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The Service

304 Jesus Sinners Does Receive (Verses 1-3)

1 Jesus sinners does receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live And from God and heaven wander.
Here is hope for all who grieve—Jesus sinners does receive.

2 We deserve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim; Here their ills have perfect healing
Who with humble hearts believe—Jesus sinners does receive.

3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the Lord forsaken;
Weary souls who lost their way Are by Christ, the shepherd, taken
In his arms that they may live—Jesus sinners does receive.

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

C: **Amen.**

M: In Holy Baptism, God gives us the Holy Spirit, who works in us both the desire to throw off the slavery of sin and the power to live a new life.

C: **May the Lord renew us in body, mind, and spirit.**

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Father of mercies and God of all comfort, you are our strength every morning, our salvation in times of distress. With contrite hearts and troubled spirits we come to you for healing and help. Create in us pure hearts, and wash away all our sins in the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and refresh us with your Holy Spirit, that we may declare your praise and teach your saving ways, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

C: **Almighty God, merciful Father,**

I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.

In what I have done and left undone,

I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.

I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.

For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.

I am truly sorry for my sins.

I repent of them.

I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

Silence for meditation.

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

C: **Cleanse me from my sins.**

Release me from my guilt.

Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light.

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.

C: **Amen.**

EXHORTATION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

C: **Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.**

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

God, our Father, by the sacrifice of your Son you reconciled the world to yourself. We thank you for the precious gift of forgiveness. Refresh us with the joy of our salvation, that we walk in the way of peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Renew our minds and wills, that daily we may speak your word of peace, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Isaiah 55:6–9

Seek the Lord while he may be found;
 call on him while he is near.
 Let the wicked forsake their ways
 and the unrighteous their thoughts.
 Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them,
 and to our God, for he will freely pardon.
 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 neither are your ways my ways,”
 declares the Lord.
 “As the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Matthew 20:1–16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.
 “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.
 “He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others

standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’
 “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’
 “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’
 “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’
 “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’
 “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

390 Salvation unto Us Has Come (Verses 1–3)

1 Salvation unto us has come By God’s free grace and favor.
 Good works cannot avert our doom; They help and save us never.
 Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
 He is the one Redeemer.

2 What God does in his law demand And none to him can render,
 Brings wrath and woe on ev’ry hand For man, the vile offender.
 Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the law requires,
 And lost is our condition.

3 It is a false, misleading dream That God his law has given
 That sinners can themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.
 The law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light
 That lurks within our nature

LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

C: **Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty! Heaven and earth are full of your glory!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RESPONSE

268 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy (Verse 1)

Lamb of God, pure and holy,

Who on the cross did suffer,

Ever patient and lowly,

Yourself to scorn did offer.

All sins you carried for us,

Else had despair reigned o'er us:

Have mercy on us, O Jesus!

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PRAYER

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

334 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!