### **Opening Hymn**

# 483 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty



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Stand

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Hasten to save me, O God; O Lord, come quickly to help me.

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world: praise and thanks to God!



Be seated

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was undeveloped and empty. Darkness covered the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>God saw that the light was good. He separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." There was evening and there was morning—the first day.

<sup>6</sup>God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters, and let it separate the water from the water." <sup>7</sup>God made the expanse, and he separated the water that was below the expanse from the water that was above the expanse, and it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the expanse "sky." There was evening and there was morning—the second day.

<sup>9</sup>God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear," and it was so. The waters under the sky gathered to their own places, and the dry land appeared. God called the dry ground "land," and the gathering places of the waters he called "seas." God saw that it was good. God said, "Let the earth produce plants—vegetation that produces seed, and trees that bear fruit with its seed in it—each according to its own kind on the earth," and it was so. The earth brought forth plants, vegetation that produces seed according to its own kind, and trees that bear fruit with its seed in it, each according to its own kind, and God saw that it was good.

There was evening and there was morning—the third day.

<sup>14</sup>God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to divide the day from the night, and let them serve as markers to indicate seasons, days, and years. <sup>15</sup>Let them serve as lights in the expanse of the sky to give light to the earth," and it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set these lights in place in the expanse of the sky to provide light for the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>There was evening and there was morning—the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>God said, "Let the waters swarm with living creatures, and let birds and other winged creatures fly above the earth in the open expanse of the sky." <sup>21</sup>God created the large sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their own kind, and every winged bird

according to its own kind. God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them when he said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the waters of the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>There was evening and there was morning—the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>God said, "Let the earth produce living creatures according to their own kind, livestock, creeping things, and wild animals according to their own kind," and it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals according to their own kind, and the livestock according to their own kind, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its own kind. God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that crawls on the earth."

<sup>27</sup>God created the man in his own image.

In the image of God he created him.

Male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup>God said, "Look, I have given you every plant that produces seed on the face of the whole earth, and every tree that bears fruit that produces seed. It will be your food. <sup>30</sup>To every animal of the earth, and to every bird of the sky, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

<sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning—the sixth day.

2 The heavens and the earth were finished, along with everything in them. <sup>2</sup>On the seventh day God had finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had been doing. <sup>3</sup>God blessed the seventh day and set it apart as holy, because on it he rested from all his work of creation that he had done.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# **Second Reading**

# 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

<sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers, rejoice. Set things in order. Be encouraged. Agree with one another. Be at peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

<sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup>All the saints greet you.

<sup>14</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

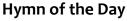
## Gospel

#### Matthew 28:16-20

<sup>16</sup>The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some hesitated because they were uncertain. <sup>18</sup>Jesus approached and spoke to them saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!



### 940 We All Believe in One True God



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Sermon

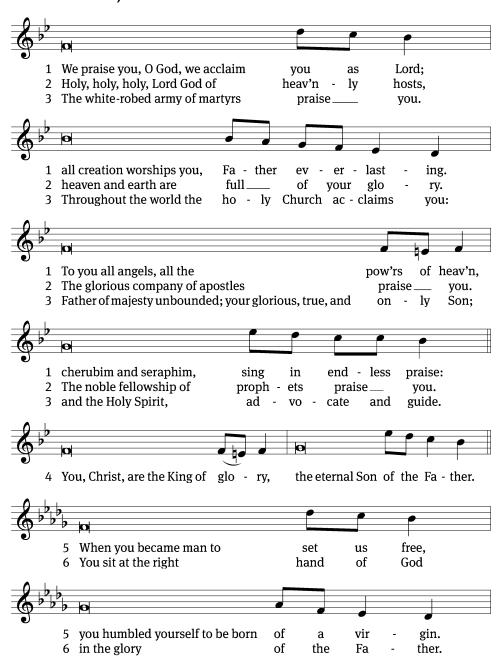
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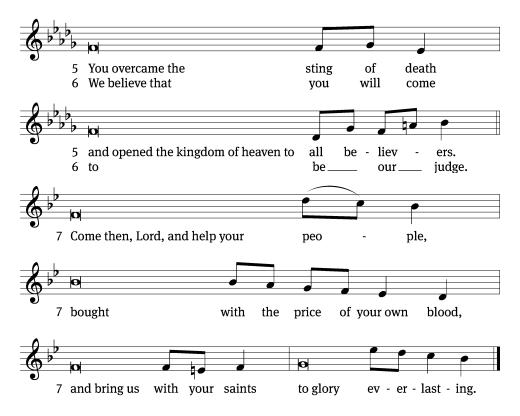
# Jesus is with You

1. Surely.

2. Always.

Stand





Be seated

The offering may follow.

Stand

# Lord, Have Mercy

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Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Prayers of intercession, seasonal prayers, and the Prayer of the Day may follow.

# **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Prayers of intercession and seasonal prayers may follow.

The following prayer is said:

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

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.

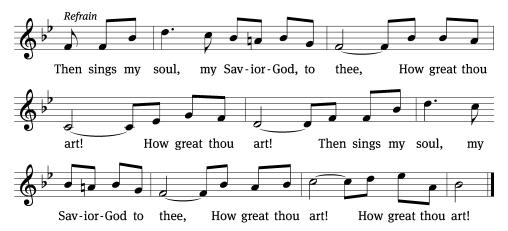
Let us praise the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.





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