

HYMN #167—"HOW LOVELY SHINES THE MORNING STAR"

The hymn is one of the monuments of Lutheran hymns and is called the Queen of Chorales. (A "chorale" is a non-Latin Lutheran hymn written between 1520 and 1750.)

It was used so extensively at weddings, that the idea really became common that if this hymn were not sung at the wedding, the persons were not properly married. Stanzas of the hymn were engraved upon bowls and kettles and vases. It was sung at Communion because of the fourth stanza and because the lines form the shape of the chalice when centered in printing. It was used at the deathbed of Christians who had kept the pure faith in love for the Savior of their souls, and who were prepared to follow the invitation to the great supper of the Lamb, the wedding feast in the Kingdom of God. The theologian Johann Gerhard died while singing the words of the seventh stanza.

The author, a pastor named Philipp Nicolai, labeled the hymn, "A spiritual bridal song of the believing soul concerning Jesus Christ, her heavenly bridegroom, founded on the 45th Psalm of the prophet David." The Morning Star in the very first line is Jesus according to Revelation 22:16.

Nicolai wrote both the text and tune in 1597 while the Black Death pandemic raged in his town, killing 1,400 people. He published a short hymnal in 1599 and in the preface wrote, "To leave behind me (if God should call me from this world) as a token of my peaceful, joyful, Christian departure, or (if God should spare me in health) to comfort other sufferers whom He should also visit with the pestilence." This hymn was one of three printed in this booklet. One of the others is today called the King of Chorales, the hymn "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" (Hymn #544 in our *Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary*).

~Rev. Aaron Ferkenstad of King of Grace Lutheran Church



Next week is 2nd Sunday of Advent. The Son of Man will come in a cloud with power and great glory. At that time whole countries will be in despair, afraid of the roar of the sea and the raging tides. People will faint from fear as they wait for what is coming over the whole earth, for the powers in space will be driven from their courses. When these fearful things happen, do not look down upon the earth, nor to wealth, nor to friends. These cannot help you. Look up to him who went before you to build a home for you. Look up! Lift up your heads! Your final deliverance has come. The King of Grace returns.

Take a look at pp. 202-203 in the *Hymnary*, and look at the readings for next week after "Advent 2."

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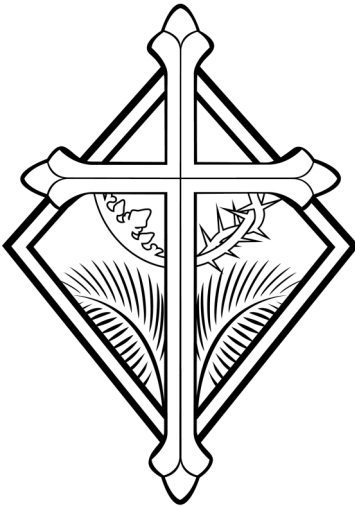
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Welcome to our Honored Guests!

We hope you are nourished by our service today and we invite you to join us again to hear of the peace we have in Jesus' name and to share in our Christian fellowship.

Please sign our guest registry so we have a record of your visit, and let us know if you would like to speak with our pastor to learn more about our congregation or the Bible's teachings.

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THE DIVINE SERVICE
Rite One
Service of the Word & Sacrament
December 2, 2018 | 9:00 a.m.



OUR SAVIOR'S is a member of the *Evangelical Lutheran Synod* (ELS), a national church body headquartered in Mankato, MN. As a member of the ELS, we confess that we are saved by *Grace Alone* (Eph. 2:8) through *Faith Alone* (Acts 16:31) revealed in *Scripture Alone* (John 5:24). Though we are totally sinful from birth, Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross and gives us eternal life in heaven. We subscribe to the Lutheran Confessions (Book of Concord, 1580) because they are a faithful and accurate summary of the Bible's teachings.

The ELS has been in fellowship with the *Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod* (WELS) since 1872.



Today in the Christian Church Year: *Advent 1*
Spiritual Focus: *Jesus, the Coming King*

Preacher: Rev. Michael Lilienthal
Accompanist: Arline Walker

AS YOU PREPARE YOURSELF FOR WORSHIP in the quiet moments before we receive the service of our almighty and merciful God, turn to p. 40 in the front part of the *Hymnary*, and pray quietly to yourself or as a family the **PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP** and **IN REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**, and **BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION**. You may also turn to p. 167 and pray the **MORNING PRAYER** and the prayer for **SUNDAY MORNING**.

Whenever you see this symbol: ✠ you may make the sign of the cross over yourself. By this simple act, remember your Baptism, and how you were covered in the image of Christ, because your sins were laid on his cross, so that you may have his holiness and life.



Advent is a season of preparation, and is therefore a penitential season, or a season of repentance. A Litany, or prayer list, is a traditional portion of penitential worship, guiding our eyes constantly to the God who provides us all we need. We come before God with all these petitions and know that he promises to hear us, and he will give us his blessings through the Word and Sacraments in the Divine Service.

I. The Service of Preparation

As the pastor approaches the altar, please rise for prayer.

1. The Advent Litany

- P:** Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
- P:** O God the Father, who so loved the world that You gave Your only-begotten Son to save us;
- C:** **Have mercy upon us.**
- P:** O God the Son, who came in the likeness of sinful flesh to suffer for us, and will come again to be our Judge;;
- C:** **Have mercy upon us.**
- P:** O God the Holy Spirit, who mercifully visits the souls of Your elect, to abide with us forever;
- C:** **Have mercy upon us.**
- P:** Holy Trinity, Blessed forevermore,
- C:** **Be favorable to us, and bless us.**
- P:** From the snares of the world, the flesh, and the devil;
- C:** **Good Lord, deliver us.**
- P:** From impenitence, unbelief, and neglect of Your holy commandments;;
- C:** **Good Lord, deliver us.**
- P:** From all carelessness, and forgetfulness of You;
- C:** **Good Lord, deliver us.**
- P:** From Your wrath, whether in this world or in the world to come;

HOME DEVOTION CORNER:

Suggested Readings for Home Devotion:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Matt. 11:25-30 Gen. 3:1-24	Act. 3:22-26 Gen. 9:1-19	Col. 1:15-29 Gen. 22:1-19	Heb. 1:1-4 Gen. 49:1-28	Heb. 2:1-4 Num. 24:14-25	Eph. 3:1-12 Deut. 18:15-19

Next Week's Hymns

families, especially children, can benefit from practicing these hymns at home during devotions

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|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| #167 "How
Lovely Shines the
Morning Star" | #98 "Lo! He
Comes with
Clouds Descend-
ing" | #97 "O Savior,
Rend the Heavens
Wide" |
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Prayers: Follow the daily prayers in the *Hymnary*, pp. 167-171.

You may also pray Collects #1-4 on p. 147 throughout the week.

Please offer prayers for one another throughout your week, and for our homebound and ill. If you have specific prayer requests, please submit them to Pastor Lilienthal by Wednesday so that they may be published in the week's bulletin.

to church for pizza. Come along, even if you don't think you have a great singing voice, because these members love hearing us share the love of our Lord in hymns. (And the Vikings game should be done by the time we start!)

Sunday Morning Bible Study we are studying the Heritage Hymns of the ELS. 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of our synod's reorganization. We're looking back over the hymns that have been significant for our synod throughout the years, and are still true and powerful today.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study we are reading and studying the Gospel according to St. Luke. The only Gentile author of the Bible, writing to a Gentile audience, shows us how Jesus Christ fulfills the entire Old Testament and prepares us to receive the blessings of eternal life with him.



Greeters:

Fellowship Host:

This Week:

Next Week:

Last Week:

Attendance:	Offerings Received	Weekly Need:
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- C: **Good Lord, deliver us.**
P: From a slumbering conscience, and from an unprepared death;
C: **Good Lord, deliver us.**
P: By the compassion and long-suffering of God the Father;
C: **Good Lord, deliver us.**
P: By Your first Coming and humiliation;
C: **Good Lord, deliver us.**
P: By Your Passion, and most precious Death;
C: **Good Lord, deliver us.**
P: By Your intercession for us before the Father;
C: **Good Lord, deliver us.**
P: By Your second Coming in Your glorious majesty;
C: **Good Lord, deliver us.**
P: By the mercies and comforts of God the Holy Spirit;
C: **Good Lord, deliver us.**
P: In our days of sorrow, weakness, and tribulation,
C: **Console and defend us, O Lord.**
P: In our last sickness, and in the hour of death,
C: **Console and defend us, O Lord.**
P: In Your Judgment, when the last sentence is pronounced,
C: **Deliver us, O holy and merciful Savior..**
P: We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.
That You would vouchsafe to us true repentance and a good conscience;
C: **We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.**
P: That You would enable us to bear all our trials patiently, and to glorify You in our daily life;
C: **We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.**
P: That You would defend and govern Your holy church, especially in this land;
C: **We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.**
P: That You would vouchsafe to all our brethren, especially those dearest to us, unity, peace, and true concord;
C: **We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.**
P: That You would vouchsafe to the afflicted and suffering in soul or body Your merciful aid and deliverance;
C: **We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.**
P: That You would continually exalt our minds to heavenly desires;
C: **We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.**

Advent means "coming." We look back to the time when Jesus came in humility as a baby conceived in the womb of the Blessed Virgin. We continue to look to the present when he comes to us in Word and Sacrament. We look forward to the time he will come in glory at the Last Day.

P: That we may be more and more perfected in the fruits of the Spirit, and better conformed to Your most holy will;
C: **We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.**
P: That being uncertain of the hour of our death, we may study to be watchful, and prepared to give an account of our stewardship;
C: **We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.**
P: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world;
C: **Hear us, O Lord.**
P: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world;;
C: **Spare us, O Lord.**
P: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world;;
C: **Have mercy upon us.**
C: **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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

2. The Introit



P: To You, O Lord, I `lift up my soul;/ O my God, `I trust in You.
Let me `not be ashamed;/ Let not my enemies tri`umph over me.
Indeed, let no one who waits on You `be a`shamed./ Show me Your ways, O Lord; `teach me Your paths.
Glory be to the Father `and to the Son/ and to `the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the be`ginning, is now,/ and ever shall be, forever`more. Amen.

This Week at Our Savior's:

Today	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Next Sun.
Divine Service ~9:00 a.m. Sunday School ~10:15 a.m. Bible Study ~10:30 a.m.	Pastor at Winkel in Mason City		Bible Study ~10:00 a.m. Advent Vespers ~2:00 p.m. ~7:00 p.m.	Coffee with Pastor ~10:00 a.m.			Divine Service ~9:00 a.m. Sunday School ~10:15 a.m. Bible Study ~10:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who donated food to our ELS Seminary students! The donation bin was overflowing with items, and your support of the men who are training for the public ministry is greatly appreciated.

Christmas at Bethany is this weekend! The Bethany Music Department presents their annual Christmas at Bethany concerts in Trinity Chapel Dec. 6-7 at 5 p.m., Dec. 8 at 1 and 5 p.m., and Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. The concert will include participation by the Concert Band and Chamber Orchestra directed by Benjamin Faugstad, the Mary Martha Singers and Handbell Choir directed by Ann Fredrickson, and the Concert Choir directed by Dennis Marzolf. Advance reservations are encouraged, especially for Saturday and Sunday, as concerts tend to fill and seating is general admission. For FREE tickets, go to blc.edu/Christmas-at-Bethany, or call (507) 344-7365.

The ELS Ottesen Museum Christmas Open House is December 11th. All are welcome to attend between 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. for refreshments, history, and fellowship. Featured especially is a pump organ that used to be at the Manchester congregation. The museum's address is *4 Browns Ct., Mankato, MN.*

The Ladies' Aid pot-luck will be December 13th at noon. They would like to invite everyone to come and enjoy the fellowship and meal at that event here in Luther Hall.

The Catechism Class has begun participating as acolytes. This ancient practice is for the boys in the congregation to assist the pastor in the worship service, especially in lighting the candles and carrying various objects. In this way, the students get practical experience in the worship service, in learning what the liturgy and hymns are all for, and helps to lead the congregation in the reverent atmosphere of this foretaste of heaven. Today's acolyte is Jaden Linn.

Winter weather is upon us. If the weather is inclement, check your radio at 1450 AM, KATE, to see about cancellation of services. You can also check our Facebook page for announcements.

We will go a-caroling! Sunday, December 23rd, at 3:30 p.m. we will gather at Our Savior's to go out and sing Christmas carols to our shut-in members. After singing, we will return

The pastor sings the blessing that Aaron was instructed to sing over the people of Israel, (Num. 6:24-26) blessing them with the name of the Triune God. You have received the Lord's gifts, so the blessing is the prayer that you may continue strengthened in those gifts to eternity.

The hymn sets the Advent theme, "Christ has come, is coming, and will come again." Luther translated this hymn for the people's use almost literally. It was arranged for congregational singing with the tune written by Johann Walter, Luther's Kantor whose own hymn "The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us" was sung by many on the Last Sunday of the Church Year.

21. The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give ✠ you peace.

C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

22. The Closing Hymn: #90:5-7 | "Thou, the Father's Only Son"

23. The Closing Prayer

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.



AFTER THE DIVINE SERVICE, turn to p. 40 in the front part of the *Hymnary*, and pray quietly to yourself or as a family the prayer **AT THE END OF DIVINE SERVICE**.

3. The Kyrie Eleison ~ Lord, have mercy

C: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Ky - ri - e e - le - is - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.
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le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

4. The Collects

P: Let us pray:
O Lord Jesus Christ, for whose sudden coming to Judgment Your Church looks and waits, come now to us in Your quickening love, and plant Your holy fear and love within our hearts. Establish us in Your truth and righteousness, endue us with such boldness to confess You before men, that You may at the Last Day confess us before Your Father and all the elect and angels in heaven; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: A - - - men.

P: Stir up, we beseech You, Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins, and be saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

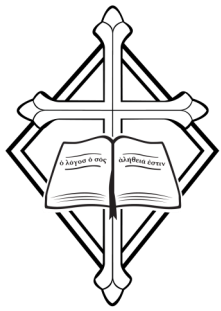
Matthew 9:27—"Two blind men followed Jesus, calling out, 'Have mercy on us, Son of David!'"

We pray in this song, the prayer of the blind men, the lepers, and Israel in bondage, asking God for healing, forgiveness, and salvation, recognizing our lowliness and his greatness and ability to help.

The Collect is a brief prayer that "collects" in one short petition all that we are asking God to do for us, based on the specific section of his Word which is preached on that day.

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II. The Service of The Word

5. The Epistle

Romans 13:11-14

¹¹And do this since you understand the present time. It is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is almost over, and the day is drawing near. So let us put away the deeds of darkness and put on the weapons of

light. ¹³Let us walk decently as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual sin and wild living, not in strife and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not give any thought to satisfying the desires of your sinful flesh.

The Epistle lesson indicates that the Old Testament is fulfilled in Christ, and we now live in the age of that fulfillment.

The Gospel calls us to rely on God's mercy in Christ, which then motivates us to love as we have been loved. The context of this epistle assures us that God declares us righteous, not because of our ability to love, but solely because of Christ, who is the end of the Law.

God promises to answer prayer, but we may be impatient or tempted to question his answers. Even when our faithfulness fails, God is faithful. He hears our prayers and truly acts for our good. In faith, we patiently wait for him.

6. A Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9 | p. 177 (Tone 3)

Odd verses: Pastor | **Even verses: Congregation** | "Glory be to the Father..." : **All**



19. The Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God

C: O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world,
have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You
take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world,
grant us Your peace A - men.

In the Sacrament, the Lamb of God comes to take away our sin.

John 1:29—"John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'"

Be assured that your sins are forgiven as you eat and drink.

20. The Distribution Hymn #91 | "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Hymn #111 | "When Sinners See Their Lost Condition"

WHEN YOU HAVE RETURNED TO YOUR SEAT, turn to p. 40 in the front part of the *Hymnary*, and pray quietly to yourself or as a family the prayer **AFTER HOLY COMMUNION**.

21. The Dismissal

22. The Hymn of Thanksgiving: #90:1-4 | "Savior of the Nations, Come"

23. The Collect of Thanksgiving

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: A - - - men.

This is one of the oldest hymns in the hymn book. Attributed to Ambrose (b. 340), it is a prayer Christ would come today. This is not a vain hope as Christ has come from the Father in heaven. The second stanza sings it this way "Not by human flesh and blood, By the Spirit of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh Woman's Offspring, pure and fresh."

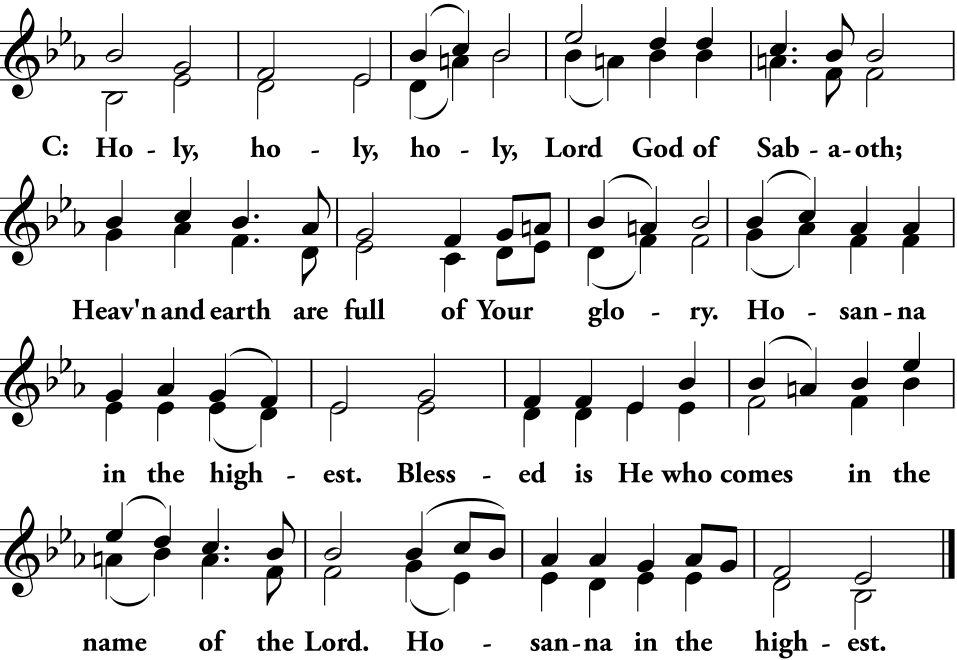
The Sanctus begins with the threefold song that Isaiah heard the angels sing in his vision of heaven (Isaiah 6). Here time and space truly end for a moment and we participate in the joys of the heavenly feast. The second half of the Sanctus is the song of Palm Sunday: "Hosanna!" which means, "Save us, please!" As certain as the Lord came into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday to accomplish salvation, now he comes into our midst to give us the blessings of that salvation in his body and his blood.

1 Corinthians 11:28—"let a person examine himself and after doing so, let him eat of the bread and drink from the cup"

Matthew 6:9-13

Matthew 26:26-27
Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20
1 Corinthians 11:23-25

15. The Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a-oth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

16. The Exhortation

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17. The Lord's Prayer

All sing:

C: 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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever.



C: A - - - - - men.

18. The Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My ✕ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

7. The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1-9

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²telling them, "Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

⁶The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. ⁸A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. ⁹The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting,

Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!



C: God be prais - ed for His glad ti - dings.

8. The Nicene Creed

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

C: 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 men 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 is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall 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.



C: A - - - - - men.

We stand out of eagerness for the Gospel and reverence for this holiest treasure, acknowledging that our Lord is indeed present in his Gospel. Here we find Jesus revealed as the answer to all our prayers and praises.

Palm Sunday is a high point, as a crowd at the Jewish capital openly acclaims Jesus as Messiah. It is also a turning point, however, since it galvanizes his opponents. Like the crowds in Jerusalem, we are prone to fickleness—today, all for the Lord! tomorrow, turning from him. Though we often prove faithless, Jesus remains constant. His love and forgiveness never falter.

2 Corinthians 4:13—"Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, 'I believed, and so I spoke,' we also believe, and so we also speak."

The pastor assures the communicants that what they intend and promise to do (sing to their Lord in thanks and praise) is not only the right thing to do, but is also wholesome for body, soul, mind, and spirit (salutary). The Proper Preface ends by showing us how we are united with the saints and angels in unending praise. Here we are closest to our brothers and sisters who have gone before us. They are gathered at the Feast of the Lamb on that side of heaven, and we are gathered at his Table on this side of heaven, all one in the Lord.