

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: Amen!

Matthew 28:19

Ruth 2:4

CONGREGATION RESPONDS

PASTOR GREETS

The LORD be with you!

• And also with you!

I will bless the LORD at all times;

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make its boast in the LORD;

The humble shall hear of it, and be glad.

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

And let us exalt His name together!

Psalm 34:1-3



## CLEANSES US IN CHRIST

purification offering, gift of glory

"Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Hebrews 4:14–16

Beloved, our LORD has invited us to draw near to him with an honest heart. He has graciously promised to receive all those who come to him with heavy burdens of guilt and shame. Therefore I exhort all who are here today to accompany me with a pure heart and a humble voice, unto the throne of heavenly grace.

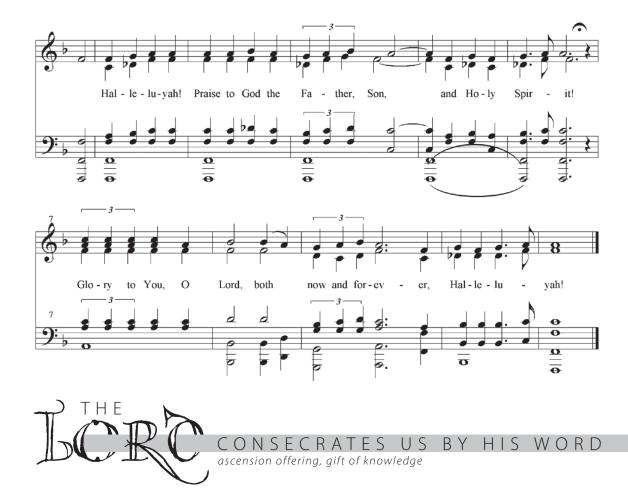
SILENT CONFESSION

JOINT CONFESSION

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty who was and is and is to come: In your merciful presence, we confess that we have broken your law, both in what we have done and what we have left undone. We confess that these trespasses, apart from your grace, result in our impurity, and also make us liable to receive your just punishments. We confess our sins and ask you to wash us from our iniquities through the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge our guilt, and beseech you to shield us from punishment through the atoning death of our Savior. From our violations of your just law, forgive us through the perfect obedience of our Lord, and empower us to love mercy, do justice and walk humbly with you. And we ask now that you will graciously receive our praise and worship, for we speak in the blessed name of Jesus. Amen.

"For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" Hebrews 9:13–14

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for your sins and to be raised for your justification; and for His sake forgives you all your sins. This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. • Amen



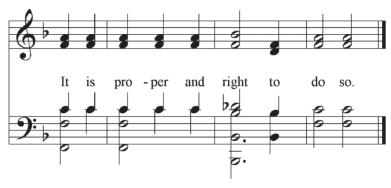
### SURSUM CORDA—lift up your heart





PASTOR LEADS LIFTING UP OF YOUR HANDS

Let us give thanks to the LORD, our God!

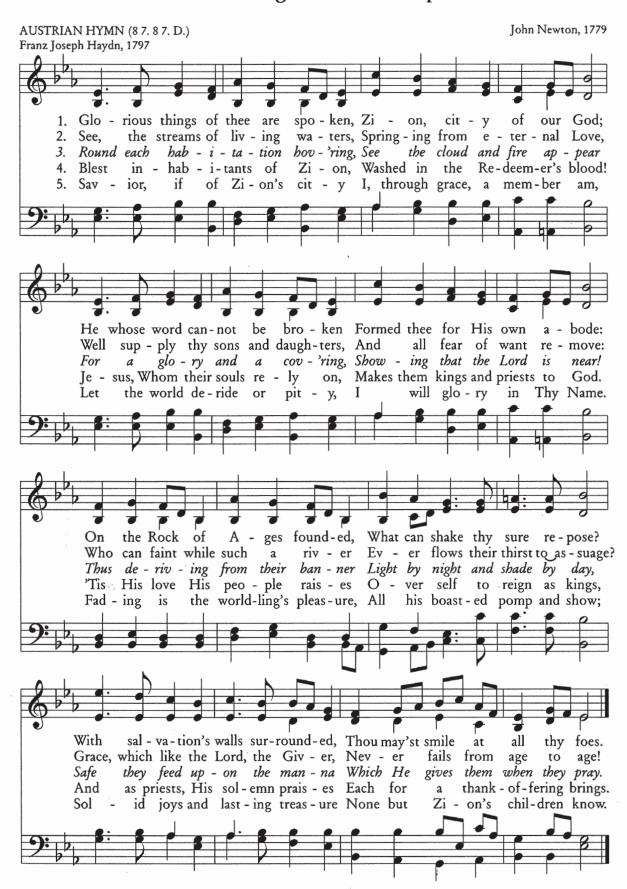


It is truly proper, right, wholesome, and beneficial that we should at all times, PASTOR SPEAKS and in all places, give praise unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore worshipping Thee!

#### SANCTUS



## Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



#### JAMES 1:5, 3:13-18

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all PASTOR STARTS without reproach,

And it will be given him.

CONGREGATION RESPONDS

Who is wise and understanding among you?

By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts,

Do not boast and be false to the truth.

This is not the wisdom that comes down from above,

But is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist,

There will be disorder and every vile practice.

But the wisdom from above is first pure,

Then peaceable,

Gentle,

Open to reason,

Full of mercy and good fruits,

■ Impartial and sincere.

And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace

By those who make peace.



#### **JOHN 3:1-15**

English Standard Version (ESV)

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." 3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

# NICODEMUS: THE SEEKER

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#### RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD - TRIBUTE OFFERING

"Give to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts. O, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth." Psalm 96:8–9

PLEASE BRING FORWARD YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS DURING THIS SONG



#### THE GREAT PRAYER

CONCLUDING WITH 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.

Matthew 6:9-13

CONGREGATION PRAYS ALONG WITH PASTOR



#### PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love and trust in Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized and are in good standing in the Church of Jesus Christ are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.

LEADER BEGINS

CONGREGATION RESPONDS Leader: Christian, in Whom do you believe?

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 only begotten 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.

WITH US AT HIS TABLE

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.

The Nicene Creed

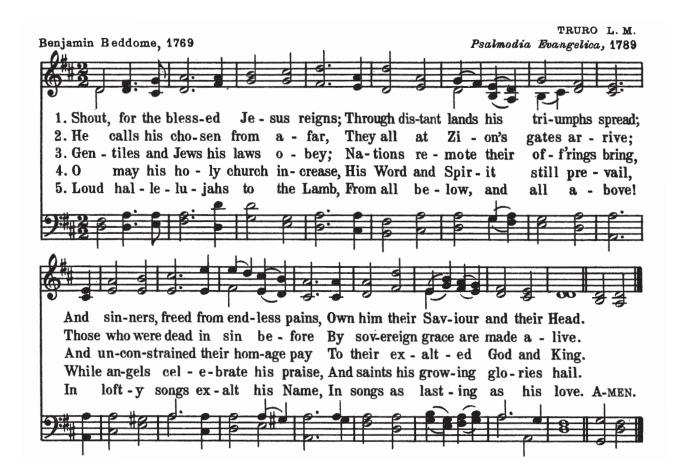
#### **EUCHARIST DISTRIBUTION SONG**





#### FINAL SCRIPTURE READING

CONGREGATION STANDS



#### BENEDICTION

"Then Aaron lifted his hand toward the people, blessed them, and came down from offering the purification offering, the ascension offering, and peace offerings."

Leviticus 9:22

# Now Blessed Be Jehovah, God

