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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Trinity Sunday
June 15th, 2025

Quotes for Reflection

A solemn appeal to the just tribunal of our heart-searching God is always warranted when we are worried, wearied, and worn by the injustice of wicked men.

—C.H. Spurgeon

The sword of justice has no scabbard. —Antione de Rival

Wickedness is uncandid and loves concealment, while truth and righteousness are open and seek scrutiny. —Thomas Watson

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves: the King opens His gates and welcomes us into His courts.

Gospel Invitation—2 Corinthians 1:2

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sung Response—Holy God, We Praise Your Name, Vs. 1



Ho - ly God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we bow be - fore You!



All on Earth Your scep - ter claim. All in Heav'n a - bove a - dore You:



In - fi - nite— Your vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is— Your reign.

Text: based on *Te Deum*, 4th century, attr. Ignace Franz, 1774;
Music: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774.

Call to Worship—from 2 Corinthians 1:3-5, 10, 20

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **He is the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.**

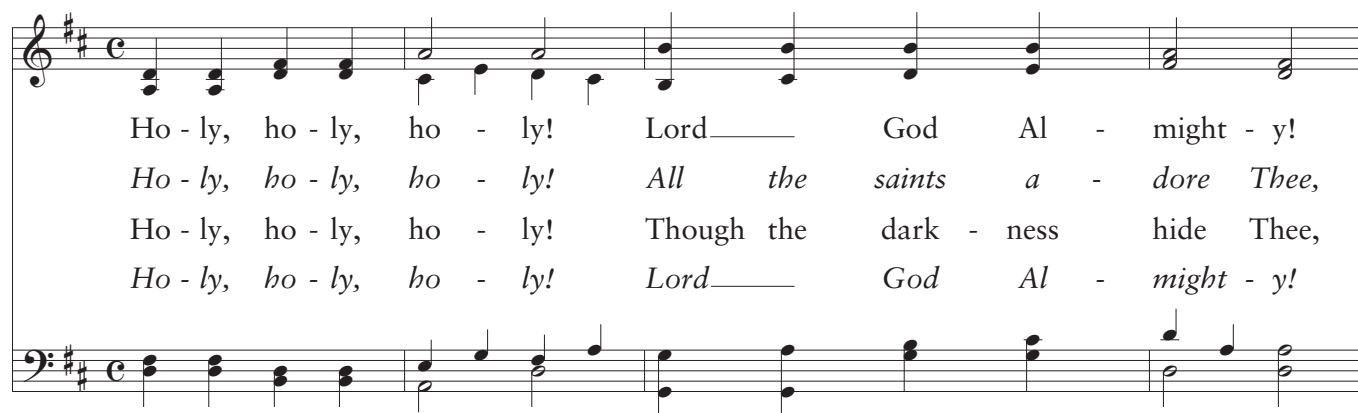
Reader 1: He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Reader 2: For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

All: **On Him we have set our hope.**

Pastor: For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him. That is why it is through Him that we utter our Amen to God for His glory.

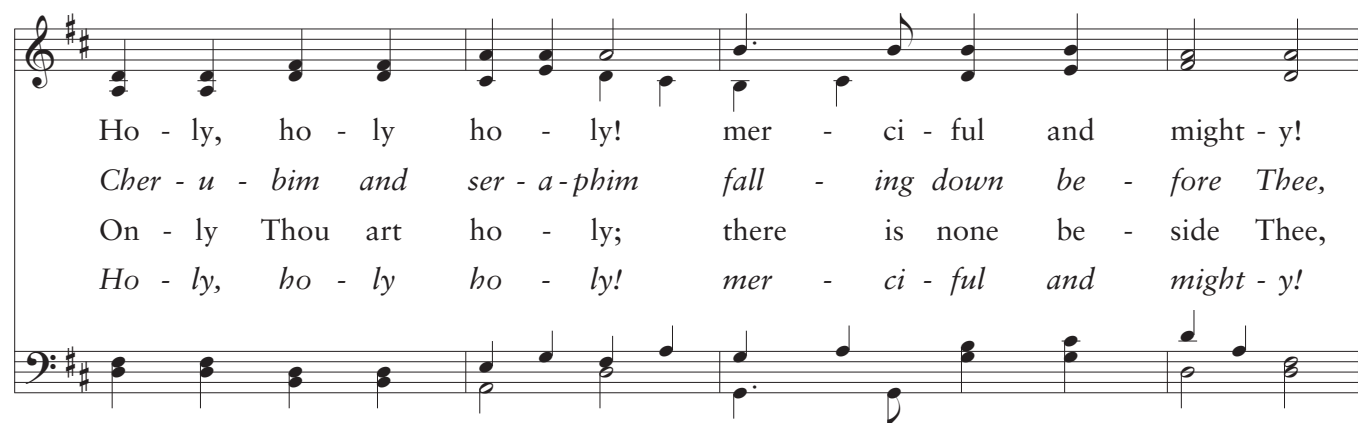
Congregational Hymn—Holy, Holy, Holy!



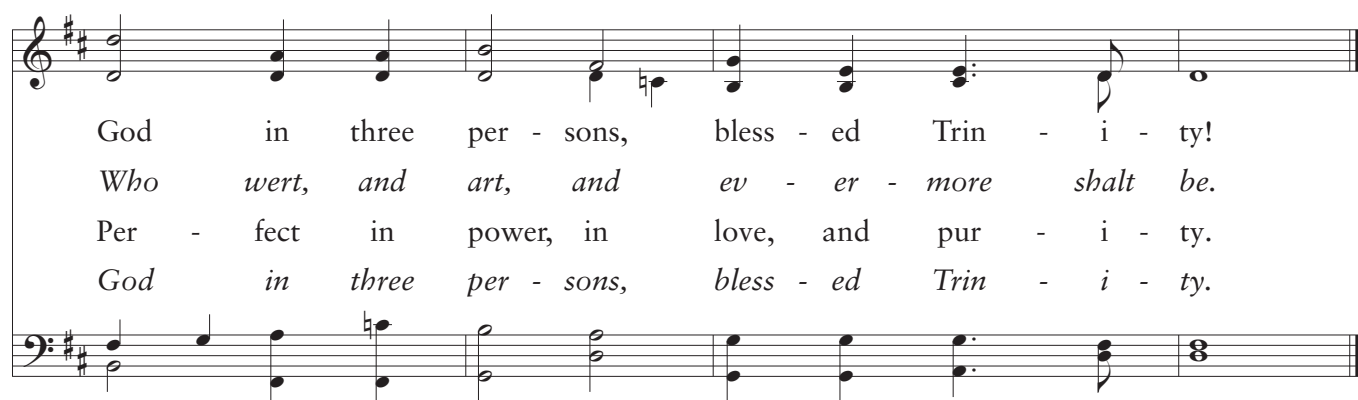
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!



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!
Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1826; Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1861.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. In His Word, God particularly calls us to sing psalms: while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to use the Psalter as the church's songbook.

Congregational Psalm—Fret Not Yourself (Psalm 37)



Fret not your-self when e - vil seems to pros - per in the land, —
And though he thinks he's root - ed fast, un - yield - ing like a tree, —
Be still be - fore the Lord and wait; de - light in His com - mands.
I have not seen, in youth or age, the right - eous man de - crease.



Nor when the wick-ed_ plots and schemes a - gainst the right - eous man.
The wick - ed one will fade like grass, like smoke caught in a breeze.
And He shall keep your path-way straight, up - hold you with His hand.
The Lord pro - vides a her - i - tage, a fu - ture full_ of peace.



Dwell faith - ful - ly, and trust God will your heart's de - sires ful - fill.
His bow will break, his sword will fail; and just - ice will pre - vail.
A strong - hold sure in_ trou - bled days, the Lord His peo - ple saves.
He is a re - fuge ev - er - more, for all who trust the Lord.

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 37, Elizabeth Dowdell, 2020;
Music: GRAYMERE, Henry C. Haffner and Elizabeth Dowdell, 2020.

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 3:2-9, 12-14

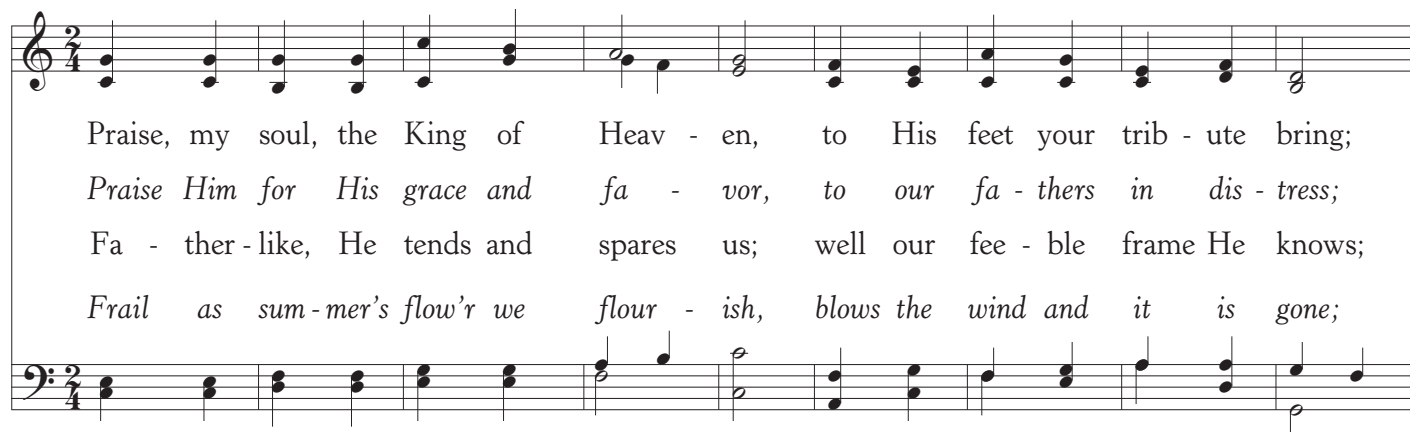
People will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it.

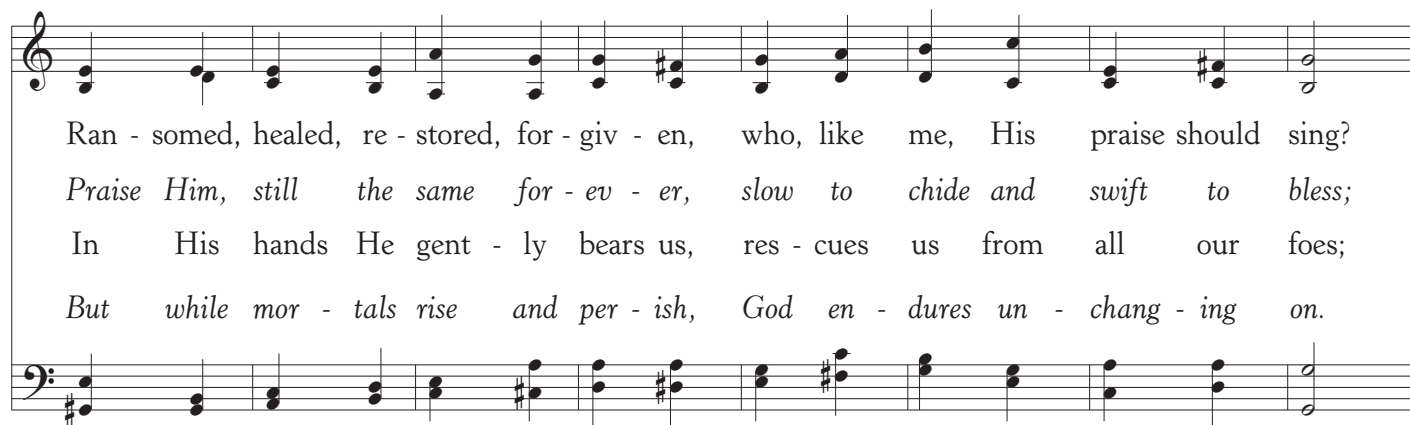
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

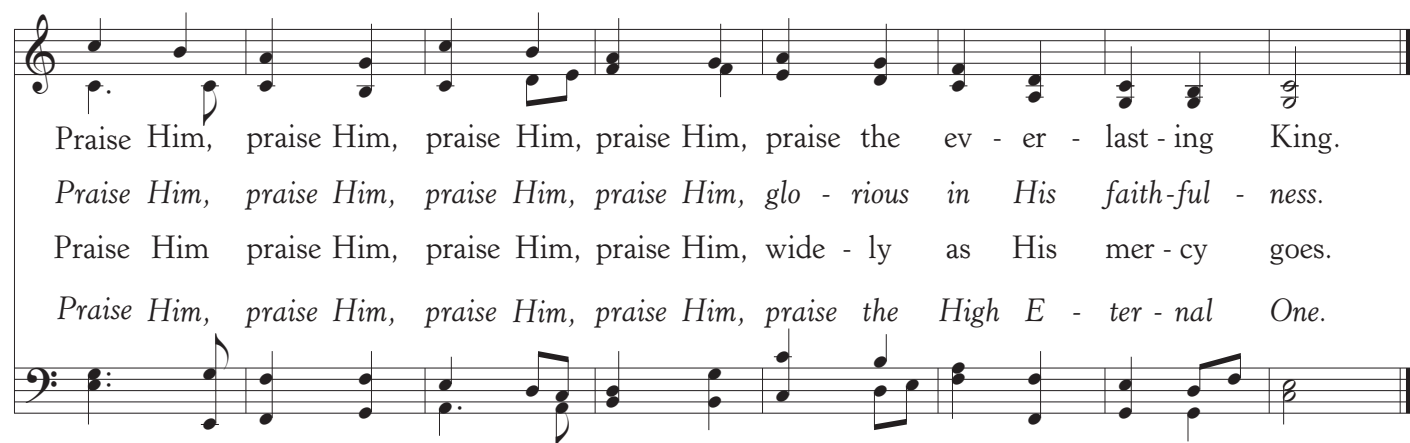
Congregational Hymn—Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven



Praise, my soul, the King of Heav - en, to His feet your trib - ute bring;
Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor, to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
Fa - ther-like, He tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame He knows;
Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, His praise should sing?
Praise Him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;
In His hands He gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
But while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.



Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
Praise Him praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, wide - ly as His mer - cy goes.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.

Text: based on Psalm 103, Henry F. Lyte, 1834;
Music: LAUDA ANIMA, John Goss, 1869.

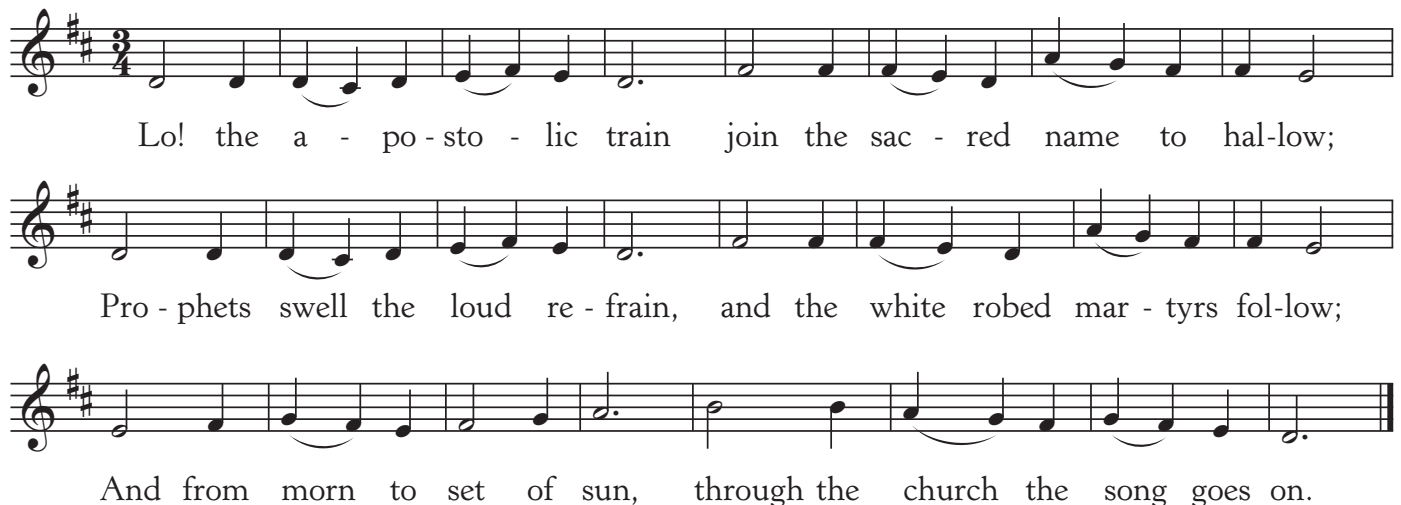
Sermon Text—Psalm 26:1-12

- Vindicate me, O Lord,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.
- ² Prove me, O Lord, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.
- ³ For Your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in Your faithfulness.
- ⁴ I do not sit with men of falsehood,
nor do I consort with hypocrites.
- ⁵ I hate the assembly of evildoers,
and I will not sit with the wicked.
- ⁶ I wash my hands in innocence
and go around Your altar, O Lord,
- ⁷ proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,
and telling all Your wondrous deeds.
- ⁸ O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house
and the place where Your glory dwells.
- ⁹ Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
- ¹⁰ in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.
- ¹¹ But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.
- ¹² My foot stands on level ground;
in the great assembly I will bless the Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Holy God, We Praise Your Name, Vs. 3



Lo! the a - po - sto - lic train join the sac - red name to hal-low;
Pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white robed mar - tyrs fol-low;
And from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Text: based on *Te Deum*, 4th century, attr. Ignace Franz, 1774;
Music: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774.

Sermon—*Hard-Fought, Heartfelt, It-Is-Well Hallelujah*

—Pastor Emeritus, George Grant

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The people of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Confession of Sin—based on 2 Corinthians 6:14-16

Pastor: Oh Lord, we come confessing our doubt and doublemindedness, our foolishness and faithlessness, our selfishness and sin.

All: What partnership has righteousness with lawlessness?

Pastor: What fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial?

All: What portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God.

Assurance of Pardon—2 Corinthians 6:2, 16-18; Acts 1:8

For He says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. As God said, “I will make My dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, go out from their midst, and be separate from them,” says the Lord, “and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me,” says the Lord Almighty.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: For Christ Himself confirmed: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses.”

All: “In Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Sung Response—Abide With Me, Vs. 1

A-bide with me: fast falls the ev-en - tide; The dark-ness deep-ens; Lord with me a - bide;

When oth-er help-ers fail, and com-forts flee, Help of the help-less, O a - bide with me.

Text: Henry Francis Lyte, 1847; Music: EVENTIDE (MONK),
William Henry Monk, 1861.

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM

God feeds the faith of His people by giving them a meal. As God fellowships with them in faith, His people pledge their obedience to God and their love for one another.

Profession of Faith—*The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died, and was buried;
and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and now sits on the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end;

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;

And we believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church—both seen and unseen;
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.


People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.


Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

WOMEN




Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might,


MEN




Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might.




Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.




Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho san-na in the high - est.




Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the



Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est, Ho



high - est, Ho san-na in the high - est, Ho-san-na in the high - est. A - men.



san-na in the high - est, Ho san-na in the high - est. A - men.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.

Congregational Psalm—Be My Contender In The Strife (Psalm 35)



Be my con - ten - der in the strife, O Lord my strong de - fen - der be _____
My foes re - joice at my dis - may, but You, O Lord, have seen it all; _____
I look to You, my God, my Lord; my right - eous judge, to You I pray; _____
Yes, let the Lord be mag - ni - fied, be - cause Your ser - vants You have blessed _____



Your migh - ty shield pro - tect my life, Your spear con - front my en - e - my _____
O be no long - er far a - way, nor si - lent when to You I call. _____
Let not my foes cry out with scorn and laugh with joy at my dis - may. _____
And from the morn - ing to the night, I dai - ly praise Your right - eous - ness _____



A - mid the con - flict, O my Lord, Your pre - cious pro - mise let me hear _____
O vin - di - cate me from Your throne, O Lord, my right - eous cause main - tain; _____
Give woe and shame to those whose spite would see my right - eous cause des - troyed;
My soul is joy - ful in the Lord, in His sal - va - tion I re - joice; _____



That faith - ful, re - as - sur - ing word: "I am your Sav - ior, do not fear." _____
You are my Lord and God a - lone; a - wake, and make Your just - ice plain. _____
But those who in the good de - light, let them be glad and shout for joy. _____
To Him my heart will praise ac - cord and bless His name with thank - ful voice. _____

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 35:1-28, *Psalter*, 1912, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2016;
Music: WEST HARPETH, Henry C. Haffner, 2016.

Congregational Hymn—It Is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like sea bil-lows roll;
 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as - sur - ance con-trol,
 My sin, oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought! My sin, not in part but the whole,
 And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;

What - ev - er my lot, Thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well, with my soul.
 That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul.
 Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 The trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de - scend, ev - en so, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul;

Text: Horatio G Spafford, 1873; Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Phillip P. Bliss, 1876.

GOD'S PEOPLE GRATEFULLY RESPOND WITH THEIR PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS, AND PRAISE

Praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship, moving our faith from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings. Offering boxes for both tithes and alms are located in the foyer.

Pastoral Prayer

Corporate Prayer—*The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done,
On Earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Congregational Psalm—Lord, Vindicate Me (Psalm 26)



Lord, vin - di - cate me; I have walked in my in - teg - ri - ty.
I will not be with worth-less men, nor with the hyp - o - crite.
O Lord, I love Your dwell - ing place; Your house is my de - light.
But I have set my - self to walk in my in - teg - ri - ty;



And I have trust - ed in the Lord; I've been un - wa - ver - ing.
I hate the crowd of wick - ed men; with e - vil I'll not sit.
The place in which Your glo - ry dwells is love - ly in my sight.
O deal with me in gra - cious - ness, re - deem and set me free.



Ex - am - ine me and prove me, Lord; test heart and mind, I pray.
I'll guilt-less wash my hands and come be - fore Your al - tar, Lord.
With sin - ners do not take my soul, with men who blood have spilled.
My foot now stands on lev - el ground, a place of up - right - ness;



Since I be - hold Your stead - fast love; Your truth has led my way.
And I will shout with thank - ful voice; Your won - ders I'll re - cord.
Their hands per - form a wick - ed scheme; their hands with bribes are filled.
And where the con - gre - ga - tion meets, the Lord I there will bless.

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Text: based on Psalm 26:1-12; Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk song.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Holy God, We Praise Your Name, Vs. 4



Ho - ly Fath - er, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, three we name You;



While in es - sence onl - y One, un - di - vid - ed God we claim You;



And a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we sing this my - ster - y.

Text: based on *Te Deum*, 4th century, attr. Ignace Franz, 1774;
Music: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

The sermon text this morning from Psalm 26 takes us on a journey—from desperate cries for deliverance to confident hope in the Lord’s provision. Many of the elements chosen for today’s service, both the Scriptures we read and the hymns we sing, have similar themes. We’ll hear from 2 Timothy 3 that “all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,” and hymns like *Abide With Me* and *Be My Contender In The Strife—Psalm 35* have us crying out, “vindicate me,” and “confront my enemy,” looking to the “help of the helpless” amid deepening darkness. David’s confidence in the last verse of Psalm 26 is paralleled by *Fret Not Yourself—Psalm 37*, *Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven*, and *It Is Well With My Soul*. These hymns assure us that the Lord is “a stronghold sure in troubled days,” that He will “rescue us from all our foes,” and that Christ’s blood shall overcome all our trials and sorrows. What difficult situations are you facing this morning? Are you surrounded by evildoers? Is your integrity being questioned? The readings from 2 Corinthians that you’ll find throughout the service remind us to place our hope in “the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,” who promises comfort in all our afflictions. Then we can say, with David, “My foot stands on level ground.”

—Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Vindicate, Test, Consort, Evildoers, Altar, Habitation, Redeem

Keystone Verse: O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. (Psalm 26:8)



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