# Confession and Absolution

## 498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

- Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
   And make our hearts Your place of rest;
   Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid,
   And fill the hearts which You have made.
- 2 To You, the Counselor, we cry, To You, the gift of God Most High; The fount of life, the fire of love, The soul's anointing from above.
- 3 In You, with graces sevenfold, We God's almighty hand behold While You with tongues of fire proclaim To all the world His holy name.
- 4 Your light to ev'ry thought impart, And shed Your love in ev'ry heart; The weakness of our mortal state With deathless might invigorate.
- Drive far away our wily foe,
   And Your abiding peace bestow;
   With You as our protecting guide,
   No evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son, And You, from both, as Three in One That we Your name may ever bless And in our lives the truth confess.
- △7 Praise we the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, with them One, And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Text: attr. Rabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.

Text: Public domain

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

#### Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation LSB 151

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **B**ut if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins LSB 151

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son,

Psalm 121:1-4, 7-8; antiphon: v. 5

Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution LSB 151

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

Introit

# Service of the Word

service of the work

- P The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
- C I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
- **P** My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
- **G** He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
- **P** Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
- P The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- **P** The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

**Kyrie** 

LSB 152

- **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

- A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

Sit

## **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 45:1-7

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

**Pastor Nehring** 

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: <sup>2</sup>"I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me: I am the LORD, and there is no other.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness,

I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things."

#### **C** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle** 

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, 7so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup>For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

<sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel Matthew 22:15–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

#### **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. <sup>16</sup>And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" <sup>21</sup>They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man:

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life 🕂 of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

### 839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

- O Christ, our true and only light, Enlighten those who sit in night; Let those afar now hear Your voice And in Your fold with us rejoice.
- 2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace
  The souls now lost in error's maze;
  Enlighten those whose inmost minds
  Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
- 3 O gently call those gone astray
  That they may find the saving way!
  Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
  In You find peace and heav'nly rest.
- 4 Shine on the darkened and the cold; Recall the wand'rers to Your fold. Unite all those who walk apart; Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
- 5 That they with us may evermore Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore And endless praise to You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Text: Public domain

#### Sermon

Grace, Mercy, and Peace to you from God our father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

Who were your role models growing up? Who did you imitate? Did you have a Tom Mix pocket knife? Perhaps a Captain Midnight decoder ring? Or maybe a Jonny Quest decoder ring? Maybe you were a member of the Mickey Mouse Club? Or which young man growing up didn't image himself shooting a buzzer beater to win the big basketball game? Or throwing the final strike to win the World Series? Or maybe even scoring the winning goal as time expires in hockey or soccer. Little girls often have Elsa and other princess dresses, to imitate being a princess. Little girls want to be like Mom of Grandma. Often, people want to be like their favorite athlete or movie star, until the athlete or star falls from grace, caught up in some scandal.

Who are you a model for? Who imitates you? Young boys often want to be like their father. Play shaving kits let boys shave right beside their father. There are many second and third generation pastors, following in their father's and grandfather's footsteps. There is a church that called the son to be pastor after the father died in the pulpit. And it doesn't always have to be father and son or uncle and nephew, but sometimes grandparent and grandchild. I wanted to imitate my grandmother's contentment, not my father's constant drive for better. Most of us have memories when a young child wanted to imitate an adult's words, much to the chagrin of the adult, words that the adult didn't want their child to learn or repeat.

In today's epistle, Paul encourages the Thessalonians to persevere in the faith, a faith born of his witness. Acts 17 tells us about Paul and Silas's very short visit, as little as three weeks. The Jews were jealous about people leaving the synagogue to follow Jesus. The city was put into an uproar and Paul and Silas secreted away at night to Berea. The Thessalonian Jews would soon follow Paul and Silas to stir up trouble there as well. Paul was sent off to Athens. Silas and Timothy remained in Berea to proclaim Jesus Crucified and Resurrected, to the praise and glory of God. Paul is the Thessalonians spiritual father whose visit was cut short by the opposition. Paul hadn't finished teaching what these young Christians needed to hear to round out their faith.

Paul likes what he sees and hears. The Thessalonians are following in Paul's footsteps and in Jesus's footsteps. Having found Paul to be a man of character, empowered by God to share Christ Crucified and Resurrected. Despite persecution, Thessalonians come to faith by the power of the Holy Spirit, making them God's chosen children, people of faith. People of faith who wanted to be like Paul, wanted to imitate Paul.

Paul has gone from persecutor of the Church to tireless Evangelist, preaching and teaching in the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Elsewhere (1 Corinthians 15:8), Paul describes himself as an apostle "untimely born". An eyewitness to the risen Jesus, not like the rest of the Apostles and at a different time. But nonetheless, Paul sees the risen Jesus. Paul has endured numerous hardships and persecutions as recorded in 2 Corinthians 6:4-10 "<sup>4</sup> but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup> beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup> by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup> by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup> through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup> as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup> as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything." Sounds like something we all want to sign up to, right? No, not really.

Yet the Thessalonians have become Christians. They have become people of faith by the power of the Holy Spirit. They are mission minded. They desire to share the Good News of Jesus's death and Resurrection with those in their region, one of the four regions of Roman Macedonia. They are on God's Mission of Salvation, proclaiming the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. They became Christians in the face of persecution. Despite persecution. Moved and empowered by the Holy Spirit, emboldened by Paul, Silas and Timothy, the Thessalonians were on mission, focused outward, gaining new souls for God.

Before and after their conversion, the Thessalonians were sinners like you and me. Sinners who pursued other gods, not the one true triune God. Sinners who worshiped the created instead of the creator. Sinners who coveted what God had not given them. Sinners who didn't always put the best construction on what those around them said and did. Sinners who didn't always tell the whole truth, just what made themselves sound and look better. Sinners who didn't always set the best example for others to follow.

Yet the Thessalonians knew Jesus and that Jesus's death atoned for their sins. They knew Jesus rose from the dead. The Holy Spirit worked faith and called them to Baptism, where their sins were forgiven, set free to serve God, not to earn or merit anything, but in a joyful response to their Salvation. As a joyful response to God's promises including that we too will rise as Jesus has. God has raised Jesus from the dead, "the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. (Colossians 1:18b-20)

Paul also points to the example of Jesus. God made man yet without sin who lived a perfect life and took your sins and my sins to the cross to pay the full atonement price. God raised Jesus from the dead to confirm Jesus's victory over sin, death, and the devil.

So, who are you an example for? Who wants to be just like you? Who wants to imitate you? What example are you setting? Are you someone who is in God Word, reading and studying to know God better and for the Holy Spirit to grow, strengthen and renew your faith? Do you turn to God in prayer, as Paul wrote in Philippians 4:6-7 "6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."? Even if you don't think you are a role model, someone to be imitated, there are those who are encouraged and strengthened by your faithfulness in worship, Bible Study, and prayer.

Young folks, find someone older to get to know. Ask them about their faith. Ask them to mentor you in the Christian Faith. Follow their example of being a faithful Christian.

That is what the church is. Believers in Jesus who gather to hear God's Word and receive the Sacraments properly administered. Who help each other, our brothers and sisters, to face challenges to the Christian faith, to lift each other up in prayer, and to partner with as we join God on his mission to bring the good news to all people and await that glorious day when Jesus will return to take us to live forever in His Kingdom which has no end. Amen.

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus to life everlasting. Amen.

Stand

## Prayer of the Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For pastors, that by their proclamation, salvation may be delivered in power and in the Holy Spirit, and that faith and love would be increased in all who hear and hope would remain steadfast, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For fathers, mothers and their children, that the Lord who makes known His salvation from the rising of the sun to its setting may bless them in their stations and lead them to worship Him alone, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord**, **have mercy**.

For those in authority, that as God's instruments they may be upheld in wisdom and integrity, make salutary use of the taxes rendered to them, and be honored by all Christians for the sake of Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For [\_\_\_\_\_\_ and] all who are afflicted, that the maker of heaven and earth would preserve their lives, keep them from all evil and shade them from all harm, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For those who travel, that God would keep their going out and their coming in, protecting them from every trouble, prospering their journey and making their homecomings joyful, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For those who gather at this altar, that the true and living God would give them penitent hearts to receive Christ's body and blood as they await His return in glory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Offertory LSB 159

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

# Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 160

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface (Full)

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB 161

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### **Proclamation of Christ**

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Pax Domini LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

#### Distribution

### 623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

- Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
   That we may feast on You today;
   Beneath these forms of bread and wine
   Enrich us with Your grace divine.
- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood, The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
- By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold; All that You are we here receive, And all we are to You we give.
- One bread, one cup, one body, we,
   Rejoicing in our unity,
   Proclaim Your love until You come
   To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day When each will be Your welcomed guest In heaven's high and holy feast.
  Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844–1932, alt.

Text: Public domain

## 830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord

1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spoken, written, mighty Word; Ev'rywhere His creatures call To His heav'nly banquet hall.

- 2 Tell how God the Father's will Made the world, upholds it still, How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
- 3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace, Who, to save our human race And to pay rebellion's price, Gave Himself as sacrifice.
- 4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n, Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.
- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;Ripe the promise of its yield.But the reapers, oh, how fewFor the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind; Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

Text: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. composite

Text: Public domain

Stand

#### The Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 

  → in peace.
- C Amen.

Thank the Lord LSB 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction LSB 166

**P** 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.

C Amen.

## 940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

sts. 1–5

1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;

Lord of all, we bow before Thee.

All on earth Thy scepter claim,

All in heav'n above adore Thee.

Infinite Thy vast domain,

Everlasting is Thy reign.

2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn

Angel choirs above are raising;

Cherubim and seraphim,

In unceasing chorus praising,

Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:

Holy, holy, holy Lord!

3 Lo, the apostles' holy train

Join Thy sacred name to hallow;

Prophets swell the glad refrain,

And the white-robed martyrs follow,

And from morn to set of sun

Through the Church the song goes on.

4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ;

Son of God, yet born of Mary.

For us sinners sacrificed,

As to death a Tributary,

First to break the bars of death.

Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

 $\triangle$ 5 Holy Father, holy Son,

Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;

Though in essence only one,

Undivided God we claim Thee

And, adoring, bend the knee

While we own the mystery.

Text: Latin, c. 4th cent.; German version Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774, Vienna; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900, alt.

Text: Public domain

#### **Acknowledgments**

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2023 Concordia Publishing House.