Sunday15th Nov 2026

WELCOME & NOTICES

OPENING SENTENCES
Be silent in the presence of the Lord God;
for the day of the Lord is at hand. (Zeph 1:7 NKJV)

THE INVOCATION
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and † of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN For the beauty of the earth TIS 137

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light.

Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild.

Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

5. For each perfect gift divine
to our race so freely given,
graces all of your design,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

6. For the church that evermore,
lifting holy hands above,
offers up on every shore
the pure sacrifice of love.

Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

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Baptism of Emma Collyer

The family and the children in the congregation are invited to come to the font For Emma's Baptism

SCRIPTURAL COMMAND

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

ADDRESS

The word of God teaches that we are born sinful and unclean, but God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism.

By water and the Word God cleanses us from all sin, delivers us from death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us ask the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ on Emma, and pray together the prayer he has taught us:

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.

RENUNCIATION AND CONFESSION

Then let us join together in confessing the Faith of the Church, in the words of the 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, dead, and 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 catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S ADDRESS
Blessings for the kids as they leave:

May God go with you,
fill your hearts with joy,
and help you grow in His love today. Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS
Friends in Christ: The Apostle Paul says to us:
'You are children of light and children of the day;
we are not of the night or of darkness.'
Let us therefore confess together...

Gracious God,
we confess that we do not always live as children of the light. We sometimes turn away from the needs of others, become distracted by our own concerns, and lose sight of your promises. We fail to encourage one another and to live with faith, love and hope.
Forgive us, renew us through your grace, and help us remember that we belong to you. Amen.
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

THE ABSOLUTION
Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, God comes to us with forgiveness, love and grace. In baptism, God claims us as beloved children and promises that nothing can separate us from that love. Therefore, upon your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the word,

announce the grace of God to all of you, and on behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Your sins are forgiven. You belong to Christ. Live as children of the light, in faith, love and hope.
Peace be with you. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE GREETING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray to be ready for Christ's return.
Lord God, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Stir up in us the gifts you have given us to do your will and bring your kingdom.
We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

THE FIRST READING
Zephaniah 1:7,12-18 The day of the Lord is near

7 Be silent before the Lord God,
for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.

12 The Lord Says: At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people

who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
“The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”
13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord’s wrath;
in the fire of his passion

the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

This is the word of the Lord **(Cong) Thanks be to God**

PSALM *90:1-8,12 (TIS 47) Our God, our help in ages*

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

2. Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home!

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THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Be ready for the Lord's coming

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do
not need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know
very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
[3] When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction
will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and
there will be no escape! [4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in
darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all
children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of
darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep
awake and be sober, [7] for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who
are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be
sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the
hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for
obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so
that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore
encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are
doing.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.
But you are not in darkness for that day to surprise you, like a thief: for you are all children of light and children of the day.

Alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL
Matthew 25:14-30 The parable of the talents

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and
entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to
another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he
went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went
off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same
way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But
the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the
ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of
those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who
had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents,
saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made
five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put
you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And
the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you
handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.'
23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you
have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many
things; enter into the joy of your master.'

24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward,
saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you
did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid,
and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is
yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew,
did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not
scatter?

[27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

THE ADDRESS Children of the light

OFFERING HYMN

TIS 643 I want to walk as a child of the light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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THE OFFERTORY
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER
Thank you, Lord,
for all the gifts you have entrusted to us.
Help us to remember
that all we have comes from you
and is to be used to serve you.
Make us faithful and trustworthy servants,
always ready for your return.
Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE
It is indeed right and good,
Lord God, holy Father,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
On this day
he overcame death by his resurrection
and opened up for us
the way to eternal life with you.
And so, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we adore and praise your glorious name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed,
took bread, and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take and eat; this is ✝ my body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, after the supper,
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
Drink of it, all of you; this is ✝ my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

THE 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.

THE PEACE
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD
O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us. ***(repeat)***

O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.

DISTRIBUTION
J. AHLE - Lord, we will remember Thee

Choir Sing
1. Lord, we will remember Thee,
How Thy love came down and sought us;
How Thy truth hath made us free
And to God again hath brought us,
Lord of blessing, meek and lowly,
Lord of Glory, high and holy.

2. Lord, we will remember Thee,
How Thy soul for us hath striven,
How in ransom ministry
Thou Thyself for us hast given,
Lord of blessing, meek and lowly,
Lord of Glory, high and holy.

3. Lord, we will remember Thee,
Lord of lords, to whom is given
Might and rule, authority
Over all in earth and heaven,
Lord of blessing, meek and lowly,
Lord of Glory, high and holy.

4. Lord, we will remember Thee,
Till Thou coms't Thine own to gather,
Till we drink new wine with Thee
In the kingdom of Thy Father,
Lord of blessing, meek and lowly,
Lord of Glory, high and holy.

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O Jesus I have promised TIS 595

Cong Sing

1. O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
Lord, be for ever near me,
My master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.

2. Still let me feel you near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
and tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw me nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

3. O let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
Lord, speak to reassure me,
to chasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
true guardian of my soul.

4. Lord, let me see your footmarks
and in them plant my own;
that I may follow boldly
and in your strength alone;

O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my friend.

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THE DISMISSAL

The body of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
and his precious blood strengthen and preserve you
in body and soul to life eternal.
Go in peace †. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION SONG

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace
according to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation
which you have prepared
in the presence of all people;
a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for evermore.
Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, as we have proclaimed your death
by eating this bread and drinking this cup,
help us to wait for you, to wish for you, and to watch for you,
so that when you come again you will find us ready.
For you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING
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 favour and give you † peace
Amen.

THE COMMISSION
Go into the world as children of the light.
Remember that you are loved by God, claimed in baptism
and held by Christ through all the uncertainties of life.
Stay awake to the needs of others.
Live with faith, love and hope, and encourage one another along the way.
Go in peace, knowing that you belong to Christ. Amen.
Thanks be to God

CLOSING HYMN
TIS 266 Wake, awake

1. 'Wake, awake, for night is flying,'
the watchmen on the heights are crying,
'Awake, Jerusalem, arise!'
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
and at the rousing cry rejoices:
'Where are you, all you virgins wise?
The bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lighted lamps then take.
Hallelujah!
With joy prepare
to meet him there,
the royal wedding feast is near.'

2. Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and in her heart new joy is springing;
she wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord now comes all-glorious,
and strong in grace, in truth victorious;
her star has risen, her light has come.
Now come, O precious crown,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son.
Hail, hosanna!
O lead us all
into the hall
where you provide your joyful meal.

3. Now let all the heavens adore you,
and saints and angels sing before you
with harp and cymbal's joyful tone.
Gates of pearl in heaven are shining;
there, with the angel-choir combining,
we gather round your radiant throne.
No eye has seen that sight,
no ear heard such delight.
What rejoicing!
Yet there will we
eternally
with songs acclaim your majesty.

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