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<sup>1</sup> The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup> It is written in Isaiah the prophet:

*"I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way" —*

<sup>3</sup> *"a voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.' "*

<sup>4</sup> And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. <sup>6</sup> John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

<sup>10</sup> As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup> At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, <sup>13</sup> and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

<sup>15</sup> "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Mark 1:1-15 NIV

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THE LORD'S DAY

January 3, 2021



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# God's People Gather for Worship

"By God's grace alone and to his glory alone, we exist to worship God in his greatness and his holiness with Gospel-driven passion and integrity..." (excerpted from FPC Rome Mission Statement)

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## Gathering as God's People

Gathering Song

"All Things Are Ready"

"All things are ready," come, come to the supper spread;  
Come, rich and poor, come, old and young, come, and be richly fed.

"All things are ready," come, the invitation's given,  
Through Him Who now in glory sits at God's right hand in heaven  
All things are ready

*(chorus)*

The door is open wide for Christ the Son has died  
Oh feast upon the love of God

O come where you belong, sing resurrection songs  
All things are ready, all things are ready, come

"All things are ready," come, all barriers are removed  
And God, in Christ, His precious love to fallen man has proved

"All things are ready," come, tomorrow may not be;  
O sinner, come, the Savior waits this hour to welcome thee  
All things are ready

Welcome and Announcements

## Declaring God's Praise

Prayer of Preparation

Affirmation of Faith

Matthew 16:16; Mark 16:9; John  
20:28; 1 Corinthians 15:1-6;  
Revelation 22:13

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:  
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,  
that he was buried,  
that he was raised on the third day,  
and that he appeared first to the women,  
then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.  
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;  
he is our Lord and our God.

Song

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Hail Him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,  
The God incarnate, Man divine, and crown Him Lord of all!  
The God incarnate, Man divine, and crown Him Lord of all!

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all!  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all!

With every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

Song

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav'n He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless righteousness;  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased with His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God,  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God.

## Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

## Offering Our Fellowship and Gifts

Passing of the Peace

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

## Interceding for God's World

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-15

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Knowing Your Identity"  
Dr. Jonathan Schwartz

## Scattering as Christ's Church

Song

"Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*(chorus)*

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
Perfect submission perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight

Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love  
Perfect submission all is at rest  
I in my savior am happy and blessed  
Watching and waiting looking above  
Filled with his goodness and lost in his love.

Commissioning and Benediction

