Kingdom of Heaven.

Father, I lift my mind-cup to you. In Christ's Love, cleanse my logic, reason, and judgement and fill my mind-cup with Jesus' Attitudes of Being. Amen.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image

And breathed into us the breath of life.

**When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.**

You delivered us from captivity,

made covenant to be our sovereign God,

And spoke to us through the prophets.

And so,

with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him

to Bless the Poor in Spirit with the Kingdom of Heaven,

to Bless those who mourn with the Holy Spirit who Comforts,

to Bless the meek with the earth from which you shaped us.

Hymn of Hope

The Gospel: Matthew 8: 5-13

The Message

Holy Communion

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

Friends, the "this" we are to do in remembrance of Jesus is our sin, selfishness, worldly ways, and evil. "This" causes the suffering!

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to You, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."

Friends, the "this" we are to do in remembrance of Jesus is Be filled with the Blessed Be-Attitudes.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Receive the Bread of Life and Cup of Blessing

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may die to the power and authority of self, the world,
and evil.
Raise us in the Comfort of the Holy Spirit.
Bless us with meekness to have strength to get a grip on life.
Balance our lives by teaching us to walk in the Light of Your mercy,
grace, and love.
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Postlude

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