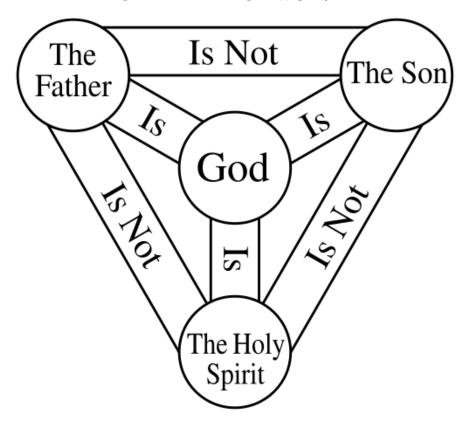


Risen Christ Lutheran Church The Holy Trinity Sunday Worship June 15, 2025 9:30am

REMEMBER, YOU ARE IN GOD'S SANCTUARY. AS YOU ENTER HIS SANCTURARY, PLEASE SIT QUIETLY, PRAY, AND READ THROUGH THIS WORSHIP FOLDER
TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP



Risen Christ Lutheran Church 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 734.453.5252 www.risenchrist.info **ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION** – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe that the Lord's Supper is not symbolic. We believe what Jesus Himself said: that His body and blood are truly present in this, His meal that He instituted for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by taking it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above and you are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and you have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to the Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the "individual" and "common" cups of wine. (Note: White Grape Juice is in the center of the tray.)

OFFERING – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world through your here! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting www.RisenChrist.info

A WORD TO OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS – Welcome and thank you for coming. Everyone please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. For Guests, Pastor will send you a welcome card and please indicate that you "desire" a call for any further contact.

Large Print Bulletins – Available from an usher.

Listening Assistance Devices – Available at the Sound Booth.

Parent Room – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby ("Narthex")

For Children - Children's Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

As We Gather – Trinity Sunday is set aside for us to assent to the witness of Scripture about the nature of God. We mere creatures cannot say that we understand the divine nature, but we can at least use the human words to which God limited Himself as He revealed what we need to know. All three persons of the Trinity work as one, although we recognize the Father as Creator, the Son as Savior, and the Holy Spirit as Sanctifier. We join the rest of creation in praising His great name, as we speak of our being made, saved from our sins, and given faith to trust our incredible God.

Welcome and Announcements

Father's Day Blessing

Call to Worship - "King of Kings"

1. In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

CHORUS: Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in one God of Glory Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings

2. To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

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- 3. And the morning that You rose
 All of heaven held its breath
 Till that stone was moved for good
 For the Lamb had conquered death
 And the dead rose from their tombs
 And the angels stood in awe
 For the souls of all who'd come
 To the Father are restored
- 4. And the Church of Christ was born
 Then the Spirit lit the flame
 Now this Gospel truth of old
 Shall not kneel shall not faint
 By His blood and in His Name
 In His freedom I am free
 For the love of Jesus Christ
 Who has resurrected me CHORUS

Invocation and Opening Sentences

Psalm 8:1, 3-4

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.

 C Amen.
- P When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
- the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,
- P what is man that You are mindful of him,
- and the son of man that You care for him?

Holy, Holy, Holy

- **1.** Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!.
- 2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
 Casting down their golden crowns
 around the glassy sea;
 Cherubim and seraphim
 falling down before Thee,
 Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

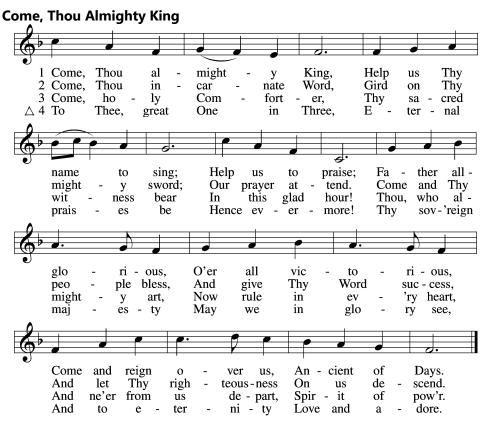
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

Confession and Absolution

P It is easy to sing God's praises; it is more difficult to comprehend His eternal majesty. It is easy to look through a telescope; it is more difficult to look in a mirror. Let us go to our great Three-in-One God, confessing our sins.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition

- P Heavenly Father, Creator of all that exists, in deep humility we approach Your presence, for though You shower us with blessings, we have rebelled against Your just reign over us and You.
- We have sinned against You, one another, and even Your good creation in our thinking, speaking, and acting. Forgive us, and teach us again to be Your true sons and daughters.
- P Lord Jesus, Savior sent from the Father, in deep humility we confess that we have neglected to appreciate Your great sacrifice, entering time and space to die for us.
- We have failed to love You with our heart, soul, and mind, and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to live as Your loving brothers and sisters. Forgive us, and grant us Your own determination to love our neighbors in Your name.
- P Holy Spirit, giver of every good gift,
- in deep humility we confess that we have let the faith You have planted within us to be covered with our own wants and desires. Without Your help we cannot be free; we are bound to sin. Forgive us, and renew in us clean and upright spirits.



Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty.

- **©** Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities;
- P for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

 Amen.

"My cousin Mashayla (my Uncle's granddaughter) was baptized on Sunday afternoon, May 25, 2025, in a mountain river called Rocky Fork Creek, in Lamar Alexander Rocky Fork State Park, Tennessee. Today we want to share in the joy and celebration of her adoption by God into His Family by showing the video of her actual baptism by immersion and then conclude with the Public Recognition of Mishayla's Holy Baptism and chrismation as a part of the Divine Service this morning." – Pr. Rennie

Stand

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.

 C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord, from ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.
- Esther Kaufmann, is it your intention to serve Mashayla as her sponsor in the Christian faith? If so, then answer: Yes, with the help of God.

 Res, with the help of God.
- P God enable you to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do. Amen.
- P Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. The apostle Peter has declared, "Baptism now saves you," and this promise of salvation is "for you and your children." In Baptism God puts His name on us with the water and His Word so that there may be no doubt that we are surely His by all that Christ has won for us through His saving death and resurrection.
- On Sunday, May 25, 2025, Mashayla was baptized with water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, according to Christ's institution and promise. This Baptism was administered in a mountain river called Rocky Fork Creek, in Lamar Alexander Rocky Fork State Park, Tennessee, by me. (Video of Mashayla's Baptism)

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized, and while making the sign of the cross during the blessing, olive oil (Chrism) is used to symbolize the sealing with the Holy Spirit for salvation (Eph. 1:13-14):

- The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting.
- C Amen.

The pastor places a white garment on the person while saying:

Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

The pastor lights a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and gives it to the person while saying:

- Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.
- A In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Stand

- P Let us pray.
 - Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Mashayla the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- P Merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You grant us the adoption as sons through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and claim us as Your own from the kingdom of Satan, rescuing us from sin and everlasting condemnation. We give thanks to You that Matthew has been made Your own dear child in Holy Baptism and that we have also adopted him. Grant Your blessing to us, being strengthened in the grace of our own Baptism, we may faithfully nurture our son in the knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- P Peace → be with you. C Amen.

Welcome to our new Sister-in-Christ!

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

¹Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

⁴"To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. . . .

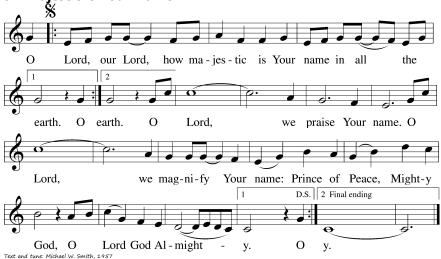
²²"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.

²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

How Maiestic Is Your Name



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Second Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

"'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth,

²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world.

²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,

³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man."

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

 $^{^{29&}quot;}$ Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, 31he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.'

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel John 8:48–59

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter. G Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵²The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.

I Will Follow

Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move I will follow(Oh oh oh)

1. All Your ways are good All Your ways are sure I will trust in You alone Higher than my sight High above my life I will trust in You alone

CHORUS: Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow (You)

Yeah I will follow You yeah

2. Light into the world Light into my life I will live for You alone You're the One I seek Knowing I will find All I need in You alone In You alone

BRIDGE: In You there's life everlasting In You there's freedom for my soul In You there's joy unending joy And I will follow **CHORUS**

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Athanasian Creed

- P Today we are marveling at the grace of God in paying attention to us and saving us, although we are a seemingly insignificant part of His creation. The grace of God is also apparent as the Church has sought to confess the witness of Scripture. As we cannot comprehend the vastness of space, so we cannot understand God's nature as three persons in one Godhead. As you profess truths about our majestic God, I will follow with the offsetting realities that also must be true. We cannot explain God; we can only confess our faith within the limits of human understanding.
- P Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

 Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity,
- **P** neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- P But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- P the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- P just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- P and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.
- So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God. So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- P and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
 Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

 The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

 The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
 - And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another; but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- P But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

- P He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
 - perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
 - equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- P one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God:
 - one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
 - For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
 - At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
 - And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- P This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

SERMON ON THE ATHANASIAN CREED OUTLINE

- 1. The Athanasian Creed is all about Jesus! The Father points to Jesus and the Holy Spirit points to Jesus.
- 2. Truth <u>is</u> exclusive. It is either true, or it is not true. It is not loving to withhold the truth of God's plan of salvation through His son Jesus.
 - a. There is only ONE plan of salvation and it excludes those who reject it.
 - b. This is God's Word, not man's word.
- 3. God will not bash His way into your heart!
 - a. He has given you free choice to reject Him.
 - b. But He has chosen to rescue you, if you do not reject His offer. He wants you forever with Him! He has more forgiveness than you have sins.
- 4. The Triune Godhead of Father, Son and Holy Spirit all work in your salvation found in Christ Jesus alone.
 - a. The Father sends the Son, the Word Made Flesh to die for the sin of all.
 - b. The Holy Spirit is sent by the Father & the Son and works in & through the Means of Grace (Word and Sacraments), which opens the mind and heart so a person can hear and respond to the Gospel in order receive saving faith, trust and believe.
- 5. Along with the saints of old, we confess the faith and words of Jesus that the only way to the Father and life is through Him and only Him.
 - a. Knowing Biblical truth helps reveal non-Biblical beliefs, and errors.
 - b. For example, *the error* that Muslims and Jews worship the same God as us. That is not true.

- 6. The Trinity always has been and will be for all eternity. This is the Only God.
 - a. Our Triune God's plan of salvation has been in place since before Creation.
 - b. Whether people know it or not, apart from this truth and reality of our Triune God, no one has correctly worshipped and properly known God. This reality is focused on Jesus, the Son.
- 7. This truth proclaimed and taught today is not hateful, divisive and not to show how hell-bound others are, but to show the truth and way to life and salvation!
 - a. Through the Holy Spirit accompanying the Word you have heard and believed the Word of Promise, the Gospel that your Heavenly Father sent His Son.
 - b. It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that you trust and hold fast to this awesome and blessed truth even when you don't feel it!
 - c. In the Word preached each Sunday, God feeds your faith, and meets you exactly where you need Him in your life with forgiveness and peace, bringing you His victories over sin, death and the grave!
 - d. Our loving Triune God desires mercy over judgment and does not want anyone to perish. He does not want anyone to exclude themselves from all He offers.

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Prayer of the Church

- As we recognize the Holy Trinity, we come before our heavenly Father as we pray in the name of the Son, in a faith sustained by the Holy Spirit.
- <u>WOMEN</u> Father in heaven, we listen as Your voice teaches and gives light to darkened eyes. Your Son teaches us that You loved the world so much that You sent Your only-begotten Son to be born, to live a perfect life, to die, and to rise. Grant us joy in believing this message of rescue. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; **C** the whole earth is full of His glory!
- <u>MEN -</u> Father in heaven, we listen as Your voice strengthens us and sets our tongues ablaze with truth. As we await Your Son's return, empower us to share the Good News of Christ with young and old. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; • the whole earth is full of His glory!
- <u>WOMEN –</u> Father in heaven, we listen to Your voice proclaim us forgiven, and we anticipate the day when we, like Isaiah, will see You sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, as we enter Your nearer presence. Keep us firm in the faith as we anticipate the awe of heaven and a happy reunion with the saints who have gone before us. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; **the whole earth is full of His glory!**
- Father in heaven, to You alone be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.

The Blessing

The Lord bless you And keep you Make his face shine upon you And be gracious to you The Lord turn his Face toward you And give you peace

> **CHORUS** Amen

> > Amen Amen

1st Bridge

May his favor Be upon you

And a thousand generations And your family

> And your children And their children And their children

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2nd Bridae

May his presence Go before you And behind you And beside you All around you And within you He is with you He is with you

3rd Bridge

In the morning In the evening In your coming And your going In your weeping And rejoicing He is for you He is for you

Tag

He is for you He is for you

CHORUS

Amen Amen Amen

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. \square Amen.

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