

CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS

1 TIMOTHY 1:15



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As We Gather

In a world overflowing with opinions, catchy slogans, and fleeting advice, what sayings are truly faithful? What truths can we build our lives upon, not just for today, but for eternity? The Apostle Paul, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, directs our attention this evening to such a saying—one he declares is not only faithful and trustworthy but is “worthy of all acceptance.” It is a statement so profound that it forms the very bedrock of our hope and the source of all true comfort. As we now quiet our hearts and minds for worship, let us prepare to receive this divine, life-giving truth with the reverence and joy it deserves.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

380 – Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

1 Timothy 1:15; Psalm 103:8, 10; Psalm 51:15

P This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance:

C **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.**

P The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

C **He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities.**

P O Lord, open my lips.

C **And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.**

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! We gather this evening to build our hope on a faithful saying, worthy of all acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Yet, our sinful hearts often reject this truth, trusting instead in our own righteousness. We forget that our best works cannot save us. Let us, therefore, abandon all self-reliance and turn to the one true hope we have, humbly confessing our sins to God and pleading for the mercy found only in Jesus Christ.

C O almighty God, merciful Father, we, poor, miserable sinners, confess to You all our sins, for which we justly deserve Your punishment. We have failed to love You with our whole hearts and our neighbors as ourselves. We have proudly trusted in our own strength, and our hearts are so corrupt that even our best works are stained with sin. For all this we are truly sorry and sincerely repent. We pray You of Your boundless mercy, for the sake of the holy, innocent suffering and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to us.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Glory be to the Father

Gloria Patri

P In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be-ginning,
is now, and ev-er shall be for - ev-er more. A - men.


Gloria Patri
GLORY BE TO GOD THE FATHER

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple, using half and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis – 238 (1)

All glory be to God a - lone, For - ev - er more the Highest One,
Who doth our sin - ful race be - friend And grace and peace to
us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may His good will All
hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major. The melody is more complex, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

¹ Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence— ² As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil— To make Your name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence! ³ When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, The mountains shook at Your presence. ⁴ For since the beginning of the world Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him. ⁵ You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, Who remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry, for we have sinned— In these ways we continue; And we need to be saved. ⁶ But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away. ⁷ And there is no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities. ⁸ But now, O LORD, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand. ⁹ Do not be furious, O LORD, Nor remember iniquity forever; Indeed, please look—we all are Your people!

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 103:2-4, 8-12

- P** Bless the LORD, O my soul,
- C** **And forget not all His benefits:**
- P** Who forgives all your iniquities,
- C** **Who heals all your diseases,**
- P** Who redeems your life from destruction,
- C** **Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies.**
- P** The LORD is merciful and gracious,
- C** **Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.**
- P** He will not always strive with us,
- C** **Nor will He keep His anger forever.**
- P** He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
- C** **Nor punished us according to our iniquities.**
- P** For as the heavens are high above the earth,
- C** **So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;**
- P** As far as the east is from the west,
- C** **So far has He removed our transgressions from us.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

⁹ Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ ¹³ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

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 His 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 at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will 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 worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian 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.

Sermon Text

1 Timothy 1:15

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

*Sermon***A Faithful Saying Worthy of All Acceptance**

I. Who is the Chief of Sinners?

II. Christ Jesus Cam to Save the Chief of Sinners

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your
pres-ence, and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un-to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion; and up -
hold me with Your free spir-it. A - men.

Offering



Offering Hymn

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1 We give Thee but Thine own, What -
 2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As
 e'er the gift may be; All that we have is
 stew - ards true re - ceive And glad - ly, as Thou
 Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
 bless - est us, To Thee our first fruits give!

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

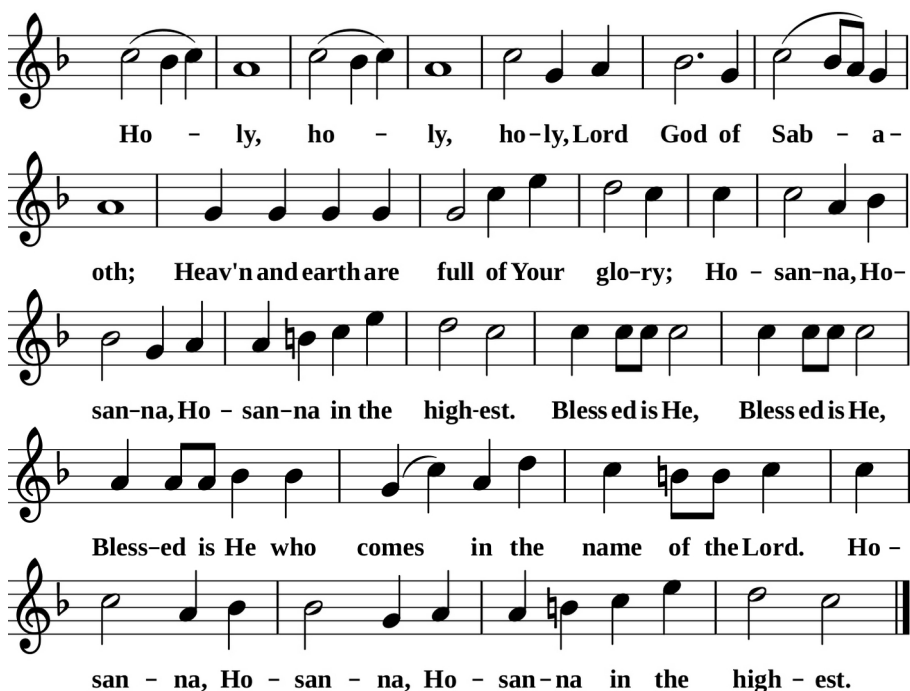
✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
P It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a -
oth; Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry; Ho - san-na, Ho -
san-na, Ho - san-na in the high-est. Bless ed is He, Bless ed is He,
Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always!
C Amen.



Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, the
Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world,
have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You
take a-way the sin of the world, grant us Your peace.
A - - - men.

Distribution

Holy Communion is rightly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “Sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God’s Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church come forward at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We’d love to have you!



O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now let Your servant de - part in peace ac -
cording to Your word, For my eyes have seen Your Salvation:
which You have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a Light to light - en the Gen - tiles
and the Glo - ry of Your people Is - ra-el. Glo - ry
be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
As it was in the be - ginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, for -
ev - er - more. A - men.

Thanksgiving

P Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

C For His mercy endures forever.

P O God the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, in loving-kindness You sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh. We thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We implore You not to forsake Your children, but evermore to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn

50 – Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

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