

On Line**Opening Hymn – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

This is the day the Lord has made. **So, let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Now stretch out your hand to the screen and lets virtually take hands and say:

‘Jesus Loves you and so do I’

Our service today looks at the Authority of God, as we now worship in Song, Scripture and prayer.

Please say the words together as they appear on screen in Yellow during this service:

Let us Pray - Most loving and gracious God, King of creation and Lord of all, we thank you for how you have established your Holy Word as a living force in this world, for how you have shown forth your power, your glory and your love for us in the words and actions of the prophets and in your Son Jesus, whom you sent to us to lead us in the way of peace. Help us to hear your word this day, to absorb your love and to become more worthy disciples of Christ Jesus. We ask it in his name. **Amen**

2nd Hymn – Spirit of The Living God

We are a wandering people, O God, who seek refuge and protection in the vanity of our world. Accept now our confession of sin and our desire to be closer to you.

Merciful God, from you comes all truth, all healing, all that makes our world good and whole. Forgive us, O Lord, those times when we have listened to those who do not speak for you.

Forgive us for the weakness that has led us at times to seek the water of life at springs which can never satisfy. Forgive us for not testing the spirits that are around us: forgive us too for how we play with empty knowledge and delight in useless predictions that help neither us or those around us.

Have mercy on us and speak once again to us. Help us to hear the word you send and to turn away from the words that come from false prophets and those who do not know your ways, Lord, hear our prayer. Touch us and make us whole. Amen.

This is the promise of God, "If my people humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Therefore, I tell you, as you have confessed, so you are forgiven. Listen to the Lord and to the Lord only and his mercy will cover you and all that you do. **Amen.**

Let us pray

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation; send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1st Reading – Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (NRSV)

2nd Reading – Psalm 111 (NRSV)

3rd Hymn – Jesus Loves Me

3rd Reading – Mark 1:21-28 (NIV)

SERMON: Authority of God

4th Hymn – O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

Let us pray

Heavenly Father, what a gracious and wise God You are to permit us to choose life or death, heaven or hell, forgiveness or condemnation, as a matter of free-will. Thank You for the light of the gospel of grace and for opening my eyes to the truth. Have mercy on those who of their own volition, choose the path to death, destruction, and condemnation. Continue to open my eyes to the truth and help me to choose the good and eschew the evil. and reveal to rebellious people of this world, the horrific consequences of rejecting the gospel of Christ. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Apostles Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers - Intercessions and Lord's Prayer

5th Hymn – Rejoice, The Lord Is King

Presentation of offerings

Lord God, you are never far from us, you are as close as our breathing. We recognize you as the one who heals the wounded spirit and gives new life to the broken hearted. We know as the one who feeds the hungry and gives drink to the thirsty. Receive these our gifts for your work and bless them and us in your service. **Amen**

Notices (if any)

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we now go forth into the world, to fulfil our calling as the people of God, the body of Christ.

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All Christ is our light that illumines and guides us. Christ as our shield that overshadows us. Christ is under us; Christ is over us; Christ is beside us and on our left and on our right. This day be within and without us, lowly and meek and yet all powerful. Be in the heart of each in whom we speak; in the mouth of each who speaks unto us.

This day be within and without us, lowly and meek, yet all powerful. Christ as our light; Christ as our shield; Christ beside us on our left and on our right.

Go in peace and may God's Word direct your every step; may God's Spirit sustain you in every act, and

may God's Living Love fill your every moment, both now and forevermore. **Amen**

Departing Hymn— Lord Speak To Me