

# WORSHIP

BOOK for YOUNG READERS

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# HYMN

During the Hymn, choose one of these activities:

- Stand and sing
- Find two interesting words in the Hymn and write them here:

- Count the number of people in the procession (the acolytes, choir members, and priests who are walking up the aisle) and write the number here:

+ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

# THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

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.

# COLLECT OF THE DAY

Amen.

THE 1ST READING

THE PSALM

THE 2ND READING

Find a word in one of the stories that you don't know. Write it down and ask your parents what it means later.

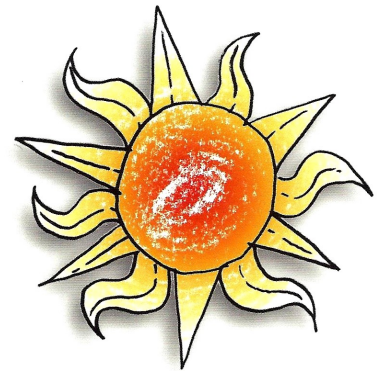
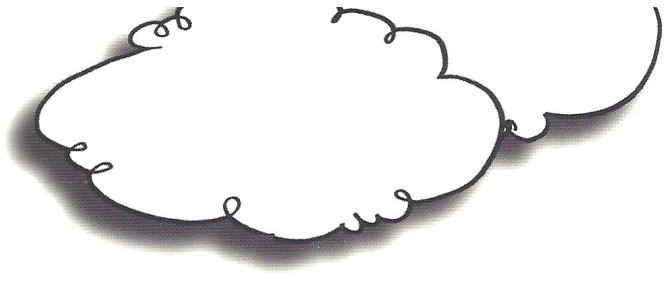
Borrow a bulletin to find the words "God", "Jesus", and "Spirit" in the readings. How many times did you find these words?

God

Jesus

Spirit

*Or choose one of the readings and illustrate it below*



**HYMN** *We always stand for this hymn & the reading of the Gospel*

## THE GOSPEL

*Before the Gospel, we say*

+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*Then, after the Gospel, we say*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Watch the person reading the Gospel and make the sign of the cross like she/he does.

## THE SERMON



## THE NICENE CREED

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we pray, use the note card in this book to make a card for someone in our church family who couldn't be here today and put it in the offering plate.

# THE CONFESSION OF SIN

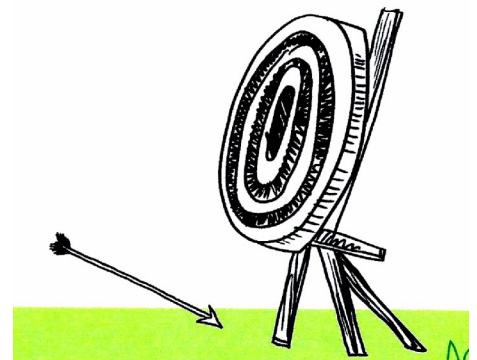
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**



The Greek and Hebrew words for “sin” mean “to miss the target”

+ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**





## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

## BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS & MORE

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE OFFERTORY

I will thank GOD this week by

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

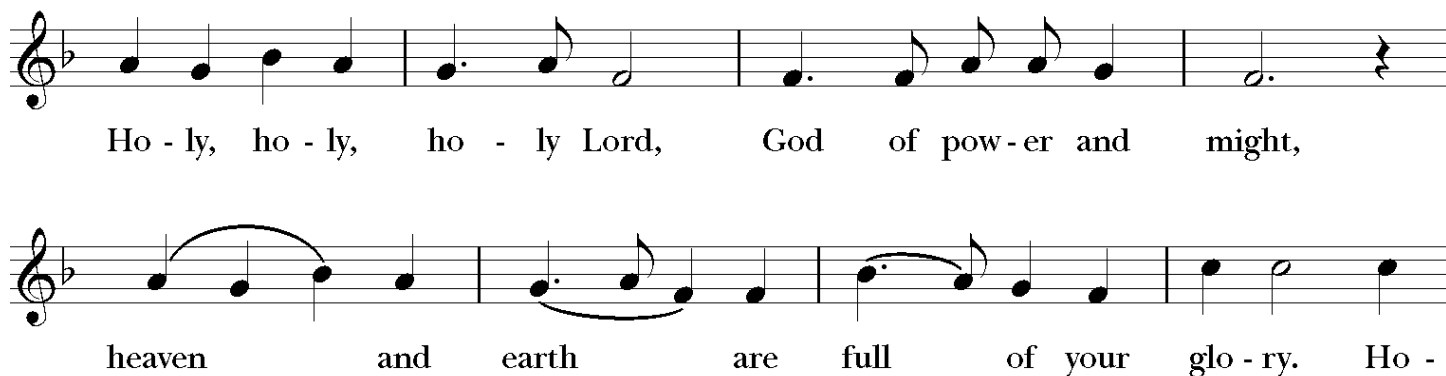
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# THE SANCTUS OR "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a three-line musical score in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line contains the lyrics 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The second line contains 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -'. The third line contains 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the third line.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. + Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

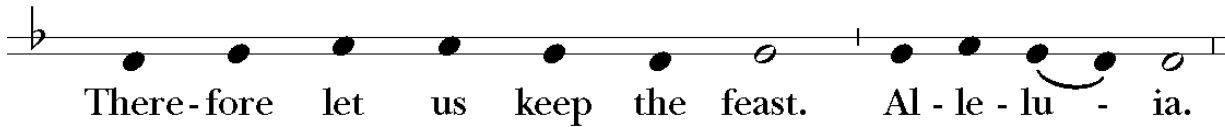
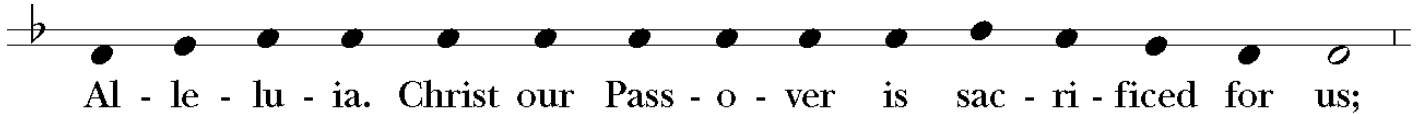
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



# COMMUNION



# THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**BLESSING +**

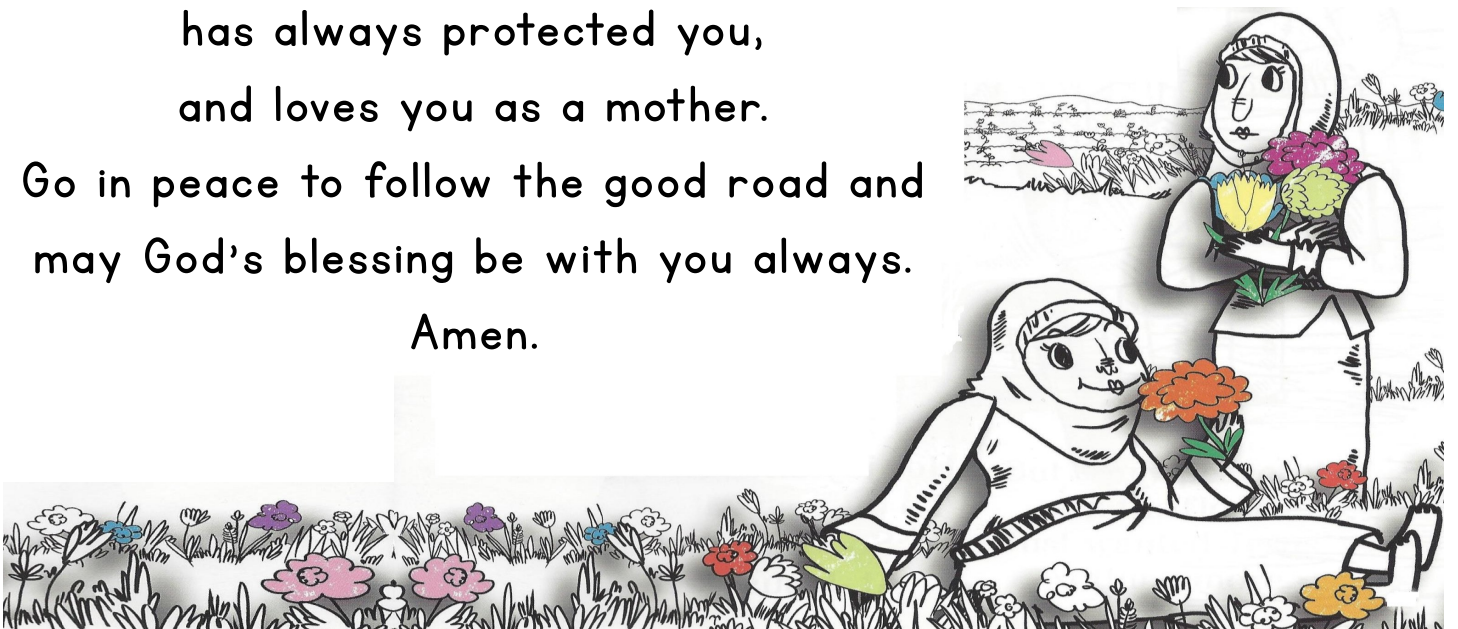
**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

**Thanks be to God.**

Live without fear:  
your Creator has made you holy,  
has always protected you,  
and loves you as a mother.  
Go in peace to follow the good road and  
may God's blessing be with you always.

Amen.



# A Note to Parents

**Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."**

This worship book is meant as an aid to help your children experience the beauty and wonder of worship. However, nothing can replace your guidance and example. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn how to worship by watching you and the others around them. Please explain the parts of the service, the actions of the priests and other ministers, etc. to your children.

If your children make noise during worship or have trouble sitting still, remember, God put the wiggle in your children. Don't feel like you have to suppress it. If you do need to leave the service for any reason, feel free to do so, but please return.

Remember, the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they will respond to the Church, to one another, and more importantly to God. Let them know that they are always welcome here.

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