

Bells 1st ring. Please find your seat and spend the next few minutes in silent prayer. Please refrain from conversations as these disturb those trying to pray. **Bells 2nd ring.**

WE GATHER TO PRAISE THE LORD AND TO GIVE THANKS

+ Pastoral Welcome

L – 1: We welcome you to Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the faith community in Central New York where everyone is welcome. You are as welcome here as Christ Jesus himself. In Romans Chapter 15:7 the church is commanded:

ALL: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God."

L-1: Take a moment now to welcome and introduce yourself to those around you for the glory of God.

Pastor: We begin in the name of God, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

Pastor: Grace and peace to you from God, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 1:3)

ALL: And also with you.

Pastor: (introduction of the theme of the day*)** We begin now to worship God in spirit and in truth.

ALL: Together we give God thanks and praise.

FIRST SONG

+ The Candle Of Hope

L-1: Please be seated. At this time we light our Resurrection Candle Of Hope as a witness to our belief in the resurrection of all the living and the dead.

ALL: Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25)

L-1: Our faith community is looking forward and waiting "for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ."(Titus2:13) We named this candle the Candle of Hope in honor of the "Blessed Hope," the return of Christ who will raise all to new life. (John 5:25)

L-2: It is our custom to read panel entries from the Names Project Aids Memorial Quit to help us remember those who died of AIDS, especially since many who were very sick and dying were rejected by the churches, were very much alone, and needed spiritual guidance. We remember them here and pray for their families.

L-3: (Names are read at this time.)

L-2: We also remember in our hearts the names of our family and friends who have passed. May the candle's flame remind us of the joy and happiness known in life, the comfort offered us by the Holy Spirit in our loss, and the "Blessed Hope" we have in the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen

SECOND SONG



+ Confession and Forgiveness of our sins.

L-2: Please be seated. (wait) Let us prepare our hearts now for the Word of God by confessing our sins in silence to Christ.

(silent prayer)

L-2: Let us pray together:

ALL: I confess to Almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do. I declare in the midst of this assembly of believers that I am truly sorry for having offended God in any way. I ask you, my brothers and sisters, all the angels and the saints to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy. Pastor: Christ, have mercy. ALL: Christ, have mercy. Pastor: Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: May Almighty God have mercy on all of us, forgive all our sins, and keep us in everlasting life.

- ALL: Amen.
- **Pastor:** Please rise as you are able as we give thanks and praise to God for the forgiveness of our sins by praying the Gloria.
- Song: Glory be to the one God, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Spoken:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. You are the One God, Sovereign of the universe,

Only Holy God, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of God: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord of all, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of the Holy Unity of God. Amen.

+ Opening Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD OF GOD

+ First Reading

Reader: Our first reading is found in the Book of ______, chapter ______, verses ______. You will find this on page ______ in the (front / back) of the NRSV Bible.

(The Scripture is read at this time.)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord! ALL: Thanks be to God!

- + Psalm / Canticle or Song
- + Second Reading

Reader: Our second reading is found in the Book of ______, chapter ______, verses ______. You will find this on page ______ in the (front / back) of the NRSV Bible.

(The Scripture is read at this time.)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord! **ALL:** Thanks be to God!

+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Reader: The Gospel reading is found on page _____ in the back of the NRSV Bible. The reading is in the Book of _____, chapter _____, verses _____. Please rise for the Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Acclamation (Please turn the page.)



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Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord! ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Acclamation



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+ Sermon



+ Profession Of Faith

+ Offertory

L-3: At this time we show our gratitude to God and our dedication to the Church of Jesus Christ, which is His Body present in the world, by offering our financial gifts and support for this ministry.

(* The offering is received. A song may be sung or silent prayer is maintained. *) L-1: (*Pray a prayer over the offering giving thanks and praise.*) Please rise as you are able to conclude the Service Of The Word Of God with a doxology.

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Praise God the Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

L-4: The Service of the Word of God is complete. Let us joyfully set the Table of Christ Jesus as we begin the Service of the Holy Eucharist, the Sacred Meal of Christ.

Song or appropriate music as the altar table is set for Holy Communion.



+ The Prayers Of The People

Pastor: Lord God, we ask you to receive these prayers, the spoken prayers and those said in our hearts. We entrust them to your will and we ask you to be pleased with our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.

ALL: May the Lord accept the sacrifice of our lives for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's people. Amen

Pastor: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all your creation. It is through your goodness that we have this bread, which the Earth has given us and human hands have lovingly made. Through the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit this bread will become for us the Bread From Heaven (Exodus 16:2, Psalm 78:24, John 6:32, 41,50,58), the Bread of the Angels (Psalm 78:25), the Bread of God (John 6:33), the Living Bread (John 66:51), the Bread Of Life (John 6:35, 48), the bread of the New Covenant, the Sacrament of the Eucharistic very Body Of Christ (John 6:52-56).

ALL: Blessed be God forever.

Pastor: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. It is through your goodness that we have this fruit of wine, which the Earth has given us and human hands have lovingly made. Through the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit this fruit of the vine will become for us the Cup of Our Salvation, the Cup of Everlasting Life, the Cup of the New and Everlasting Covenant, the very Blood Of Christ.

ALL: Blessed be God forever.

Pastor: We offer ourselves, with our whole heart, our whole soul and our whole mind unto you. Accomplish your desires for us in our lives. Mold us to be more like you every day. Receive us along with these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine to be made holy, and through them make us into a perfect offering to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord is with you! ALL: And also with you!

Pastor: Together we lift up our hearts!

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: Together we give thanks to the Lord, our God!

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

***** the people may be invited to offer prayers of thanks and praise.

***** the Pastor continues with a Eucharistic Prayer.



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+ We Invoke the Blessing Of The Holy Spirit

ALL: O God, in the Name of Jesus, we, your faithful people, ask your Only One and Holy Spirit to bless and separate this bread and fruit of the vine for Christ's purpose. Through the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit, give to us the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in precisely the exact same manner that He gave them, and commissioned us to do often in His Holy Name. You alone, O Loving, True God, authenticate for us that this is the Messiah, Christ, New Covenant Meal that Jesus instituted for our Spiritual well-being. We ask this in the Name of Jesus. Amen

+ The Words Of The Institution Of The Holy Eucharist

Pastor: Please turn the page as I invite you to pray to God with me as we recall our Lord and Saviour's words of institution when he gave us the Blessed Sacrament.

ALL: Before He was given up to death, a death He freely accepted, He took the bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, Gave it to his disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it: This is my body which will be given up for you.

(** pause for adoration**) (**you may bow or genuflect if you choose to**) **Pastor:** And for the cup:

ALL: When the supper was ended, He took the cup. Again He gave you Thanks and praise, gave the cup to His disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it: This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

(** pause for adoration**) (**you may bow or genuflect if you choose to**) + Optional Christological Canticle:

#1 Philippians 2:6-11

Though He was in the form of God, Jesus did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at.

Rather, He emptied Himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men.

He was known to be of human estate, and it was thus that He humbled Himself, obediently accepting even death, death on a cross!

Because of this, God highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name above every other name, So that at the name of Jesus every knee must bend (optional**genuflect or bow**) in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father: JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

#2 Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation. In Him everything in heaven and on earth was created, things visible and invisible.

All were created through Him; all were created for Him. He is before all else that is. In Him everything continues in being.

It is He who is head of the body, the Church! He who is the beginning, the first-born of the dead, so that primacy may be His in everything.

It pleased God to make absolute fullness reside in Him and, by means of Him, to reconcile everything in His person, both on earth and in the heavens, making peace through the blood of His cross.

+ The Mystery Of Faith

- a) Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
- b) Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.
- c) When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.
- d) Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the savior of the world.
- + Prayers of Dedication and/or Intercession for other Ministries.

Pastor (or other person designated): While we are gathered here together we ask your blessing on all religious leaders. Enlighten Pope Francis, all bishops, district and conference leaders, the rabbis, the Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, every community of seekers, and those with no faith or formal Religion.

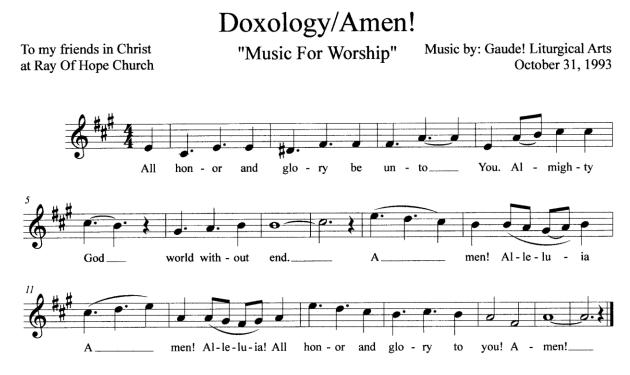
We also pray for all people who have been driven from faith because of the sins of those who have misused religion to hurt others. May all people everywhere come to the knowledge that they too are the living light of God. We eagerly await your promised renewal of all creation when you shall be all in all. (1 Corinthians 15:28)

+ Final Doxology

(**the Holy Eucharist is elevated as a gesture of praise, thanksgiving, honor, gratitude and the offering of the entire Church, the Body Of Christ, to God.**)

Pastor: Together we pray:

ALL: It is through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, that all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, forever and ever.



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- + The Lord's Prayer
- + Sign Of Peace
- + The Lamb Of God
- ALL: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant is peace.
- + Priestly Prayer For All People
- **Pastor:** Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to His supper.
- ALL: Lord, you make me worthy to receive you, and by your Word I am healed.

L-1: Communion is now served. Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at Ray Of Hope Church. It is not required that you be a member of this church or any other church to receive Holy Communion. This is the Table of Jesus Christ, He invites you to come and receive Him in this Eucharistic banquet.

When you come forward, the person serving you will say; "The Body and the Blood of Jesus Christ for you." Respond with "Amen" or "Alleluia" or some other acclamation of appreciation or faith. Then take a piece of the bread and dip it into the cup and serve yourself. If you are here with family or friends you may come to Holy Communion together and serve each other. Please wait after you receive Holy Communion because the person serving you will pray with you before you return to your seat.

Serving Holy Communion today will be: _____

We sing during Holy Communion and maintain our worship. We begin. The Table of Christ is served.

(**Communion music is played.**) (** After, the Table is cleared.**) (**Announcements are made if there are any.**)



Pastor: The Lord is with you!ALL: And also with you!Pastor: (a prayer is said) In the Name of God, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.ALL: Amen

ALL: Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen (Romans 15:13)

Pastor: We go forth in peace and love to serve the Lord! **ALL:** Thanks be to God.