The Service shall open with a HYMN OF PRAISE.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PEOPLE'S PRESENCE

Pastor: We have come together that we might be with God.

God made us and saved us, and we see God in one another.

People: We are glad to be here.

Pastor: God is the giver of our peace, and we are assured of God's

continuing presence in our lives.

People: We give God our praise.

Pastor: God intends that our world live in peace, and that Christ's churches

do God's will, and that divisions end.

People: We give God our praise.

Pastor: God is here, and desires to help all who are sincere and honest as

they come here to be with God.

People: We give God our praise.

Pastor: God helps us and saves us, pities us and defends us.

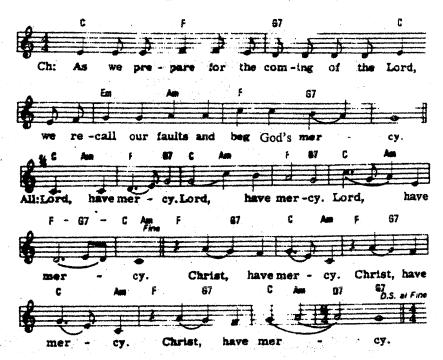
People: We cannot be without God's love!

A PSALM shall be read responsively and followed by



THE PEOPLE PREPARE FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

PRAYER FOR MERCY (KYRIE)



The KYRIE shall be followed by the CONFESSION.

Pastor:

The Lord is with you.

People:

And also with you.

Pastor:

I confess to you, brothers and sisters in Christ, that I have

sinned in many ways. I ask you to hear my confession and to join

with me in seeking mercy from the Lord.

People:

Pastor:

We confess to you, pastor, and to the Lord that we have sinned

against God and one another, and ask you to hear our confession. Let us entreat the Lord to forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ

our Lord.

All:

O Father, we confess to you our alien hearts, devious desires, broken intents, and sinful deeds. Receive this sacrifice of our

contrite hearts and by your grace in Christ forgive and restore us.

Pastor:

By the command of the Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you your sins.

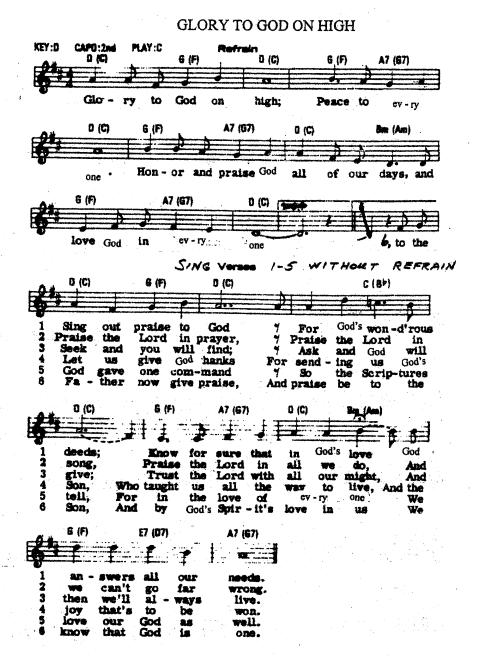
Peace be with you.

People:

Amen.

The <u>CANDLES</u> shall be lit while the congregation prays silently.

The congregation shall sing:



THE PEOPLE PROCLAIM HIS PRESENCE

A <u>LESSON</u> shall be read from the Old Testament or a contemporary writing. A <u>WITNESS</u> from the Epistles shall follow.

The <u>GOOD NEWS</u> shall be read from the gospels. For this reading the congregation shall stand.

The HOMILY.

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The CREED shall follow:

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ God's only son our Lord, who was conceived as a man by by the spirit and born to the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He was truly dead, and the third day He came to life again and ascended into an eternal dimension. He is the Judge of all who live and die. I believe in the Spirit of God; the universal church of those who believe in Christ; the forgiveness of our wrongs; the rebirth of the dead; and the life of the world to come. So may it be.



THE PEOPLE PRAY IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

The congregation shall sing:

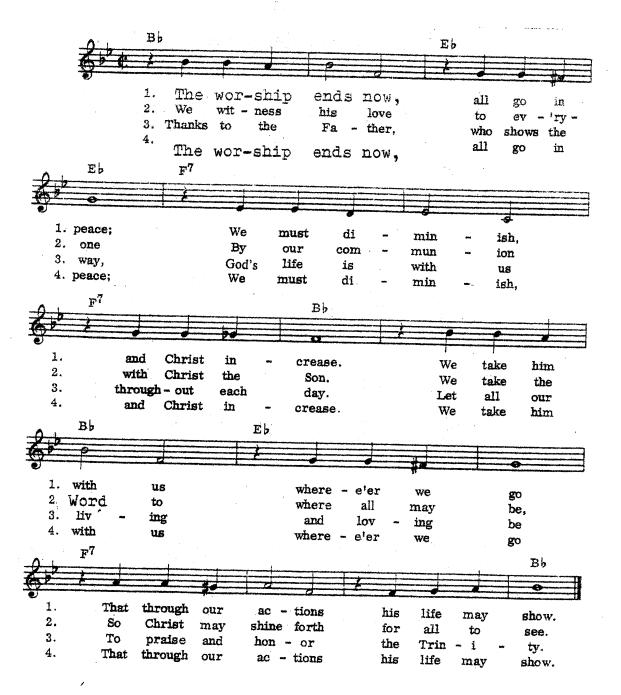


<u>PRAYERS</u> shall then be offered from the congregation on Current Themes. (Collects shall end with "through Jesus Christ we pray" and the Congregation shall respond, "Hear us good Lord.")

Once the prayers have ceased the LORD'S PRAYER shall be said.

THE PEOPLE OF GOD PROCEED INTO THE WORLD IN PEACE

Then shall the congregation sing:



As the candles are being extinguished the Pastor shall approach the first person in each row; shake his hand and say:

Pastor: The peace of God be with you.

People: And with you, too.

That person shall then turn to the next person in the row and say what the Pastor said. This will continue down each row until each person has been greeted.

The congregation shall then depart with a sense of joy.