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GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP*

The mighty God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.

Our God comes and will not be silent. God calls, and we respond to his love.

The heavens declare God's righteousness. We tell out God's glories!

INVOCATION*

SONGS OF PRAISE*

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Brethren we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God. Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down Brethren pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Brethren see poor sinners 'round you slumb'ring on the brink of woe. Death is coming hell is moving can you bear to let them go. See our fathers and our mothers and our children sinking down. Brethren pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters will you join and help us Moses' sister aided him.
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin.
Tell them all about the Savior tell them that He will be found.
Sisters pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely let us love each other too.

Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.

Then He'll call us home to heaven at His table we'll sit down.

Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

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Before the Throne of God Above

No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea; A great High Priest whose name is "Love," Whoever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands

No tongue can bid me thence depart,

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within. Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free; For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me, To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The Risen Lamb my perfect, spotless Righteousness; The great unchangeable I AM, the King of Glory and of grace! One with Himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God, With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will.

We have eaten without a thought for the hungry.

We have spoken without an effort to understand others. We have kept silence instead of telling the truth.

We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge.

We have acted in accordance with our opinions rather than according to your commands.

Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors.

And in the world we have not been your faithful servants. Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

PROFESSION OF FAITH *

Christians, what do you believe?

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 and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *

Abide With Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide. When other helpers, fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile; And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile, Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee, On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour. What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power? Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory? I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:9-17

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"Love from the Vine"

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OUTLINE:

LOVE: What is Love?

FRIENDSHIP: What is Friendship?

I. God's Love & Joy in us: vs. 9-11

II. Loving one another: vs. 12-17

APPLICATION

III. Where does the abiding in Christ start?

IV. Abiding in Christ's Love

V. True friendship can only come from Christ. How do we sustain any friendship?

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen Public Domain

HYMN OF SENDING

Bless Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love: the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before the Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives our courage by the way, while each in expectation lives, and longs to see the day.

From sorrow, toil and pain, and sin, we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

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BENEDICTION*