

United Church of Christ of California – California, MO
Rev. Russell Cobb Pastor
Mrs. Beth Dampf Organist
Mrs. Stacy Friedrich Sr. Choir Director

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2024

** All those who are able, please stand.*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Emily King & Megan Carlock

Choral Opening

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

*Hymn No. 338 “Victory in Jesus”

*Prayer of the Day

Light of light, open our hearts to the voice of your Word and free us from the original darkness that shadows our vision. Restore our sight that we may look upon your Son who calls us to repentance and a change of heart, for he lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen.

*Call to Praise

O Lord, open our lips!

And our mouths shall show forth your praise!

*Act of Praise – “Gloria Patri”

Invitation to Children’s Time

Hymn for Children “Praise Him, Praise Him”

p. 6 first verse one time

Children’s Time

JoAnn Cantriel

Anthem “Answer to the Call”

Sr. Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Allan Mortenson

God of all faithfulness, help us to hear your Son. Enlighten us with your word, that we may find the way to your glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who died but now lives to reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 5:15-20 p. 576

Second Lesson: Matthew 6:19-24 p. 839

Sermon

The Doctor Will See You Now:

It’s Terminal – Luke 16:19-31 p. 910

Hymn No. 361 “My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

Christians, what do you believe?

(Apostles’ Creed) **I believe in God the Father, Almighty...**

Prayer of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

Invitation to the Offering

*Response “*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*”

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 41 “To God Be The Glory”

*Benediction

*Congregational Response – “God is So Good” p.49

*God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good- O so good to me,
He saved my soul, He saved my soul,
He saved my soul- God's so good to me,
I'll praise His name, I'll praise His name,
I'll praise His name- God's so good to me.*

*Postlude

Statement of Faith ~ Wednesday, March 13

Khloe Mortenson – daughter of Chad and Nicole Mortenson

Wednesday Evening Meal, March 13 ~ 5:45pm

Chicken Fettuccine, Vegetable, Fruit and Bread.

Don't forget to sign up!!

New Member Luncheon Today after church in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions about placing membership here at the UCC of California, come join us. **Sunday, March 17th will be Membership Sunday** where we will welcome Jim Schutt, Kevin and Julie Steinhauer, and Cindy Ash.



Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids) - TODAY

after children's time until the end of the worship service for **Grades K-3rd grade**. We will have a Bible story video with BibleForce Heroes, talk about our Bible story, sing songs and have a snack. All the kids in this age group are invited to come down to the Fellowship Hall with Betty Cobb. Sunday ROK takes place the **second Sunday of each month**. You can pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall at the end of the worship service

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The new building being added on to Project Share will soon be finished. Along with this additional space, comes the need for more volunteers to work at the counter and cash register. Project Share is open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Volunteers are needed Thursday and Friday mornings from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Also Saturdays, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Vicky Schroeder is the person in charge of scheduling the volunteers and she usually asks you to work once a month. If you feel like you can donate a couple of hours, please contact Vicky at 913-669-2999 for information or questions. There is really nothing hard about this job.

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rhonda@calmo-ucc.org

Activities Calendar: March 10, 2024 ~ March 17,2024

Sunday, March 10 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship (followed by New Member Luncheon)

Monday, March 11

6:00 p.m. - Consistory

Tuesday, March 12

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, March 13 Fifth Wednesday in Lent

5:45 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:15 p.m. – Bell Choir

6:20 p.m. – God's Singers

7:00 p.m. – Worship (*followed by Sr. Choir*)

Sunday, March 17th Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship (New Member Sunday)

Looking Ahead.....

March 16 – VeggieTales 9:30 am

March 17 - New Member Sunday

March 19 - First Day of Spring!

*March 20 – Women's Guild 1pm/Lenten Worship 7pm/Confirmands
reception*

March 23- Salem Shrimp and Chicken Dinner

March 24 – Palm Sunday

March 25 - Brotherhood

March 28 – Maundy Thursday Service

March 29 – Good Friday Service at Salem

March 31 – Easter Services

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of Jerry Coale

Family and Friends of Nanette Ellis

Confirmands:

**Kalyn Carlock, Aubrey Davis, Emma Kissick, Khloe Mortenson
and Brooks Nichols**

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaart Bill Schacht

Jo Suggs Judy Kilmer Jaden Perry (*Janice Anderson's grandson*)

All Those Serving in the U.S. Military, including:

Martin Knipker (*son of Kenny Knipker*)

Dwight Bowlin (*grandson of Jack & the late Carole Bowlin, Fort Campbell, KY*)

Dakota Meyer (*grandson of Billy Meyer, Ft. Carson, Colorado Springs, CO*)

Madelynn Perry (*granddaughter of Jan Anderson, army - Europe*)

Dylan Ash (*son of Lanny & Ellen Ash, stationed at Oak Harbor, WA*)

Hayden Grant (*grandson of Kathy Grant, Air Force, Okinawa, Japan*)

Derek Meyer (*grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Monterey, CA*)

Damion Street (*grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Munich, Germany*)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are left from the funeral
of Jerry Lee Coale.

A **Nursery** is available just outside the sanctuary. The nursery attendant is **Reagan Cain**. There are activity bags at the back of the sanctuary for children that stay in the worship service.

Need some help with hearing? See an usher at the back of the sanctuary to check out a hearing assisted unit for your personal use in the sanctuary and in the Friendship Hall. We have new units available.

Notice the "Connection Cards" in the pews. They are for our guests or anyone that has a prayer request or needs more information about the church. Please place it in the offering plate.

Salem United Church of Christ

Shrimp and Chicken Dinner

March 23, 2024 ~ 5:30-7:00 pm

Dine-in or Carry-out

(Pavilion available for outdoor dining)

Meal includes: shrimp or chicken, cheesy potatoes, slaw,
dessert and drink.

Please RSVP by Monday, March 18 to

Brenda Oesterly

Home: 573-796-3013 ~ Cell: 573-291-7165

email: oesterlyb@yahoo.com

Freewill donations for the meal.

Looking forward to seeing our friends and family on this special night.

Finke Theatre Presents

The Living Lord's Supper

Live Performance at 7:00 p.m. March 22 and 23

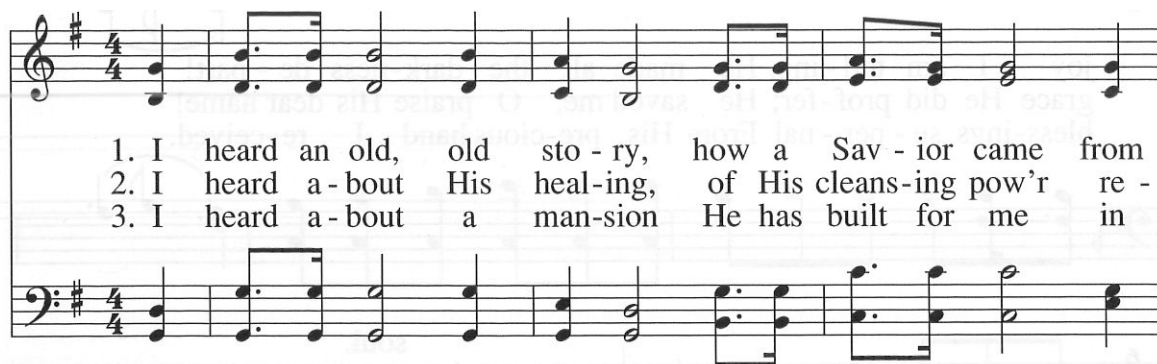
www.finketheatre.com or 573-691-9939

Confirmation Reception hosted by the Women's Guild –

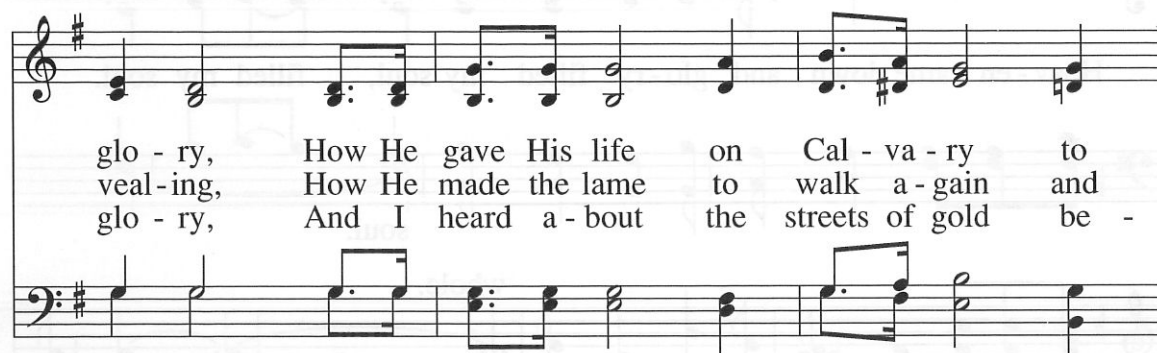
March 20, 2024 ~ following the Lent service

All are welcome!

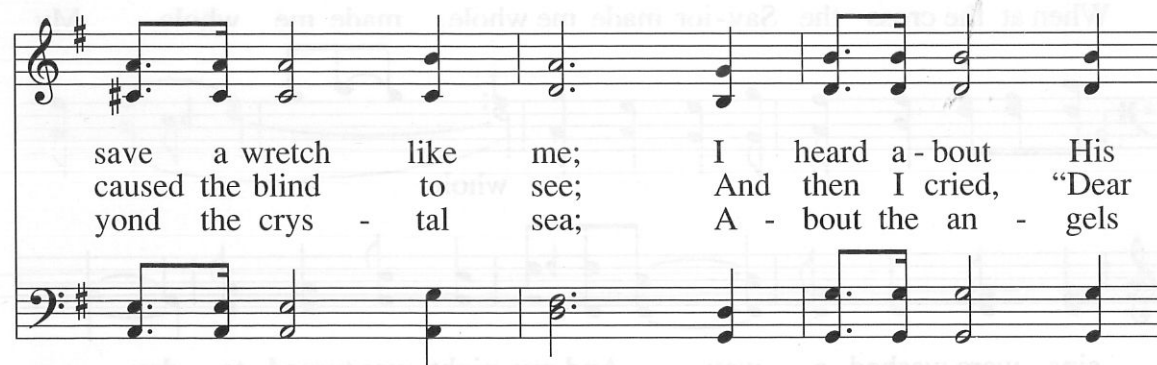
Victory in Jesus



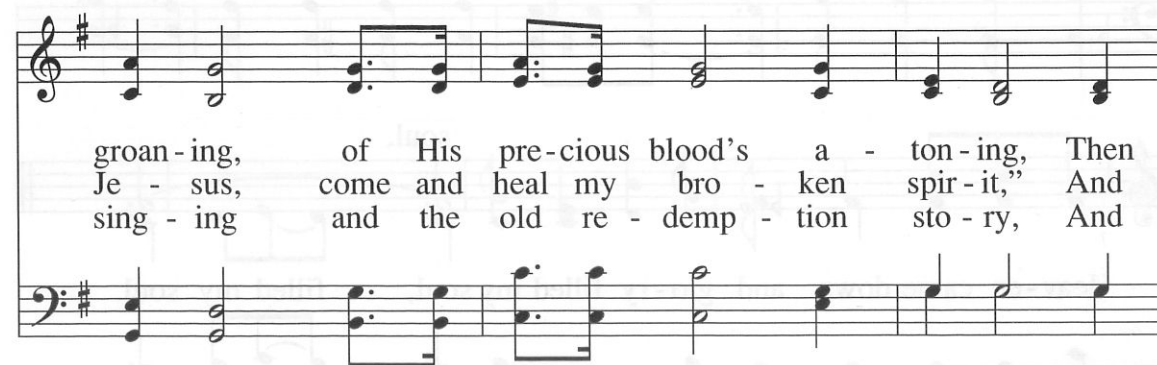
1. I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - ior came from
2. I heard a - bout His heal - ing, of His cleans - ing pow'r re -
3. I heard a - bout a man - sion He has built for me in



glo - ry, How He gave His life on Cal - va - ry to
veal - ing, How He made the lame to walk a - gain and
glo - ry, And I heard a - bout the streets of gold be -



save a wretch like me; I heard a - bout His
caused the blind to see; And then I cried, "Dear
yond the crys - tal sea; A - bout the an - gels



groan - ing, of His pre - cious blood's a - ton - ing, Then
Je - sus, come and heal my bro - ken spir - it," And
sing - ing and the old re - demp - tion sto - ry, And

I re - pent - ed of my sins and won the vic - to - ry.
some - how Je - sus came and brought to me the vic - to - ry.
some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of vic - to - ry.

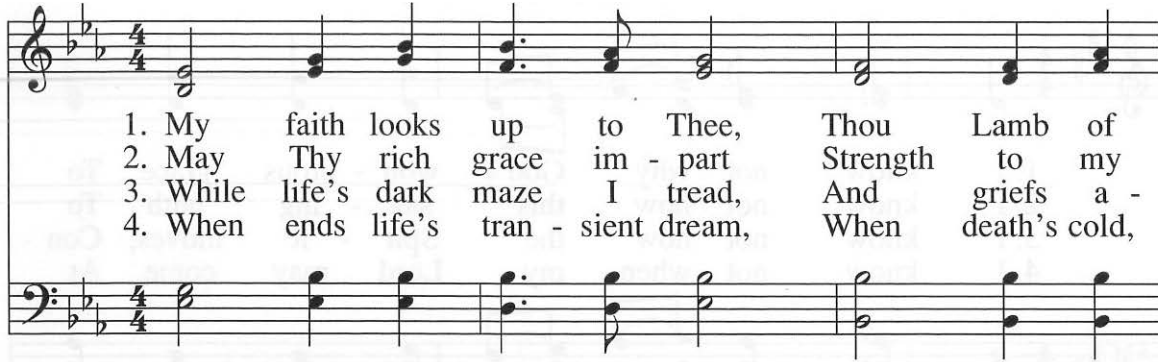
O vic - to - ry in Je - sus, my Sav - ior for - ev - er! He

sought me and bought me with His re - deem - ing blood; He

loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him; He

plunged me to vic - to - ry be - neath the cleans - ing flood.

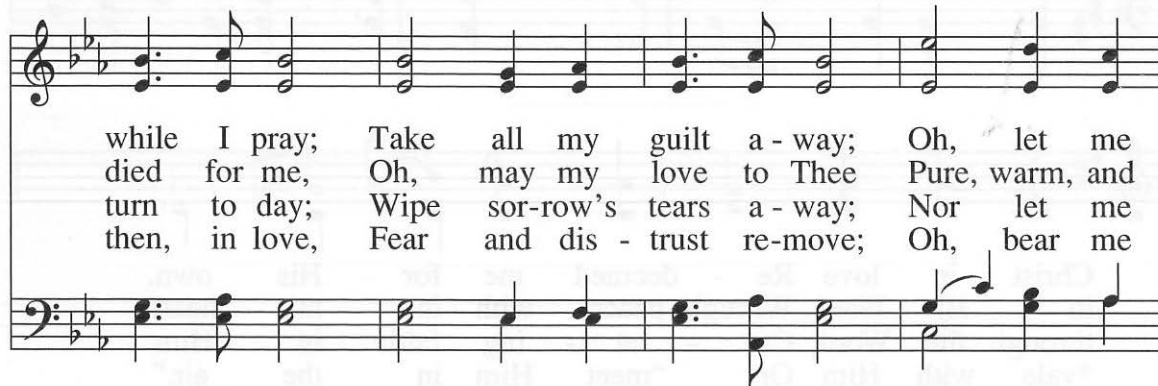
My Faith Looks Up to Thee



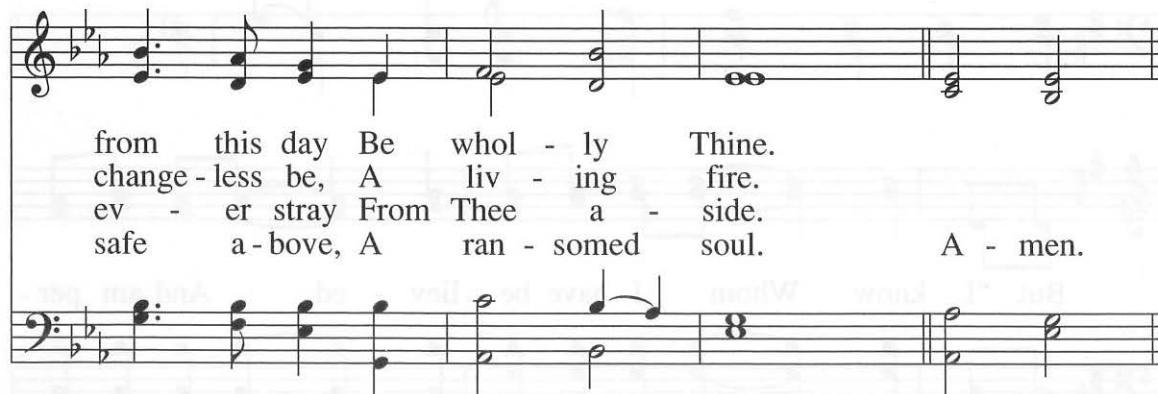
1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of
2. May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my
3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a -
4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,



Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me
faint - ing heart, My zeal in - spire; As Thou hast
round me spread, Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness
sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior,



while I pray; Take all my guilt a - way; Oh, let me
died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and
turn to day; Wipe sor - row's tears a - way; Nor let me
then, in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move; Oh, bear me

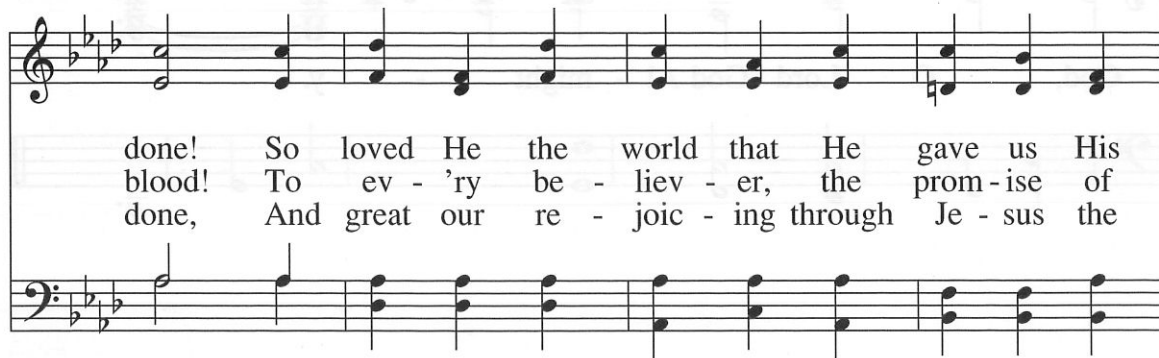


from this day Be whol - ly Thine.
change - less be, A liv - ing fire.
ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul. A - men.

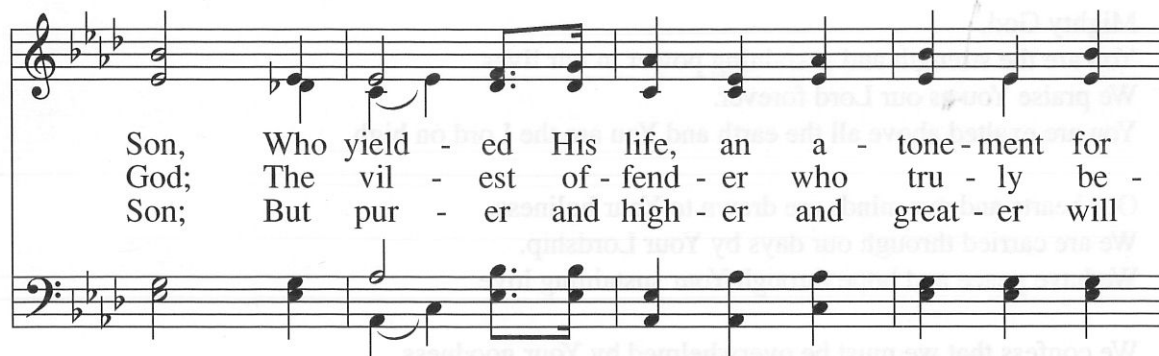
To God Be the Glory



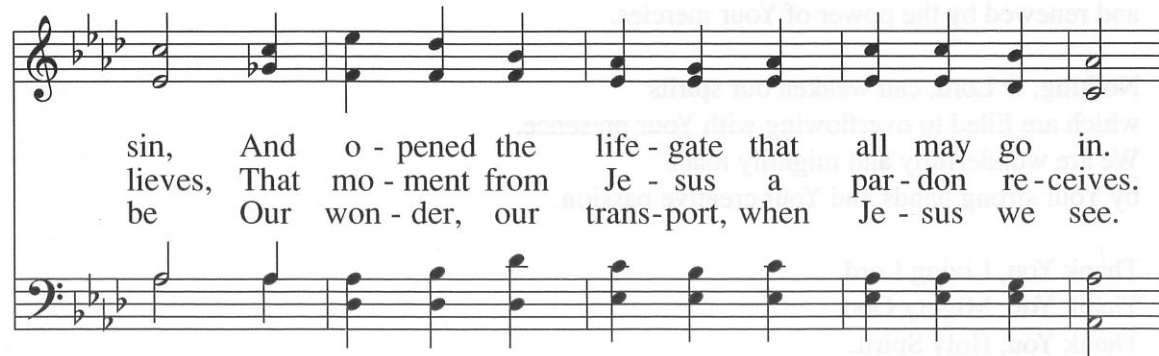
1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of
3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath



done! So loved He the world that He gave us His
blood! To ev - 'ry be - liev - er, the prom - ise of
done, And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the



Son, Who yield - ed His life, an a - tone - ment for
God; The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be -
Son; But pur - er and high - er and great - er will



sin, And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
lieves, That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
be Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son,
our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell; the
third day he arose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the one
Holy universal Christian Church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of
sins; the resurrection of the body; and the
life everlasting. Amen.



GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory for ever. Amen.



DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings
flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



KYRIE

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.
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