

United Church of Christ of California – California, MO
Rev. Damien Lake Associate Conference Minister
Mrs. Beth Dampf Organist
Mrs. Connie Bestgen God's Singers Director
Mrs. Ellen Ash Piano Accompanist

Palm Sunday ~ March 29, 2026

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Sophie & Bruce Miller

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

*Processional Hymn No. 187 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*Prayer of the Day (unison)

We come to You, O Holy One. We come to be reminded on this day of how Your Son, Jesus entered into this world, how he entered into the city of Jerusalem. We come to hear your Still Speaking voice during this Holy Week. We come to be healed by the silence of Good Friday. We come to feel the darkness that falls upon this week and to remember that Your Son will rise, and that there is always hope. 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 verse 1

*Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love; Praise Him, praise Him,
all ye little children, God is love, God is love.*

Children’s Time

Holly Bieri

Anthem “Hallelujah”

God’s Singers

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Beth Dampf

**Loving Creator, we ask that You open our hearts to receive
Your message this day. We ask that You open our ears to
hear the scriptures and allow our minds to understand
them in more profound ways. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 p. 531

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:1-11 p. 855

Sermon **“We are but Humble Servants”**

Hymn No. 178 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

**Lena Bieri, Megan Carlock, Royce Everett,
Logan Milligan and Meredith Wolford**

Invitation

The Covenant

Do you profess Jesus as the Christ the Head of The Church
and as your Lord and Savior?

I do.

Are you willing to become a full member in this church,
sharing of your gifts of time, talent, and tithes?

I am.

Will you continue to seek out answers to your questions about
God, continue to strive to grow your faith that is revealed to
you in the Scriptures, in prayer, in your life experience, and
through this community of faith?

I will.

Will you be a good disciple of Jesus, living your life according
to the gospels, sharing the love of Jesus with others, loving all
people, and standing up for those who are struggling?

I will.

The Great Confession

“I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”

~ Matthew 16:16

The Affirmation of the Parents

Will you continue to nurture these young people in their spiritual development, sharing in their joys and burdens, encouraging and challenging them on their journey?

We will.

The Affirmation of the Congregation

Do you, the members of California United Church of Christ, willingly and joyfully receive these faithful sojourners as you would receive Christ? Do you offer to share with them the joys and responsibilities of church membership, to continue to pray for them, to nurture them in their spiritual growth, and together with them, to strive to follow God's call to faith and service?

We do.

Prayer of the Confirmands

Blessing of the Confirmands

Welcome by the Congregation

Jim Deeken, Consistory President and Carole Barbour

Let us, the members of California United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the Church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our Risen Lord.

In the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of the United Church of Christ, we extend to you our Christian love, welcoming you into this congregation.

Prayer

*Hymn No. 73 “We Will Glorify”

*Benediction

*Congregational Response “Because He Lives” (chorus only) p.204

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

*Postlude

A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The nursery attendant is **Emma Bestgen**. 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.

*Church office: 573-796-4885 Website: www.calmo-ucc.org
rhonda@calmo-ucc.org*

Office Hours for Rev. Lina Eddy

Wednesday, April 1 ~ 1 to 3 pm

Thursday, April 2 ~ 9 am to 11 am

Activities Calendar: March 29, 2026 ~ April 5, 2026

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, March 31

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, April 1

No Wed. night meal

6:15 p.m. – Bell Choir

6:30 p.m. – God's Singers

7:00 p.m. – Tenebrae Practice followed by Sr. Choir practice

Thursday, April 2

7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday- Church office closed

6:00 a.m. – Men's Bible Study at the Crossroads

24-hour Prayer vigil starts at noon

Sunday, April 5 Easter

7:00 a.m. – Easter Sunrise Service followed with Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – Easter Service at Salem

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship- Holy Communion

Looking ahead.....

6:30 p.m. – Monday, April 6 -Sunday School Teacher and Officer meeting

11:00 a.m. – Tuesday, April 7 - Quilters meet

6:00 p.m. – Monday, April 13 – Consistory

1:00 p.m. – Wednesday, April 15 – Women's Guild

*Sunday, April 19th- R.O.K. Sunday * (note change of date)*

2:00 p.m. – Sunday, April 26th – Cabinet meeting

7:00 p.m. - Monday, April 27th – Brotherhood

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of Dave English, Barb Ash

Confirmands: Lena Bieri, Megan Carlock, Royce Everett, Logan Milligan and Meredith Wolford

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Anjanette Volkart, Charles Velazquez (Dolores Burger's brother-in-law), Diane (Henry) Jobe, Becky Zuidervaart, Jenine Baker, Alan Chambers, Courtney Cassil, Joyce Rohrbach, Jo Suggs, Judy Kilmer

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

Martin Knipker (*son of Kenny Knipker*)
Dwight Bowlin (*grandson of the late Jack & 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 (*spouse- Jasmine Ash and son of Lanny & Ellen Ash, Great Lakes Naval Base, North Chicago, IL*)
Derek Meyer (*grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Italy*)
Blake Street (*grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Ft. Drum, NY*)

Holy Week Schedule

April 2—Maundy Thursday

Worship 7 p.m.—Holy Communion & Tenebrae

April 3—Good Friday

Church Office Closed

April 5—Easter

Worship 7 a.m.—Holy Communion (Breakfast following worship)

Worship 8:30 a.m. – Salem – Holy Communion

Worship 10:30 a.m.—Holy Communion

New Member Class

Sunday, April 19th, there will be a lunch immediately following the service for anyone interested in joining the Church. New member classes will follow on Sunday mornings during Sunday School hour taught by Rev. Lina Eddy. Anyone interested in joining the Church let the Church office know.

Mark your Calendars

Cabinet Meeting – April 26th at 2:00 pm

24 Hour Prayer Vigil

The Church will be open starting at noon on Good Friday, April 3rd to noon on Saturday, April 4th for members to come and pray. There is sign-up poster located at the back to sign-up for 30-minute intervals. We hope to have all the slots filled so there is a 24-hour period of continuous prayer.

Food Pantry Items Needed

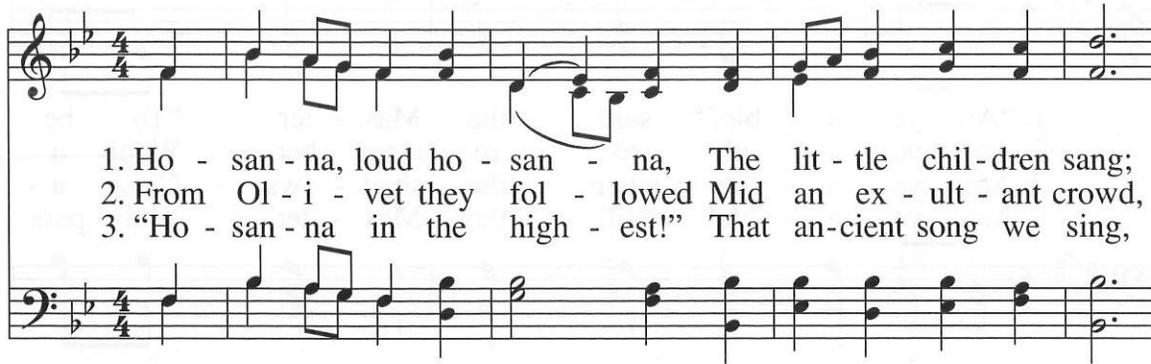
Each month the Food Pantry is requesting a different food item. For the **month of April, Canned Veggies** is the food item requested. There is a box in the downstairs foyer to place your food items.

High School Seniors that are members of California UCC, the Kaiser Scholarship Applications were mailed out and are due in the office **by April 9th!**

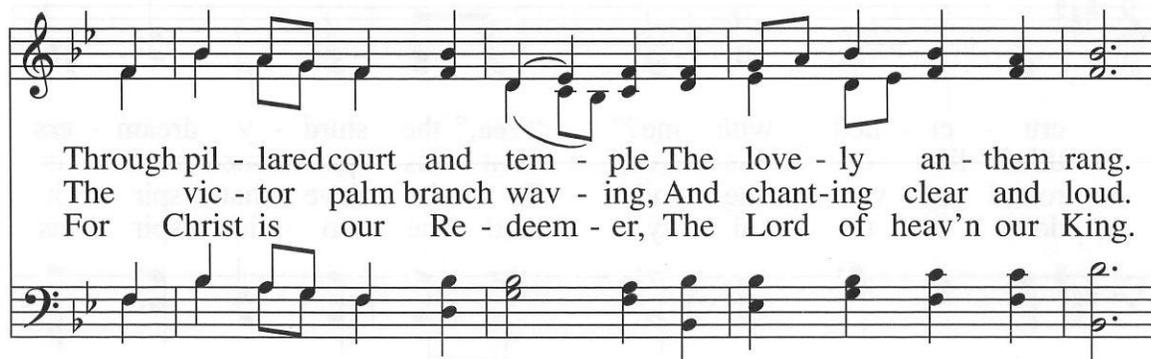
Prayer from the Search Committee...

Hebrews 13:17 — Pray that the church would trust the Pastor Search Committee through the process of finding a new pastor. Pray that the congregation would trust that the Pastor Search Committee is being led by the Spirit as they search for the person God is bringing to us and there would be no division.

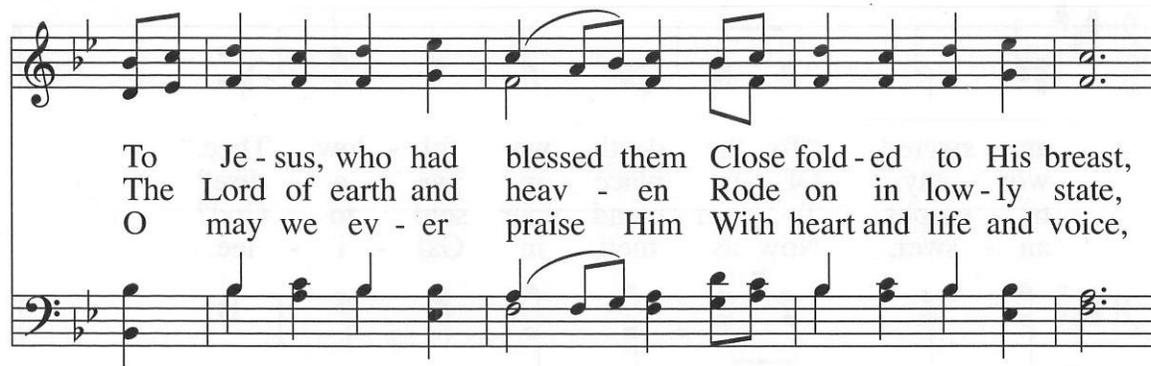
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



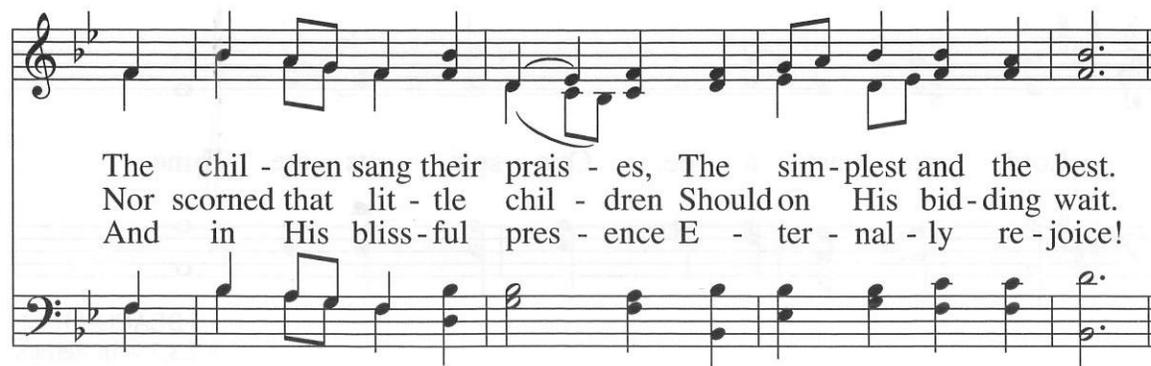
1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, And chant - ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.

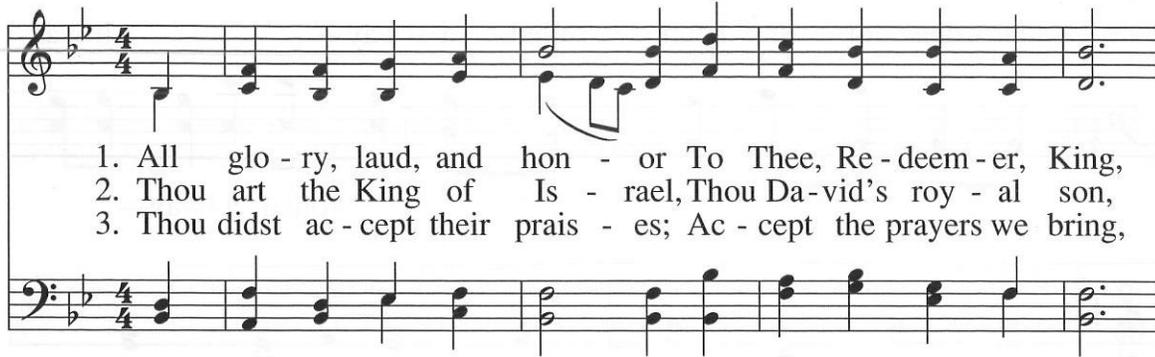


To Je - sus, who had blessed them Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice,



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

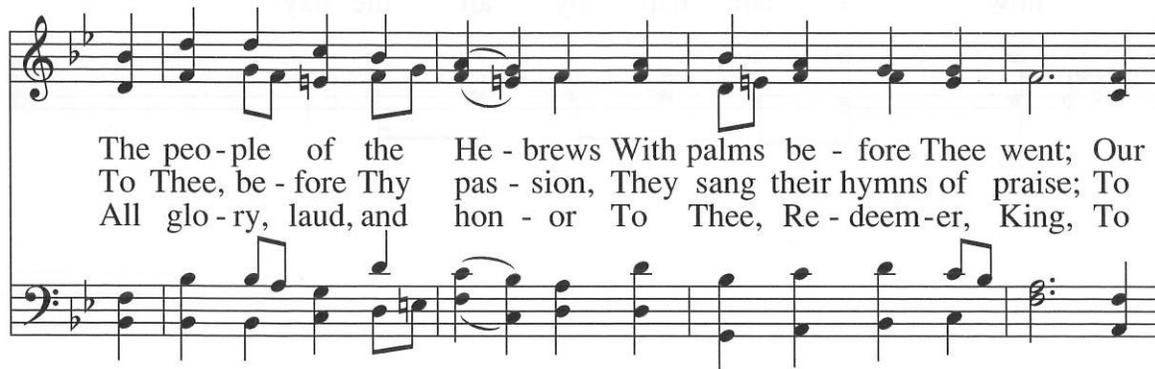
All Glory, Laud, and Honor



1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2. Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al son,
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless - ed One;
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King.

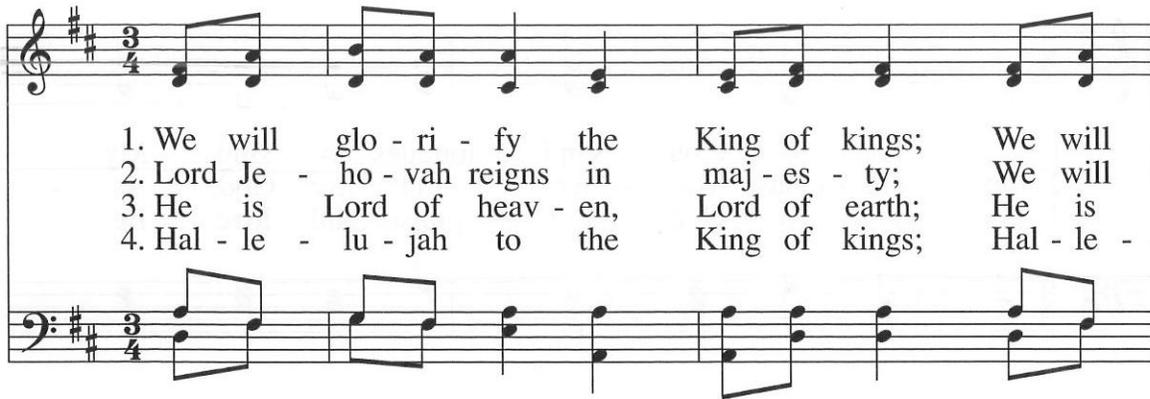


The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went; Our
To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise; To
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re - deem - er, King, To

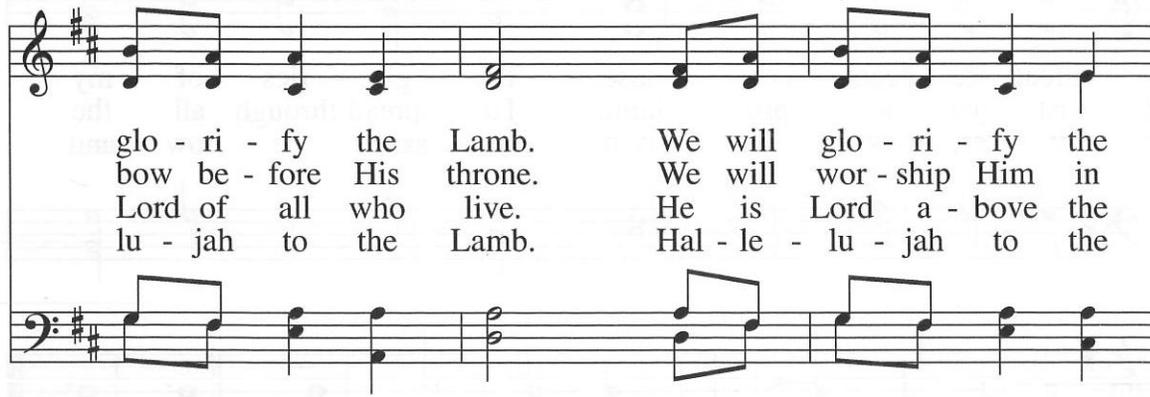


praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.
Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring! A - men.

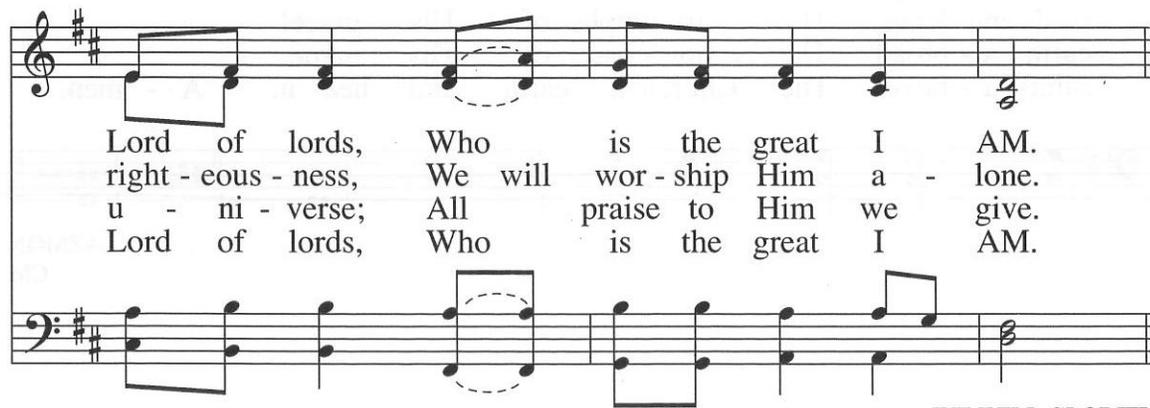
We Will Glorify



1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings; We will
2. Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty; We will
3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth; He is
4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings; Hal - le -



glo - ri - fy the Lamb. We will glo - ri - fy the
bow be - fore His throne. We will wor - ship Him in
Lord of all who live. He is Lord a - bove the
lu - jah to the Lamb. Hal - le - lu - jah to the



Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.
right - eous - ness, We will wor - ship Him a - lone.
u - ni - verse; All praise to Him we give.
Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.

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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