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The Word of God

Book Of Common Prayer, pp. 355-60

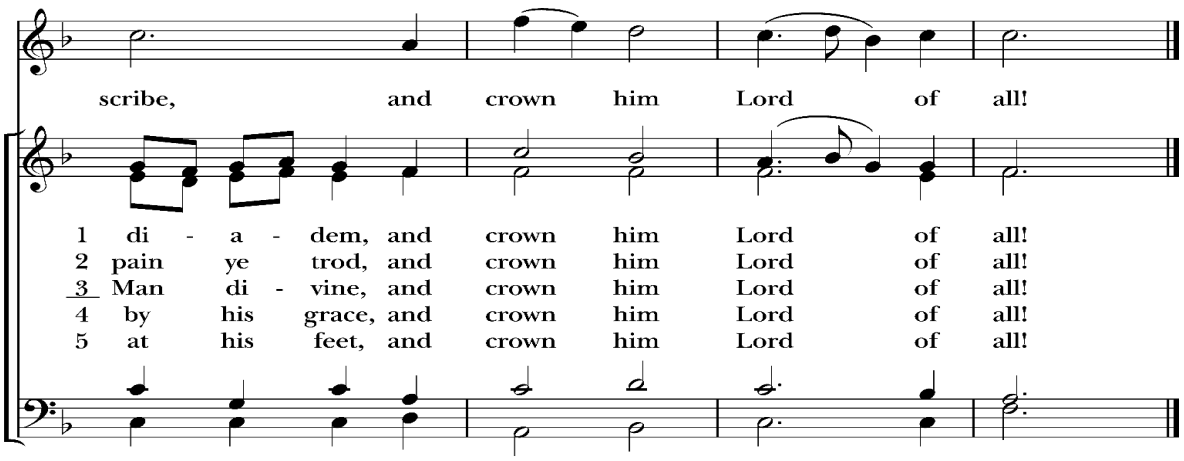
In the Episcopal Church, the Prelude typically refers to a piece of music that is played immediately before the beginning of a service and generally reflects the theme, liturgical season, or occasion of the day.

The Prelude 'Thanks be to Thee' *G.F. Handel*

(Please stand)

The Processional Hymn 'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name' - Hymn 450 (H-1982)





6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

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Worship begins with God. God takes the initiative, calling us together. Our first act of public worship, then, is to heed God's call and to join with others in praising Him. These words remind us that our worship centers in God, not in ourselves.

Welcome

Opening Bidding and Acclamation

✠ We meet in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.

Sometimes called a Prayer of Illumination, this Collect asks that the Holy Spirit open our minds and our hearts to the Word so that we may not only hear but understand, believe and praise God.

The Collect for Purity

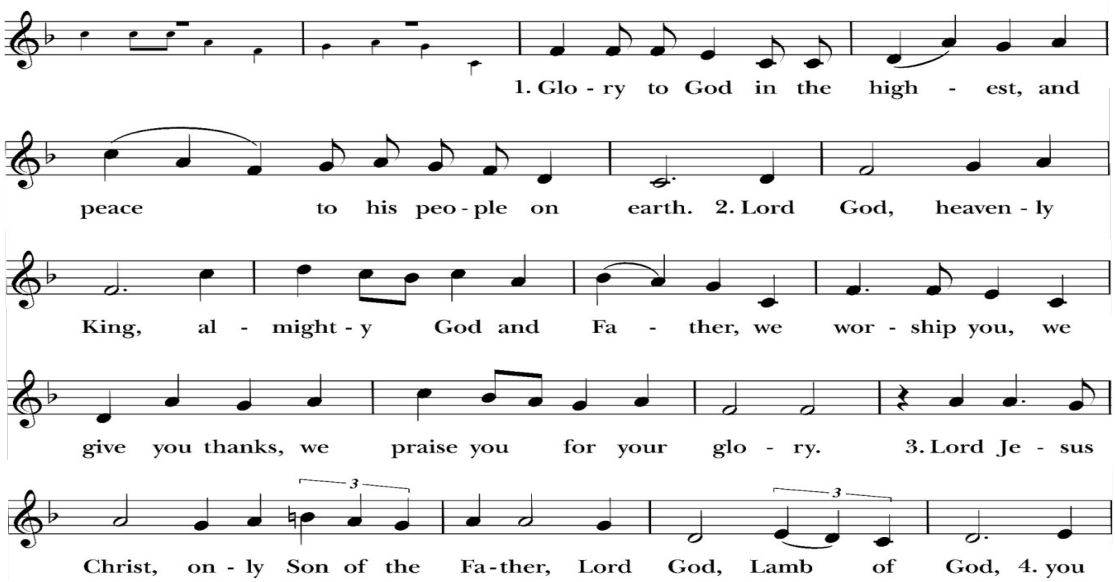
Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord.

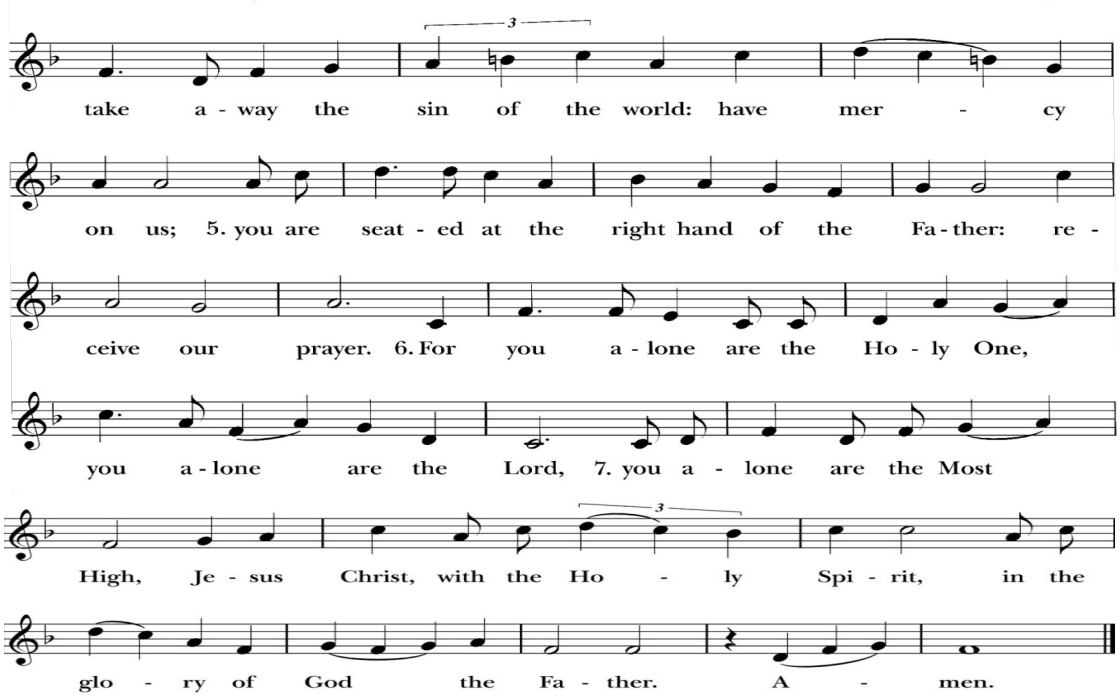
People Amen.

As a Trinitarian acclamation, the Gloria is an appropriate way to acknowledge with thanks and joy that we are the beneficiaries of the unmerited gift of God's grace and mercy.

Gloria in excelsis Deo

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In light of God's great saving work, this prayer asks God to help us serve him faithfully. 'Collect' is from the Latin 'collecta' meaning a gathering together.

The Salutation and Collect

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

Let us pray -

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that we may embrace and ever hold fast
the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
People Amen.

(Please sit)

At services in the ancient Jewish synagogue, a series of biblical lessons were read, a practice imitated in Christian worship from early times.

The Lessons

The First Lesson Judges 4:1-7

Deborah and Barak.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

For Jews and Christians, this ancient songbook of prayers is one of the primary resources for worship. They were also Jesus' prayers—recall his allusions various psalms throughout the Gospels, such as Psalm 22:1 in Matt. 27:46 and Mk. 15:34, Pss. 42:5, 11, and 43:5 in Matt. 26:38, Jn. 12:27. The psalms are emotive, repetitious, contradictory, earthy, angry and full of wonder at simple things.

The Psalm Psalm 123



The Second Lesson (often one of the Epistles) is usually read in sequence, and the readings from the Jewish Scriptures are related to either the Gospel or the Epistle readings.

The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The day of the Lord.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn 'Just a Closer Walk with Thee' - Hymn 72 (LEVAS)



Words: Anonymous. Music: American Folk Song.

The reading from the Gospels, the climactic reading, has attracted special ceremonies, such as standing, at least as far back as the late fourth century. The reading of the Gospel and the book itself symbolize the presence of Christ in the liturgy of the word just as the Eucharistic prayer and the Eucharistic elements symbolize His presence in the liturgy of the altar.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

✠The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

"Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

"And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

"Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

"But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

(Please sit)

The sermon may teach; it may even be therapeutic; it may offer a more profound knowledge of the biblical text, but these are all side effects, not the main point of preaching. Though the reading and preaching of the Word are not a sacrament, it is sacramental. That is to say, by reading and preaching, Christ does indeed become present to the congregation, just as He becomes present in the celebration of the Eucharist.

The Sermon

(Please stand)

The Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed is a statement of belief widely used in Christian liturgy. It is called Nicene because it was originally adopted in the city of Nicaea (present-day İznik, Turkey) by the First Council of Nicaea in 325. In 381, it was amended at the First Council of Constantinople, and the amended form is referred to as the Nicene or the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed. It defines Nicene Christianity. The Oriental Orthodox and Assyrian churches use this profession of faith with the verbs in the original plural ("we believe"), but the Eastern Orthodox and Catholic churches convert those verbs to the singular ("I believe"). The Anglican and many Protestant denominations generally use the singular form, sometimes the plural.

We believe in one God,
People the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
✠ We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

(Please kneel)

The Parish Prayer

Let us pray -

People

Gracious Father,
your loving providence
has brought us into the sacred fellowship of this parish.
Help us to praise you with such holy worship;
serve you with unselfish love;
and to give so generously for the spread of your kingdom
that we may be worthy members
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
faithfully fulfilling our mission:
to make known your truth,
help the needy,
and proclaim the abundant life in your name.
This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

The Intercessions

Confession of Sin

The Confession of Sin is the corporate acknowledgement of our sin (missing the mark) and our desire to live into the fullness of God's call for us.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People

Most merciful God,
we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of Your Name.
Amen.

The Absolution

In the Absolution the priest proclaims God's abundant grace and declares forgiveness to all.

✠ Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life.

People

Amen.

(Please stand)

The Peace

The Peace is an ancient practice among Christians. It is a sign of love, affection, reconciliation, and greeting.

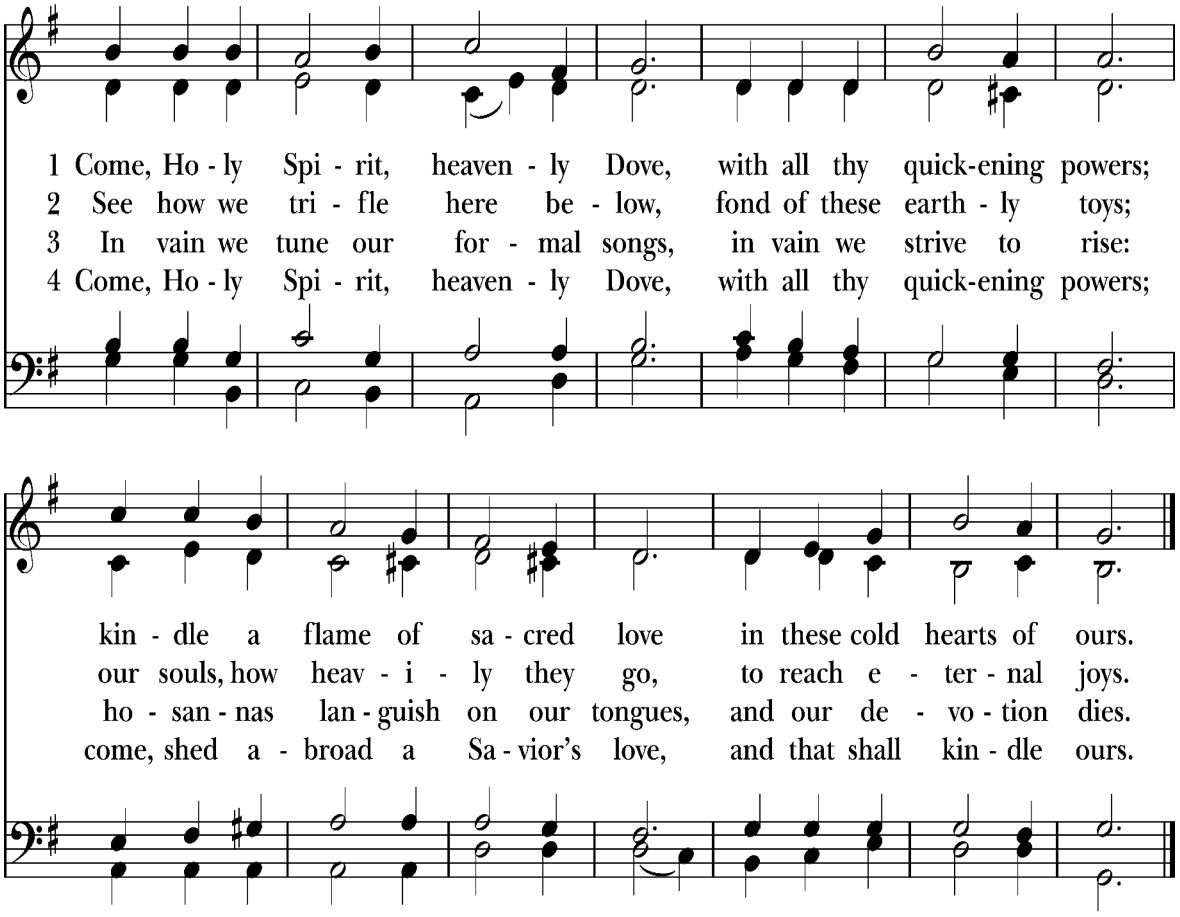
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

(We greet one another in the name of the Lord)

The Offertory Hymn 'Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove' - Hymn 510 (H-1982)



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Saint Agnes*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

The Offertory Sentence

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

The Offertory Blessing

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendor and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you and of your own do we give to you.

People ✠ Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
For us it becomes the bread of heaven.

People ✠ Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
For us it becomes the cup of salvation.

People ✠ Blessed be God for ever.

The Holy Communion

Book Of Common Prayer, pp. 361-66

In the words of Sursum Corda we give thanks for the life, death and resurrection of Christ, in whom and through whom creation is restored in God's perfect likeness and all creation is united to God and each other. The consecratory prayer concludes with the Great AMEN.

Sursum Corda

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Preface

The Eucharistic Preface to begin the Eucharistic Prayer expresses the great richness of the liturgical seasons - Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and so on. They are theological lyrics, sometimes of great beauty.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

We give you thanks because in fulfilment of your promise
you pour out your Spirit upon us,
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,
and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.

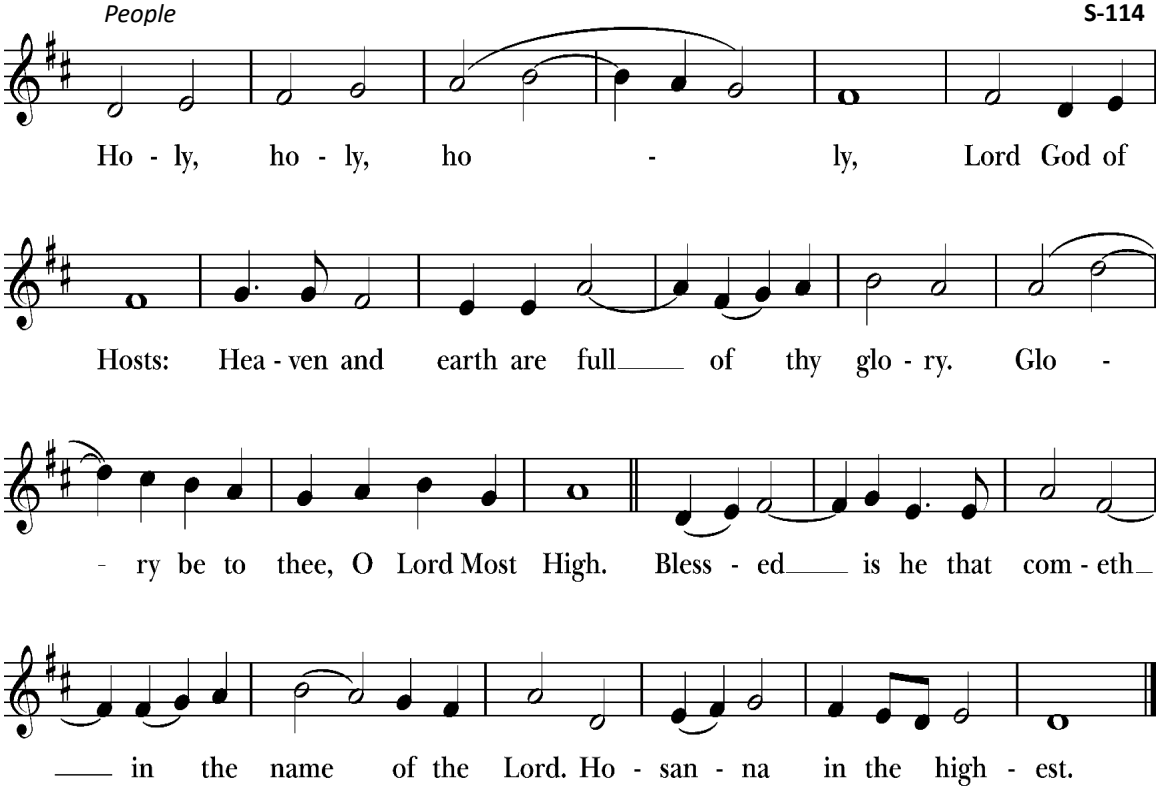
Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,
to proclaim your gospel to all nations
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,
to proclaim the glory of your name,
for ever praising you and singing:

In the Sanctus we join with saints and angels and all of creation in a song of praise and thanksgiving to God.

Sanctus* and *Benedictus

People **S-114**



Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

(Please kneel)

Jesus did four important things when he shared bread with the disciples: he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it. And after he rose from the dead, the disciples recognized Jesus by these same four actions. He did the same when he fed the crowd of five thousand people who had heard him come to preach (Matt. 14).

Words of Institution

Holy and gracious Father:
in your infinite love you made us for yourself,
and, when we had fallen into sin
and become subject to evil and death,
you, in your mercy,
sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross,
and offered himself, in obedience to your will,
a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

These Words of Institution ('Do this for the remembrance of me') are addressed not to the congregation, but to God. This is not a re-enactment of the Last Supper, but a prayer to God.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,
"Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said,
"Drink this, all of you:
this is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The Memorial Acclamation follows the Institution narrative - the words Jesus used at the Last Supper over bread and wine. It is our response to God's coming to dwell among us, particularly in the transformation of bread and wine into Christ's Body and Blood.

The Memorial Acclamation **S-135**



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The Epiclesis is a liturgical invocation of the Holy Spirit for the purpose of consecrating the Eucharistic elements. It follows the Words of Institution and is regarded as the point at which the eucharistic bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ.

Epiclesis

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father,
in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we offer you these gifts.

✠ Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people
the Body and Blood of your Son,
the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.
Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament,
and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace;
and at the last day bring us with all your saints
into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.
By him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer forms the natural climax of our participation in Christ's self-offering. Our corporate recitation binds us together at a focal point in the celebration and expresses our unity with one another in Christ.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People 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, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Bread is broken in order to be shared. Symbolically Christians have seen in the breaking of the bread a reminder of the Lord's body broken on the cross and of our own need to be broken in order both to share in the life of Christ and to share that life with others.

The Fraction

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei is the Latin name under which the "Lamb of God" is honored within the Eucharist and, by extension, other Christian liturgies descending from the Latin tradition.

Agnus Dei

People **S-164**



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Ecce Agnus Dei ('Behold the Lamb of God') was spoken by John the Baptist immediately before he baptized Christ.

Ecce Agnus Dei

✠ Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are we who are called to his supper.

People Lord, I am not worthy to receive you;
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Come.

The final part of Holy Communion proclaims our going out. Unlike all other prayers in the service, here we proclaim our readiness to go out into the world to love and to serve God. Nourished with the body and blood of Christ, we are ready to do God's work in the world.

The Post-communion Prayer

Let us pray -

People Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Blessing is not a closing prayer but God's blessing pronounced by the priest on the congregation as it is about to leave. We go out to meet joys and obligations, pleasures and troubles, secure in the shelter of God's trustworthy Word, and strong in its power.

The Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes 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 Spirit,
be upon you and all those whom you love,
now and for ever.

People Amen.

(Please sit)

Welcome, Parish Announcements

(Please stand)

The Recessional Hymn *(see next page)*

The term 'Dismissal' comes from the Latin Ite, missa est, "Go, it is the sending."

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude is the lesser-known counterpart to "prelude" . At the root of both terms is the Latin verb 'ludere' ("to play"), and a postlude is essentially "something played afterward."

The Postlude 'Come, Let Us Worship' *D. Paxton*

The Recessional Hymn 'Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus' - Hymn 561 (H-1982)



Words: George Duffield, Jr. ((1818-1888), alt. Music: *Morning Light*, George James Webb (1803-1887).

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WELCOME TO TRINITY

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone at Trinity welcomes you and rejoices in sharing together. For more than a century this congregation from Gulph Mills, King of Prussia and Conshohocken has been worshiping, celebrating, and serving this community. We hope you will come again and join us in our faith-inspired hospitality and discipleship.

OUR CALLING

Trinity welcomes all, gathering in faith, serving in love,
and proclaiming the abundant life with hope through Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES

Trinity is a church that values: reverent sacramental worship, gracious hospitality and care, generous and spontaneous outreach and comprehensive Christian formation.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We hold before God our parish, praying especially for those who are sick, homebound or in an pastoral need, especially Patty McBride, Lorna Nixon, Fatima Wall, Erin Wright, Ronald James Spence, Brody Matthew Beasley, David Shoemaker, Patrick Prante, Doug Jordan, Beverly Loftus, Melissa Kerr, Ruth Spence, John Wilks, Dick Stacy, John Loftus, and Marge Fricker.

LAY LEADERS

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Deacon	Christine Fantuzzo	Christine Fantuzzo
Eucharistic Minister	Ginny Slichter	Barb Linnenbaugh
Usher	Lorna Nixon	Anne Trumpler
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