



Lord's Day Service

Church of the King
Celebrating Trinity Sunday on May 31st, 2026

Call to Worship: Where God Calls Us Into His Presence

Jesus said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." John 14:15

Hear Today's Call to Worship From God's Word: [congregation standing]

"Then Moses said to God, 'Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?' And God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' And He said, 'Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " Moreover, God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'Jehovah, God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.'" Exodus 3:13-15 **Come and Worship the Great I AM!**

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Adoration: [based on Psalm 145:10]

O worship the King all glorious above,	All hail to the King, in splendor enthroned.
O gratefully sing his power and His love.	Glad praises we bring, Thy wonders made known;
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,	Returning victorious great conqueror of sin,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.	King Jesus, all glorious, our victory will win.

Salutation and Response: [based on Matthew 28:19, Ruth 2:4 and Revelation 4:8,9]

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Amen!

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty

Which was and is and is to come;

Give glory, laud and honor to Him that sits on the throne

Who lives for ever and ever!

Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

The Call For Confession From God's Word:

"Bow down Your ear, O Jehovah, hear me; For I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am holy; You are my God; Save Your servant who trusts in You! Be merciful to me, O Jehovah, for I cry to You all day long. Rejoice the soul of Your servant, For to You, O Jehovah, I lift up my soul. For You, Jehovah, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You. Give ear, O Jehovah, to my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You will answer me." Psalm 86:1-7

God's People Sing our Hymn of Confession:

[congregation standing]

Before Thee Let My Cry Come Near

Psalm 119:169-176

RUSSIA (L.M.)
Daniel Read, 1786

The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973

1. ¹⁶⁹Be - fore Thee let my cry come near, O LORD; true to Thy word, teach
2. ¹⁷¹Since Thou Thy stat - utes teach - est me, O let my lips Thy praise con -

Melody

(Soprano) ¹⁷⁰Be -
¹⁷²Yea,

me.
fess.

(Alto) ¹⁷⁰Be - fore Thee let my
¹⁷²Yea, of Thy word my

(Tenor) ¹⁷⁰Be - fore Thee let my plead - ing come; True
¹⁷²Yea, of Thy word my tongue would sing, For

(Bass) ¹⁷⁰Be - fore Thee let my plead - ing come; True to Thy prom - ise,
¹⁷²Yea, of Thy word my tongue would sing, For Thy com - mands are

fore Thee let my plead - ing come; True to Thy prom - ise, res - cue me.
of Thy word my tongue would sing, For Thy com - mands are right - eous - ness.

plead - ing come; True to Thy prom - ise, res - cue me.
tongue would sing, For Thy com - mands are right - eous - ness.

to Thy prom - ise, res - cue me, True to Thy prom - ise, res - cue me.
Thy com - mands are right - eous - ness, For Thy com - mands are right - eous - ness.

res - cue me, True to Thy prom - ise, res - cue me.
right - eous - ness, For Thy com - mands are right - eous - ness.

3. ¹⁷³Be ready with Thy hand to help,
Because Thy precepts are my choice.
¹⁷⁴I've longed for Thy salvation, LORD,
And in Thy holy law rejoice.

4. ¹⁷⁵O let Thine ordinances help;
My soul shall live and praise Thee yet.
¹⁷⁶A straying sheep, Thy servant, seek,
For Thy commands I ne'er forget.

Silent Confession: *"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." 1 Timothy 1:15*

Those who are willing and able are invited to kneel for our time of confession.

Corporate Confession:

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Your holy name.

Amen.

Arise and Receive the Assurance of Pardon & Forgiveness:

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3:14-18

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for our sins and to be raised for our justification; and for His sake forgives us all our sins. This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Having confessed our sins with faith in the completed work of Christ on our behalf, we are forgiven; we have been cleansed and clothed in the righteousness of Jesus. And not only that, we are now in Christ and in Him we are in the heavenly places, in the very midst of the blessed Trinity with the Saints of all the ages, from every tongue, tribe and nation prepared to worship in the beauty of holiness.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

Come Bless the Father:

Come bless the Fath - er, all you ser - vants of the Son, who stand by the Spir - it in the
House of the Lord. Lift up your hands to the Ho - ly Place and bless your God.
May the Lord _____ bless you from Zi - on, He Who made hea - ven and earth. _____

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up un - to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

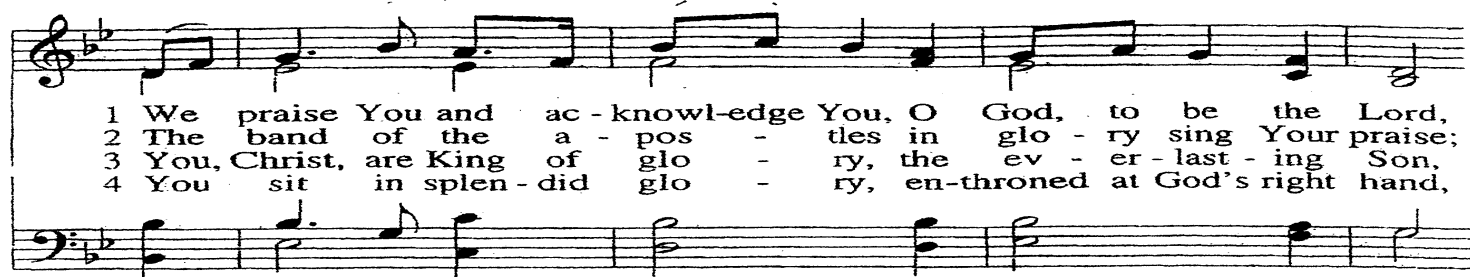
It is pro - per and right to do so.

Truly it is proper and right that we should at all times and in all places give praise to you O LORD. And so, with the angels and all the company of heaven and with the Church, as she gathers throughout the world this day, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you & singing:

God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks: We Praise You and Acknowledge You

"Stand up and bless the Lord your God Forever and ever!

"Blessed be Your glorious name, Which is exalted above all blessing and praise!" Nehemiah 9:5b



1 We praise You and ac - knowl - edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
4 You sit in splen - did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.
The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death - less voic - es raise.
Yet You, with bound - less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:
Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com - mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,
The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,
You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:
Sing with the ho - ly Church through - out all the world this song:
Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;
So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
"O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,
Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - priev -
May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!"
And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!"
You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" Romans 12:1,2

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD:

Matthew 3:13 - 4:11

Baptism and Tempting

[3:13] Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

And John *tried to* prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit *it to be so* now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.

Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

But He answered and said, "It is written, '*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.*'"

Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: '*He shall give His angels charge over you,*' and, '*In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.*'"

Jesus said to him, "It is written again, '*You shall not tempt Jehovah your God.*'"

Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, '*You shall worship Jehovah your God, and Him only you shall serve.*'"

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Faith:

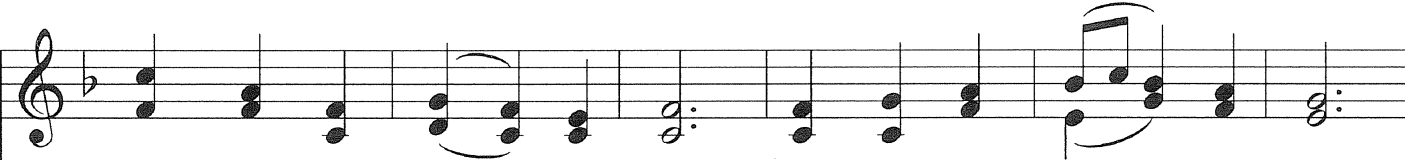
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*"Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!
Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!" Psalm 105:1,2*

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN (6 6 4. 6 6. 6 4)
Felice de Giardini, 1769

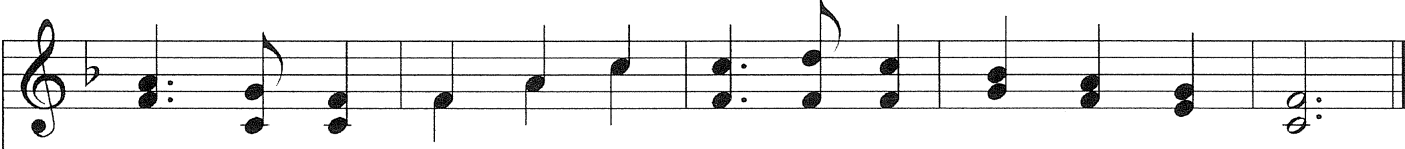
Anon.
Whitefield's Collection, 1757



1. Come, Thou Al - might - y King, Help us Thy Name to sing,
2. Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy might - y sword;
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4. To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal prais - es be,



Help us to praise! Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic -
Our prayer at - tend; Come and Thy peo - ple bless, And give Thy
In this glad hour: Thou who al - might - y art, Now rule in
Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty May we in



to - ri - ous, Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
Word suc - cess; Spir - it of Ho - li - ness, On us de - scend.
ev - ery heart, And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.



God Speaks to Us Through His Word:

Scripture, Prayer for Illumination, and Sermon

"How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through Your precepts I get understanding Therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:103-105

"The Divine Word"

From Pastor Paul Liberati

Based on John 1:1-5

God's People Sing a Hymn of Praise: (4 Pages) [congregation standing]

I Bind unto Myself Today

St. Patrick's Breastplate

ST. PATRICK (L.M.D.)

From an ancient Irish hymn melody

Charles Villiers Stanford, 1902

Ascribed to St. Patrick, 372-466

tr. Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander, 1889

Unison



1. I bind un - to my - self to - day The strong name

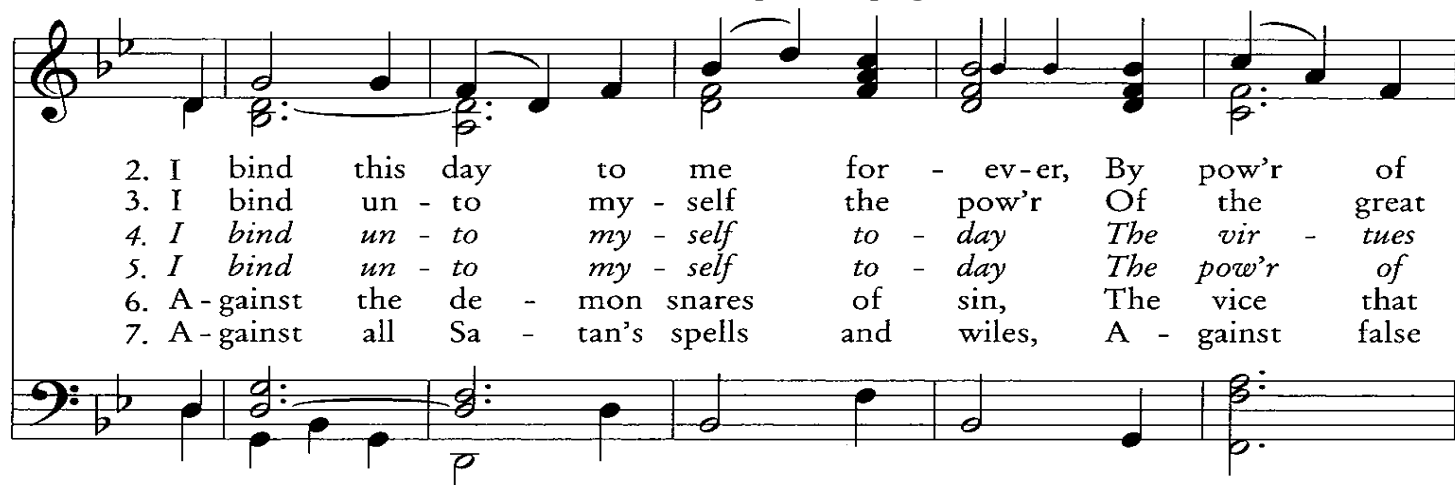


of the Trin - i - ty, By in - vo - ca - tion



of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three.

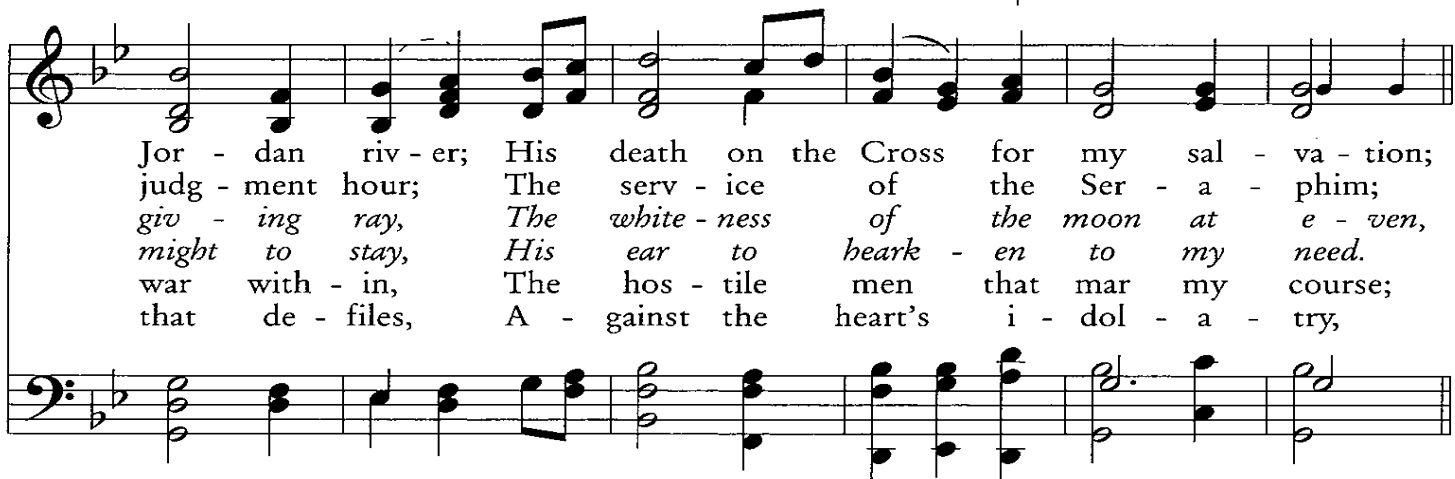
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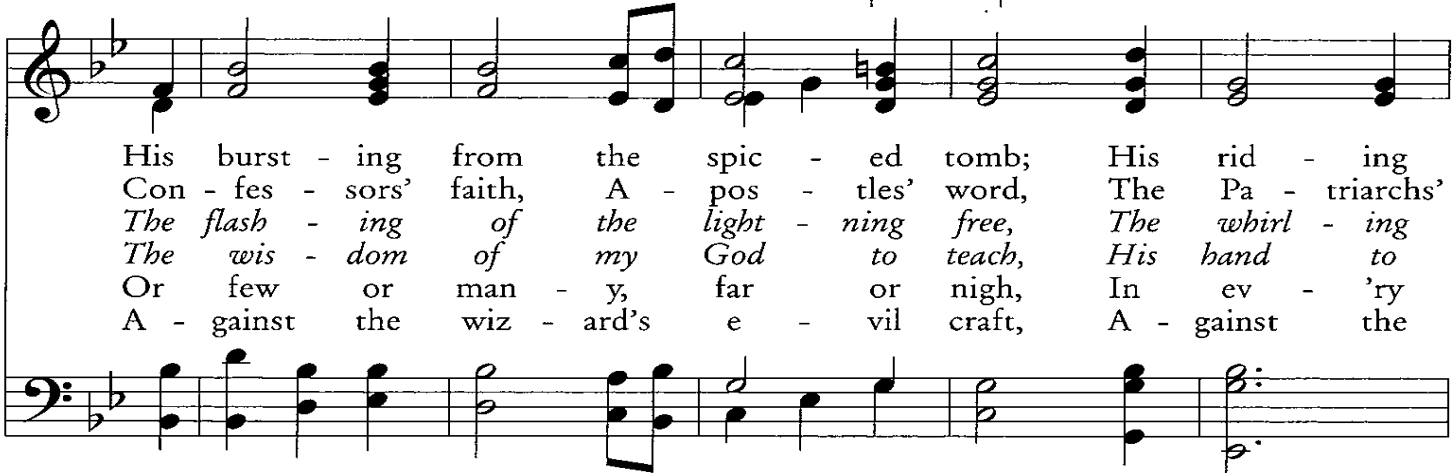
2. I bind this day to me for - ev - er, By pow'r of
 3. I bind un - to my - self the pow'r Of the great
 4. *I bind un - to my - self to - day The vir - tues*
 5. *I bind un - to my - self to - day The pow'r of*
 6. A - gainst the de - mon snares of sin, The vice that
 7. A - gainst all Sa - tan's spells and wiles, A - gainst false



faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; His bap - tism in the
 love of Cher - u - bim; The sweet "Well done" in
 of the star - lit heav - en, The glo - rious sun's life -
 God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, His
 gives temp - ta - tion force, The na - tural lusts that
 words of her - e - sy, A - gainst the knowl - edge

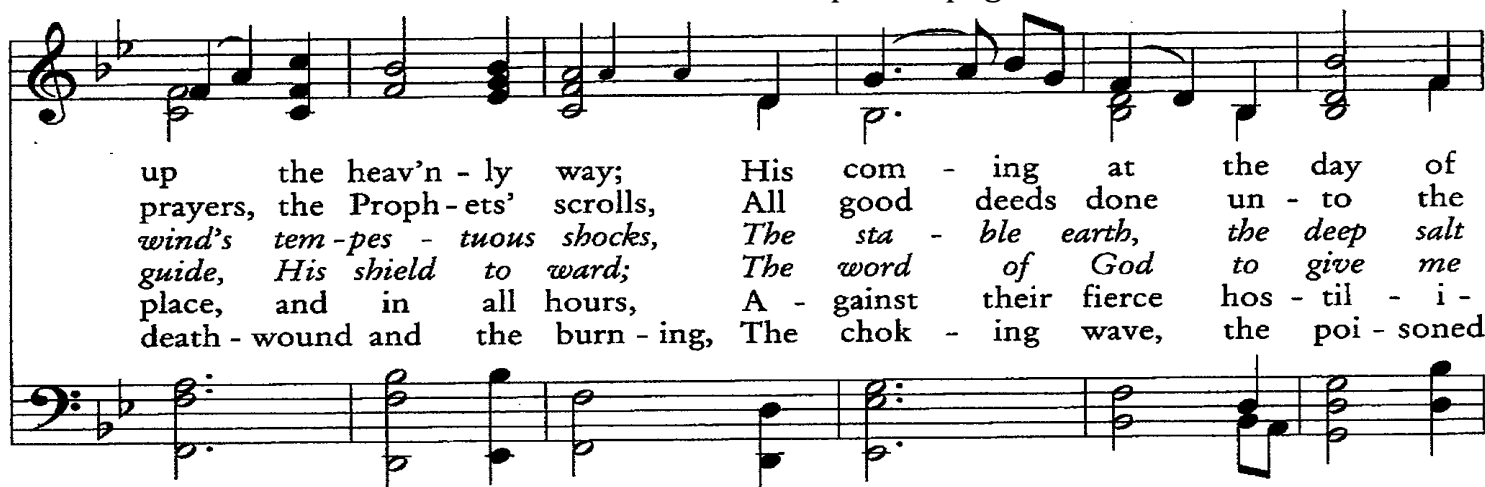


Jor - dan riv - er; His death on the Cross for my sal - va - tion;
 judg - ment hour; The serv - ice of the Ser - a - phim;
 giv - ing ray, The white - ness of the moon at e - ven,
 might to stay, His ear to heark - en to my need.
 war with - in, The hos - tile men that mar my course;
 that de - files, A - gainst the heart's i - dol - a - try,



His burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb; His rid - ing
 Con - fes - sors' faith, A - pos - tles' word, The Pa - triarchs'
 The flash - ing of the light - ning free, The whirl - ing
 The wis - dom of my God to teach, His hand to
 Or few or man - y, far or nigh, In ev - 'ry
 A - gainst the wiz - ard's e - vil craft, A - gainst the

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up the heav'n - ly way; His com - ing at the day of
 prayers, the Proph - ets' scrolls, All good deeds done un - to the
wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, *The sta - ble earth,* *the deep salt*
guide, His shield to ward; *The word of God to give me*
 place, and in all hours, A - gainst their fierce hos - til - i -
 death - wound and the burn - ing, The chok - ing wave, the poi - soned



doom; I bind un - to my - self to - day.
 Lord, And pu - ri - ty of vir - gin souls.
sea, A - round the old un - dy - ing rocks.
speech, His heav'n - ly host to be my guard.
 ty, I bind to me these ho - ly pow'rs.
 shaft, Pro - tect me, Christ, till Thy re - turning.

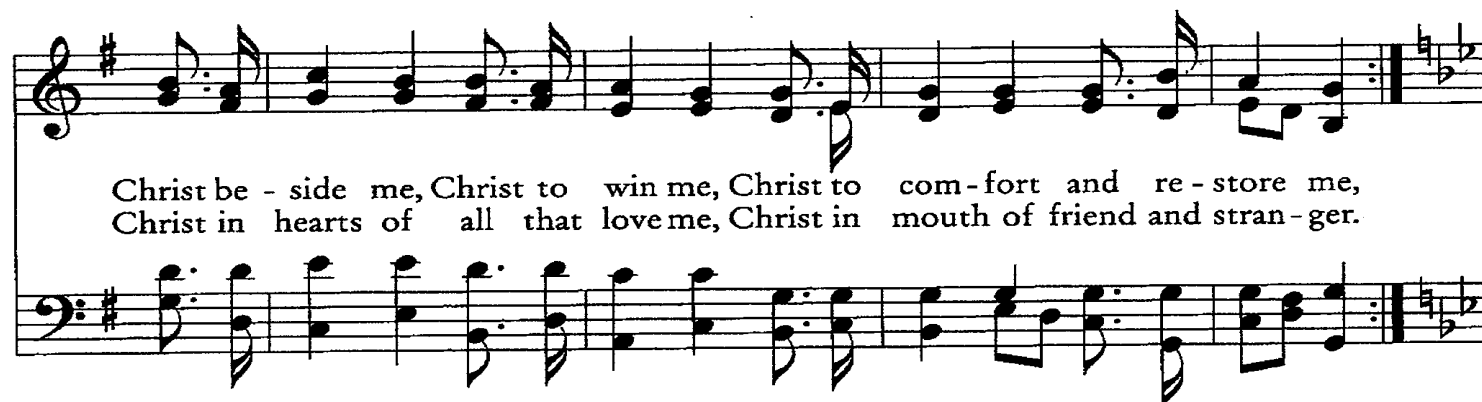
Part 2

DEIRDRE (L.M.)

Adapted from an ancient Irish melody



8. Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be - hind me, Christ be - fore me,
 Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan - ger,



Christ be - side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,
 Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

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Unison

9. I bind un - to my - self the name, The strong name of the

Trin - i - ty, By in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The

Three in One, and One in Three. Of whom all na - ture

hath cre - a - tion; E - ter - nal Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word: Praise to the

Lord of my sal - va - tion, Sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.

God Receives Our Tithes And Gifts as a Tribute Offering: [read in unison]

“Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings: Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” Says Jehovah of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," Says Jehovah of hosts; "And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land," Says Jehovah of hosts." Malachi 3:8-10

The Collection of our Tithes and Offerings
With the singing of Psalm 27:4-5 & the Doxology

Words composed by Brenda Fisher

1: One thing from God have I desired, 2: In troubled times He makes me hide.
That in His house I may inquire, He hides me secretly inside.
So on His beauty I may gaze. Within His tabernacle home,
I seek to dwell there all my days. He sets me high upon a stone.

3: Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Great Prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer:

Matthew Kirk

Our Father,
Which 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 the evil one,
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever: AMEN
[Matthew 6:9-13]

Communion: Where God Communes With His People

Preparation for Communion: Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love and trust Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Sprit, and are not under discipline from Christ's Church are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as our Lord our God will call.

Our Confession of Faith: – *The Athanasian Creed*

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23

Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith.

And the catholic faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity, neither confounding the persons, nor dividing the substance.

For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit.

But the godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, is all one, the glory equal, the majesty co-eternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit.

The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated.

The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Spirit incomprehensible.

The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Spirit eternal. And yet they are not three eternals, but one Eternal. As also there are not three incomprehensibles, nor three uncreated, but one Uncreated, and one Incomprehensible. So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, and the Holy Spirit Almighty. And yet they are not three almighties, but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. And yet they are not three gods, but one God. So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Spirit Lord. And yet not three lords, but one Lord. For as we are compelled by the Christian verity to acknowledge each Person by Himself to be both God and Lord, so we are also forbidden by the catholic religion to say that there are three gods or three lords.

The Father is made of none, neither created, nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone, not made, nor created, but begotten. The Holy Spirit is of the Father, neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding. So there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits. And in the Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another, but all three Persons are co-eternal together and co-equal. So that in all things, as is aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

He therefore that will be saved must think thus of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the right faith is, that we believe and confess, that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man; God, of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and man of the substance of his mother, born in the world; perfect God and perfect man, of a rational soul and human flesh subsisting. Equal to the Father, as touching His godhead; and inferior to the Father, as touching His manhood; who, although He is God and man, yet he is not two, but one Christ; one, not by conversion of the godhead into flesh but by taking of the manhood into God; one altogether; not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person. For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ; who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, He sits at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the quick and the dead. At His coming all men will rise again with their bodies and shall give account for their own works. And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE: (Peace Offering, Gift of Life)

A Word of Encouragement -- Giving of Thanks -- Breaking of the Bread

God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks and Celebration:

(Sung as a representative of each family comes forward to receive their bread and wine)

Holy, Holy, Holy!

NICAEA (11 12. 12 10)
John B. Dykes, 1861

Reginald Heber, 1826

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee.
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Feasting At The Lord's Table: A simple act of obedience on the 1st day of a new Week

Partaking of the Bread Together -- Giving Thanks -- Partaking of the Wine

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26

Commissioning: Where God Sends Out His People

"When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen".

[Matthew 28:17-20]

Our Final Responsive Reading: John 14:12-27 Jesus, the Father and the Holy Spirit

[12] "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

**"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
"If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.**

"If you love Me, keep My commandments.

"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

"A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. "At that day you will know that I *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

"These things I have spoken to you while being present with you.

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

God's People Go Forth Singing: Now Thank We All Our God

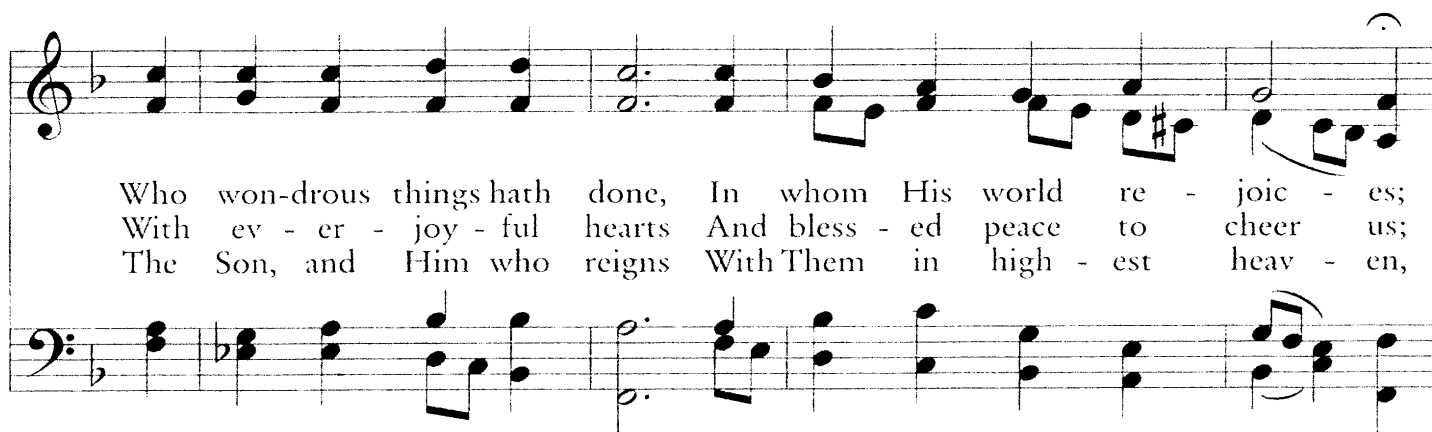
Now Thank We All Our God

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Johann Crüger, *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, 1647

Martin Rinkart, c. 1636
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858



1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
2. O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
3. All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices;
With ever-joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;
The Son, and Him who reigns With Them in highest heaven,



Who, from our mother's arms, Hath blessed us on our way
And keep us in His grace, And guide us when perplexed,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;



With countless gifts of love, And still is ours to-day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ever-more.

God Blesses His People – The Benediction:

[congregation standing]

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen.”
2 Corinthians 13:14

The Response to God’s Commission – Simeon’s Prayer & the Gloria Patri

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words hyphenated across lines. The first system covers the first line of the prayer, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music features a mix of eighth, quarter, and half notes, with some rests and ties. The final note of the third system is a whole note G in the bass staff.

Lord, now let- test Thou Thy ser- vant de- part in peace, ac- cord- ing to Thy Word:

For mine eyes have seen Thy sal- va- tion, Which Thou hast pre- pared be- fore the face of all peo- ple;

A light to ligh- ten the Gen- tiles, and the glo- ry of Thy peo- ple Is - - - ra - el.

With Lifted Hands: Glory Be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

The Heidelberg Catechism – Lord’s Day 22

57. What comfort do you receive from the “resurrection of the body”?

That not only my soul after this life shall be immediately taken up to Christ its Head,[1] but also that this my body, raised by the power of Christ, shall be reunited with my soul, and made like the glorious body of Christ.[2]

[1] Lk. 23:43; Phil. 1:21–23. [2] 1 Cor. 15:53–54; Job 19:25–27; 1 Jn. 3:2.

58. What comfort do you receive from the article “life everlasting”?

That, inasmuch as I now feel in my heart the beginning of eternal joy,[1] I shall after this life possess complete blessedness, such as eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has entered into the heart of man,[2] therein to praise God forever.[3]

[1] 2 Cor. 5:2–3. [2] 1 Cor. 2:9. [3] Jn. 17:3; *Rom. 8:23; *1 Pet. 1:8.