

United Church of Christ of California – California, MO
Rev. Russell Cobb
Mrs. Beth Dampf
Mrs. Becky Schneider

Pastor
Organist
Bell Choir

January 22, 2023
The Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Meredith and Hazel Wolford

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

O God, we long to hear your voice amid the noise and
confusion of this age.

**We seek the quiet assurance that comes from your holy
Word.**

Call us to be bold and loving disciples of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*Hymn No. 337 “Heaven Came Down”

*Prayer of the Day

**Eternal God, we ask you to be near us as we worship.
Help us to know that we are not isolated and alone. Help
us to know that you are here – moving us to praise, to love,
and to serve you. May your Spirit truly make us one with
you and with all those for whom Christ has died. Come,
Holy Spirit! 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 “Jesus Loves Me”

Children’s Time

Anny Roll

Anthem “He Is Born, the Holy Child”

Bell Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Mary Burger

O Lord God, we marvel at the mystery of your love. You meet us where we are. You invite us to follow. You equip us to serve. Open our hearts and our minds, that we may hear the voice of Jesus and offer ourselves more fully in his loving service in all the world; in Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Matthew 24:30-35 p.859

Second Lesson: II Corinthians 5:5-10 p. 1006

Sermon **Focused: Grief, Jesus, & Hope**

Hymn No. 204 “Because He Lives”

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. 477 *“ Will the Circle Be Unbroken”*

*Benediction

*Congregational Response – *“Go in Love”*

*Go in love, have no fear.
God will guide you, He is always near.
Go in love, take His hand.
God will hear you, He will understand.
May His light forever shine upon you;
May His peace be always in your heart.
Go in love, face each day.
God will lead you, He will show the way.
Go in love, and live in faith. Amen.*

*Postlude



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Wednesday Evening Meal, January 25th ~ 6pm

Chicken and Noodles, Vegetable, Hot Rolls

Don't forget to sign up!

A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The nursery volunteer is Betty Cobb. 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.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
OF THE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
OF CALIFORNIA**

**JANUARY 29, 2023 IN THE SANCTUARY
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP.**

A luncheon will be provided (in Friendship Hall) after the meeting.

Sermon Notes: Focused: Grief, Jesus, & Hope

Giving Made Easy

Need assistance with online giving?

Ginnie Medlin would be happy to walk you through the process or follow the E-Giving link on our website: calmo-ucc.org to give today or set recurring gifts.

Offering Envelope Boxes

Offering envelope boxes for 2023 have been delayed. The company is experiencing difficulties getting them printed. Estimated arrival time hopefully by end of January. We have some blank envelopes with labels for you to pick up in the back of the church, stop by the church office or feel free to use your own envelope until they come in. Be sure to put your name on the envelope. Keep in mind, online giving is also an option.

rightnow MEDIA

To get access to Right Now Media for you and your family use the link or text to the number listed below.

Custom Registration Link –

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/CALUCC>

Text Registration Code – UCOC to 4977

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." John 8:12

Acolyte Training for anyone 3rd grade through 7th grade

Wednesday, January 25 at 5:15 pm (or as soon as you can get there)

Meet in the choir room. Will practice until it's time for the 6pm

Wednesday evening meal. Please contact Courtney Cassil if you have questions or need to set up another time if your child is interested but can't make this training. 573-680-5347

Activities Calendar: January 22, 2023 ~ January 29, 2023

Sunday, January 22

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Monday, January 23rd

7:00 p.m. – Brotherhood

Tuesday, January 24th

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

6:30 p.m. – Grief Share Meeting

Wednesday, January 25th

5:15 p.m. – Acolyte Training

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. – Confirmation, ROK/God's Singers
Bell Choir, Bible Study

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

Sunday, January 29th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Annual Meeting in Sanctuary after worship.

Luncheon in Friendship Hall after the Annual Meeting.

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of Debbie VanDieren

Our Confirmands:

Cooper Brandes, Ella Burger, Emily Burger, Bella Fulks, Hunter Hall, Caleb Howard, and Hadley Milligan

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaart Bill Schacht Kim (Yelton) Haesemeier

Jo Suggs Chris Schoenthal

Judy Kilmer

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*)

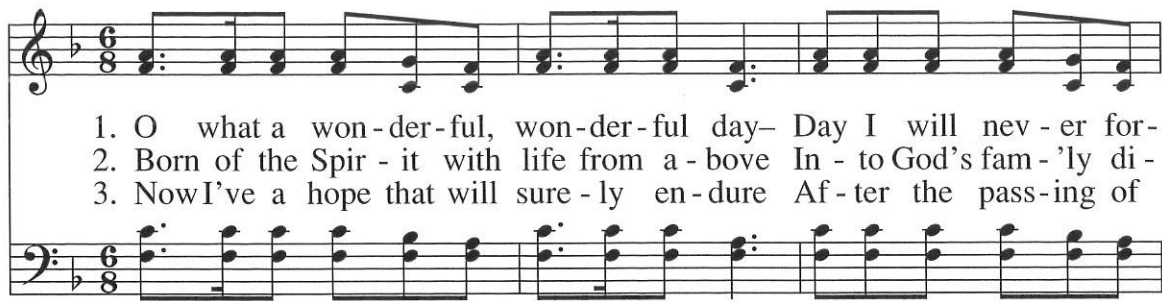
Hayden Grant (*grandson of Kathy Grant, Air Force, Pensacola, FL*)

Alexander Ives (*nephew of Pamela Hill, Army – Fort Sill, OK*)

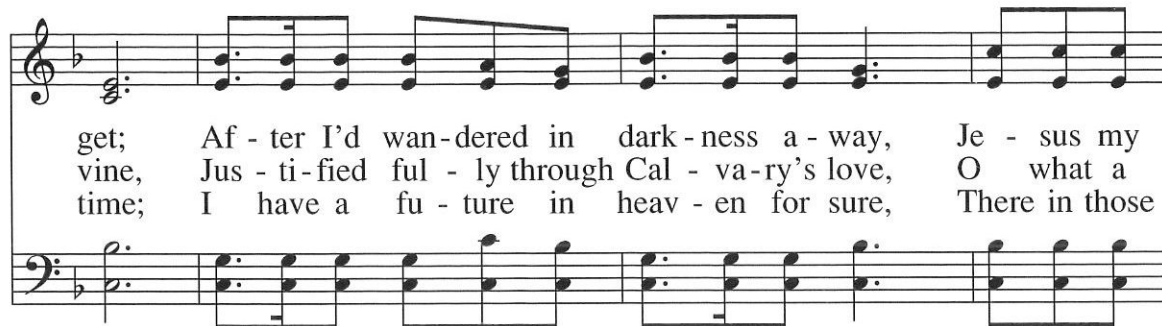
Cory Friedmeyer (*grandson of Charles Goode, Marines, 29 Palms, CA*)

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

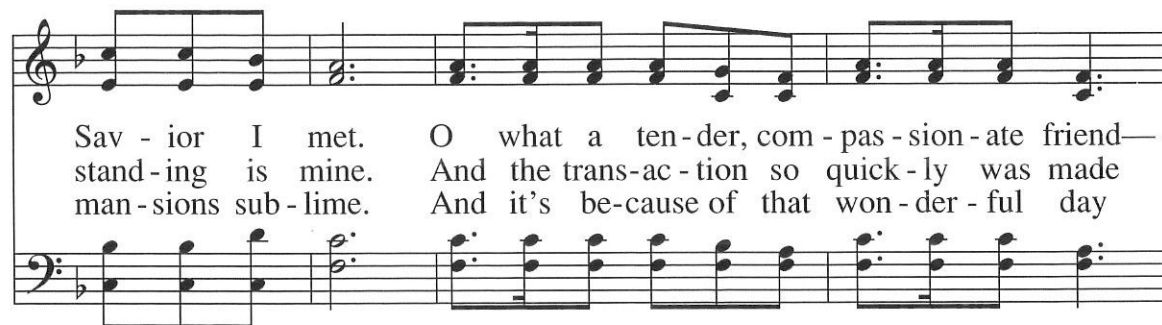
Heaven Came Down



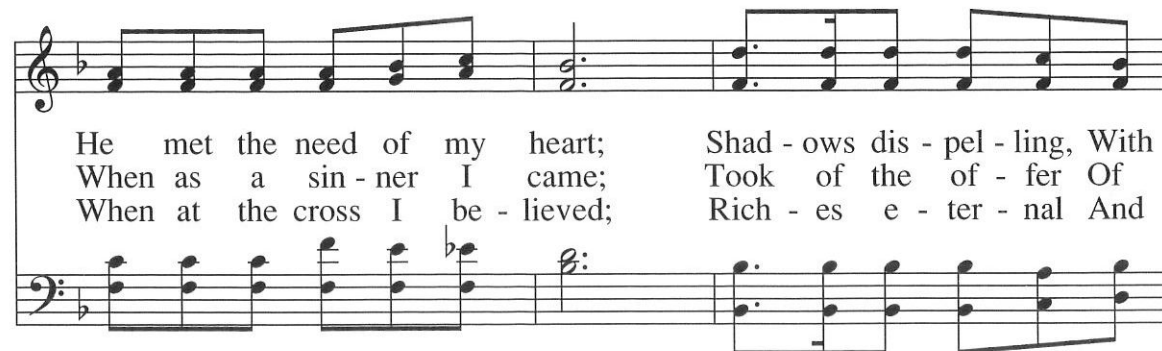
1. O what a won-der-ful, won-der-ful day— Day I will nev - er for-
 2. Born of the Spir - it with life from a - bove In - to God's fam - 'ly di -
 3. Now I've a hope that will sure - ly en - dure Af - ter the pass - ing of



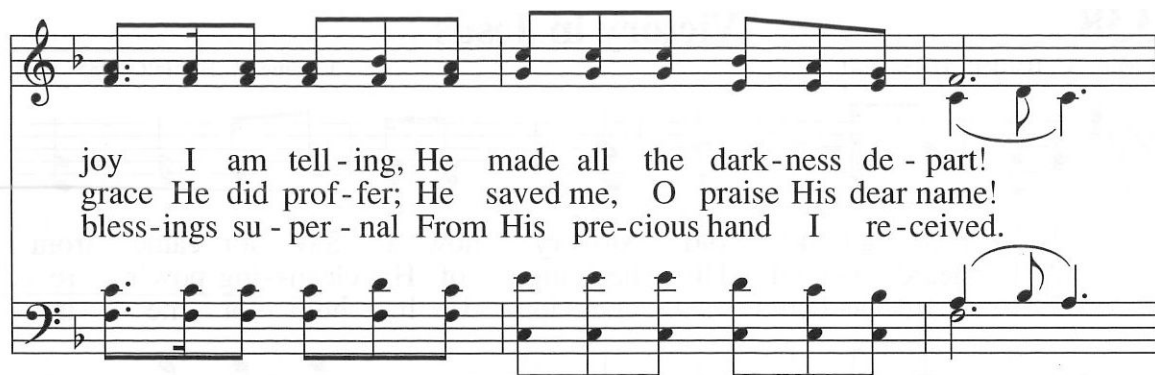
get; Af - ter I'd wan - dered in dark - ness a - way, Je - sus my
 vine, Jus - ti - fied ful - ly through Cal - va - ry's love, O what a
 time; I have a fu - ture in heav - en for sure, There in those



Sav - ior I met. O what a ten - der, com - pas - sion - ate friend—
 stand - ing is mine. And the trans - ac - tion so quick - ly was made
 man - sions sub - lime. And it's be - cause of that won - der - ful day



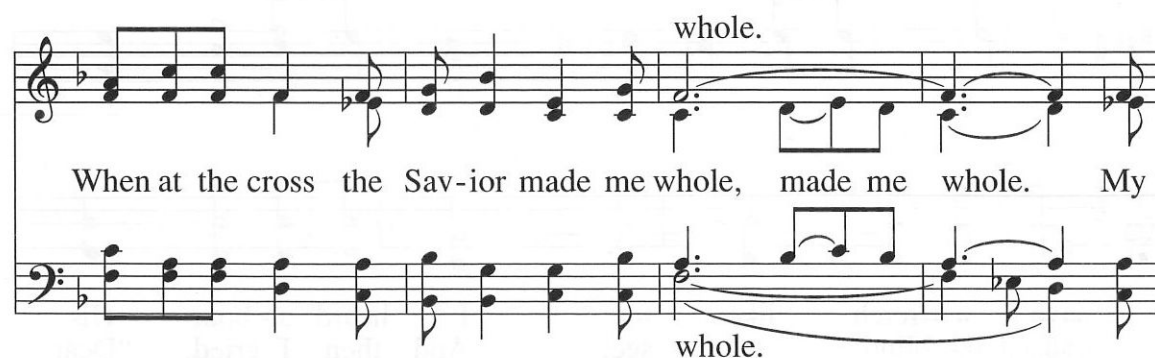
He met the need of my heart; Shad - ows dis - pel - ling, With
 When as a sin - ner I came; Took of the of - fer Of
 When at the cross I be - lieved; Rich - es e - ter - nal And



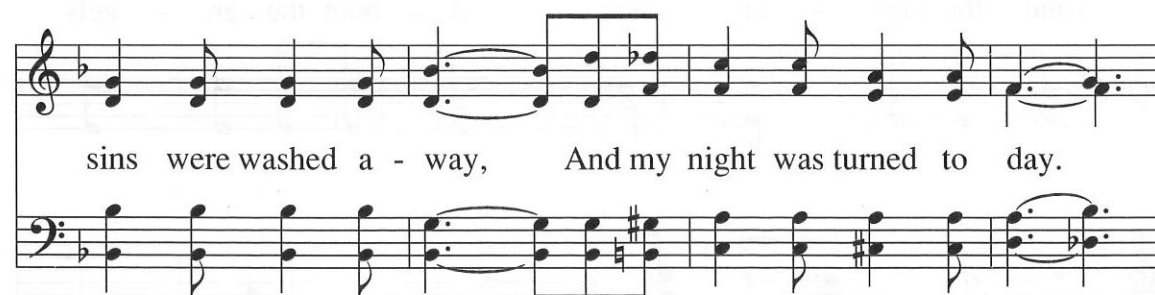
joy I am tell-ing, He made all the dark-ness de-part!
 grace He did prof-fer; He saved me, O praise His dear name!
 bless-ings su-per-nal From His pre-cious hand I re-ceived.



soul.
 Heav-en came down and glo-ry filled my soul, filled my soul.
 soul.



whole.
 When at the cross the Sav-ior made me whole, made me whole. My
 whole.



sins were washed a-way, And my night was turned to day.



soul.
 Heav-en came down and glo-ry filled my soul, filled my soul.
 soul.

Because He Lives

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus;
2. How sweet to hold a new - born ba - by
3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, with three verses of text.

He came to love, heal, and for - give.
And feel the pride and joy He gives;
I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, with three verses of text.

He lived and died to buy my par - don; An
But great - er still the calm as - sur - ance This
And then as death gives way to vic - t'ry, I'll

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, with three verses of text.

emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives.
see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives.

The fourth system concludes the hymn. The lyrics are written below the staves, with three verses of text.

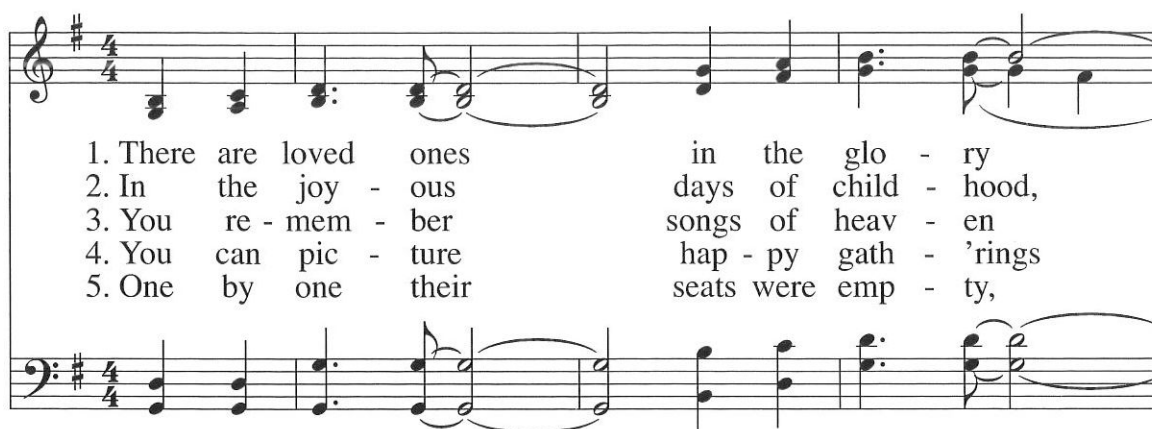
Be-cause He lives I can face to - mor - row;

Be-cause He lives all fear is gone;

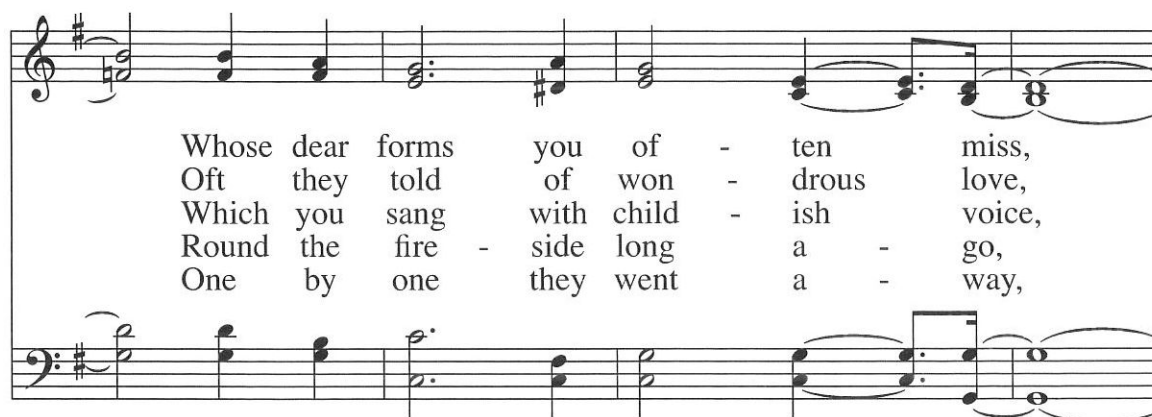
Be-cause I know He holds the fu - ture,

And life is worth the liv-ing just be-cause He lives.

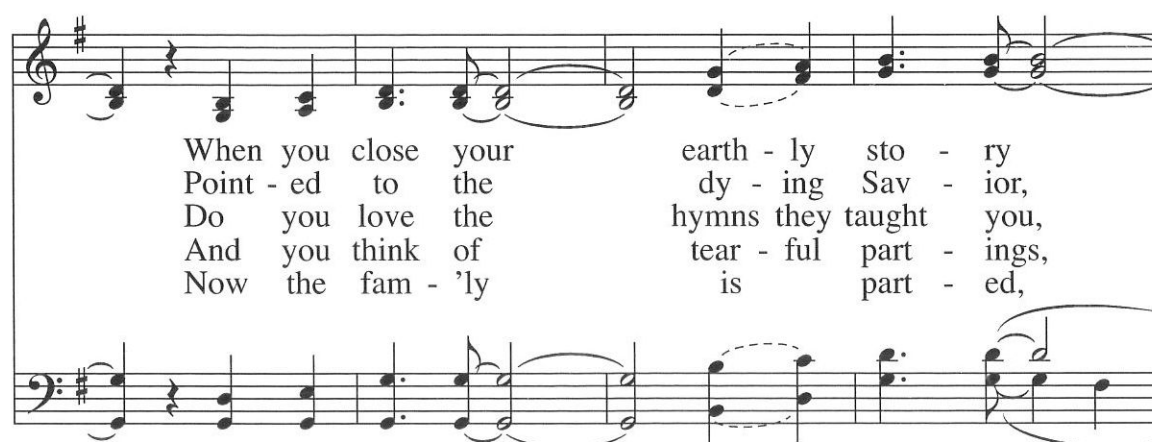
Will the Circle Be Unbroken



1. There are loved ones in the glo - ry
 2. In the joy - ous days of child - hood,
 3. You re - mem - ber songs of heav - en
 4. You can pic - ture hap - py gath - 'rings
 5. One by one their seats were emp - ty,



Whose dear forms you of - ten miss,
 Oft they told of won - drous love,
 Which you sang with child - ish voice,
 Round the fire - side long a - go,
 One by one they went a - way,



When you close your earth - ly sto - ry
 Point - ed to the dy - ing Sav - ior,
 Do you love the hymns they taught you,
 And you think of tear - ful part - ings,
 Now the fam - 'ly is part - ed,

Will you join them in their bliss?
 Now they dwell with Him a - bove.
 Or are songs of earth your choice?
 When they left you here be - low.
 Will it be com - plete one day?

Will the cir - cle be un - bro - ken by and

by, yes, by and by? In a bet - ter home a -

wait - ing in the sky, in the sky?

*"Will the Circle Be Unbroken", arr. By Evelyn Simpson-Crenton
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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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