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## Welcome and Greeting

*(Please stand)*

### Call to Worship

P Oh God, where shall we go from your Spirit?

C **Where shall we flee from your presence?**

P Oh Lord, you have searched us and known us!

C **Even before a word is on our tongue, you know what's in our thoughts.**

P Oh Father, you formed our inward parts;

C **You knitted us together in our mother's womb.**

P Wonderful are your works;

C **We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.**

P We worship you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

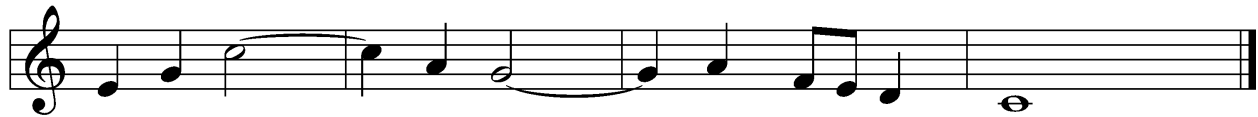
C **Amen!**

### 837 Lift High the Cross

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,  
5 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell  
6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.  
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

*Refrain*

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### Confession and Forgiveness

P If God is for us, who is against us? He who gave us His own Son, now gives us the Spirit and power! The Holy One is in our midst, but we know our failures and that we are far from being holy. In awe we hear God invite us into His presence. So, we come to our Lord in humility to seek His mercy. God has promised that if we confess our sins, He is faithful and will cleanse us.

*(Moment of reflection on our need for forgiveness)*

### **Prayer of Confession**

P Let us pray,

C **Loving Father, there is more to life than we can grasp, yet how often we tend to shrink the mystery of Your Spirit, or limit what is possible by Your grace. Your Spirit is always blowing new life into our lives, surprising us with wonder and blessing. Forgive us for dull awareness, resistance to Your will, and for being hesitant to share Your saving work with others. Forgive us and make us new once again. Thank you for Your love for us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

P God has had mercy on us. Because God has lavished His love on us in Jesus Christ and poured out His Holy Spirit on us, we are forgiven. We are more than conquerors; we are redeemed in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

C **We are forgiven of all our sin by God's mercy and grace! How great is our God! Amen!**

*(Please be seated)*

**Video: "How Great is Our God/How Great Thou Art" by CeCe Winans**

### **Prayer of the Day**

#### **Isaiah 6:1–8**

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Third Chapter

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **John 3:1-17**

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 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." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 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?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 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."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 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. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Nicene Creed**

**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 and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the**

dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian 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.

*(Please be seated)*

### 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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## SERMON: "BACK TO BASICS" JOHN 3:1-17

*(Please Stand)*

### 955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our

cup of bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were  
 sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
 hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we  
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
 give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

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### Prayer of the Congregation

P Lord, in Your mercy,  
 C hear our prayer.

### The Lord's Prayer

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Our Fa - ther which art in Hea - ven hal - low - ed be Thy name.  
 Thy king - dom come Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Hea - ven.  
 Give us this day our dai - ly bread and for - give us our debts as we for - give our  
 debt - ors and lead us not in to temp - ta - tion but de - li - ver us from e - vil for  
 Thine is the King - dom and the po - wer and the glo - ry for - e - ver A - men

*(Please remain standing)*

### Words of the Institution

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

*(Please be seated)*

### Holy Communion

**Communion Video: "Here I am Lord" by Collin Raye &  
"Jesus Messiah" by Chris Tomlin**

*(Please stand)*

### Thank the Lord

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Benediction

P Now may 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 His favor, and grant us his peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen!**

## 507 Holy, Holy, Holy



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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## Dismissal

**P** Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

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