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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

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*Stand*

- 1. A HYMN is sung.*
- 2. The appropriate DIALOG is read. It may be said responsively by the leader and the congregation or antiphonally by two sections of the congregation.*

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### **LENT**

Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Father of all mercies, and the God of all consolation.**

Seek the Lord while he may be found.  
**Call upon him while he is near.**

Let the wicked abandon their ways,  
**and the unrighteous their thoughts.**

Let them turn to the Lord for mercy,  
**to our God, who is generous in forgiving.**

All you who are thirsty, come to the water.  
You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.  
Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk.  
**Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Father of all mercies, and the God of all consolation.**

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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.**

**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**

3. An *OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE* (see canticles 14, 15, 16, 18, 19) appropriate to the season or occasion is sung.

4. The *PRAYER OF THE DAY* is said; the salutation may precede it.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. . . .

**Amen**

*Sit*

5. The *FIRST LESSON* is announced and read.

The First Lesson is from the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter of \_\_\_\_\_.

6. After the lesson the reader may say: "Here ends the reading."

7. A psalm, hymn, or anthem is sung.

8. The *SECOND LESSON* is announced and read.

The Second Lesson is from the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter of \_\_\_\_\_.

9. After the lesson the reader may say: "Here ends the reading."

\*Or: He descended to the dead.

10. A response follows the Second Lesson.

11. Silence for meditation.

12. The SERMON follows the silence.

*Stand*

13. A HYMN is sung.

*Sit*

14. An OFFERING may be received.

15. THE PRAYERS follow. The leader may use the prayer below, the form for prayer in the Holy Communion (65), one of the forms of Responsive Prayer (161), one of the litanies (148 or 168), a series of prayers, or any appropriate prayer. Opportunity for prayers from the congregation may be provided.

*Stand*

℣ Let us pray.

℣ Almighty and everlasting God, you are worthy to be held in reverence by all the mortal race. We give you thanks for the innumerable blessings which, despite our unworthiness, you have showered upon us.

We praise you especially that you have preserved for us in their purity your saving Word and the sacred ordinances of your house. Grant and preserve to your Church throughout the world purity of doctrine and faithful pastors who shall preach your Word with power, and help all who hear rightly to understand and firmly to believe your Word of truth.

Protect and defend your people in time of tribulation and danger, that we, in communion with your Church and in unity with all Christian people, may fight the good fight of faith and in the end receive the fullness of salvation.

Upon all the nations of the earth bestow your grace. Especially we ask you to bless our land and all its inhabitants and all who are in authority. Cause your glory to dwell among us, and let mercy and truth, justice and peace everywhere prevail. We commend to your care all our schools, that virtue and useful knowledge may be nourished and the wholesome fruits of life may abound.

In your mercy defend us from all calamities by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine. Protect and prosper all who labor, and cause all useful arts to flourish among us. Show yourself to be the helper of the sick and needy, the comforter of the forsaken and distressed.

Accept, we pray, our bodies and souls, our hearts and minds, our talents and powers, together with these gifts, as our offering of praise.

*Special supplications, intercessions, and thanksgivings.*

And as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us to prepare for the world to come, doing the work which you have given us to do while it is day, before that night comes when no one can work. And, when our last hour shall come, support us by

your power and receive us into your everlasting kingdom, where, with your Son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever.

☒ Amen

**☒ 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**

*16. A NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE (see canticles 13, 17, 20, 21) appropriate to the season or occasion is sung.*

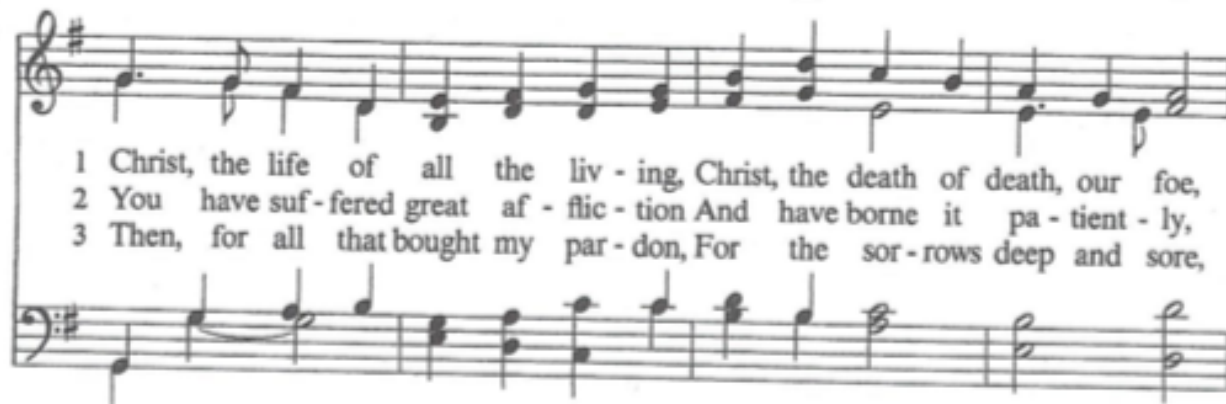
*17. The BENEDICTION is said; a hymn may follow.*

**☒ The Lord bless us and keep us.  
The Lord make his face shine on us  
and be gracious to us.  
The Lord look upon us with favor  
and give us peace.**

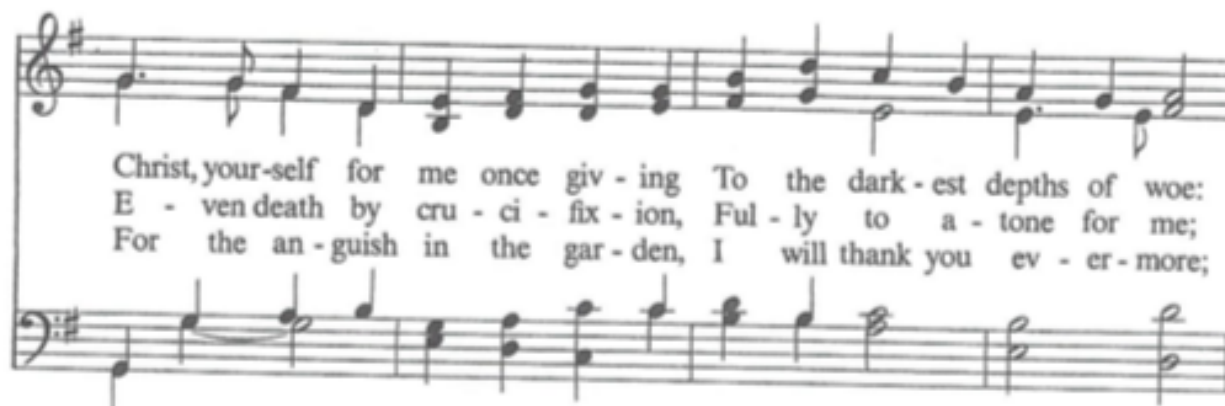
**☒ Amen**

## Christ, the Life of All the Living

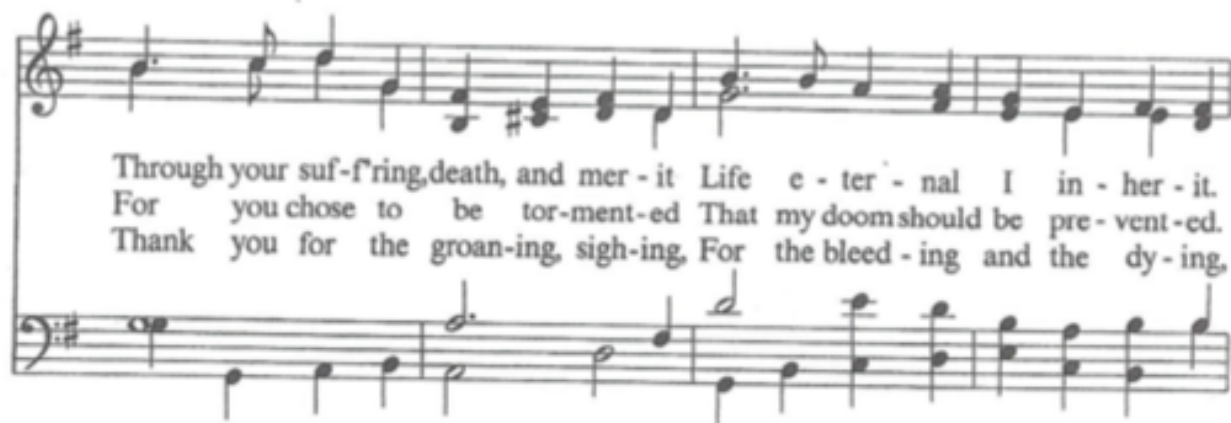
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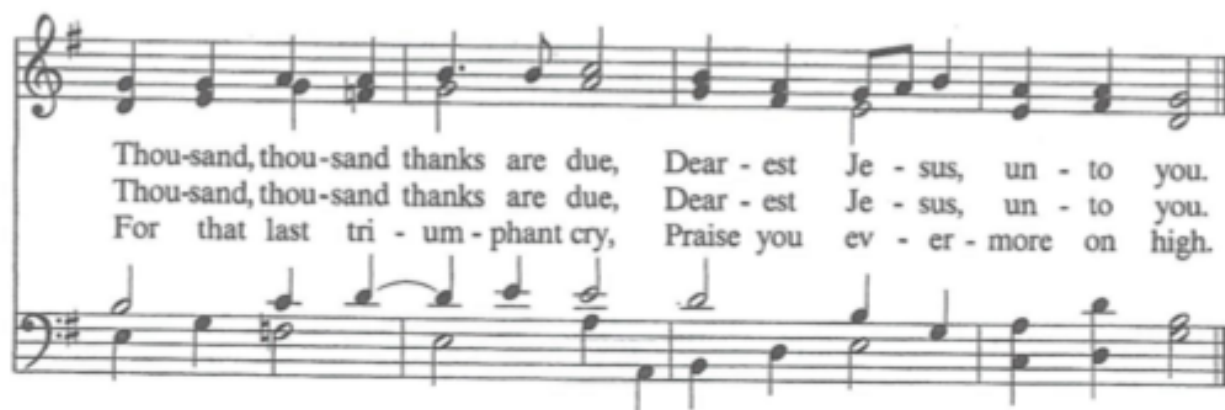
1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
 2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion And have borne it pa - tient - ly,  
 3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, For the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your-self for me once giv - ing To the dark - est depths of woe:  
 E - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, Ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
 For the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



Through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it Life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
 For you chose to be tor - ment - ed That my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
 Thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, For the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
 For that last tri - um - phant cry, Praise you ev - er - more on high.