

## Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

## Call to Worship- Psalm 65:9-13

P: You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.

**C: The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.**

P: You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

**C: You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.**

P: The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.

**C: The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.**

## Song of Praise- What a Beautiful Name & Jesus, Name Above all Names

You were the Word at the beginning, One With God the Lord Most High.  
Your hidden glory in creation. Now revealed in You our Christ.

*What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.*

*What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.*

You didn't want heaven without us. So Jesus, You brought heaven down.  
My sin was great, Your love was greater. What could separate us now.

*What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.*

*What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.*

Death could not hold You . The veil tore before You.  
You silence the boast of sin and grave.  
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory,  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal.  
Now and forever God You reign.  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory.  
Yours is the Name above all Names

*What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is*

*The Name of Jesus Christ my King.*

*What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against*

*What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.*

Jesus, name above all names

Beautiful Saviour, Glorious Lord

Emmanuel, God is with us

Blessed Redeemer, Living Word

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## Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify you holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

(Silent confession)

P: Lord, have mercy.

**ALL: Christ, have mercy.**

P: Lord, have mercy.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1.15) + Jesus says, "Your sins are forgiven." (Luke 7.48).

**ALL: Amen.**

## **Worship in Song- In Moments Like These & Majesty**

In moments like these I sing out a song  
I sing out a love song to Jesus  
In moments like these I lift up my hands  
I lift up my hands to the Lord

Singing I love You, Lord. Singing I love You, Lord.  
Singing I love You, Lord. I love You.

Majesty, worship his majesty  
Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise!  
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from his throne  
Unto his own his anthem raise!  
So exalt, lift up on high, the name of Jesus  
Magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus the king!  
Majesty, worship his majesty  
Jesus who died now glorified  
King of all kings.

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## **Confession of Faith**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Announcements**

### **Scripture Readings**

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

**Acts 6:8-15; 7:51-8:3**

## **Sermon**

## Prayers of the Church

### 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.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### Benediction

**For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.** *Romans 8:38-39*

### Closing Song- Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure.  
Through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Father's bidding,  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus and with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness; where he is there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy:  
All discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth here after.  
Jesus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death he conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin;  
Then by grace we all may win untold fruits of His creation.  
Jesus, unto You I die, there to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus, He has risen from the dead.  
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, since You are our head,  
We are Your own living members; where you live, there we shall be  
In You presence constantly, Living there with you forever.  
Jesus, if I faithful be, life eternal grant to me.

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