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**M:** Minister  
**A:** All

## WELCOME

**HYMN:**

“Jesus Loves Me”  
*found on page 6 of this worship guide*

## INVOCATION

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**A:** Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**A:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**A:** Amen.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

*The minister offers the Prayer of the Day.*

## THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

### FIRST LESSON:

Psalm 8

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. <sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, <sup>4</sup>what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? <sup>5</sup>You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup>You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: <sup>7</sup>all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, <sup>8</sup>the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. <sup>9</sup>Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

### SECOND LESSON:

John 17:11b-19

Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup>My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

## THE NICENE CREED

**A:**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**HYMN:**

*“Jesus! and Shall It Ever Be”  
found on page 7 of this worship guide*

**MESSAGE:**

“Because Jesus Lives: I Have an Advocate”  
*based on 1 John 2:1-2*

1 John 2:1-2

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup>He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

## **PRAYERS & BLESSING**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*The minister offers the Prayer of the Church.*

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**A: 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.**

### **HYMN:**

“Blessed Assurance”  
*found on page 8 of this worship folder*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING**

## **Jesus Loves Me**

1 Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong, They are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me, this I know, As he loved so long ago,  
Taking children on his knee, Saying "Let them come to me."  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

3 Jesus loves me, he who died, Heaven's gates to open wide;  
He has washed away my sin, Let this little child come in.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

(p.158, *Let All the People Praise You*)

359 **Jesus, My Great High Priest**

1 Je - sus, my great High Priest, Of - fered his blood and  
 2 To Christ, my sub - sti - tute, Will I com - mit my  
 3 My ad - vo - cate ap - pears For my de - fense on  
 4 Should all the hosts of death And pow'rs of hell un -

died; My guilt - y con - science seeks No sac - ri -  
 cause; He an - swers and ful - fills His Fa - ther's  
 high; A gra - cious Fa - ther hears And lays his  
 known Put their most dread - ful forms Of rage and

fice be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did once a -  
 bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at free - dom  
 thun - der by. Not all that hell or sin can  
 mis - chief on, I shall be safe, for Christ dis -

tone, And now it pleads be - fore the throne.  
 set - My Je - sus paid the dread - ful debt!  
 say Shall turn his heart, his love, a - way.  
 plays Su - pe - rior pow'r and guard - ian grace.

## Blessed Assurance

1 Oh what a fore-taste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long

2 Joyful confession, I am his own!  
Following Jesus, I'm never alone.  
Born of his Spirit, I am restored,  
Strengthened to serve my, Savior and Lord.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long

3 Loving submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with his goodness, kept in his love.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

*(p.26, Let All the People Praise You)*

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