

# AS WE GATHER

The Lord will dwell where He wishes. Even Solomon had to acknowledge that his magnificent Temple was not *the Lord's dwelling* as if He could be *contained* by it (1 Kings 8:27). David planned the Temple; but the Lord planned to *make him a house* (2 Sam. 7:11). So from David's line came Jesus, the *Son of Man* with *no place to lay His head* (Luke 9:58). The Church isn't our building but His (Matt. 16:18). He doesn't wait for our invitation. Rather, as with Zacchaeus, He *must stay at your house today, for He seeks and saves the lost* (Luke 19:5–10). Come in our flesh, now *the dwelling place of God is with men*. He speaks His Word, creates faith, and forgives sins. *He makes all things new*, for by His sacrificial blood He prepares a Church for Himself, a *holy city and bride*. At the last we will *behold new Jerusalem with tear-free eyes* (Rev. 21:2–5); now we sojourn in the world, unwelcome as He was. But wherever the *Lord's Name* is, *there He is to bless* (Num. 6:27), *to hear*, and to *forgive* (1 Kings 8:29–30). *Today salvation has come to this house* also.

+ENTER IN SILENCE+ +WAIT IN PRAYER+ +WORSHIP IN REVERENCE+

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### PRELUDE

(Please **STAND** and face the Processional Cross)

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

#901



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so  
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty  
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,  
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,  
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed  
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O  
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I  
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing





is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!  
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;  
Let Thy will be done indeed.  
May I undisturbed draw near Thee  
While Thou dost Thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows;  
Here is balm for all our woes.

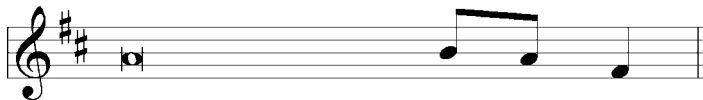
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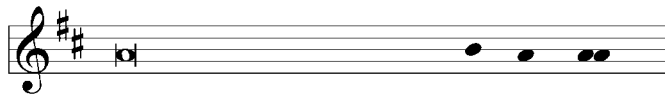


**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

Psalms 51:15



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

Psalms 70:1



Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

## + PSALMODY +

### PSALM

*(Congregation sings the Gloria Patri)*

Psalm 84:1-5, 8-12

<sup>1</sup>How lovely is your | dwelling place,\*  
O | LORD of hosts!

<sup>2</sup>My soul longs, yes, faints  
for the courts | of the LORD;\*  
my heart and flesh sing for joy  
to the | living God.

<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may | lay her young,\*  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King | and my God.

<sup>4</sup>Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,\*  
ever sing- | ing your praise!

<sup>5</sup>Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,\*  
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

<sup>8</sup>O LORD God of hosts, | hear my prayer;\*  
give ear, O God of | Jacob!



<sup>9</sup>Behold our shield, | O God;\*  
look on the face of your a- | nointed!

<sup>10</sup>For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand | elsewhere.\*

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.

<sup>11</sup>For the LORD God is a sun and shield;  
the LORD bestows favor and | honor.\*

No good thing does he withhold  
from those who walk up- | rightly.

<sup>12</sup>O | LORD of hosts,\*  
blesséd is the one who | trusts in you!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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## OFFICE HYMN

### *“The Lord, My God, Be Praised”*

#794 Δ



1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;  
2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,  
3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,  
4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;  
The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,  
The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.  
To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day  
Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood  
His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,  
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo-ment yield New bless-ings on my way.  
And gives to me by faith The high-est heav'n-ly good.  
Help, com-fort, and sup-port In sor-row's gloom-y hour.  
God Fa-ther, God the Son, And God the Ho-ly Ghost.

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## + READINGS +

### FIRST READING

*1 Kings 8:22-30*

<sup>22</sup>Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, <sup>23</sup>and said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart, <sup>24</sup>who have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. <sup>25</sup>Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, ‘You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ <sup>26</sup>Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father. <sup>27</sup>“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! <sup>28</sup>Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, <sup>29</sup>that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. <sup>30</sup>And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.”

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

*Revelation 21:1-5*

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

<sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### THIRD READING

*Luke 19:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through.

<sup>2</sup>And there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich.

<sup>3</sup>And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small of stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” <sup>6</sup>So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. <sup>7</sup>And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” <sup>8</sup>And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” <sup>9</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

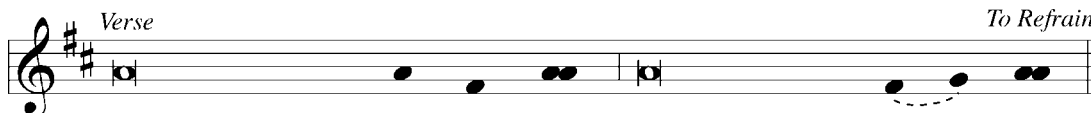
P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### COMMON RESPONSORY

Psalm 86:11; 119:105

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**L** 1 Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.  
2 Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.  
3 Glory be to the  
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



**C** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**HYMN**

**“The Church’s One Foundation”**

**#644**



1 The Church’s one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - ’ry na - tion, Yet one o’er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav’n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, “How long?”  
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



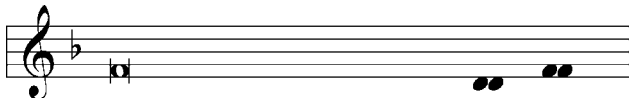
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press - es With ev - ’ry grace en - dued.  
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O blessèd heav’nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see You face to face.

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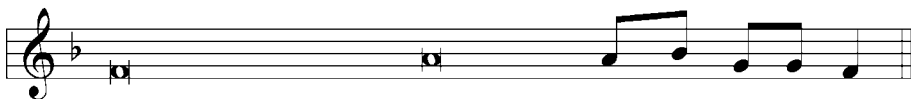
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**ANTIPHON**



**L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,

Psalm 141:2



**G** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

**MAGNIFICAT**

**“My Soul Rejoices”**



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the  
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me  
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and  
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and  
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy  
wealth-y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the

sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,  
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A-br'ham's off - spring

Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!  
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

**+ PRAYER +**

**KYRIE**

Mark 10:47

**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9-13

**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 power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**



**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



**C** And with your spir - it.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray. Almighty God, You have promised to be with Your Church forever. We praise You for Your presence in this place of worship and ask Your ongoing blessing upon those who gather here. Dwell continually among us with Your holy Word and Sacraments, strengthen our fellowship in the bonds of love and peace, and increase our faithful witness to Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

### ADDITIONAL COLLECTS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

(**P:** Lord, in Your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.)

### COLLECT FOR PEACE

**P:** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

### BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

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**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

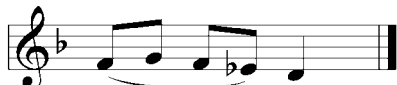
2 Corinthians 13:14



**P** The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C** A - men.

*(Please face the Processional Cross)*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### *“Lift High the Cross”*

#837

*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,
- 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
- 3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied tree,
- 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

*Refrain*

(Stanzas 5 & 6) ►

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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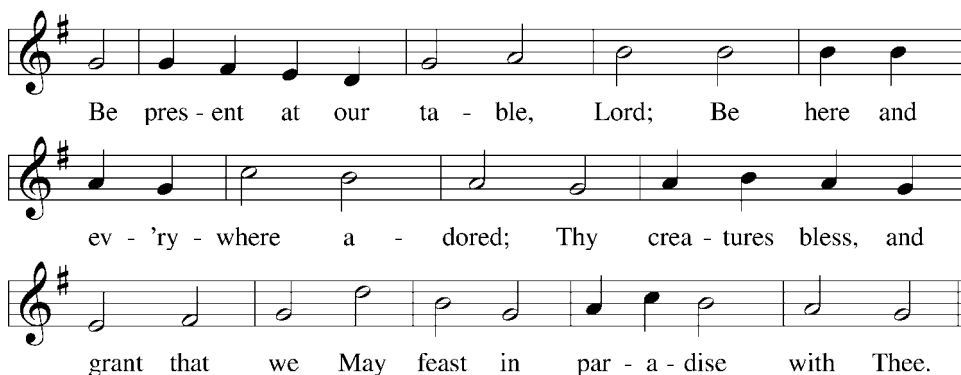
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## HISTORY IN PICTURES

### MEAL PRAYER

### *“Be Present at Our Table, Lord”*

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Be pres - ent at our ta - ble, Lord; Be here and  
ev - 'ry - where a - dored; Thy crea - tures bless, and  
grant that we May feast in par - a - dise with Thee.

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### POSTLUDE

**+DEPART IN PEACE+**

***All are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a reception.  
Please wear your mask and observe physical distancing.***

***A Commemorative DVD and History Booklet are available  
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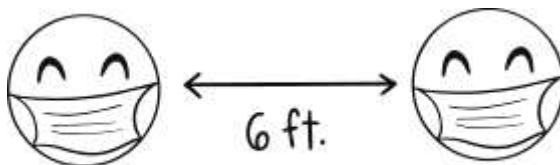
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