

1. O Christ the same, through all our story's pages – our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
Eternal Lord, the king of all the ages, unchanging still amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation, who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze:
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
We bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.
2. O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide;
Still as of old upon your body bearing the marks of love in triumph glorified:
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven – O Prince of life, in all your saving power;
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given:
We bring our thanks for this the present hour.
3. O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping our lives and loves, our days and years remain;
Our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping, our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows, for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
We bring our thanks for all that is to be.

SERMON - "Set Free to Serve" – Galatians 5:1, 13-25 – Pastor Belasic

CREED: Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

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He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

NATIONAL ANTHEM: "The Star-Spangled Banner"

1. Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which it stands, one Savior eternal, with mercy and grace for all.

HYMN - "Lift High the Cross"

REFRAIN: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

REFRAIN

PRAYERS FOR TODAY – Jim Carr, Prayer Leader

PRAYER - "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
(Psalm 34:3)

Let us pray: Dear Lord, we thank You for all the blessings You have given to this church and this nation. We ask now with humble hearts, for Your direction in the witness we give to You. Help us to be Your people. Renew Your hope in our hearts. Guide us all to do Your will each new day. We ask this in faith And trust in Your will. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

At the words of "Lord in Your mercy" -

Response of Congregation: "Hear our prayer."

THE WORD IN THE SUPPER

OFFERING AND MUSIC – "God Bless America" - Berlin

God bless America – Land that I love – stand beside her and guide her

Thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies – to the oceans white with foam
God bless America – my home sweet home.

HYMN 461 - rise to sing -

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, O heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER and OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and
forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION & COMMUNION HYMNS:

“MY COUNTRY ‘TIS OF THEE”

1. My country, ‘tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountain-side, let freedom ring.
2. Let music well the breeze, and ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake, let all that breathe partake,
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.
3. Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty,
To thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King.

“JESUS OUR SAVIOR” (tune: “Beautiful Savior)

1. Jesus, our Savior, Gave us His favor,
Bringing to us His new command:
As His creation, A new-born nation.
Our lives are guided by His hand.
2. Saved by Christ's merit, we now inherit
Power to do His holy will.
By His direction our imperfection
Is recreated by His skill.

3. Praise to our Master! Saved from disaster,
We bring our praises to the Lord.
All sins forgiven, guided from heaven,
Our lives are molded by His Word.

“GOD OF OUR FATHERS”

1. God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:
Our grateful songs before your throne arise.
2. You love divine has led us in the past;
In this free land by you our lot is cast;
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
Your Word our law, your paths our chosen way.
3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence
Make your strong arm our ever sure defense.
Your true religion in our hearts increase;
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
4. Refresh your people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never ending day;
Fill all our lives with heav'n – born love and grace
Until at last we meet before your face.

SENDING

CANTICLE: “It Is God Who Holds the Nations!”

(tune: “Battle Hymn of the Republic)

1. It is God who holds the nations in the hollow of his hand;
It is God whose light is shining in the darkness of the land;
It is God who builds his city on the Rock and not on sand:
The living God be praised!
2. When a thankful nation, looking back, has cause to celebrate
Those who win our admiration by their service to the State;
When self-giving is a measure of the greatness of the great:
The living God be praised!
3. God reminds us every sunrise that the world is ours on lease –
For the sake of life tomorrow may our love for it increase;
May all races live together, share its riches, be at peace:
The living God be praised!

PRAYER & BENEDICTION

HYMN - “Before You, Lord, We Bow”

- 1. Before you, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below, boundless in pow’r and love.
Our thanks we bring in joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise to you, our king!**
- 2. The nation you have blest may well your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest, protected by your care.
For this bright day, for this fair land –
Gifts of your hand – our thanks we pay.**
- 3. May ev’ry mountain height, each vale and forest green,
Shine in your Word’s pure light, and its rich fruits be seen!
May ev’ry tongue be tuned to praise
And join to raise a grateful song.**

POSTLUDE - “America the Beautiful” - Ward

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