



**THE NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MISSION FESTIVAL AND CONVOCATION**

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**Sheraton Music City Hotel  
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Nashville, Tennessee**

**Wednesday, 09 August – Friday, 11 August, Anno Domini 2017**



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## worship leaders

The Reverend John F. Bradosky, *Bishop*

The Reverend Yonas Yigezu, *Preacher (Wednesday)*

The Right Reverend Dr. Frederick Shoo, *Preacher (Thursday)*

The Reverend Dr. Mark Graham, *Chaplain*

The Reverend Myles Hixson, *Assisting Minister*

Joshua Starnes, *Organist*

The Reverend Christopher Porter, *Sacristan*

Mike Haggerty, *Acolyte*

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## service notes

During the service, at the † you are invited to make the sign of the cross, in remembrance of your baptism by faith into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

*The People's responses are printed in **bold**.*

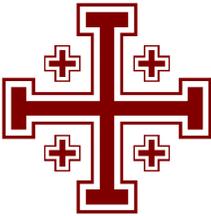
† denotes the People standing, as able

\* denotes the People kneeling, or sitting, as able

*As we prepare for worship, please silence any audible electronics and refrain from taking video or flash photography during the service.*

## THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from ear to heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.



# THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

WEDNESDAY, 09 AUGUST, A.D. 2017 • 1:30 PM  
OPENING WORSHIP

*The People stand.*

## † THE ENTRANCE HYMN

EBENEZER

### Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with  
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speaking it was done. For cre - at - ed light we  
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -  
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 mouths to speak thy holy name.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 May the light which thou dost send  
 fill our songs with alleluias,  
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,  
 to thee laud and honor be.  
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
 glory, glory be to thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever  
 praise the holy Trinity!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976  
 Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944  
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## † THE DIALOG

Pastor Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe,  
People **for in Your wisdom You have formed us.**

Pastor You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.  
People **We bless You and praise Your Name forever.**

Pastor You raise up those whose courage falters.  
People **We bless You and praise Your Name forever.**

Pastor You provide for every need.  
People **Accept our grateful praises.**

Pastor You have called us from all peoples.  
People **We rejoice and bless Your Name forever.**

Pastor You bless Your people with peace.  
People **We bless You and praise Your loving grace.**

Pastor Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe,  
People **for in Your wisdom You have formed us.**

## † THE APOSTLES' CREED

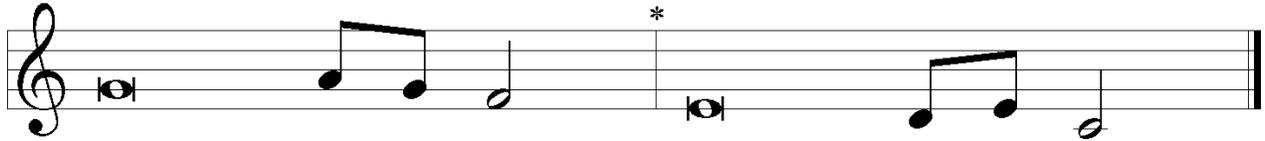
**Pastor** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**All** I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day He rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.

SEEK THE LORD • *Quaerite Dominum*: Song of Isaiah



**Cantor** <sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while he may be found;\*  
call upon him while he is near;

**All** <sup>7</sup>let the wicked for- sake his way,\*  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compa- ssion on him,\*  
and to our God, for he will abundant- ly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,\*  
neither are your ways my ways, de- clares the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,\*  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

<sup>10</sup>“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven\*  
and do not return there but wa- ter the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,\*  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;\*  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I pur- pose,\*  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Glory to the Father, and to the † Son, and to the Ho- ly Spirit:\*  
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. A—men.

## † THE SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Pastor** Let us pray:

O God, our Father, by the cross of Your Son You reconciled the world to Yourself, enabling us to live in love and harmony. We thank and praise You for the forgiveness of sins and the precious gift of peace. Help us to forgive each other and to establish justice and concord throughout the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People** **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 6.1-9

6 “Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, <sup>2</sup> that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. <sup>3</sup> Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

<sup>4</sup> “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

<sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

**Lector** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*Daleth* • *Adhæsit pavimento*



- Cantor** 25 My soul clings to the dust;\*  
give me life according to your word! ||
- People** 26 **When I told of my ways, you answ-ered me;\*  
teach me your statutes!**
- Cantor** 27 Make me understand the way of your precepts,\*  
and I will meditate on your won-drous works. ||
- People** 28 **My soul melts a- way for sorrow;\*  
strengthen me according to your word!**
- Cantor** 29 Put false ways far from me\*  
and graciously teach me your law! ||
- People** 30 **I have chosen the way of faith-ful-ness;\*  
I set your rules be-fore me.**
- Cantor** 31 I cling to your testimonies, O... LORD;\*  
let me not be put to shame! ||
- People** 32 **I will run in the way of your co-mmandments\*  
when you en- large my heart!**

## THE SECOND LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 2.12-18

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

<sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup> Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.

<sup>18</sup> Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

**Lector** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence for meditation.*

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Yonas Yigezu,  
*President of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus*

*The People stand.*

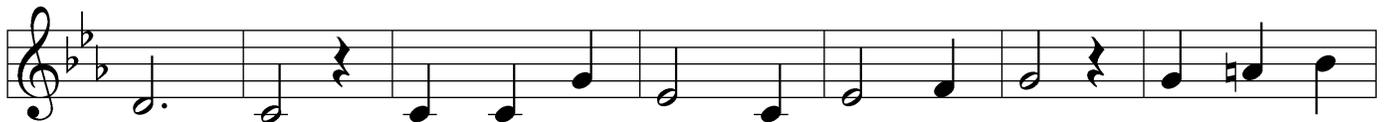
# † THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS

## Built on a Rock



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
 2 Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al - might - y, is  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for his own hab - i -  
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is  
 5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
 dwell - ing; high in the heav'n's his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our  
 ring - ing, man - y may come to hear God's Word where he this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
 life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to seek his face, he in their  
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with  
 prom - ise is bring - ing: I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
 midst would show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.  
 world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men

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 Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

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## † THE PRAYERS

**Pastor** Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, You are worthy to be held in reverence by all the mortal race. We give You thanks for the innumerable blessings which, despite our unworthiness, You have showered upon us.

We praise You especially that You have preserved for us in their purity Your saving Word and the sacred ordinances of Your house. Grant and preserve to Your Church throughout the world purity of doctrine and faithful pastors who shall preach Your Word with power, and help all who hear rightly to understand and firmly believe Your Word of truth.

Protect and defend Your people in time of tribulation and danger, that we, in communion with Your Church, and in unity with all Christian people, may fight the good fight of faith and in the end receive the fullness of salvation.

Upon all the nations of the earth bestow Your grace. Especially we ask You to bless our land and all its inhabitants and all who are in authority. Cause Your glory to dwell among us, and let mercy and truth, justice and peace everywhere prevail. We commend to Your care all our schools, that virtue and useful knowledge may be nourished and the wholesome fruits of life may abound.

In Your mercy defend us from all calamities by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine. Protect and prosper all who labor, and cause all useful arts to flourish among us. Show Yourself to be the Helper of the sick and needy, the Comforter of the forsaken and distressed.

Accept, we pray, our bodies and souls, our hearts and minds, our talents and powers, together with these gifts, as our offering of praise.

*Special supplications, intercessions, and thanksgivings.*

And as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us to prepare for the world to come, doing the work which You have given us to do while it is day, before that night comes when no one can work. And, when our last hour shall come, support us by Your power and receive us into Your everlasting Kingdom, where, with Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, You live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**People** Amen.

## † 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the Kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory forever and ever.  
**Amen.** (from Matthew 6.9-13, AKJV)

# † THE NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE

FOREST GREEN

## BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL • *Benedictus*

from Luke 1.68-79

1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free  
 2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,  
 3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-prepare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.  
 the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all;  
 to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

So have the proph-ets long de - clared that with a might-y arm  
 that we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,  
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease

God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.  
 in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.  
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

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*The People bow their heads and extend their hands to receive the blessing.*

## † THE AARONIC BENEDICTION

**Pastor** 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 favor and give you peace. (from Numbers 6.24-26)

In the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People** **Amen.**

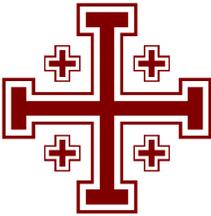
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# MORNING PRAYER

THURSDAY, 10 AUGUST, A.D. 2017 • 8:00 AM  
MATINS

## THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angels be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.*

– Martin Luther’s Morning Prayer

*The People stand.*



☐ O Lord, open my lips, ☑ and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



☑ Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men



☑ Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Venite exultemus



☐ Give glory to God, our light and our life. ☑ Oh, come, let us wor-ship him.



☑ Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal-



va - tion. ☐ Let us come be-fore his pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing



and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. ☒ For the Lord is a great God



and a great king a - bove all gods. ☐ In his hand are the cav-erns of the earth;



the heights of the hills are al - so his. ☒ The sea is his, for he made it;



and his hands have mold - ed the dry land. ☐ Oh, come, let us bow



down and bend the knee, and kneel be-fore the Lord, our mak - er. ☒ For he



is our God, and we are the peo-ple of his pas- ture and the sheep of his hand.



☑ Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men



☐ Give glory to God, our light and our life. ☑ Oh, come, let us wor-ship him.

*The People sit.*

## THE PSALMODY

PSALM 119.97-104

**Mem** • *Quomodo dilexi!*

<sup>97</sup> Oh how I love your law!

It is my meditation all the day.

<sup>98</sup> Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,  
for it is ever with me.

<sup>99</sup> I have more understanding than all my teachers,  
for your testimonies are my meditation.

<sup>100</sup> I understand more than the aged,  
for I keep your precepts.

<sup>101</sup> I hold back my feet from every evil way,  
in order to keep your word.

<sup>102</sup> I do not turn aside from your rules,  
for you have taught me.

<sup>103</sup> How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

<sup>104</sup> Through your precepts I get understanding;  
therefore I hate every false way.

*Silence for meditation.*

**Lector** Lord, You are just and Your commandments are eternal. Teach us to love  
You with all our hearts and to love our neighbor as ourselves, for the  
sake of Jesus our Lord.

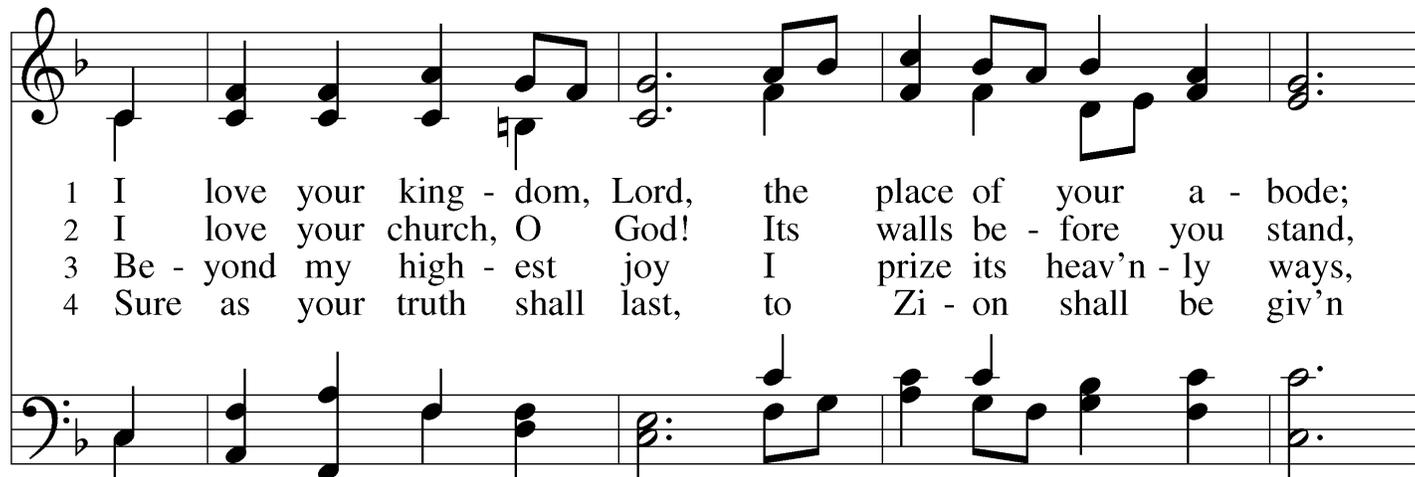
**People** **Amen.**

*The People stand.*

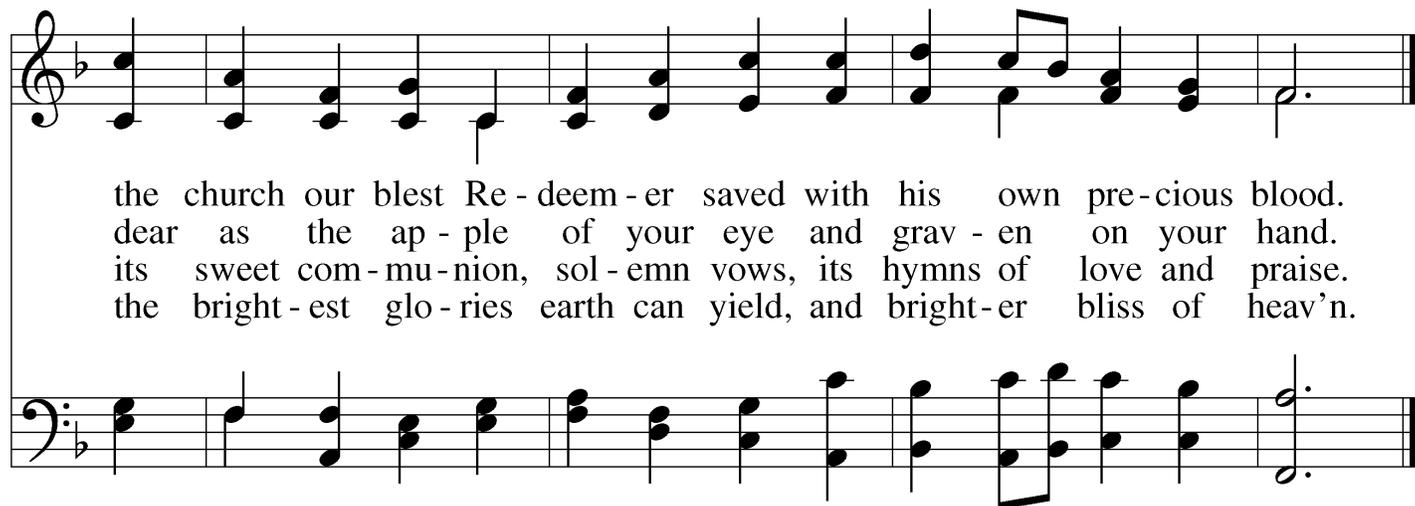
# † THE HYMN

ST. THOMAS

## *I Love Your Kingdom, Lord*



1 I love your king - dom, Lord, the place of your a - bode;  
2 I love your church, O God! Its walls be - fore you stand,  
3 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,  
4 Sure as your truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be giv'n



the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.  
dear as the ap - ple of your eye and grav - en on your hand.  
its sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, its hymns of love and praise.  
the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heav'n.

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Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

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*The People sit.*

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

**4** I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup> preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. <sup>5</sup> As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

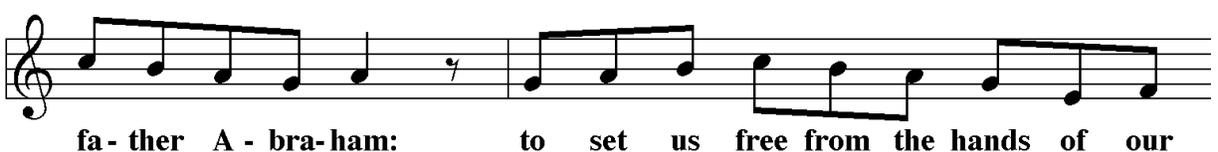
<sup>6</sup> For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

*Silence for meditation.*

**Lector** In many and various ways God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**People** **But now in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.** (from Hebrews 1.1-2a)

*The People stand.*





## † THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor** O Lord, Almighty and Everlasting God, You have brought us in safety to this new day; preserve us with Your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome in adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of Your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People** Amen.

## † THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Pastor** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All** Our Father

Who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy Name.

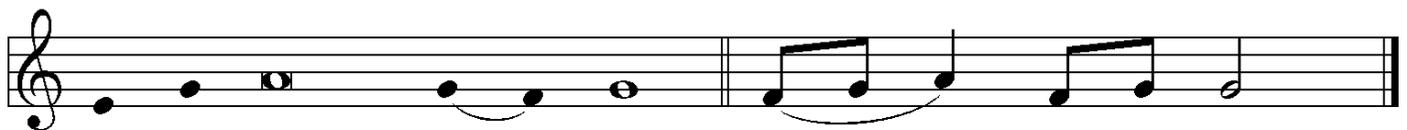
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done  
in earth, as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

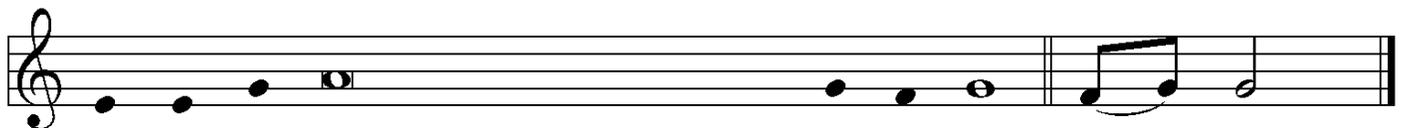
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the Kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory forever and ever.

Amen. (from Matthew 6.9-13, AKJV)



Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## † THE BENEDICTION

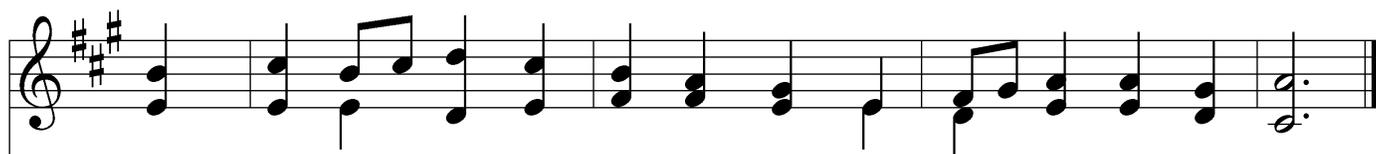


The Lord almighty bless us, and direct our days and our deeds in his peace. A - men

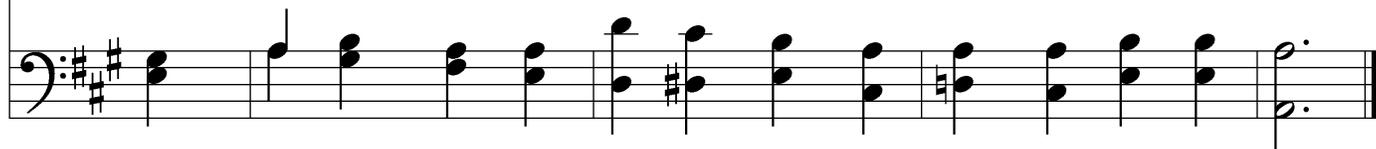
Rise Up, O Saints of God!



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;  
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! His king - dom's task em - brace;  
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, his word of hope pro - claim.  
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
 and quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!



Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936  
 Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

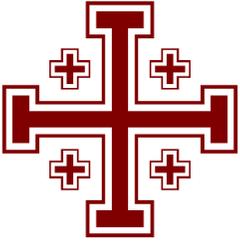
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# The Liturgy for the Public Worship of Almighty God

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## THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*We Gather Together in God's Name to Worship the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*

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### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your Holy Name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

*The People stand.*

### † THE INVOCATION

**Bishop** In the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People** **Amen.**

**Bishop** Almighty God,  
to Whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from Whom no secrets are hidden:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love You,  
and worthily magnify Your Holy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People** **Amen.**

**Bishop** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.

**People** **But if we confess our sins,  
God Who is faithful and just  
will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (from 1 John 1:8-9)

*The People may kneel, or remain standing, as they are able, for silent reflection and self-examination.*

**Bishop** Most merciful God,  
**All** **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved You with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**  
**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**  
**so that we may delight in Your will**  
**and walk in Your ways,**  
**to the glory of Your Holy Name.**

**Amen.**

*The Bishop stands and addresses the congregation.*

**Bishop** Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us  
and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His  
authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all Your  
sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy  
Spirit.

**People** **Amen.**

*The People stand to sing, turning to face the cross as it enters in procession.*

# † THE GATHERING HYMN

OLD HUNDREDTH

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

unison, loudly 1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the  
 unison 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our  
 SATB parts (a cappella) 3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with  
 SATB parts 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy  
 unison, loudly 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his  
 aid he did us make. We are his folk, he  
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his  
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times  
 heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the

praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - jice.  
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure. (Interlude)  
 an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more. A - men!

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594  
 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

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# † THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

**Pastor** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (from 2 Corinthians 13:14)

**People** And also with you.

# † THE KYRIE ELEISON



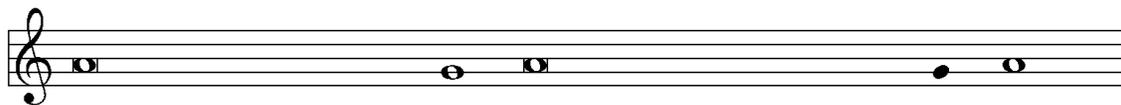
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



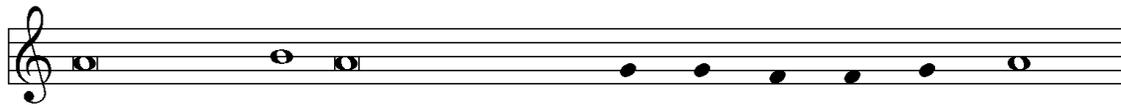
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- might- y God and Fa - ther:



We wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry.



Lord Je- sus Christ, on- ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a- way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.



For you a- lone are the Ho- ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,



you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spir- it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa- ther. A - men

## † THE SALUTATION

from Ruth 2.4; 1 Samuel 17.37; 2 Thessalonians 3.16; 2 Timothy 4.22



☐ The Lord be with you.

☒ And al - so with you.

## † THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Bishop** Let us pray:

Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in Your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church Your saving peace;

**People** **Grant this we pray, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

*The People sit.*

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God*

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### THE FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 31.31-34

<sup>31</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

**Lector** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

# THE GRADUAL

PSALM 46 • Deus noster refugium

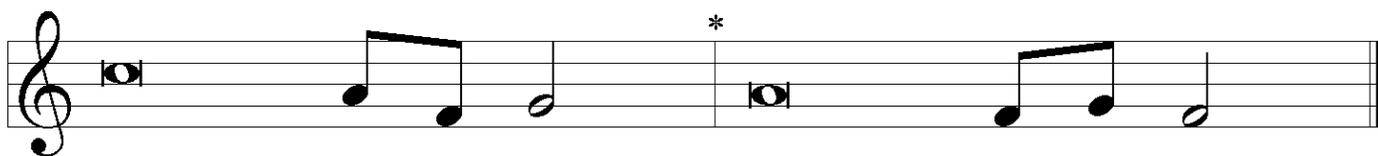
The Cantor sings the antiphon first, then **ALL repeat**, as indicated:



The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our strong-hold.

**All** [REPEAT ANTIPHON]

**Cantor** <sup>1</sup>God is our ref- | uge and strength,\*  
a very present | help in trouble.



**WOMEN** <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,\*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths | of the sea;  
<sup>3</sup>though its waters | rage and foam,\*  
and though the mountains tremble | at its tumult.

**All** [REPEAT ANTIPHON]

**Cantor** <sup>5</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,\*  
the holy habitation of | the Most High.

**MEN** <sup>6</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall not be | overthrown;\*  
God shall help her at the | break of day.

<sup>7</sup>The nations make much ado, and the king- | doms are shaken;\*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall | melt away.

**All** [REPEAT ANTIPHON]

**Cantor** <sup>9</sup>Come now and look upon the works | of the LORD,\*  
what awesome things he has | done on earth.

**All** <sup>10</sup>It is he who makes war to cease in | all the world;\*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields  
with fire.

**Cantor** <sup>11</sup>“Be still, then, and know that | I am God,\*  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”

**All** [REPEAT ANTIPHON]

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

**Lector** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

*The People stand, out of reverence for the Gospel of our Lord, and sing together:*

### † THE SEQUENCE

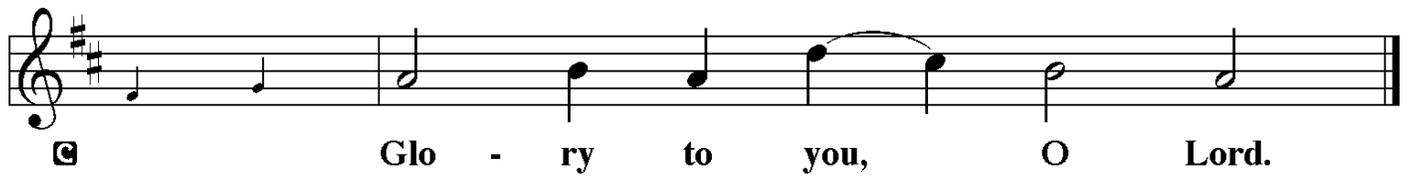
ALL: Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal - life. Al - le - lu - ia.

# † THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

JOHN 8.31-36

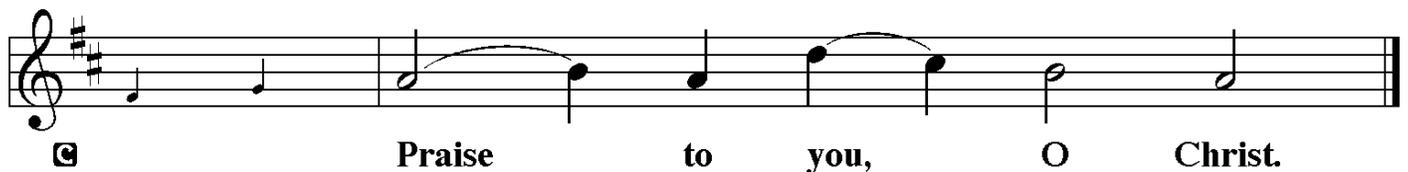
**Preacher** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup> They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

**Preacher** The Gospel of the Lord.



*The People sit.*

## THE SERMON

The Right Reverend Dr. Frederick Shoo,  
*Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania*

*The People stand.*

# † THE HYMN OF THE DAY

ERHALT UNS, HERR

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
 and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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**All** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through Him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
He came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

## † THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Pastor** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
and for all people, according to their needs...

*Following each set of petitions:*

**Pastor** ... Lord, in Your mercy,

**People** **hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers:*

**Pastor** ... Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting  
in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People** **Amen.**

## † THE PEACE OF THE LORD

**Pastor** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People** **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord with the words: "Peace be with you."*

*The People sit.*

## THE OFFERTORY MUSIC

Joshua Starnes, organ

*Toccata on Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow*     *Setting by Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)*

As the ushers come forward with the Offering, the People stand, and sing together:

## † THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## † THE OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Bishop** Let us pray:

Merciful Father,

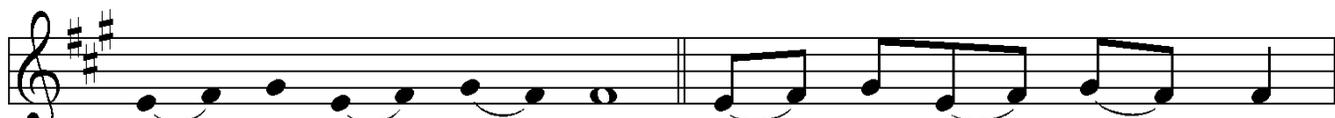
**People** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him Who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

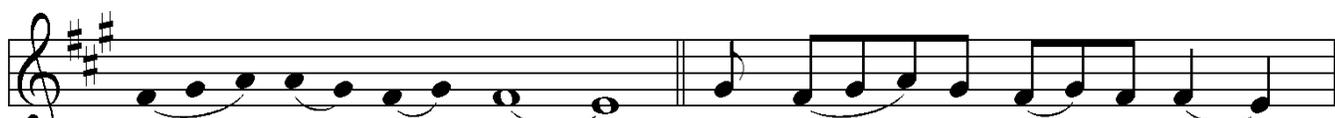
# THE LITURGY OF THE MEAL

*We Feast Around God's Table as He Nourishes and Fellowship with His People*

## † THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.

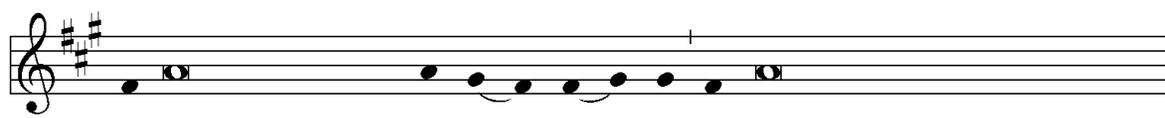


**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

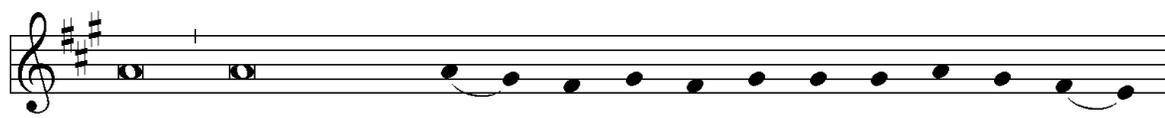


**G** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

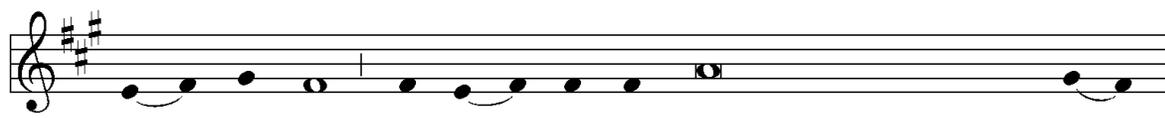
## † THE PROPER PREFACE



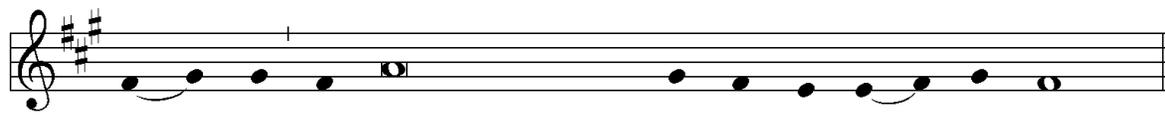
**P** It is indeed right and sal - u - tar - y that we should at all times and in all



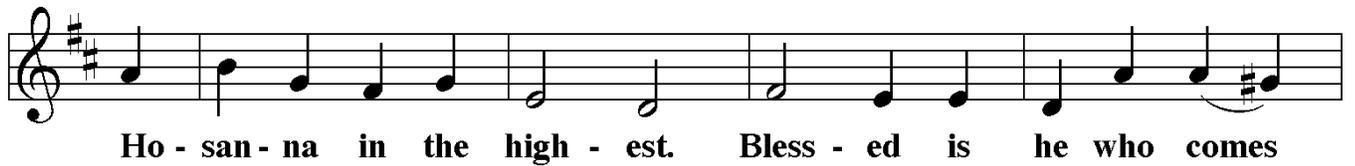
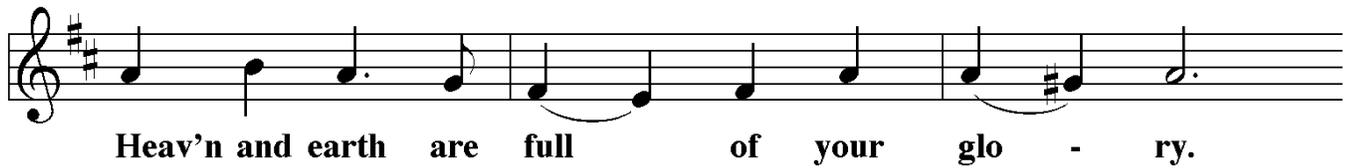
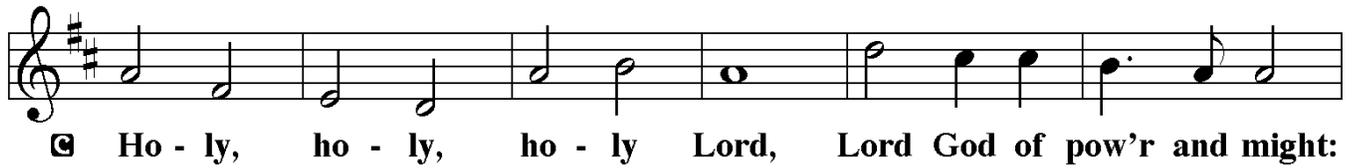
places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, ho - ly Fa - ther, through



Christ our Lord. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of



heav - en, we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:



**Bishop**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life;  
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Through Abraham You promised to bless all nations.  
You rescued Israel, Your chosen people.

Through the prophets You renewed Your promise;  
and, at this end of all ages, You sent Your Son,  
Who in words and deeds proclaimed Your kingdom  
and was obedient to Your will, even to giving His life.

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me."

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the New Covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**All** Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

**Bishop** Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of His resurrection,  
we await His coming in power to share with us  
the great and promised feast.

**People** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**Bishop** Send now, we pray, Your Holy Spirit,  
the spirit of our Lord and of His resurrection,  
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood  
may live to the praise of Your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all Your saints in light.

**People** Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

**Bishop** Join our prayers with those of Your servants of every time and every  
place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great High  
Priest until He comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty  
of the Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is  
yours, al - migh - t - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

# † THE LORD'S PRAYER

All Our Father

Who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done  
in earth, as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the Kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory forever and ever.

Amen. (from Matthew 6.9-13, AKJV)

*The People sit.*



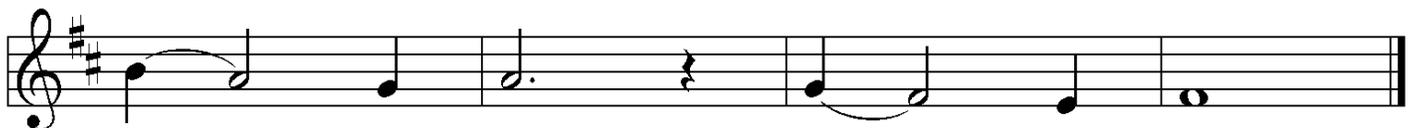
**☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;**



**grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*The People are directed to come forward to one of the stations to receive Holy Communion. Those unable to come forward to receive communion may let an usher know, and the elements will be brought to them.*

During the distribution, the People sing together:

## THE COMMUNION HYMNS

The Congregation

### Out of the Depths I Cry to You

AUS TIEFER NOT



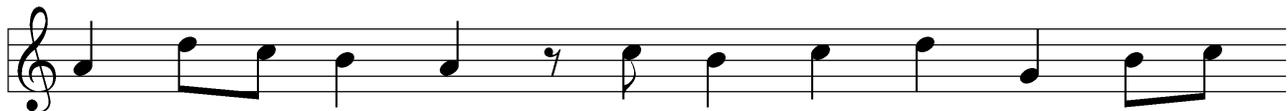
1 Out of the depths I cry to you; O Fa - ther,  
2 All things you send are full of grace; you crown our  
3 It is in God that we shall hope, and not in  
4 My soul is wait - ing for the Lord as one who



hear me call - ing. In - cline your ear to my dis - tress  
lives with fa - vor. All our good works are done in vain  
our own mer - it. We rest our fears in his good Word  
longs for morn - ing; no watch - er waits with great - er hope



in spite of my re - bel - ling. Do not re - gard  
with - out our Lord and Sav - ior. We praise the God  
and trust his Ho - ly Spir - it. His prom - ise keeps  
than I for his re - turn - ing. I hope as Is -



my sin - ful deeds. Send me the grace my spir -  
who gives us faith and saves us from the grip  
us strong and sure; we trust the ho - ly sig -  
rael in the Lord; he sends re - demp - tion through



it needs; with - out it I am noth - ing.  
of death; our lives are in his keep - ing.  
na - ture in - scribed up - on our tem - ples.  
his Word. We praise him for his mer - cy.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943  
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Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of - fens - es giv - en;  
 2 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death con - tend - ed;  
 3 Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free - ly gave us;  
 4 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the Lord in - vites us;  
 5 Then let us feast this Eas - ter Day on Christ, the bread of heav - en;



but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from heav - en.  
 the vic - to - ry re - mained with life, the reign of death was end - ed.  
 he died on the ac - curs - ed tree— so strong his love—to save us.  
 Christ is him - self the joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.  
 the Word of grace has purged a - way the old and e - vil leav - en.



There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right thank - ful - ly  
 Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says that death is swal - lowed up by death,  
 See, his blood now marks our door; faith points to it; death pass - es o'er,  
 Now his grace to us im - parts e - ter - nal sun - shine to our hearts;  
 Christ a - lone our souls will feed; he is our meat and drink in - deed;



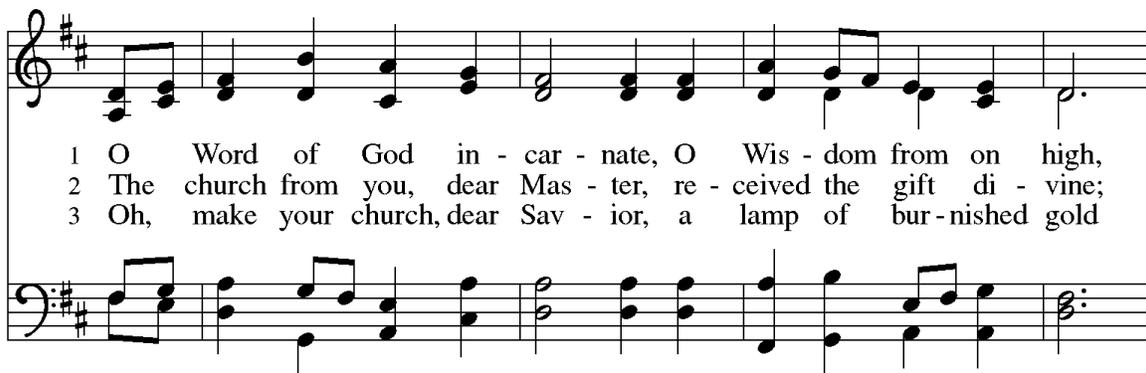
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 its sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 and Sa - tan can - not harm us. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 the night of sin is end - ed. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
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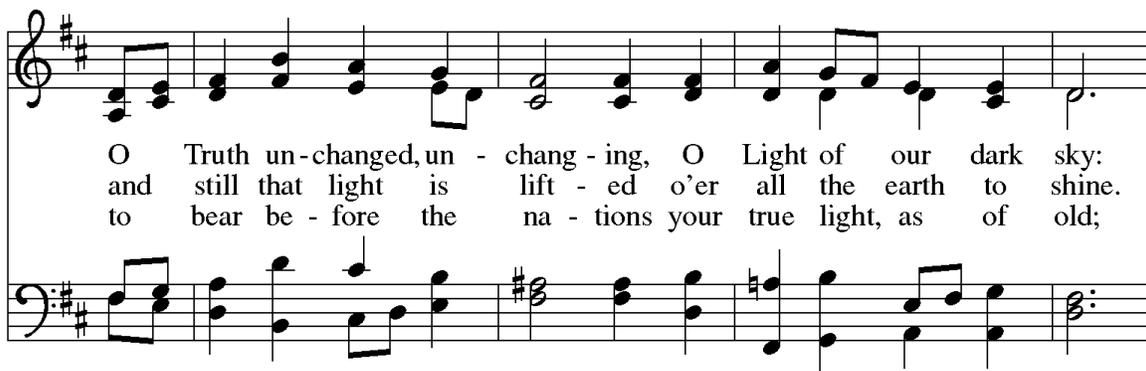
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# O Word of God Incarnate

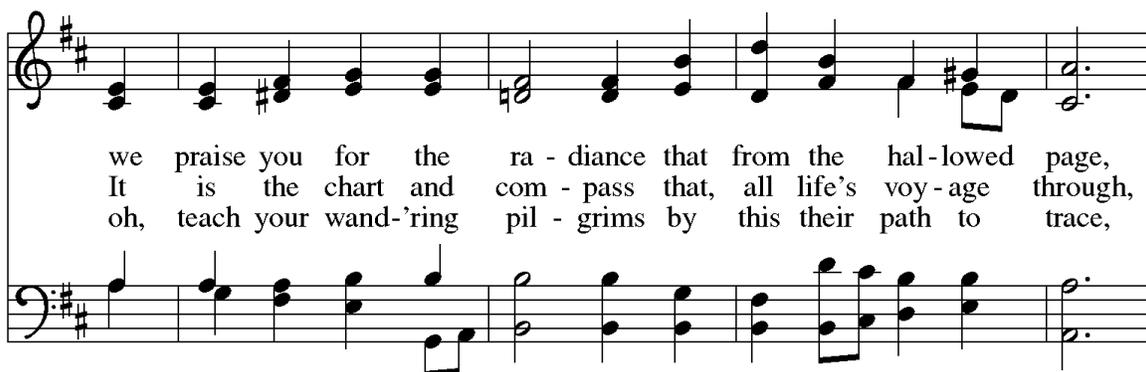
MUNICH



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;  
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.  
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,  
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,  
oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.  
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

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After the distribution, the People stand.

## † THE TABLE DISMISSAL

**Bishop** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**People** Amen.

## † THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

from Luke 2.29-32

THE SONG OF SIMEON • *Nunc Dimittis*



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,



and will be for - ev - er. A - men

## † THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister Let us pray:

Almighty God, You gave Your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive Him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to His; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

*Silence for reflection.*

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## THE SENDING

*We Go Forth in God's Name with His Blessing and Commission*

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*The People bow their heads and extend their hands to receive the blessing.*

## † THE AARONIC BENEDICTION

Bishop 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 favor and give you peace. (from Numbers 6.24-26)

In the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

## † THE OPENING OF CONVOCATION

**Bishop** As in one body we have many members,  
**People** **so we, who are many, are one body in Christ.**

**Bishop** Where two or three are gathered in My Name, says the Lord,  
**People** **I am there among them.**

**Bishop** Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called;  
**People** **with all humility and gentleness, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

**Bishop** The Lord be with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**

**Bishop** Let us pray:  
O God, You open the hearts of Your faithful people by sending into us Your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in Your peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People** **Amen.**

**Bishop** I declare this Convocation to be in session in the Name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People** **Amen.**

*The People remain standing to sing, turning to face the cross as it exits in procession.*

# † THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

EIN FESTE BURG

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. S. Drummond Wolff (1916–2004)

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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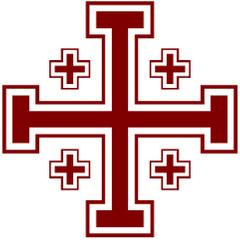
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# The Liturgy for the Public Worship of Almighty God

FRIDAY, 11 AUGUST, A.D. 2017 • 8:00 AM  
OPENING DEVOTION

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## THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Heavenly Father, in Whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by Your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget You, but remember that we are ever walking in Your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*The People stand.*

## † THE INVOCATION

**Pastor** In the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**People** **Amen.**

## † THE SALUTATION AND PRAYER

**Pastor** The Lord be with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**  
**Pastor** Let us pray...  
... through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**People** **Amen.**

<sup>1</sup> I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,  
and he gave gifts to men.”

<sup>9</sup> (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

**Lector** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;

to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.

Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while

time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

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*The People bow their heads and extend their hands to receive the blessing.*

## † THE AARONIC BENEDICTION

**Pastor** 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 favor and give you peace. (from Numbers 6.24-26)

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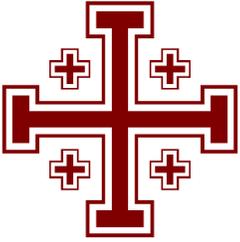
**People** Amen.

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# The Liturgy for the Public Worship of Almighty God

FRIDAY, 11 AUGUST, A.D. 2017 • 5:00 PM  
THE CLOSING OF CONVOCATION

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## RESPONSIVE PRAYER 2

*Suffrages*

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### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angels be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.*

– Martin Luther’s Evening Prayer

### THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTED OFFICERS

*The People stand.*

**Bishop** Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy and Immortal,  
**People** have mercy and hear us.

## † THE LORD'S PRAYER

All Our Father

Who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done  
in earth, as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the Kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory forever and ever.  
Amen. (from Matthew 6.9-13, AKJV)

## † THE AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day He rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.

Bishop Show us Your mercy, O Lord,  
People **and grant us Your salvation.**

Bishop Clothe Your ministers with righteousness.  
People **Let Your people sing with joy.**

Bishop Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
People **for only in You can we live in safety.**

Bishop Lord, keep this nation under Your care,  
People **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Bishop Let Your way be known upon earth;  
People **Your saving health among all nations.**

Bishop Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,  
People **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Bishop Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
People **and sustain us with Your Holy Spirit.**

#### † THE SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray:

Almighty God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon Him and suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in His obedience to Your will and in the glorious victory of His resurrection; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

#### † THE CLOSING OF CONVOCATION

Bishop Jesus said, "You will be my witnesses  
People **to the ends of the earth.**

Bishop I chose you and appointed you  
People **to bear fruit that will last.**

Bishop Remember, I will be with you always,  
People **to the end of time."**

Bishop The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**

**Bishop** Let us pray:  
Direct us, Lord God, in all doings with Your most gracious favor, and extend to us Your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You, we may glorify Your Holy Name; and finally, by Your mercy, bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**People** **Amen.**

**Bishop** Lord God our Father, You kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, You led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star You led the Wise Men to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us now in this time as we set out to travel, make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where You dwell in glory with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

**People** **Amen.**

**Bishop** I declare this Convocation closed in the Name of the Father, and of the **✠** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People** **Amen.**

### **† THE BENEDICTION**

**Bishop** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**People** **Amen.**

### **† THE COMMISSION AND DISMISSAL**

**Bishop** Let us bless the Lord.

Go now in peace to serve the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God!**

### **† THE DEPARTURE INTO THE MISSION FIELD**

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