

Come, let us worship together the God of love,
Let us abide in God's mercy together.

Prayer of the Day

Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

NICAEA

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy!
all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
who wert, and art,
and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy!
though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness
thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy;
there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Invitation to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

**O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory.
In fear, we conspire against the dreamers whose dreams might threaten ours.
In fear, we fail to recognize your vision and your Word in our midst.
Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace
of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that we do not sink back into fear,
but walk boldly in faith,
to the glory of your holy name.
We share the burdens of our hearts with you now...**

[Silent Confession]

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and restored to new life!

Gloria 583



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". There are asterisks above the first and third measures of the second staff.

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negev.
⁵**May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

⁶Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14: 22-33

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Hebrew Bible Lesson

Genesis 37: 1-2a, 3-14a, 17b-28

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 821

My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

1 My life flows on in endless song,
above earth’s lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I’m clinging.
Since Christ is Lord
of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

3 What though my joys
and comforts die?
I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness
gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. **(Refrain)**

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? **(Refrain)**

4 The peace of Christ
makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? **(Refrain)**

Sharing of the Peace

Announcements for the Community of Faith

Anthem

A Vineyard Grows

K. Lee Scott

Amid the world’s bleak wilderness a vineyard grows with promise green, the planting of the Lord himself, the planting of the Lord.

His love selected this terrain, his vine with love he planted here to bear the choicest fruit for him, the choicest fruit for him.

We are his branches, chosen, dear, and though we feel the dresser’s knife, we are the objects of his care, the objects of his care.

From him we draw the juice of life, for him supply his winery with fruit from which true joys derive, from which true joys derive.

Vine, keep what I was meant to be: your branch, with your rich life in me.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we join our voices...

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...we are bold to lift our voices praying the prayer Jesus taught his disciples:

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

Music at Communion

O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread

USA Folk Melody

O the Depth of Love Divine

Carlton Young

Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People

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Please include your name unless you wish to remain anonymous.

Hymn 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFIER

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow
where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious,
Christ, the Son of God. **(Refrain)**

3 O Lord, once lifted
on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally.
(Refrain)

2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow
the seal of Christ who died. **(Refrain)**

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory.
(Refrain)

Charge from the Steps

Commissioning of Teachers

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Joe Genau

Postlude

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him Tune: HYFRYDOL

H. Pritchard, arr. Richard Blake