

The LITURGY of MORNING PRAYER & HOLY COMMUNION on 17TH SUNDAY after TRINITY, 2025 A.D.

Church! The liturgy is entirely contained within this booklet. In general, we stand (*) to sing, sit to listen, and kneel (†) to pray. **Boldface** indicates congregational participation. At Holy Communion, all baptized Christians who love our Divine Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in sincerity and are living in peace and charity with their neighbors are invited to receive the Eucharist. Further instructions on how to receive Holy Communion or a blessing can be found beginning on page 24.

The Liturgy begins at 10am, ending around 11:25am, at which point the adults will enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshments, while the children and teens go immediately to their Catechesis classes. Around 11:45pm, adult catechesis will begin. Lunch will be provided following Catechesis. May God bless you on this Lord's Day!

Respite From Our World of Cacophony

"Music and silence—how I detest them!
We demons will make the whole universe a noise in the end."
(the senior devil to his pupil in C.S. Lewis' Screwtape Letters)

The pianist entered the stage—the audience applauded and then settled into anticipatory silence—the pianist stared at the keys—the silence of the audience was broken by whispers, then shouts as the pianist sat with his hands in his lap—shouts became angry outbursts, increasing in volume. After four minutes and thirty-three seconds the pianist stood up, bowed to the audience, and left the stage. The composition was the four and a half minute reaction of the crowd!

That is us, impatiently waiting: an ages-long dissonant, raucous symphony is being performed by our fallen world, and we are the performers. It wasn't always like that. The Author of creation had been the 'oboe' that sounded the defining center of an 'in tune' symphonic Eden. Satan's deception insisted on created beings becoming the 'centering pitch' of the world, echoing his destructive composition; his temptation succeeded and the Eternal Oboe was cast aside.

John Cage, the composer of 4'33", had risked ridicule by unmasking the truth of our time —the advocates of beauty have been replaced by the arbiters of ugliness. The sanctified stage has been abandoned for the seductive street.

Chaotic noise has inescapably surrounded us, ever growing in intensity and dissonance: protests, division, moral ambiguity, confusion, hatred of those not like us. The 'percussives' among us pound furiously; our 'brassy ones' blast 'virtuous violinists' into subservience. Conductors struggle against 'orchestral anarchists'. All is noise, not art. We long for quiet, a place immune to society's anguish. Why is it so elusive? We're looking in the wrong place.

How precious is Thy loving kindness, O God! And the children of men take refuge in the shadow of Thy wing. (Psalm 36:7)

The Hebrew word for 'shadow' represents divine protection in the swelter of life's journey; His shadow is His shelter, a place set apart for safety. What better place to be! We enter seeking a 'space that keeps the holy within'—His shadow is literally our sanctuary. Nothing can be more holy than 'spiritual silence' surrounded by the sounds of the sacred. Such a sanctuary provokes the hell-bent minions of deadening cacophony into desperate fury.

There will yet be another noise, a welcoming noise, that will deafen the Deceiver. We will be awakened by the trumpet blast signaling the advent of Eternity. The need for shadow will vanish, replaced by the cleansing, purifying light of the risen Christ. Our 'oboe', the God of the beautiful, will once again bring us, His believing orchestra, into perfect and everlasting harmony.

You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. (Psalms 91:5-10)

-Greg Athnos



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Tune: An Essay on the Church Plain Chant, 1782

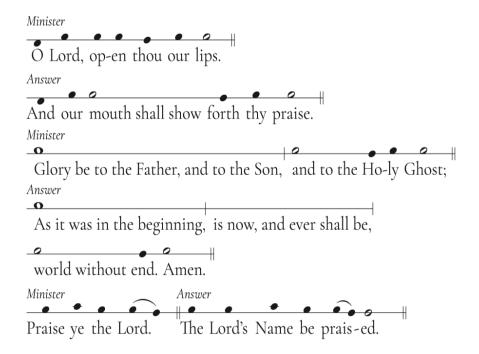
THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER

*Opening Sentence

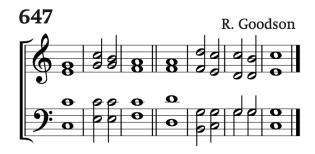
Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. *Isaiah* lvii. 15.

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. *St. John* iv. 23

*Preces



* Venite



- 1 O come, let us sing | unto · the LORD;
 - * let us heartily rejoice in the strength of | our salvation.
 - 2 Let us come before his presence with | thanksgiving;
 - * and show ourselves | glad in him with psalms.
 - 3 For the LORD is a | great God;
 - * and a great | King above all gods.
 - 4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth;
 - * and the strength of the hills is | his also.
 - 5 The sea is | his, and · he made it;
 - * and his hands prepared the **dry** land.
 - 6 O come, let us worship and | fall down,
 - * and kneel before the | LORD our Maker.
 - 7 For he is the | Lord our God;
 - * and we are the people of his pasture, and the | sheep of his hand.
 - 8 O worship the LORD in the | beauty · of holiness;
 - * let the whole earth | stand in awe of him.
 - 9 For he cometh, for he cometh to | judge the earth;
 - * and with righteousness to judge the world, and the | peoples with his truth.
 - 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 Portion of the Psalter: Psalm 25



UNTO thee, O LORD, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee: * O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

- 2 For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed;* but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.
- 3 Show me thy ways, O LORD, * and teach me thy paths.
- 4 Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me: * for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.
- 5 Call to remembrance, O LORD, thy tender mercies, * and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.
- 6 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth; * but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O LORD, for thy goodness.
- 7 Gracious and righteous is the LORD; * therefore, will he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 Them that are meek shall he guide in judgment; * and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

- 9 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, * unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- 10 For thy Name's sake, O LORD, * be merciful unto my sin; for it is great.
- II What man is he that feareth the LORD? * him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.
- 12 His soul shall dwell at ease, * and his seed shall inherit the land.
- 13 The secret of the LORD is among them that fear him; * and he will show them his covenant.
- 14 Mine eyes are ever looking unto the LORD; * for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
- 15 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; * for I am desolate, and in misery.
- 16 The sorrows of my heart are enlarged: * O bring thou me out of my troubles.
- 17 Look upon my adversity and misery, * and forgive me all my sin.
- 18 Consider mine enemies, how many they are; * and they bear a tyrannous hate against me.
- 19 O keep my soul, and deliver me: * let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee.
- 20 Let perfectness and righteous dealing wait upon me; * for my hope hath been in thee.
- 21 Deliver Israel, O God, * out of all his troubles.
- 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 Lesson: Jeremiah 13:15-21

15 Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the Lord hath spoken. 16 Give glory to the Lord your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness. 17 But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the Lord's flock is carried away captive. 18 Say unto the king and to the queen, Humble yourselves, sit down: for your principalities shall come down, even the crown of your glory. 19 The cities of the south shall be shut up, and none shall open them: Judah shall be carried away captive all of it, it shall be wholly carried away captive. 20 Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north: where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock? 21 What wilt thou say when he shall punish thee? for thou hast taught them to be captains, and as chief over thee: shall not sorrows take thee, as a woman in travail?

*Canticle: Levavi oculus



- I WILL lift up mine eyes | unto · the hills; * from | WHENCE | cometh · my help?
- 2 My help cometh even | from the LORD, *who hath | MADE | heaven · and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer thy | foot · to be | moved;* and he that | keepeth · thee will not sleep.
- 4 Behold, he that keepeth | Israel * shall | neither | slumber · nor sleep.
- 5 The LORD him|self · is thy | keeper; * the LORD is thy defense up|on thy RIGHT hand;
- 6 So that the sun shall not | burn thee ⋅ by day, * - | neither ⋅ the | moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve thee from | ALL evil; * yea, it is even | he · that shall | keep thy soul.
- 8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out, and thy | coming in, * from this time | forth for evermore.

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 ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

†The Collect for Purity

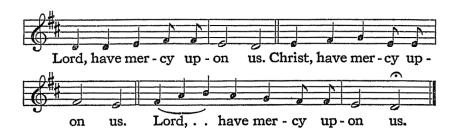
A LMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

[†]The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

†Kyrie eleison





The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

[†]The Collects for the 17th Sunday after Trinity

L ORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

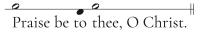
I THEREFORE, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love 3 endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

*The Holy Gospel: St. Luke 14:1-11

At the announcement of the Gospel, it is customary to mark your forehead, lips, and heart with the shape of a Cross, praying God would give you grace to know +, speak +, and love + the Gospel.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

T T came to pass, as Jesus went into the house of one of f L the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him. 2 And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy. 3 And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day? 4 And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go 5 and answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day? 6 And they could not answer him again to these things. 7 And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them, 8 When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; 9 and he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. 10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee, II For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.





*The Nicene Creed

I 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 onlybegotten Son of God; Begotten of his 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 Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Homily

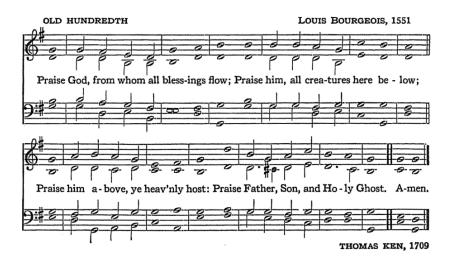
<u>Notes</u>

Offertory: Chant Choir: Call to Remembrance (Farrant)

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy and thy loving kindness which hath been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth, but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

*Presentation Doxology



[†]Prayer for the whole state of Christ's Church

Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

W E beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of <u>all Christian Rulers</u>, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all <u>Bishops and other Ministers</u>, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all <u>those who</u>, in this transitory life, <u>are in trouble</u>, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also \pm bless thy holy Name for all thy <u>servants</u> <u>departed this life</u> in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

†A General Confession & Absolution

Y E who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following

the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

(Here, we pause briefly to recall our sins.)

Amighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

A LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Comfortable Words

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

OME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. St. Matt. xi. 28.

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. St. John iii. 16.

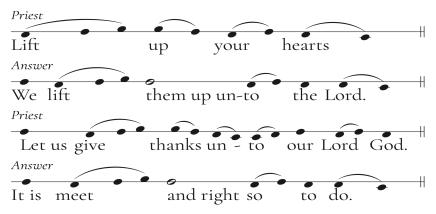
Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I Tim. i. 15.

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. 1 St. John ii. 1, 2.

†Sursum corda

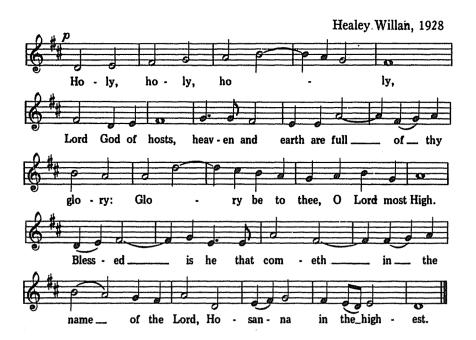


†Preface

I T is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

†Sanctus & Benedictus



[†]The Prayer of Consecration

A LL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon

the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again: For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. 4 Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. +

†The Oblation

Wherefore O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

†The Invocation

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

↑ ND we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

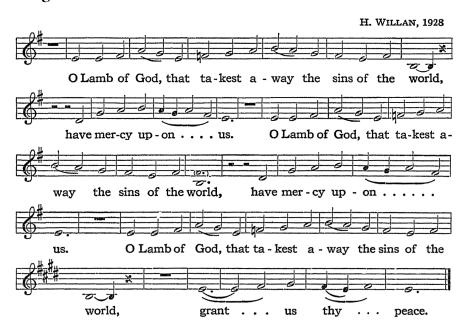
And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,



†Prayer for Humble Access

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

†Agnus Dei

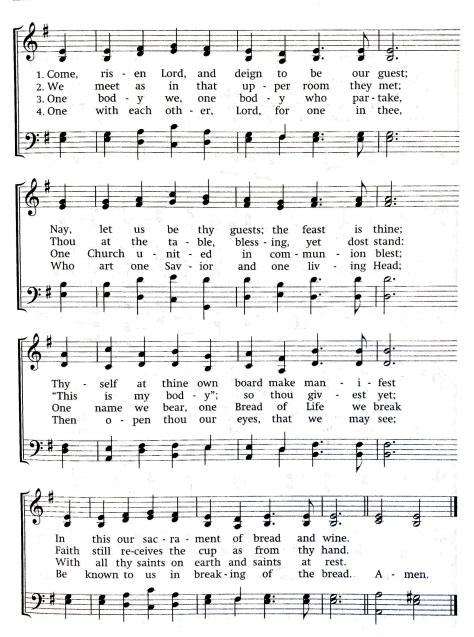


Instructions for taking Holy Communion

If you are baptized into God's family and you sincerely love Christ, then you are welcome to partake of His Sacrament, whether you are a member of the Reformed Episcopal Church or another Christian denomination. To partake by the Common Cup, simply ingest the consecrated host that is placed in your palm. To partake by Intinction (where the consecrated host is dipped in the Precious Blood and placed upon your tongue), leave the consecrated host in your palm. If you are not receiving Holy Communion today, either because you are not baptized or for conscience's sake, you are still invited forward to receive a blessing. Indicate this preference by crossing your arms over your chest. Baptized children are welcome to receive Holy Communion if that is the practice and desire of the parents. If you have a severe gluten allergy, you may receive consecrated gluten-free hosts in the small section to the far right of the Communion rail. If you are returning to church after a long time away, you are encouraged to wait to receive Communion until you speak to one of the clergy. Instead, receive a blessing at the rail.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited to sing the following hymns during the time when we receive communion:



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Text: Greek; tr. John Brownlie, alt. Tune: Johann Crüger, 1653

JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT 7.8.7.8 with refrain



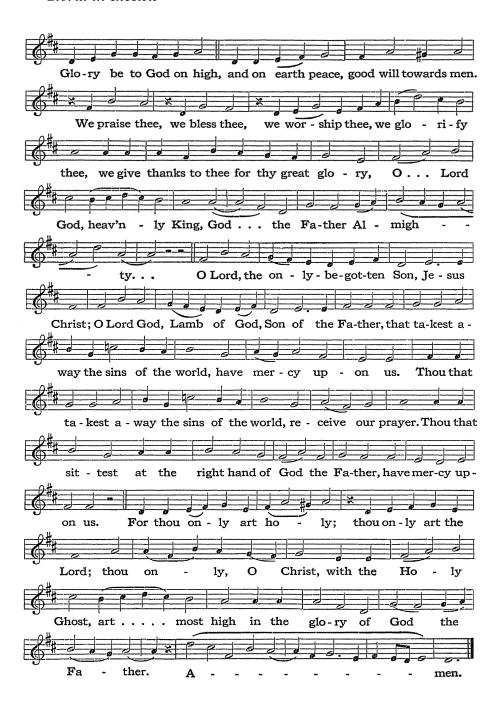
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†Prayer of Thanksgiving

 $oldsymbol{A}$ thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

* Gloria in excelsis



†Blessing

The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

*Recessional Hymn (next page)

V: Let us go forth in joy and peace to love and serve the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

Upcoming Events

- October 12, 6pm-8pm: Abbrevieted New Members Class
- October 16, 9:30pam: Women's Bible Study @ First Baptist Smyrna
- October 22-23: Cell groups meet
- October 24-26: Cure of Souls Class with Cranmer Theological House
- October 28, 6pm: Feast of Sts. Simon & Jude
- November 1st, 6:00pm: Feast of All Saints
- November 8, 7pm: Requiem for the Unborn
- November 14-16: CTK Men's Retreat @ St. Bernard's Abbey (Alabama)





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