

## Easter Season Worship (6 Easter)

### **Song: Holy, Holy, Holy**

#### **Holy Holy Holy**

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, blessed Trinity

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

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee  
Though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity

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, blessed Trinity

***Celebrant:*** Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

***People:*** The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

***Celebrant:*** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;  
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Song of Praise: Come, Now is the Time to Worship**

Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God  
Come

One day every tongue will confess you are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose you now

### **Collect of the Day:**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The First Lesson**

### **First Reading: A reading from the Book of Acts**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day

on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

**The Psalm: 66:7-18**

7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*

nor withheld his love from me.

### **The Epistle: A Reading from First Peter**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

### **Song: Fear Not, For I Have Redeemed You**

Fear not, for I have redeemed you  
I have called you by name  
I have called you by name  
You are mine

When you pass through the waters I will be with you  
And through rivers, they will not overwhelm you  
When you walk through the fire you will not be burned  
The flames will not consume you

[chorus]

Because you are precious and I love you

You whom I formed for my glory  
You who I called by my name  
I will gather together

[chorus]

You are my witnesses; I have chosen you  
That you may know and believe me  
You are my servants for the world to see  
I am the Lord, I'm among you

[chorus]

### **A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John**

*Glory to you Lord Christ*

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord

*Praise to you Lord Christ*

### **Sermon**

### **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People Form III**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations  
of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

### **Announcements**



## **The Blessing**

### **Song: Christ is Risen from the Dead**

Let no one caught in sin remain inside the lie of inward shame  
But fix our eyes upon the cross and run to him who showed great love  
And bled for us, freely you've bled for us

Christ is risen from the dead trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave  
Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with him again  
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave

Beneath the weight of all our sin you bowed to none but heaven's will  
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown, no burden great can hold you down  
In strength you reign, forever let your church proclaim

[chorus]

O death where is your sting? O hell where is your victory?  
O church come stand in the light; the glory of God has defeated the night  
O death where is your sting? O hell where is your victory?  
O church come stand in the light; Our God is not dead, he's alive, he's alive!

[chorus]