

Early Service Order of Worship

Divine Service Setting Four

As We Gather When you feel all alone, remember this: you are never alone. First, you are not alone in feeling that way. In today's Old Testament lesson, you will hear how even Elijah, the mighty prophet of God, felt all alone. "I, even I only, am left!" he exclaimed (1 Kings 19:10). That was his honest feeling; however, it wasn't true. The Lord revealed to Elijah that He had not abandoned His prophet, reassuring Elijah of this by providing Elisha as his helper in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. God's presence and provision in Elijah's life reassured him of His divine purpose. The same is true for you! Jesus is with you. He loves you. And He sends His Spirit into your life to give you His purpose and direction, reminding you that you belong to Him.

Prelude

O Blessed Spring

John Behnke
(b. 1953)

Confession and Absolution

Please stand as you are able

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20] LSB 203

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

G Amen.

Opening Sentences

Romans 10:8b, 10

P The Word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,

G the Word of faith that we proclaim.

P For with the heart one believes and is justified,

G and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Opening Hymn

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

LSB 685

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13 LSB 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 203

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 85:8–10, 13; antiphon: v. 7

P Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

C **Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.**

P Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

C **Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

- P** Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with You.**

P Let us pray together:

C **Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9b–21

Behold, the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹¹And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will

leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 16

P Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

C **I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”**

P As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

C **The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

P The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

C **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

P I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

C **I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

P Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

C **For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.**

P You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Epistle

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery....

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia and Verse

John 20:31 LSB 205



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 9:51–62

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to

bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Children's Message

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day *Come Follow Me, The Savior Spake* *LSB 688*

Please be seated

Sermon

Silence for reflection

Please stand as you are able

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P Lord in Your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

Offering

During this time, please fill out and pass the blue Friendship Register.

Please indicate whether you are a member or visitor. Alternatively, you may record your attendance with us on your smartphone or tablet via the QR code found on the back of the bulletin. If you do not currently have a church home, we invite you to join the family of believers here at Christ the Redeemer.

Voluntary

Come Follow Me, the Savior Spake

John Behnke
(b. 1953)

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Offertory

I Bind Unto Myself Today

LSB 604

Stanza 1 concludes at the end of the fourth line as indicated in the music below, at which point the congregation returns to the beginning to sing stanza 2 and all subsequent stanzas. Stanzas 2-5 are continued on the next page.

1 I bind un - to my - self to - day The
 2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, By
 3 I bind un - to my - self to - day The
 4 A - gainst the de - mon snares of sin, The
 Δ 5 I bind un - to my - self the name, The

strong name of the Trin - i - ty By
 pow'r of faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, His
 pow'r of God to hold and lead, His
 vice that gives temp - ta - tion force, The
 strong name of the Trin - i - ty By

in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The
 Bap - tism in the Jor - dan Riv - er, His
 eye to watch, His might to stay, His
 nat - ural lusts that war with - in, The
 in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The

Repeat after st. 1 only.

Three in One and One in Three.
 cross of death for my sal - va - tion,
 ear to hear - ken to my need,
 hos - tile foes that mar my course;
 Three in One and One in Three,



(2) His burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, His
 (3) The wis - dom of my God to teach, His
 (4) Or few or man - y, far or nigh, In
 (5) Of whom all na - ture has cre - a - tion, E -



rid - ing up the heav'n - ly way, His
 hand to guide, His shield to ward, The
 ev - 'ry place and in all hours, A -
 ter - nal Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word. Praise



com - ing at the day of doom,
 Word of God to give me speech,
 gainst their fierce hos - til - i - ty,
 to the Lord of my sal - va - tion;



I bind un - to my - self to - day.
 His heav'n - ly host to be my guard.
 I bind to me those ho - ly pow'rs.
 Sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord!

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Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 LSB 209

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Collect

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction *Psalm 103:1, Numbers 6:24-26 LSB 212*

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

O Blessed Spring

LSB 595

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

I Bind Unto Myself Today

David Cherwien
(b. 1957)

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