

Lord's Day Covenant Renewal Worship



GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE

Pastor: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! So, let us worship God in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

Pastor: He is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead! 1 PETER 1:3

PRAYER & HYMN OF PRAISE

GOD CLEANSSES HIS PEOPLE

Pastor: Come, let us worship and bow down.

People: And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Please kneel as you are able. PSALM 95:6

Pastor: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,

People: And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 JOHN 1:9

Pastor: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Most merciful Father, we confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that we are not able to understand, but which are all known to you. For this reason, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who was raised for us to have everlasting life. Revive us by your life-giving Spirit, and quicken us to do your will, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent prayer of personal confession.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Now lift up your heads, arise, and hear the good news...

Let everyone truly acknowledge this in his heart and believe in Christ. Thus, in His name, I proclaim unto you the forgiveness of all your sins, and declare you to be loosed of them on earth, that you be loosed of them also in heaven, in eternity.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOD CONSECRATES HIS PEOPLE

PSALM OF WORSHIP

Pastor: We are the household of God, the church of the living God, the pillar and buttress of the truth.

People: Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

Pastor: God was manifest in the flesh,

People: Vindicated by the Spirit,

Pastor: Seen by angels,

People: Proclaimed among the nations,

Pastor: Believed on in the world,

People: Taken up in glory. 1 TIMOTHY 3:15-16

SURSUM CORDA & SANCTUS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor: Eternal God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant us your Holy Spirit who writes the preached Word into our hearts so that we may receive and believe it, and be gladdened and comforted by it in eternity.

People: Glorify your Word in our hearts. Make us to find pleasure in it, and through your illumination think what is right. By your power fulfill the Word, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

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THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE PSALM

THE EPISTLE READING

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING

Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.

People: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

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SERMON TEXT

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,

People: **But the Word of our God will stand forever.** ISAIAH 40:8

PRAYER & SERMON

Pastor: What gifts have you brought to the Lord?

All: **We give only what the Lord has first given to us. We offer ourselves in Christ through confession, praise, and thanksgiving; we give our prayers and alms for the sake of the world.**

Pastor: Let us stand and give thanks to the Lord.

HYMN OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION FOR THE CHURCH & THE WORLD

Pastor: Hear us, Lord of Glory,

People: **For you are gracious.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER MATTHEW 6:9-13

GOD COMMUNES WITH HIS PEOPLE

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

Pastor: Christian, in whom do you believe?

All: **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us**

under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into Heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The word catholic here means universal and refers to the whole body of Christ spread throughout the world. It does not refer to the Roman Catholic church.*

THE LORD'S TABLE

This table belongs to the Lord, not to Four Winds Reformed Church. All baptized, evangelical Christians in good standing with the body of Christ are welcome to partake; all others please refrain until speaking with the elders. 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-29

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GOD COMMISSIONS HIS PEOPLE

Pastor: He is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!** EPHESIANS 3:20-21

Pastor: Death is swallowed up in victory.

People: **O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?** 1 CORINTHIANS 15:55

Pastor: Jesus has said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

All: **Go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.** MATTHEW 28:18-20 (NKJV)

HYMN OF COMMISSION

BENEDICTION

THREEFOLD AMEN

