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Great and amazing are Your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!  
**Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations!**  
Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name?  
**For You alone are holy.**  
All nations will come and worship You,  
**for Your righteous acts have been revealed. Alleluia!**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Let us confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

**Merciful Father, we bring before You our confession, imploring Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. We are sinful from birth and daily add to that burden. Our actions have been thoughtless and have resulted in evil. Our words have been hurtful, and we have not always honored Your name in our speaking. We have left undone many things that could have brought glory and praise to You. O Lord, grant us Your grace and the blessing of forgiveness. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to amend our sinful lives, that we may grow daily in righteousness and be bringers of peace in our time.**

Because of the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus, God promises full and free forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Green 25

**Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear;  
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The marriage feast is waiting; The gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory; The bridegroom is at hand.

The saints, who here in patience Their cross and suff'rings bore,  
Shall live and reign forever When sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory The Lamb they shall behold;  
In triumph cast before him Their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption That sets your people free!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

Cantor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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**WORD**

We Hear God's Word.

**FIRST LESSON**

**Amos 5:18-24**

Let justice roll down like waters.

*Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. (NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!** *(shouted)*

**PSALM 70** *(antiphon v. 4)*



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**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

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#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
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**MUSIC AT OFFERING**

When Long Before Time  
*arranged by David Cherwein*

Choir

When long before time and the worlds were begun,  
When there was no earth and no sky and no sun,  
And all was deep silence and night reigned supreme,  
And even our Maker had only a dream

The silence was broken when God sang the Song,  
And light pierced the darkness and rhythm began,  
And with its first birth-cries creation was born,  
And creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.

The sounds of the creatures were one with their Lord's,  
Their harmonies sweet and befitting the Word;  
The Singer was pleased as the earth sang the Song,  
The choir of the creatures reechoed it long.

Though down through the ages the Song disappeared,  
Its harmonies broken and almost unheard,  
The Singer comes to us to sing it again,  
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Be glory for ever, through life and through death.

### OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful Father,  
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves,  
our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for  
the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PREFACE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, . . . and join their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
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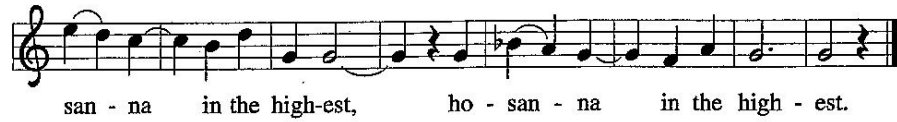
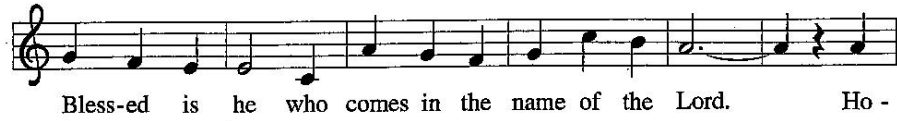
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**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven . . . forever and ever.



**LORD'S PRAYER** (*join hands*)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:  
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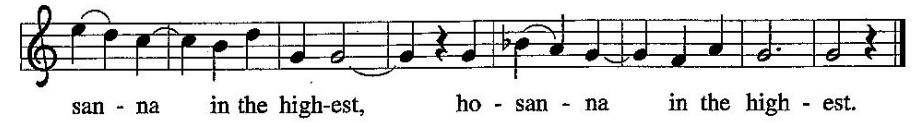
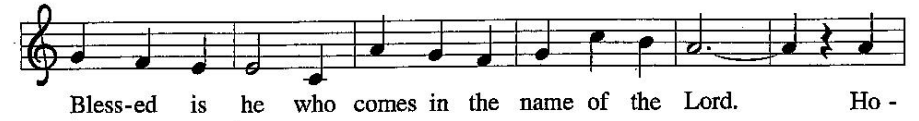
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**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven . . . forever and ever.



**LORD'S PRAYER** (*join hands*)

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And hath shed his own blood for my soul.**

**He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

**And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend;  
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Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness  
*cantor on stanzas, congregation on refrain*

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
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