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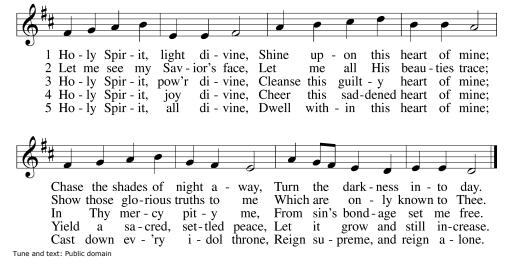


Order of Service for The Holy Trinity June 7, 2020

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496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine



Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- **C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 8:1–2a, 3–5; antiphon: Liturgical Text

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

Kyrie

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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

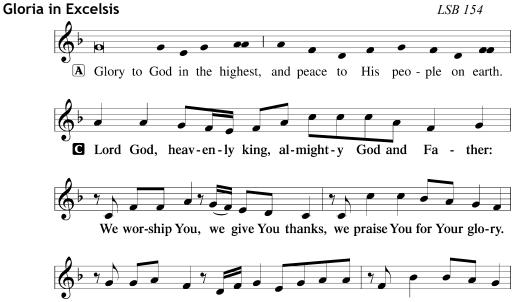


A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.





Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:





P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1–7

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their feet. With two they flew. One called to another and said,

"Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of Armies!

The whole earth is full of his glory!"

⁴The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the temple was filled with smoke. ⁵Then I said, "Woe to me! I am ruined, because I am a man with unclean lips, and I dwell

among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Armies!"

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷He touched my mouth with the coal and said, "See, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- С Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments

and how untraceable his ways!

³⁴"For who has known the mind of the Lord,

or who has been his adviser?" ³⁵"Or who has first given to God

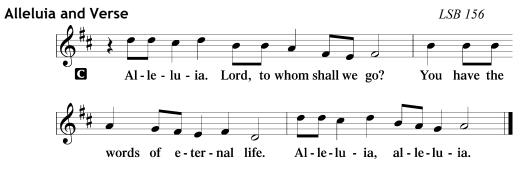
that he will be repaid?"

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

С Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these miraculous signs you are doing unless God is with him."

³Jesus replied, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

⁵Jesus answered, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God! ⁶Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh. Whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above. ⁸The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹"How can these things be?" asked Nicodemus.

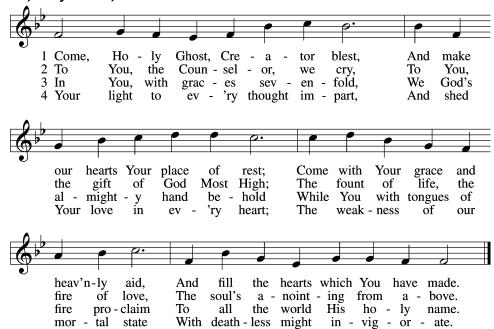
¹⁰"You are the teacher of Israel," Jesus answered, "and you do not know these things? ¹¹Amen, Amen, I tell you: We speak what we know, and we testify about what we have seen. But you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven, except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.

¹⁴"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest



- 5 Drive far away our wily foe, And Your abiding peace bestow; With You as our protecting guide, No evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son, And You, from both, as Three in One That we Your name may ever bless And in our lives the truth confess.

Sermon

Athanasian Creed

- L Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- **C** Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- **L** And the catholic faith is this,
- **C** that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

- **L** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- **C** But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- **L** Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- **C** the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- L the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- **C** the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- **L** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- **C** just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- L In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- **C** and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.
- L So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- **C** and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
- **L** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- **C** and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- L Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- **C** The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- **L** The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- **C** The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- L Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- **C** And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
- L but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- **C** Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- L But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **C** Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.
- L He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- **C** perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

- **L** equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- **C** Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- L one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- **C** one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- **L** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- **C** who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,
- L ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- **C** At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- L And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- **C** This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

Prayer of the Church

- **L** O Lord,
- **C** have mercy.
- **L** O Christ,
- **C** have mercy.
- **L** O Lord,
- **C** have mercy.
- **L** O Christ,
- **C** hear us.
- **L** God the Father in heaven,
- **C** have mercy.
- **L** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
- **C** have mercy.
- **L** God the Holy Spirit,
- **C** have mercy.
- **L** Be gracious to us.
- **C** Spare us, good Lord.
- **L** Be gracious to us.
- **C** Help us, good Lord.
- **L** From all sin, from all error, from all evil;

From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death; From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;

From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

- **C** Good Lord, deliver us.
- **L** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;

By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;

By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

- **C** Help us, good Lord.
- L In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
- **C** Help us, good Lord.
- **L** We poor sinners implore You
- **C** to hear us, O Lord.
- L To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;

To direct and defend our [*president/queen/king*] and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;

To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;

To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them; To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

- **C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

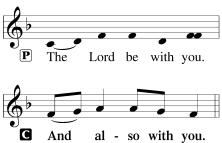
C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

- L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- **C** we implore You to hear us.
- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** have mercy.
- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** have mercy.
- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** grant us Your peace.
- L O Christ,
- **C** hear us.
- L O Lord,
- **C** have mercy.
- **L** O Christ,
- **C** have mercy.
- **L** O Lord,
- **C** have mercy. Amen.

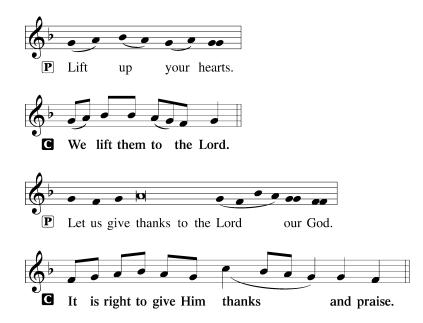


Service of the Sacrament

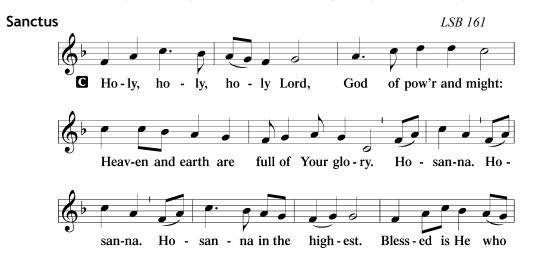
Preface



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It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your onlybegotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the allavailing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

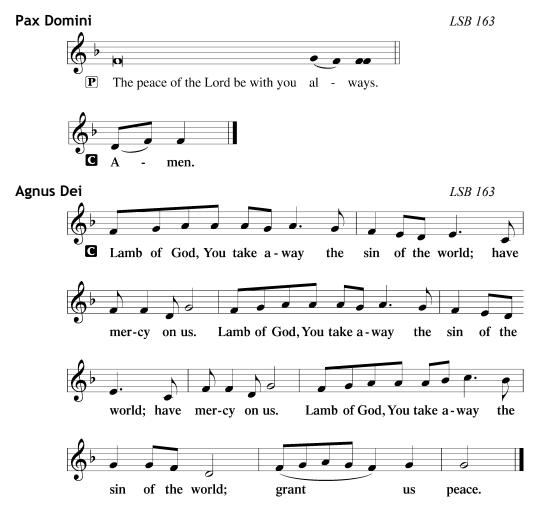
P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

 C 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



Distribution

The pastor and the elder will go from car to car to distribute communion. Please have a clean plate ready. The pastor will place the host(s) on the plate. Then you may distribute it among yourselves in the car and eat Christ's body. For Christ's blood, individual cups will be placed onto a tray. Pastor will hold the tray for you. Take the cups from the tray and consume them. Please take the cups home with you. When you get home I suggest that you rinse them and either drink the remainder or pour it respectfully on the ground outside. However, I leave this to your good Christian judgment.

A word to our guests who do not hold to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's confession of faith:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod practices "closed communion." That means that we only receive the sacrament together with those we are united with in our confession of faith. If you are not a member in good standing of a Lutheran congregation that holds to our confession of

faith, then we will not offer you communion tonight. It is our fervent hope that we may be united in the truth. We are willing and eager to work towards that unity by discussing God's Word with you.

Please contact Pastor Holmen to learn more about our congregation's confession of faith and how we can grow together in the truth of the Scriptures. Pr. Holmen may be reached at (319) 283-8360 or rev.michael.holmen@gmail.com. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Hymns that will be sung during the distribution of the Sacrament are on the following pages. Whenever the distribution of communion is finished we will sing the "Nunc Dimittus" on page ##.

God loved the world so that He His on - ly gave 2 Christ Je -Who faith, sus is the ground of was made 3 God would not Son have the sin ner die; His with of 4 Be good cheer, for God's own Son For gives all -Son the lost to save, That all who would in and suf fered flesh death; All then who trust _ in grace ing nigh; His Spir - it the sav is in jūs - ti sins which you have done; And, fied by life Him be - lieve Should ev - er re - ceive. last - ing chief cor Him a - lone Are built on this ner - stone. Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs. Je sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high est good.

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

- 5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.
- △ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally! Text and tune: Public domain

895 Now Thank We All Our God



384 Of the Father's Love Begotten

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be - 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin, 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with 4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His $\triangle 5$ Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly
gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing
He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re - Prom-ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex - And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -
have been, And that fu - ture years shall see deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
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544 O Love, How Deep

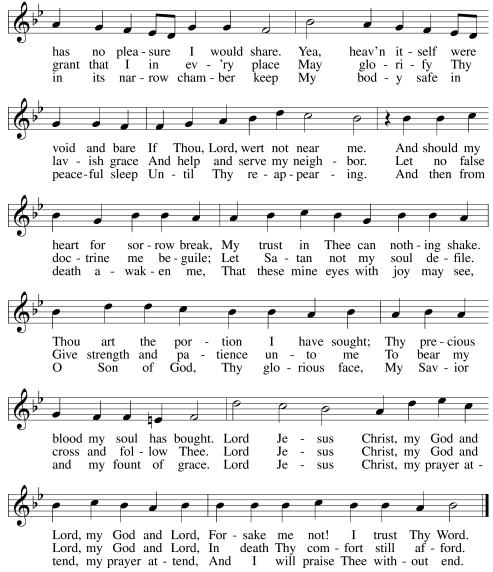


- For us by wickedness betrayed,
 For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
 He bore the shameful cross and death;
 For us He gave His dying breath.
- 6 For us He rose from death again; For us He went on high to reign; For us He sent His Spirit here To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- △ 7 All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad; The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.
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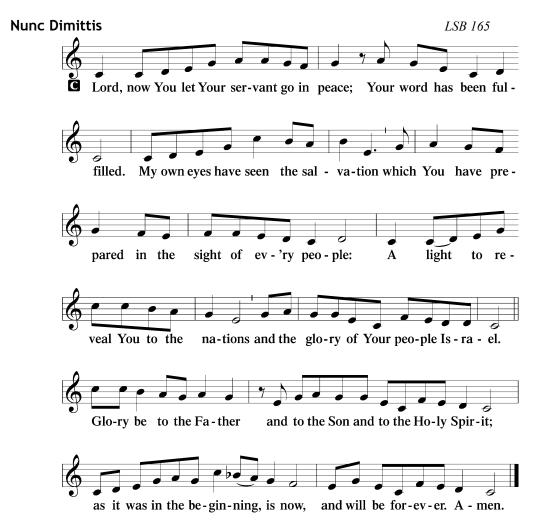
559 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion







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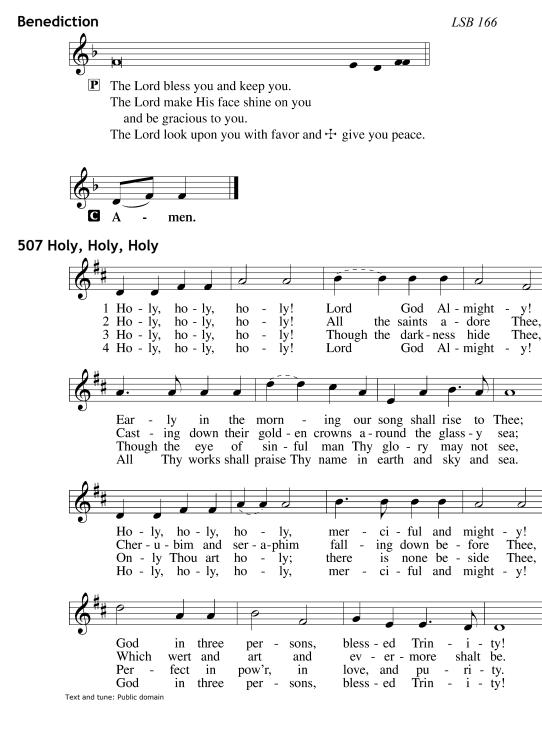


Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





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On the Ecumenical Creeds

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The creeds answer the primary question posed to the Church of Jesus Christ: Who is your God? Whom do you worship? Whom do you trust to save you from sin and death? The creeds answer this question by saying, in effect, that our God is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the God who made heaven and earth, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who exists in three Persons. Our God is the God who, in the Person of His Son, took unto Himself a human nature and was made man in Jesus Christ. The creeds are the Church's way of saying that our God is Jesus Christ, the Father who begot Him from eternity, and the Spirit who eternally proceeds from both.

Those who cannot confess these creeds are simply not Christians. They cannot number themselves among those who by faith in the Son of God are a part of His bride, the Church, and thus they cannot be saved. That is why we have this striking and, to many, offensive statement in the Athanasian Creed: "Whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity. But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ" (26–27). How can the Athanasian Creed make such a sweeping and absolute claim? It justifiably makes this claim because if anyone thinks differently about the Trinity, claiming to worship three gods or claiming that the three Persons are not distinct or are not equally God, then this person has a false god and thus cannot be saved. ... To depart from the ecumenical creeds is to have a different god, a false god.