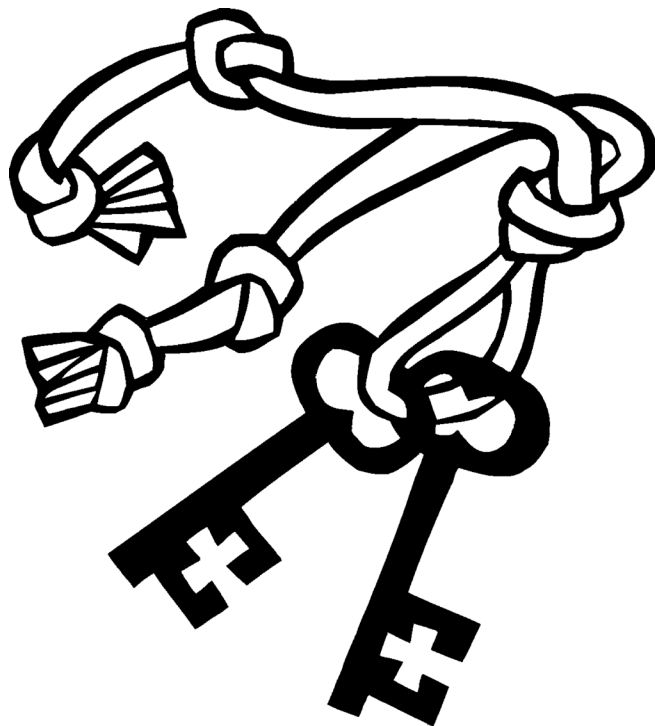


**August 27, 2023**  
**13th Sunday after Pentecost**



### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We have hurt our community.**  
**We have squandered your blessings.**  
**We have hoarded your bounty.**  
**In the name of Jesus,**  
**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

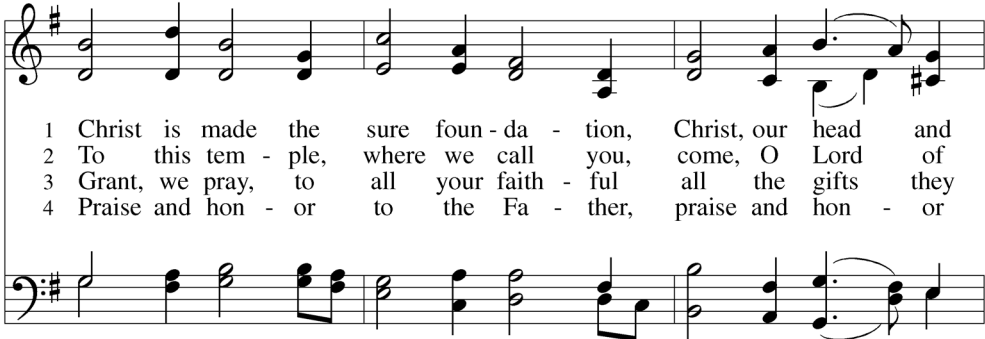
Righteous God,  
**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We have failed to be honest.**  
**We have lacked the courage to speak.**  
**We have spoken falsely.**  
**In the name of Jesus,**  
**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ✚ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Entrance Hymn – Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (WOV747):


### Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful all the gifts they  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
ask to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

### GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

# KYRIE (Cornell Setting)

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, have mer - cy. — [A] For the peace from a - bove, and for

our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord. [C] Lord, have mer - cy. —

\* [A] For the peace of the whole world, for the

well - be - ing of the Church of God, — and for the un - i - ty of

all, let us pray to the Lord. [C] Lord, have mer - cy. —

[A] For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and

praise, let us pray to the Lord. [C] Lord, have mer - cy. —

[A] Help, save, com - fort and de - fend us, gra - cious

Lord. [C] A - men

# HYMN OF PRAISE – “Glory to God”



A Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



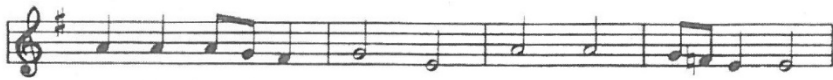
Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther;



re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the



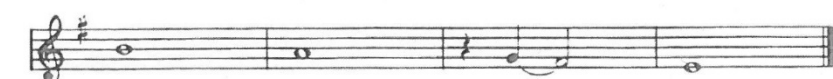
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - men, a - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY



Musical notation for the second part of the prayer. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is on a treble clef staff with notes Eb4, Ab4, Bb4, F4, and G4. Above the staff, the notes Eb, Ab, Bb, F, and G are written above the notes. Below the staff, the lyrics "And al - so with you." are written, with a square box containing a 'C' before the first note. The piano accompaniment is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with chords and moving lines.

Let us Pray.... O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## THE WORD

### First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;

the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.  
<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 138** (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.  
<sup>2</sup>**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**  
<sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.  
<sup>4</sup>**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**  
<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways of the LORD,  
that great is the glory of the LORD.  
<sup>6</sup>**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**  
<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.  
<sup>8</sup>**You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

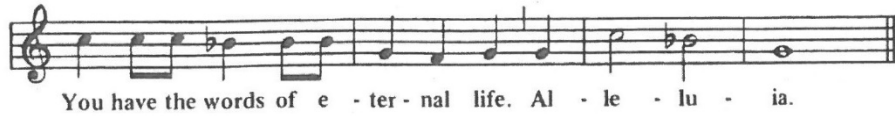
**Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

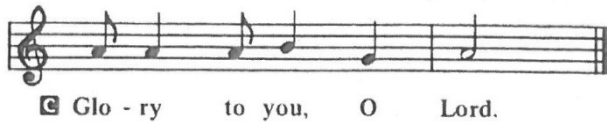
<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



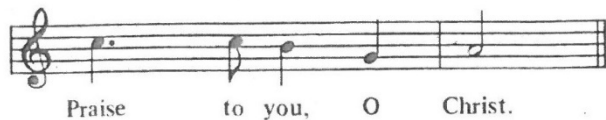
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 16th Chapter.



### **Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.



### **SERMON – REV. DAVID VANDERLINDE-ABERNATHY**

# HYMN OF THE DAY – MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS (LBW294)

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less than  
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -  
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are  
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.



## APOSTLE'S CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their need.  
*A brief silence is kept.*

Heavenly Father, thank you for Peter! He was so very human, and yet you gave him faith to confess Jesus as your Son and Messiah. As you used him, please use us, too, to do your work of forgiving, confessing, and proclaiming Jesus as Lord to the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Establish the Church upon the solid rock of Christ, and on the faithful witness of your apostles. Make the Church truly the one body of Christ upon this earth. Use it to bring many to faith in Jesus their Savior. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep safe your servants who are persecuted for naming Jesus as Christ and God. Visit them with your righteousness and draw near with your salvation. Let our words and deeds never tarnish their witness. We also pray for missionaries, seminarians, and theologians entrusted with proclaiming your word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all those who have instructed and shaped our faith – parents, grandparents, pastors, Sunday School teachers, and everyone whose love for Jesus shines brightly in word and deed. Use us to encourage, instruct and guide others in lives of discipleship and service, to your glory and for the building up of your people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Teach the world's rulers listen to you, the giver of justice and the author of salvation. Conform their decisions and deeds to your righteous will, so that they care for the lowly and give hope to all who cry out to you. Heal the divisions that fracture families, communities, and nations; and help us to live at peace with our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Graciously answer the prayers of all who call upon you for help, including. Keep them safe in the midst of suffering and sorrow. Increase their strength and faith. Let them see the light of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, your love endures forever. In your mercy, draw near and make good your purpose for us. Give to us, and to all whom he has redeemed, eternal joy and gladness; thanksgiving and the voice of song. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayer, O Father, and grant all that glorifies you and builds up your people. This we ask for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

## **CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST**

### **PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**(If you choose to exchange the peace, please use hand sanitizer before you start and again when finished.)**

### **OFFERTORY**

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN - LET THE VINEYARDS:**

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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and  
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us Pray. Blessed are you, **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



☐ 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.

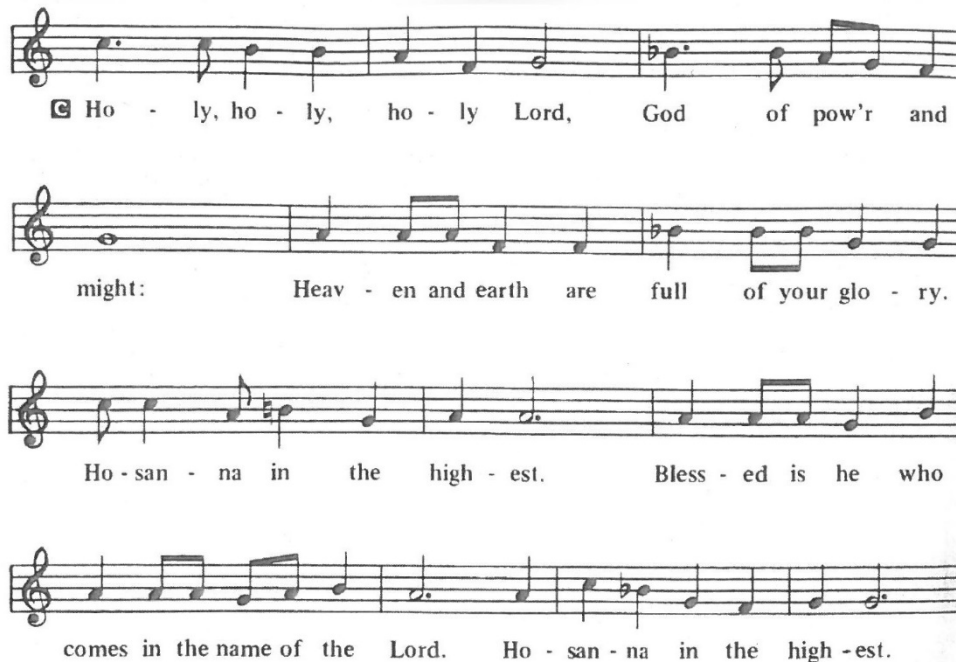


☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.



## PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
might: Heav - en 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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

### **C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

## C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

## C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servant of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

The image shows a musical score for a prayer. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, all in a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a dash and the word 'Through'. The second staff begins with 'u - ni - ty'. The third staff begins with 'hon - or'. The fourth staff begins with 'Fa - ther,'. The music is a simple, melodic line with some rests and a final cadence.

Through him, with him, in him, \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spir - it, \_\_\_\_\_ all  
hon - or and glo - ry is yours, \_\_\_\_\_ al - might-y  
Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_ A - men

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## FRACTION

### LAMB OF GOD:



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant \_\_\_\_\_ us  
peace, grant \_\_\_\_\_ us peace.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table.

Come, eat what is good.

### COMMUNION

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

**(Please use hand sanitizer before coming to the Altar. Both intinction and common cup are available.)**

### TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen**

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE:

A Thank the Lord, thank the Lord, thank the Lord and  
sing his praise. **G** Thank the Lord and sing his praise;  
tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek 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.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us Pray.... We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN – O Savior, Precious Savior (LBW514):

### O Savior, Precious Savior

1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;  
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,  
3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;  
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,

O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:  
thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:  
the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.  
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;

we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,

we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.  
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.  
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.  
and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

### BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✠ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**