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Trinity Sunday

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There are many today who talk about the love of God, who are total strangers to the God of love... How little real love there is for God. One chief reason for this is because our hearts are so little occupied with His wondrous love for His people. The better we are acquainted with His love—its character, fullness, blessedness—the more will our hearts be drawn out in love to Him. —A. W. Pink

The gospel reveals the wonderful love of God the Father to poor sinful, miserable men, in giving Christ not only to love them while in the world, but to love them to the end. —Jonathan Edwards

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

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

Gospel Invitation—Romans 5:7-8

One will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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 Psalm 36:5-10

Pastor: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds.

All: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast You save, O Lord.

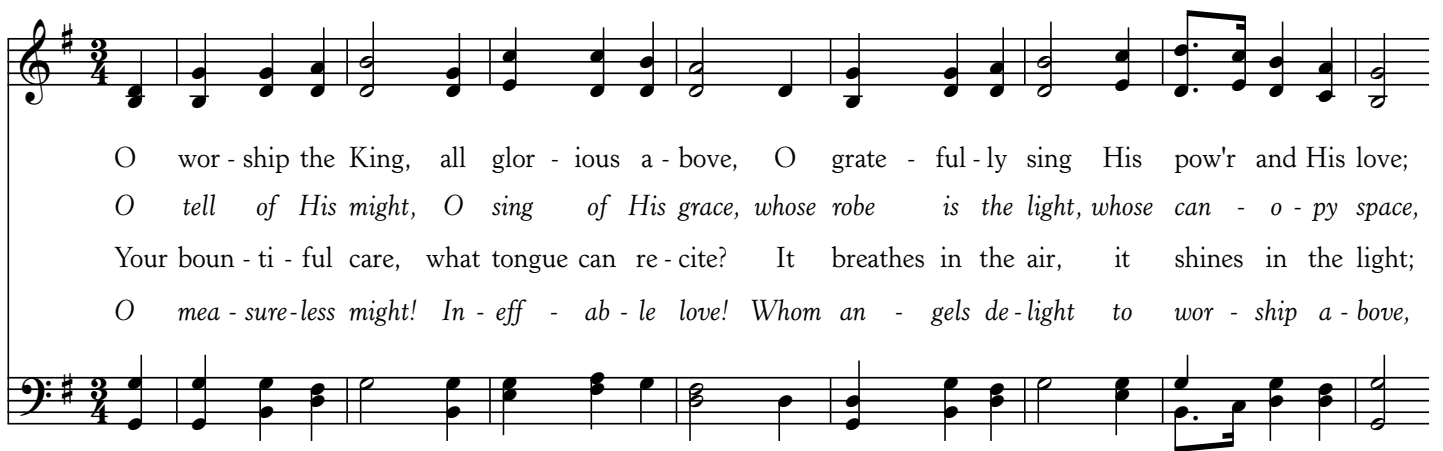
Reader 1: For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.

Reader 2: Your people feast on the abundance of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.

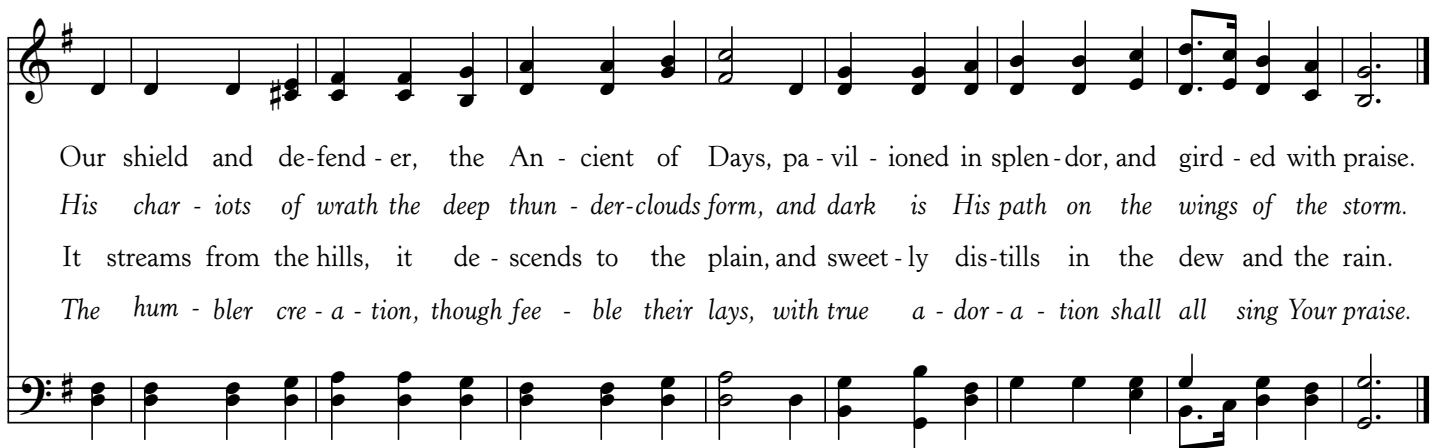
All: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

Pastor: Oh, continue Your steadfast love to those who know You and Your righteousness to the upright in heart!

Congregational Hymn—O Worship The King



O wor - ship the King, all glor - ious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
O mea - sure - less might! In - eff - ab - le love! Whom an - gels de - light to wor - ship a - bove,



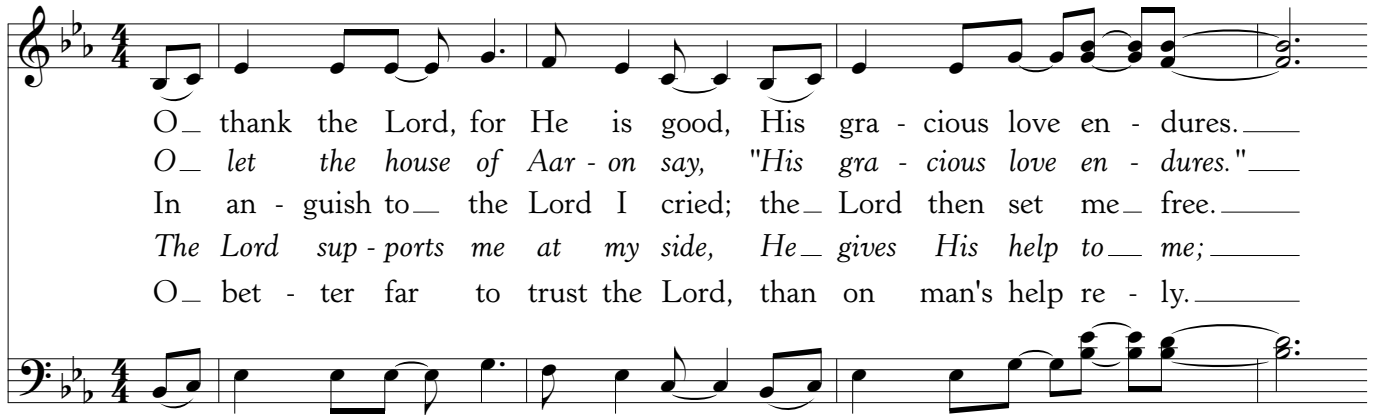
Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form, and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain, and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
The hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays, with true a - dor - a - tion shall all sing Your praise.

Text: based on Psalm 104, Robert Grant, 1833;
Music: LYONS, Joseph Martin Kraus, 1784.

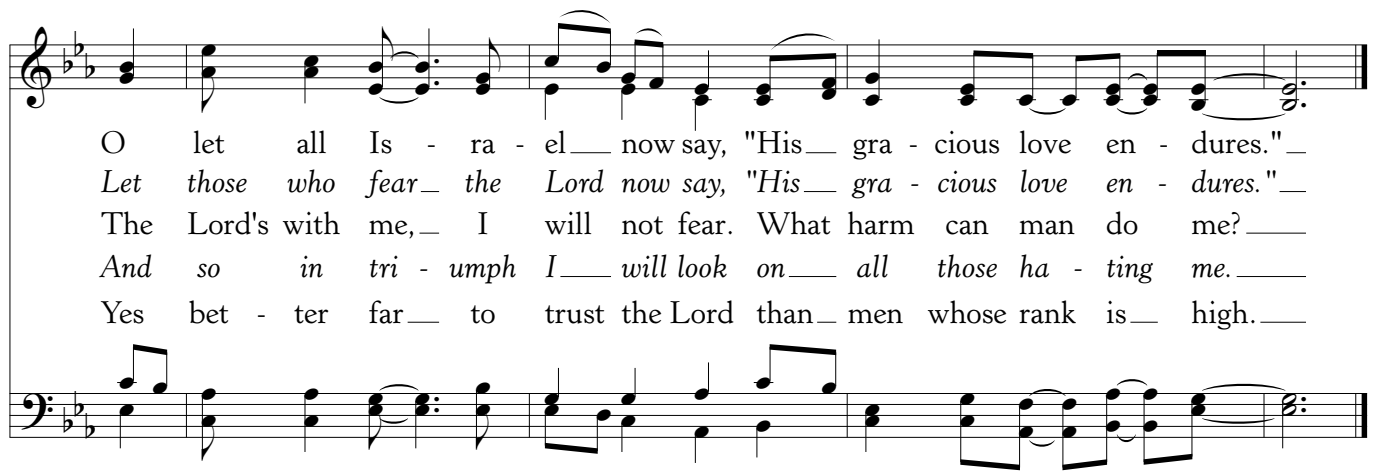
GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

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

Congregational Psalm—O Thank The Lord, For He Is Good (Psalm 118)



O_ thank the Lord, for He is good, His gra - cious love en - dures.____
O_ let the house of Aar - on say, "His gra - cious love en - dures."____
In an - guish to_ the Lord I cried; the_ Lord then set me_ free.____
The Lord sup - ports me at my side, He_ gives His help to_ me;____
O_ bet - ter far to trust the Lord, than on man's help re - ly.____



O let all Is - ra - el_ now say, "His_ gra - cious love en - dures."____
Let those who fear_ the Lord now say, "His_ gra - cious love en - dures."____
The Lord's with me,_ I will not fear. What harm can man do me?____
And so in tri - umph I_ will look on_ all those ha - ting me.____
Yes bet - ter far_ to trust the Lord than_ men whose rank is_ high.____

Text: Psalm 118:1-9; *The Book of Psalms for Worship*, © 2009 Crown and Covenant Publications;
Music: WHITE LAKE, Michael Tabon, 1999.

Scripture Reading—John 15:9-17

Jesus said, "As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Hymn—To Our Redeemer’s Glorious Name



To our Re - deem - er's glor - ious name a - wake the sac - red song:
Let won - der still with love u - nite, and gra - ti - tude and joy;
Dear Lord, while we a - dor - ing pay our hum - ble thanks to Thee,
O may the sweet, the bliss - ful theme fill ev - ery heart and tongue,



O may His love— im - mor - tal flame— tune ev - ery heart and tongue.
Be Jes - us our su - preme de - light, His praise our best em - ploy.
May ev - ery heart with glad - ness say, the Sav - ior died for me.
Till strang - ers love Thy charm - ing name, and join the sa - cred song.

Text: Anne Steel, 1760; Music: MCKEE, Traditional Irish Melody,
arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939.

Reading of the Word—1 John 4:7-21

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as He is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because He first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sung Response—O The Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus, Vs. 3



O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry love the best;



'Tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing, 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest.



O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;



And it lifts me up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to Thee.

Text: Samuel Trevor Francis, 1890; Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1890.

Sermon—*The Fountain of Love*

—Associate Pastor, Brian Phillips

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 Psalm 25:6-7, 11, 18, 22

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Remember Your mercy and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

All: For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great.

Pastor: Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions, for we have not loved You nor have we loved one another as we ought.

All: According to Your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!

Pastor: Consider our affliction and our trouble, and forgive all our sins.

All: Redeem us, O God, out of all our troubles.

Assurance of Pardon—Psalm 103:8, 10-12; Acts 1:8

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love... He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgression from us.

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—There's A Wideness In God's Mercy, Vs. 4



This is God: His love looks might-ty, but is might-tier than it seems;



'Tis our Fath-er: and His fond-ness goes far out be-yond our dreams.



Was there ev-er kind-er shep-herd half so gen-tle, half so sweet,



As the Sav-ior who would have us come and gath-er at His feet?

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1854; Music: HOLY MANNA, William Moore, 1825.

HEAVENLY GIFT—*EUCCHARISTO*

As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God: the Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.
On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy church—both visible and invisible;
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

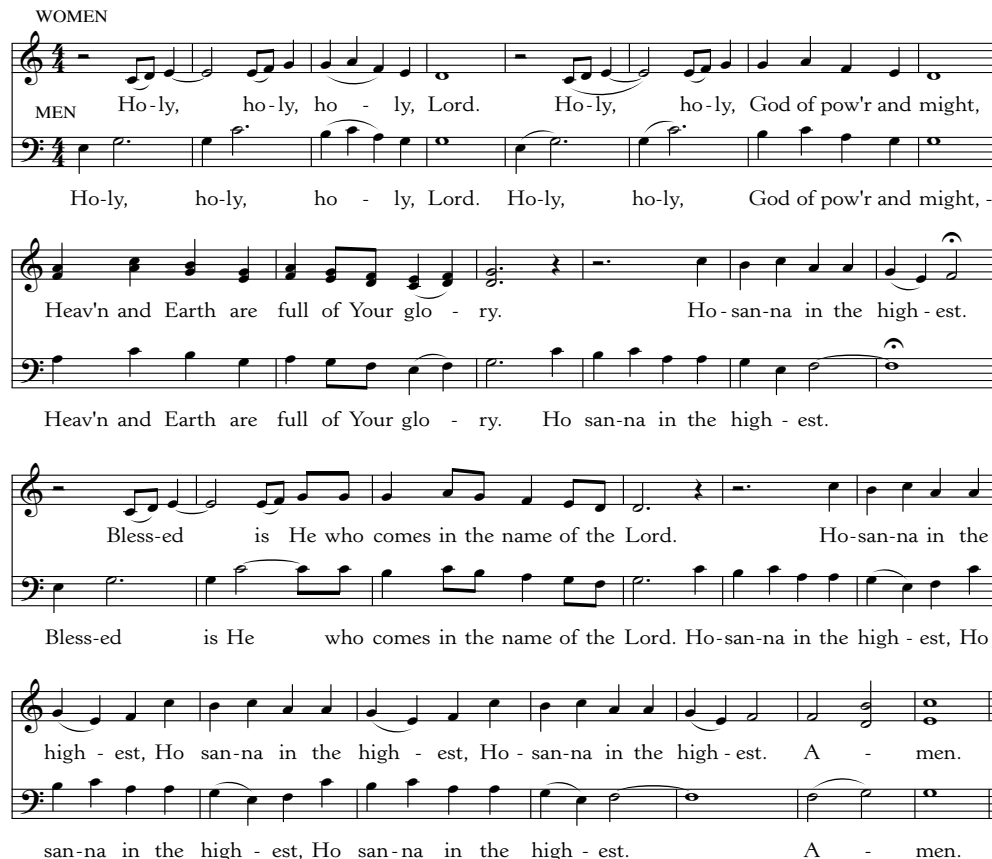
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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



MEN Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might,
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.
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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—My Soul Waits In Expectation (Psalm 62)

My soul waits in ex - pec - ta - tion, and de - pends on God in - deed.
In my God I rest and glo - ry, for sal - va - tion is most sure.
All you peo - ples, all you na - tions, all times place in Him your trust!

All my strength and my sal - va - tion, does from Him a - lone proc - eed.
In the God and Rock of strength, — Is — my — re - fuge most se - cure.
Pour out all your heart be - fore Him, trust in — no - thing but His love.

He a - lone is my — Sal - va - tion, He a - lone my sure de - fense;
I shall not be great - ly shak - en, From my Strong - hold and De - fense.
God is a re - fuge for — His peo - ple. Pow'r be - longs to God a - lone!

He — a - lone my sure de - fense.
From — my Strong - hold and De - fense.
Pow - er be - longs to God a - lone.

Text: from Psalm 62, alt. Nathan George, 2011; Music: Nathan George, 2011.

Congregational Hymn—What Wondrous Love Is This

What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

What won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this
When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down; when I was sink - ing down
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

That caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul,
Be - neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul,
Who is the great I AM while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing,
I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on,

For my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul?
For my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul.
I will sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: American Folk Hymn; Music: WONDROUS LOVE, William Walker, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS

Our praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship. It is here that our faith moves from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—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 Hymn—Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

Je - sus loves me, this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
Je - sus loves me, this I know, He loved child - ren long a - go.
Je - sus loves me, He will stay close be - side me all the way;
Je - sus loves me He who died heav - en's gate to o - pen wide.

Lit - tle ones to Him be - long; they are weak, but He is strong.
In His arms for all to see, say - ing, "Let them come to Me."
He's pre - pared a home for me, and some - day His face I'll see.
He will wash a - way my sin, let His lit - tle child come in.

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna Bartlett Warner, 1859; Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William Bradbury, 1861.

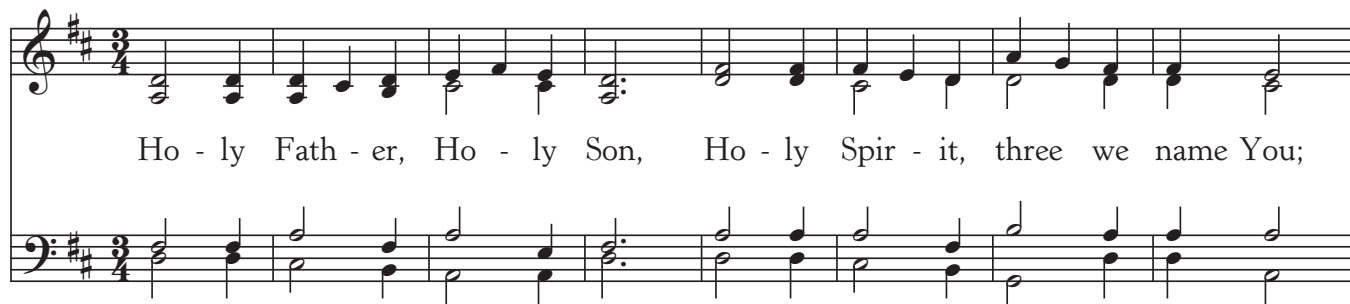
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

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.

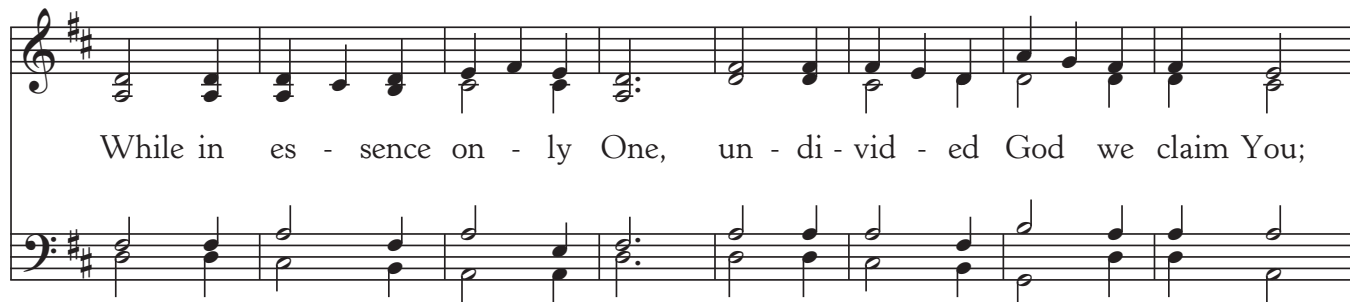
Benediction—1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints. *Amen.*

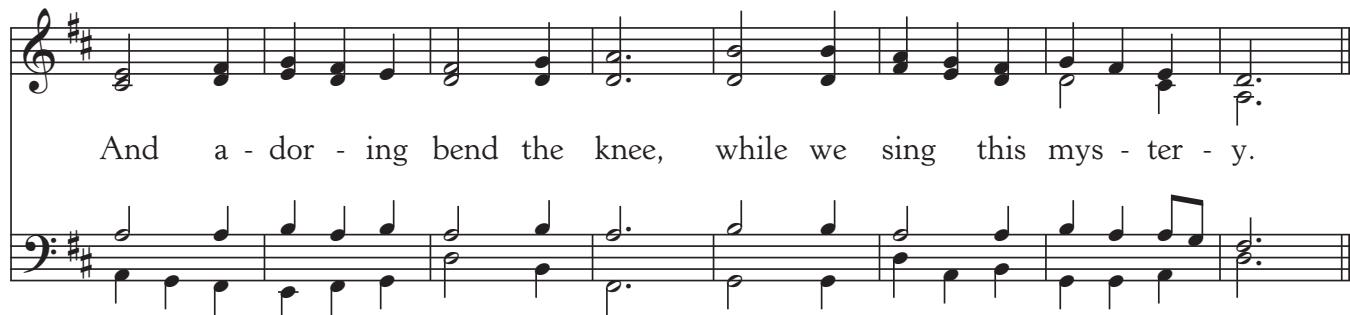
Sung Response—Holy God, We Praise Your Name, Vs. 4



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



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



And a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we sing this mys - ter - y.

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

Announcements

Worship Notes:

I'll have to admit, when the task is to find hymns to complement a service focused on the passage "God is love" (1 John 4:8), the difficulty isn't finding suitable material—it's trying to narrow the material down! See if you notice some of the fantastic descriptions of God's love in our hymnody this morning: it is "ineffable," "wondrous," an "immortal flame," and the "love of every love the best." We'll confess that His love is mighty, and yet mightier than it seems. The psalms will remind us that His love endures forever (Psalm 118) and to "trust in nothing but His love" (Psalm 62). But I think my favorite rendering of the love of God that we'll sing this morning is the beloved children's hymn *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*. All throughout this sermon series, I've hoped to find a place to use this hymn because it pairs so appropriately with the Apostle John, who often refers to his readers as "little children." The simple yet profound words speak to the hope we have from the Scriptures that Christ died to wash away our sins because He loves us—truths that bring comfort to Christians of any age. —Henry C. Haffner

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Keystone Verse: We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19



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