



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Almighty and eternal God,  
since you have given us grace,  
by the confession of the true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity,  
and to worship the Unity  
by the power of your divine majesty:  
Keep us firm in this faith,  
and defend us forever from all evil;  
for you live and reign,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCE: John 16:13**

*“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come”*

**INVOCATION**

*In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

**LHS 140 Holy, Holy, Holy ([click here](#))**

**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**

**Holy holy holy All the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns Around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim Falling down before Thee  
Which wert and art And evermore shalt be**

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

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

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## CONFSSION

*Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins,  
and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.*

**Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins, and  
repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your  
punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the sake  
of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and  
merciful to me. Amen.**

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die  
for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He has given  
the right to become children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes  
and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.*

## INTROIT: Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup> *LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory in the heavens.*

<sup>2</sup> *Through the praise of children and infants  
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and the avenger.*

<sup>3</sup> *When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,  
<sup>4</sup> what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
human beings that you care for them?<sup>[c]</sup>*

**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

<sup>5</sup> You have made them<sup>[d]</sup> a little lower than the angels<sup>[e]</sup>  
and crowned them<sup>[f]</sup> with glory and honour.  
<sup>6</sup> You made them rulers over the works of your hands;  
you put everything under their<sup>[g]</sup> feet:  
<sup>7</sup> all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,  
<sup>8</sup> the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea,  
all that swim the paths of the seas.

**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Glory to the Father  
and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now,  
and will be forever.

Amen.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Let us pray for faith in the Triune God.*

[silence]

*Eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself  
as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
and you live in the perfect unity of love.*

*Give us a sure faith in you,  
so that we share in your holy fellowship and life  
as three Persons in one God,  
now and forever.*

Amen.

### **BIBLE READING**

#### **FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Wisdom's role in creation (NIVUK)**

<sup>8</sup> Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? <sup>2</sup> At the highest point along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand; <sup>3</sup> beside the gate leading into the city, at the entrance, she cries aloud: <sup>4</sup> ‘To you, O people, I call out; I raise my voice to all humanity. <sup>22</sup> ‘The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works,<sup>[a][b]</sup> before his deeds of old; <sup>23</sup> I was formed long ages ago, at the very beginning, when the world came to be. <sup>24</sup> When there were no watery depths, I was given birth, when there were no springs overflowing with water; <sup>25</sup> before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth, <sup>26</sup> before he made the world or its fields or any of the dust of the earth. <sup>27</sup> I was there when

he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,  
<sup>28</sup>when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,  
<sup>29</sup>when he gave the sea its boundary so that the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth. <sup>30</sup>Then I was constantly<sup>[c]</sup> at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, <sup>31</sup>rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in the human race.

*After the reading  
This is the Word of the LORD.  
Thanks be to God.*

## **SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5 The Christian experience of the Trinity**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we<sup>[a]</sup> have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we<sup>[b]</sup> boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we<sup>[c]</sup> also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

*After the reading  
This is the Word of the LORD.  
Thanks be to God.*

## **ALLELUIA VERSE**

*Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
  
Jesus said,  
'The Spirit will glorify me,  
because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'*  
**Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL: John 16:12-15 The Spirit from God will bear witness to Jesus**

*Before the reading  
Glory be to You, O LORD.*

<sup>12</sup>'I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup>But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. <sup>15</sup>All that belongs to the

Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.'

*After the reading  
This is the gospel of the LORD.  
Praise be to You, O Christ.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for the Holy Spirit,  
who reveals the truth about God.*

*May we give glory to you and the Father and the Spirit.  
Amen.*

### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,  
from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

### AT 43 How Shall I call You? (click [here](#))

**How shall I call You? Maker of heaven,  
Poet of sunset and painter of sky; Father almighty  
who's running to find us, giving His Son  
who must suffer and die.**

***Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Spirit,  
Let's sing it again and again. Glory to the Father,  
the Son, and the Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.***

**How shall I call You? Lover of children,  
Shepherd and teacher and brother and friend;  
healer of blind man and healer of leper:  
You are beginning and middle and end.**

***Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Spirit,  
Let's sing it again and again. Glory to the Father,  
the Son, and the Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.***

How shall I call You? Spirit of comfort,  
cloud in the daytime and fire in the night;  
Guide as we wander, protector in danger,  
Listener and Helper and giver of sight.

*Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Spirit,  
Let's sing it again and again. Glory to the Father,  
the Son, and the Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.*

How shall I call? Master and servant,  
Lord of the seasons and Lord of the years;  
faithful and constant in loving and mercy,  
giver of laughter and taker of tears.

*Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Spirit,  
Let's sing it again and again. Glory to the Father,  
the Son, and the Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.*

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## SERMON

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## LHS 296 My Maker, Now Be Nigh

My Maker, now be nigh the light of life to give,  
and guide me with Your eye while here on earth I live.  
To You my heart I tender and all my powers surrender,  
make it my one endeavour to love and serve You ever.  
Upon Your promise I rely; my Maker, now be nigh.

My Saviour, wash me clean with Your most precious blood,  
that takes away all sin and seals my peace with God.  
My soul in peace abiding, within Your deep wounds hiding,  
I there find full salvation and freedom from damnation.  
Without You lost, defiled by sin, my Saviour, wash me clean.

**My Comforter, give power that I may stand secure  
when in temptation's hour the world and sin allure.  
The Son to me revealing, inspire my thought and feeling,  
His Word of grace to ponder, nor let me from Him wander.  
On me Your gifts and graces shower: my Comforter, give power.**

**O holy Trinity, to whom I all things owe, Your image graciously  
within my heart bestow. Choose me, though weak and lowly,  
to be Your temple holy, where praise shall rise unending  
for grace so condescending. What heavenly bliss Your own to be,  
O holy Trinity.**

Johann Jakob Rambach 1693-1735 Tr R E Taylor ?-1938 (1912) alt

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Loving Triune God, teach us, your children,  
to praise and glorify you with our lives  
and all that we have, by serving others.  
**Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*God our Father has created us. In his love, he sent his Son to redeem us. Now he gathers together his holy people by the power of his Spirit. Let us therefore come to him in the Spirit, through the name of Jesus, and ask him for all our needs.*

Eternal God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: thank you for making yourself known through your mighty works. Continue to show yourself to the world by spreading the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Support all who are preparing for service as pastors, and keep all the church's pastors, teachers and lay workers true to the Trinitarian faith so that the community of the church may flow from the community of God.

*Lord, in your mercy:*   **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, you formed the waters and the dry lands, and your fingers set the stars and moon in the heavens. We pray for all people and all lands - bring peace and prosperity so that all may be blessed by your wonderful goodness. And move us to care for this world as we should.

*Lord, in your mercy:*   **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, the Wisdom and Word of God, you were there at the beginning of creation yet chose to become one of us. We pray for your worldwide church - protect those who are persecuted for bearing your name, and bring all people to rejoice in you as their Saviour.

*Lord, in your mercy:*   **hear our prayer.**

Spirit of God, you hovered over the waters of creation and you came to us in our baptism. We pray for those whose lives we share - unite us in a community of love so that we welcome the stranger and support the struggling. Build us strong in faith and in lives of serving love.

*Lord, in your mercy:*    **hear our prayer.**

Triune God, you continue to give life and love. We pray for all weighed down by heavy loads - have mercy on all in trouble and give perseverance and character and hope founded on the suffering of Christ. Help us bear each others burdens in a community of compassion, and meet the needs of those we know personally to be in want and whom we now name silently in our hearts...

*Lord, in your mercy:*    **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you are our beginning and our end, the ground of our existence and the foundation of our faith. Support us in this faith so that at our life's end we may be raised to eternal life to share with all your saints in glory, for you are Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours  
now and forever. Amen.

#### BLESSING

*Let us bless the LORD.*  
**God be praised forevermore.**  
*The LORD bless us and keep us.*  
*The LORD make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.*  
*The LORD look upon us with favour, and give us peace.*  
**Amen!**

## **GROWING FAITH AT HOME BLESSING**

*May God the Father give you peace.  
May Jesus the Son bless you with his kindness.  
May the Holy Spirit fill your heart with love.*

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May Jesus the Son bless you with his kindness.  
May the Holy Spirit fill your heart with love.**

## **WORDS OF SENDING**

*Go in the peace of God,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.***

### **AT 293 Here I Am, Lord (click [here](#))**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night;  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night;  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts are satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night;  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

## HYMNS AND SONGS

### First reading Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31

#### **LHS**

- 589 I sing the almighty power of God  
779 My Lord of light who made the worlds G8  
812 The Lord in wisdom made the earth G8

#### **AT**

- 333 You are our God

### Second reading: Romans 5:1-5

#### **LHS**

- 118 O Holy Ghost, to Thee we all pray (vv 3,4)\* G3  
121 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord (vv 1,3)\* G4  
127 Come, Holy Spirit, come (vv 2,3,4)\* G4  
128 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God (vv 2,5,6)\* G5  
138 The Lord my God be praised G8  
141 Father of heaven, whose love profound G5  
321 Faith is a living power from heaven\* G5  
337 God from all eternity\* (*tune 276*) G5  
349 Jesus, I my cross have taken G3  
397 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us G4  
411 If God be my defender\* G3  
441 With joyful hearts your praises bring\* G3  
852 God loved the world so that he gave G5  
880 How shall I call you? GS

#### **AT**

- 40 Holy, holy  
43 How shall I call you?  
349 There is a redeemer  
359 Holy Spirit, living water  
398 A child of God  
448 Loving Spirit

### Gospel: John 16:12-15

#### **LHS**

- 116 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove\* G8  
117 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire  
118 O Holy Ghost, to Thee we all pray (vv 1,2)\* G3  
121 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord (v 2)\* G4  
125 Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove G5  
127 Come, Holy Spirit, come (vv 1,6)\* G4  
128 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God (esp v 4)\* G5  
296 My Maker, be Thou nigh\* G5  
785 In Adam we have all been one G5  
822 God has spoken by his prophets G6

#### **AT**

- 251 God sends us his Spirit