

FLORIDA-BAHAMAS SYNOD ASSEMBLY

OPENING EUCHARIST

Thursday, June 6, 2019, 4 pm

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Preservice Music

"Greater" (MercyMe)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Please stand.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
**and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
**By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
**Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

Gathering Song

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Tune: NETTLETON

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
 While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
 teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.
- 2 Called to gather as God's people, we assemble in this place
 To unite our hearts and voices in thanksgiving for God's grace:
 For the birthing of creation, for Christ's rising from death's hold,
 For the coming of the Spirit, week by week claimed and retold.
- 3 Taught and formed by proclamation, we await God's promised word:
 Song and story, psalm and precept, all the range of scripture heard.
 By this ancient, living witness we are summoned to confess
 How we fall short, yet can trust that God will hear, forgive and bless.
- 4 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
 let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Optional soprano/tenor descant for verse 5 appears below

5 Sent to share the Spirit's blessing, we go forth renewed, restored,
Humbled by the task before us, strengthened by the Love outpoured.
Finding faith confirmed in action, led by hope through each new day,
We are called to be God's people, living what we sing and pray.
Living what we sing and pray.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

Additional verses by Carl P. Daw, Jr.

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Opt. Sop/Ten descant

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

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1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-lemn prayer.
2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.

We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.
Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. May the Peace which passes all understanding, which has its source within the very nature of Father, Son and Spirit be with us as we meet, to still our souls and join our hearts as one. May the gentle whisper of the God of peace speak to us through our worship, the reading and understanding of scripture, and be the message of our lives as we leave this place. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

First Reading

Isaiah 40:28-31

A reading from Isaiah.

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

29He gives power to the faint,
 and strengthens the powerless.
 30Even youths will faint and be weary,
 and the young will fall exhausted;
 31but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
 they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
 they shall run and not be weary,
 they shall walk and not faint.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

HAPPY ARE THEY

Tim Schoenbachler

Refrain



Hap - py are they who
 trust in God, who trust in God.

*Verses



1. Hap - py are the peo - ple of God:



2. They are like the tree near rich earth,



3. Wick - ed hearts the Lord turns a - way



1. they walk not in the sin - ners' ways.



2. yield - ing fruit in the prop - er time



3. like the leaves in the au - tumn wind.



1. They de - light in God's word,



2. and whose leaves nev - er fade.



3. For the Lord cares for the just:

to Refrain



1. in God's word they find joy.

2. All their works yield in due time.

3. wick - ed hearts walk to their death.

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Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from First Peter.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

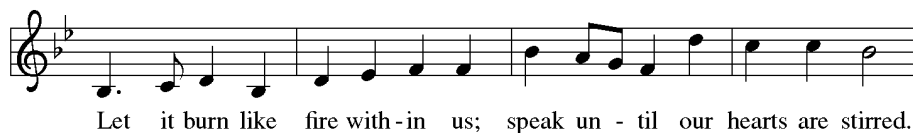
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Please stand.



Gospel

John 7:37-39

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁷On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Khader El-Yateem

Assistant to the Bishop/
Director for Evangelical Mission (South Region)

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Song of the Day

Please stand.

Thrive

1 Here in this worn and weary land Where many a dream has died
Like a tree planted by the water We never will run dry

Prechorus

So, liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing through, God, we thirst for more of
You. Fill our hearts, and flood our souls with one de - sire.

Chorus

Just to know You and to make You known. We lift Your name on high. Shine
like the sun, make dark - ness run and hide. We know we were made for
so much more than or - di - na - ry lives. It's time for us to
more than just sur - vive. We were made to thrive.

2 Into Your Word we're digging deep To know our Father's heart
Into the world we're reaching out To show them who You are

Bridge Joy unspeakable - Faith unsinkable -
Love unstoppable - Anything is possible (*REPEAT 3X*)

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Nicene Creed

Together, let us profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Keep us steadfast in your word. Shape us according to your will. Renew us in hope. Heal our divisions. Protect us from discord. Unite us in your love. Awake us to the needs of our neighbors. Empower us for mission. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the earth. For forests and vineyards, marshes and springs. For grasslands and pastures, farmlands and orchards. Protect your creation from the damage of our over-consumption, abuse and carelessness. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the nations. For those who govern and all who hold authority. For those who have been displaced by warfare, economic hardship, or disaster (*especially the refugees from Central America and the Middle East*). Bring freedom, justice, and stability to areas of conflict. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those in need. For those who are anxious. For those who suffer abuse or neglect. For those who are hungry or homeless. For those who grieve and all who are sick (*especially those we name in the secret of our heart*). Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For this assembly. Deepen our lives of prayer. Open us to the guiding of your Spirit. Train us in humility. Fill us with compassion. Nourish us at your holy table. Strengthen us in service to our community. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving we remember those who have died, especially our loved ones and those who have given their lives in service. Inspire us by their example and bring us to your eternal home. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Let us share Christ's peace with one another.
We greet one another with a gesture of Christ's peace.
Then, the assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering & Setting the Table

Today's offering is collected for the Florida-Bahamas Synod Fund for Leaders.

Musical offering: "Move", by TobyMac (Fowler/Stevens/McKeehan)

Offertory

Please stand.

Lifesong

1 Empty hands held high - Such small sacrifice
If not joined with my life - I sing in vain tonight

Pre-Chorus May the words I say - And the things I do
Make my lifesong sing - Bring a smile to You

Chorus

Let my life - song sing to You. Let my life - song
sing to You. I wan-na sign Your name to the end of this day, know-in'
that my heart was true. Let my life - song sing to You.

2 Lord I give my life - A living sacrifice
To reach a world in need - To be Your hands and feet

Bridge Hallelujah hallelujah
Let my lifesong sing to You (*sing three times*)

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

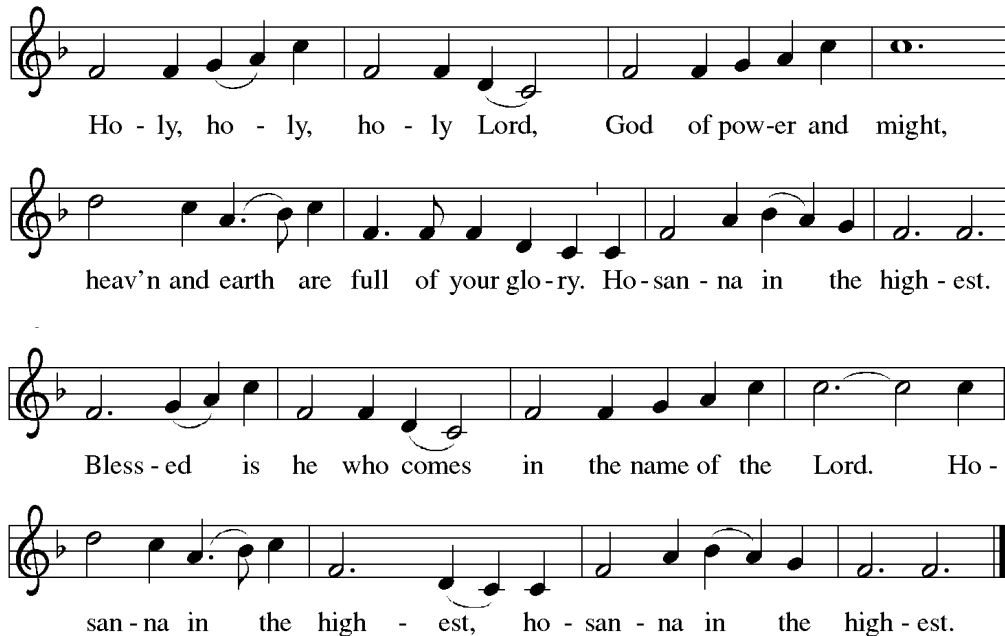
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.
Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Please, follow the direction of the ushers. There are four stations with two cups of wine: one for sipping and one for dipping. You are invited to come up one aisle and return to your seat by the opposite aisle. For gluten free and grape juice, please go to the station near the baptismal font in the back. Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Please be seated.

Communion

Lamb of God

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

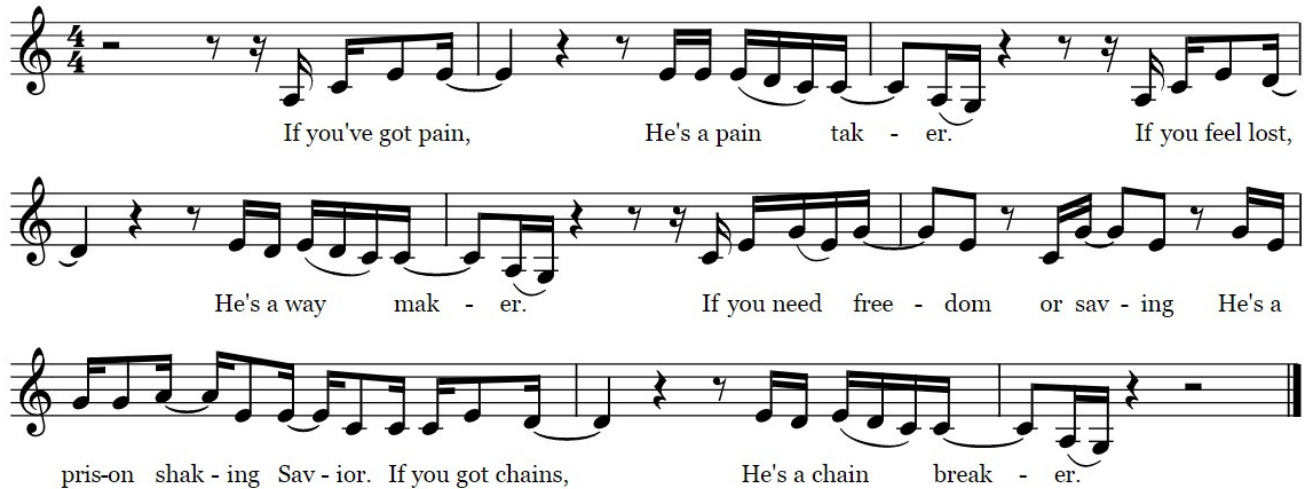


you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Chain Breaker

- 1 If you've been walking the same old road For miles and miles
If you've been hearing the same old voice Tell the same old lies
If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside There's a better life
There's a better life

Chorus



If you've got pain, He's a pain tak - er. If you feel lost,
He's a way mak - er. If you need free - dom or sav - ing He's a
pris-on shak - ing Sav - ior. If you got chains, He's a chain break - er.

- 2 We've all searched for the light of day In the dead of night
We've all found ourselves worn out From the same old fight
We've all run to things we know just ain't right When there's a better life
There's a better life

Bridge If you believe it If you receive it
If you can feel it Somebody testify

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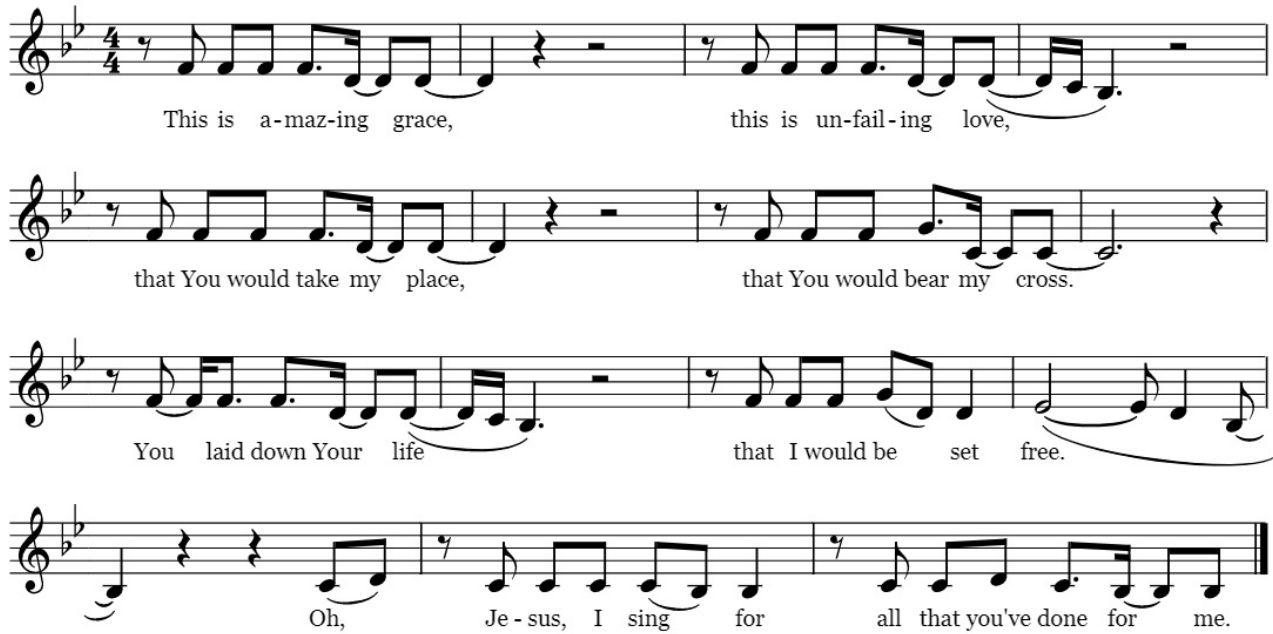
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This Is Amazing Grace

- 1 Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings
- 2 Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus



This is a-maz-ing grace, this is un-fail-ing love,
that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Je-sus, I sing for all that you've done for me.

3 Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

4 Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Bridge Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave (*sing three times*)
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy

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Prayer after Communion

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song I Am a Christian

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Chorus: I am a Christian and my name is Pilgrim
 I'm on a journey but I'm not alone
 Jesus is with me and He goes before me
 And His love surrounds me He's leading me Home

1 One step at a time for now Just keep your feet on the ground
 Don't lose your way chasing the crowd Here's where your road begins
 Don't stop don't settle in
 Just tell yourself there's something more than this
 Just tell yourself there's something more than this Everybody say... *Chorus*

2 Head high keep your eyes above Don't think of giving up
 He brought you this far He won't stop now
 Don't ever run away no matter what you face
 Don't be afraid 'cause He will not back down
 Remind yourself that He is with you now And say...*Chorus*

Bridge Walk on in your weakness Walk on through the night
 Walk on in the darkness Till you see the Light
 Remember who's with you Remember He's strong
 And when you are weary He'll carry you on

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.¹

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