

The LITURGY of MORNING PRAYER & HOLY COMMUNION on 7TH 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. There will be no catechesis today. May God bless you on this Lord's Day!

One Night, Three Miracles

Music: Stainer: God So Loved the World

2008—It was opening night at the Olympic Festival Park in Beijing. My choir of Christian Chinese singers was scheduled to perform at 6:30. As we rehearsed there were many government officials seated at the foot of the stage. In front of them were 40 people in orange T-shirts, clapping plastic thunder sticks and chanting a recurring refrain: "Without the Communist Party there can be no new China". It was intimidation; they knew we were a Christian group.

A Festival official approached me, shook his finger in my face, and said, "Your group sing 5:30, not 6:30." It appeared they wanted us off the stage before the park filled up. A few minutes later he returned and demanded, "You introduce your group."

For months they had worked to stifle our Christian 'identity'. How was I to express the nature of my group without jeopardizing our concert mission? He returned again and shouted, "You say nothing; we say." My singers mounted the stage submerged in a state of anxiety.

In a stentorian voice the Master of Ceremonies began his introduction in Chinese. All of a sudden my Chinese singers broke into smiles. I didn't understand why; then my singers told me. The Moderator had been given the dossier on our choir, thick with the reports of our months- long battle with the Olympic Festival Committee regarding our Christian nature and our sacred music. Without proof-reading anything he began reading the first page from the dossier—it was our description of who we were and what our mission was: "The Tien Yue (Majesty Chorale) is a group of Chinese Christian immigrants to Chicago USA, who have come to share their Christian message of love and hope with the people of China". It was the first miracle of the night!

As a final concession to our months-long request, they allowed us to sing two religious compositions. The first was a Mozart 'Alleluia'. The second was John Stainer's setting of John 3: 16. The Moderator granted our request that the texts of both pieces be read to the crowd in Chinese, and he did so in the same stentorian, authoritative voice. It was the second miracle:

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life.

We left the stage to prolonged applause and boarded our bus to leave. The second performing group was proceeding on to the stage. Immediately a huge thunderstorm deluged the park. The rest of the event was cancelled. We had seen the Hand of God! It was the third miracle!

Had the officials left our performance at 6:30 as initially intended we wouldn't have performed at all. As it turned out we were the only group the thousands in the crowd heard that night, and they left having only heard the 'good news' of Christ. What was intended by the Olympic Festival Committee to stifle our ministry had only served to shine a spotlight on it.

We learned an important lesson—never fear, never give in to intimidation. Trust in the One Who has the final word—He always provides. He is our God, the Creator of miracles.

"God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. He plants His footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm." (Hymn by William Cowper, 1774)

-Greg Athnos



Text: Robert Robinson, 1758

Tune: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

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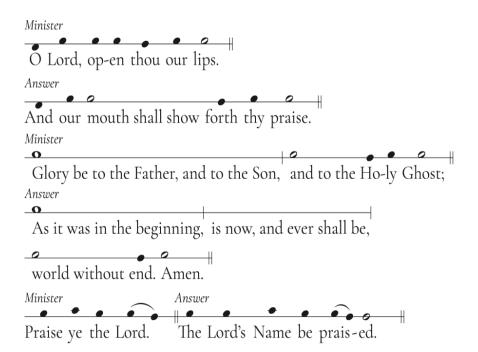
THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER

*Opening Sentence

THE LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. Hab. ii. 20.

I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the LORD. Psalm cxxii. 1.

*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 **Ma**ker.
 - 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.

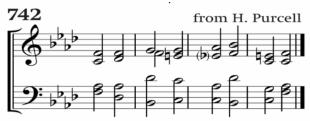
Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,

* 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:



- BY the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, * when we remembered thee, O Sion.
- 2 As for our harps, we hanged them up * upon the trees that are therein.
- 3 For they that led us away captive, required of us then a song, and melody in our heaviness: * Sing us one of the songs of Sion.
- 4 How shall we sing the LORD'S song * in a strange land?
- 5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, * let my right hand forget her cunning.
- 6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; * yea, if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.
- 7 Remember the children of Edom, O LORD, in the day of Jerusalem; * how they said, Down with it, down with it, even to the ground.
- 8 O daughter of Babylon, wasted with misery; * yea, happy shall he be that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.
- 9 Blessed shall he be that taketh thy children, * and throweth them against the stones.
 - 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: Ecclesiasticus 6:5-17

5 Sweet language will multiply friends: and a fairspeaking tongue will increase kind greetings. 6 Be in peace with many: nevertheless have but one counsellor of a thousand. 7 If thou wouldest get a friend, prove him first, and be not hasty to credit him. 8 For some man is a friend for his own occasion, and will not abide in the day of thy trouble. 9 And there is a friend, who being turned to enmity and strife will discover thy reproach. 10 Again, some friend is a companion at the table, and will not continue in the day of thy affliction. 11 But in thy prosperity he will be as thyself, and will be bold over thy servants. 12 If thou be brought low, he will be against thee, and will hide himself from thy face. 13 Separate thyself from thine enemies, and take heed of thy friends.

14 A faithful friend is a strong defence: and he that hath found such an one hath found a treasure.
15 Nothing doth countervail a faithful friend, and his excellency is invaluable. 16 A faithful friend is the medicine of life; and they that fear the Lord shall find him. 17 Whoso feareth the Lord shall direct his friendship aright: for as he is, so shall his neighbour be also.

*Canticle: Deus noster refugium

GOD is our | hope and strength,

- * a very | present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore will we not fear, though the | earth be moved, * and though the hills be carried | into · the | midst of · the sea;
- Though the waters thereof | rage and swell, * and though the mountains shake at the | tempest of the same.
- 4 There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the | city · of God; * the holy place of the tabernacle | of the MOST Highest.
- 5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she | not ⋅ be re|moved; * God shall | help her, ⋅ and that right early.
- 6 The nations make much ado, and the | kingdoms · are moved; * but God hath showed his voice, and the | earth shall melt away.

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- 7 The LORD of | hosts is with us; * the God of | Jacob is our refuge.
- 8 O come hither, and behold the | works · of the | LORD, *what destruction he hath | brought upon the earth.
- He maketh wars to cease in | all the world;
 * he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the | chari ots in the fire.
- 10 Be still then, and know that | I am God:* I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be ex alted in the earth.
- 11 The LORD of | hosts is with us; * the God of | Jacob is our refuge.

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

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.

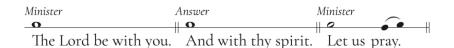
[†]The Summary of the Law

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.

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†Kyrie eleison Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. have mer - cy us.



[†]The Collect for the 7th Sunday after Trinity

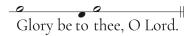
L ORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle: Romans 6:19

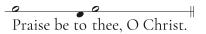
I SPEAK after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. 20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. 21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. 22 But now being made free from sin and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. 23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The Holy Gospel: St. Mark 8:1-9

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.



In those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples unto him, and saith unto them, 2 I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat: 3 and if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way: for divers of them came from far. 4 And his disciples answered him, From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilder ness? 5 And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven. 6 And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set be fore them; and they did set them before the people. 7 And they had a few small fishes: and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before them. 8 So they did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets. 9 And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and he sent them away.





*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.

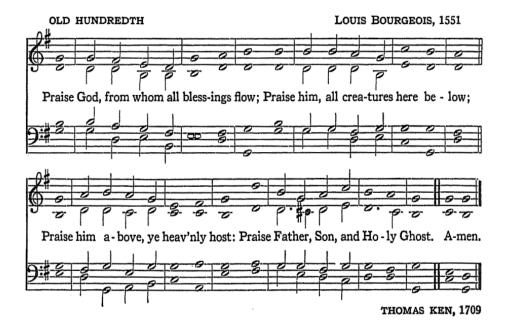
Homily

<u>Notes</u>

Offertory: "The Lord is my Shepherd" (Psalm 23)

Laurie Niederbrach, Erin Wester, flutists; Lucy Kellam, pianist

* 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.**

[†]The Blessing for Religious Education

A LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast committed to thy holy Church the care and nurture of thy children; Enlighten with thy wisdom

those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of thy truth, they may worship thee and serve thee from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[†]The Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

ATCH over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stands; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD, who hast so consecrated the state of Matrimony that in it is represented the spiritual marriage and unity betwixt Christ and his Church; Look mercifully upon these thy servants, that they may love, honour, and cherish each other, and so live together in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. 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.)

Amer 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.

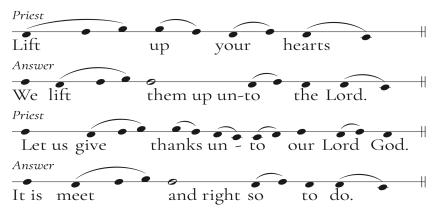
Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

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



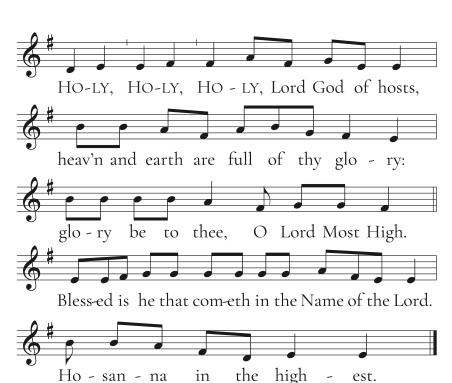
†Preface

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.

T HEREFORE 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

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[†]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. + 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.

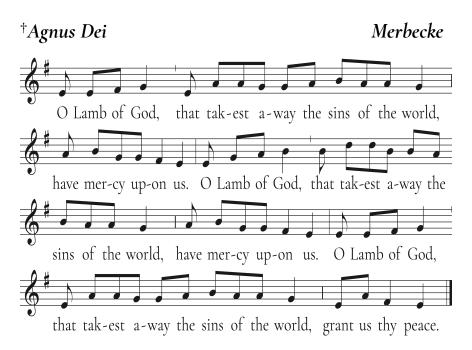
A ND we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, 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



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

Using the Hymnals in the pews, all are invited to sing the following hymns during the time when we receive communion:

- #444, Lord Jesus, think on me
- #461, Thou true Vine
- #473, My Jesus, I love Thee

†Prayer of Thanksgiving

A LMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily 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.



†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

- August 6, 6pm: Feast of the Transfiguration
- August 10, 11:45am: Parish Informational Meeting during Agape Feast



Text: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.; based on Psalm 100 Tune: from Musikalisches Handbuch, 1690, alt.

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