



To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The glorious God whom we adore.
Be glory as it was before,
Is now, and shall be evermore.

And now You've shown a fallen world
The only way to saving grace.
And how that Light is glory now
Of ev'ry tribe and tongue and race!

Lord, let your servant now depart into your gracious promis'd rest.
Since eager eyes, which you have made,
Have been with your salvation blest.

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Benediction:

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that Your people, illumined by Your word and Table, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory. **Amen.**
And as we go forth, walking out our baptisms, and looking forward to the day when we see Him as He is, may He grant that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.
Amen! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship...— "Worship does God's story. It proclaims God's story in the reading and preaching of the Word; in prayer, the church prays for the world God has reclaimed; in the Eucharist, the church ascends into the heavens and experiences the consummation of God's story in the new heavens and the new earth." (Robert E. Webber, *The Divine Embrace: Recovering the Passionate Spiritual Life* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2006], 233.)

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Liturgy

GATHERING

*Gloria Patri**

Cantor:

Lord, open our lips, and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

All (sung): Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever,
Forever. Amen, amen, amen.

Who is like You, O LORD –

majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders?

The LORD is my strength and song; He has become my salvation.

Who is like You, O LORD –

majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders?

Your faithfulness surrounds You, O God;

Your steadfast love is established forever!

O LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,

**or You had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**

How blessed are those who dwell in Your house!

They are ever praising You.

How blessed are those whose strength is in You,

in whose hearts are the highways to Zion!

How blessed are those whom You choose and bring near to You,
to dwell in Your courts.

**We will abide in Your tabernacle forever, trusting in the shelter
of Your wings. For You, O God, have heard our vows.**

You have given us the heritage of those who fear Your name.

Who is like You, O LORD –

majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders?

This is my God, and I will praise Him;

this is our God; we will exalt Him!

– Scripture weaving from Psalms 89, 90, 84, 65, 61 and Exodus 15



In the Beauty of Holiness

In the beauty of holiness
We see You, Son of righteousness,
So we bring all that we possess to lay at Your feet.
In the place where Your glory shines,
Jesus lover of all mankind,
You have drawn us with love divine to make us complete.

Chorus

So I pause at Your gates once more,
As my heart and my spirit soar,
And I wish I could love You more: My God and my King!

Is there tribute that I could bring,
Was there ever a song to sing,
That could ever express, my King,
The work that You've done?
Could I ever conceive of this,
All the depths and the heights and breadth,
Of the riches I now possess
Because of Your love?

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Bow Down

Bow down before the Lord,
Worship Him, O worship Him.
Bow down before our God: Enter in; O, enter in.
Consuming fire and sweet perfume,
His awesome presence fills this room.
This is holy ground, so come and bow down.

Holy, holy, holy Lord of hosts;
Saints and angels give You glory now and forevermore.

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We Behold You (Fraction Anthem)

With all of the saints and angels, we gather before You.
Our hearts filled with thankfulness, we lift up Your holy Name.
With all who have gone before us, we feast at Your table.
We eat of Your body and drink of Your holy blood.

And we behold You, and we behold You
Lamb of God, slain for our sins.
(Repeat)

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Dwell

Dwell in the midst of us; come and dwell in this place.
Dwell in the midst of us; come and have Your way.

Dwell in the midst of us; wipe all the tears from our faces.
Dwell in the midst of us; You can have Your way

Not our will but Yours be done; Come and change us.
Not our will but Yours be done; Come sustain us.

You can have Your way, oh Lord; You can have Your way.
You can have Your way, oh Lord; You can have Your way

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Lord, Let Your Servant Now Depart

Lord, let your servant now depart
Into your gracious promised rest.
Since eager eyes, which you have made,
Have been with your salvation blest.

Which all this time your favored saints
And holy prophets only knew.
Long since prepared, but now revealed,
For all creation now to view.



TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

My Shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death His presence is my stay;
One word of His supporting breath drives all my fears away.
His hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, His oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

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THE WORD

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav'n.
Provide each day our daily needs;
Forgive our sins as we forgive others' wrongs;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, forever and ever;
And Thine is the power, forever and ever;
And Thine is the glory, now and forever. Amen, amen, amen.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together profess the faith of the church of all ages in the words of this hymn of the ancient church:

You are God; we praise You.

You are the Lord; we acclaim You.

You are the Eternal Father; All creation worships You.

To You all angels, all the powers of heaven, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praises you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praises you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praises you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim You;

Father of majesty unbounded,

Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,

and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory,

The eternal Son of the Father.

When You became man to set us free

You did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death,

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help Your people,

bought with the price of Your own blood,

and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting.

– from *Te Deum laudamus* (“Thee, O God, we praise”).

A hymn of the early church, fourth century.

Attributed to church fathers Ambrose and Augustine.



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Words: Reginald Heber, 1826; Music: John B. Dykes, 1861

O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house,
and the place where Your glory dwells.
Examine me, O LORD, and try me; test my mind and my heart.
For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes. – Psalm 26:2, 8

[Silence]

God of mercy and steadfast love, You welcome all who come to You
with repentant and contrite hearts.
**We confess to You, and before one another, that we have sinned,
in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we
have left undone.**

[Silence]

**We have offended Your holiness. We have erred and strayed from
your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts, and have spurned the promptings of
Your Spirit.**

[Silence]

**We have not loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. We have not
forgiven others as we have been forgiven.**

[Silence]

**O Lord, have mercy upon us. Be gracious to us, and hear our
prayer. Cleanse us from sin and accomplish the work of Your
salvation, that we may walk as Your people in holiness, to the glory
of Your name. Amen.**



Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.
(repeat)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us your peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Thus says the high and exalted One who inhabits eternity,
whose name is Holy:

*“I dwell in the high and holy place,
and with the contrite and lowly of spirit,
in order to revive the spirit of the lowly
and to revive the heart of the contrite.”*

– Isaiah 57:15

Who is like You, O LORD God?

You pardon sin and forgive the transgressions of your inheritance.
*You do not stay angry forever,
but delight to show mercy.*

**In Your compassion for us,
You cast our sins into the depths of the sea,
as You promised to our fathers from days of old.**

– from Micah 7:18-20

Thanks be to God!