

Gathering Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise



1. The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove,
2. He by him - self has sworn, I on his oath de - pend;
3. There dwells the Lord, our King, The Lord, our Right-eous-ness,
4. The God who reigns on high The great arch - an - gels sing,



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.  
I shall, on ea - gle - wings up-borne, To heav'n as - cend.  
Tri - umph-ant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of peace.  
And "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" cry, "Al - might - y King!



To him up - lift your voice, At whose su - preme com - mand  
I shall be-hold his face, I shall his pow'r a - dore,  
On Zi-on's sa - cred height His king - dom still main - tains,  
Who was and is the same, For all e - ter - ni - ty.



From earth we rise and seek the joys At his right hand.  
And sing the won-ders of his grace For - ev - er - more.  
And, glo - rious with his saints in light, For - ev - er reigns.  
To you, Lord God, the great I AM, All glo - ry be!"

Text: *Yigdal Elohim Hai*; ascr. to Daniel ben Judah Dayyan, fl.1400; para. by Thomas Olivers, 1725-1799, alt.  
Tune: LEONI, 6 6 8 4 D; from the *Yigdal*; adapt. by Meyer Lyon, c.1751-1797

Greeting

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Penitential Act Form A (Confiteor)

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise

you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. 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. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. Amen.

### **Collect**

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

### **Reading 1: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18**

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.” Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. He then said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” “O Lord GOD,” he asked, “how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He answered him, “Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him. When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates.”

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The Lord is my life’s refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me. Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

Your presence, O LORD, I seek. Hide not your face from me; do not in anger repel your servant. You are my helper: cast me not off.

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**Reading 2:Phil 3:17-4:1**

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters,  
and observe those who thus conduct themselves  
according to the model you have in us.

For many, as I have often told you  
and now tell you even in tears,  
conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ.  
Their end is destruction.

Their God is their stomach;  
their glory is in their “shame.”

Their minds are occupied with earthly things.

But our citizenship is in heaven,  
and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will change our lowly body  
to conform with his glorified body  
by the power that enables him also  
to bring all things into subjection to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters,  
whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,  
in this way stand firm in the Lord.

**Alleluia:Cf. Mt 17-5**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard:  
This is my beloved Son, hear him..

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

### **Gospel: Lk 9:28b-36**

Jesus took Peter, John, and James  
and went up the mountain to pray.

While he was praying his face changed in appearance  
and his clothing became dazzling white.

And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah,  
who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus  
that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep,  
but becoming fully awake,

they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus,

“Master, it is good that we are here;

let us make three tents,

one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

But he did not know what he was saying.

While he was still speaking,

a cloud came and cast a shadow over them,

and they became frightened when they entered the cloud.

Then from the cloud came a voice that said,

“This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”

After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.

They fell silent and did not at that time

tell anyone what they had seen.

P. The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Homily**

#### **Profession of Faith**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Universal Prayer**

**P. Looking up at the stars in the night sky we recall God's extravagant promise to Abraham. We come now with our needs to the author of that covenant, trusting in the One who promises us the heavens.**

**For the Church, that we may envision the dazzling transfiguration possible to our world and work to bring it to reality to the benefit of those in need, we pray to the Lord.**

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**LECTOR : That all nations on earth and their leaders may work to care for our common home, implementing an effective response to our climate crisis, we pray to the Lord.**

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For those preparing for the Easter sacraments, that they may discern the voice of Jesus on their journey of faith, we pray to the Lord.**

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**That our prayers, joined with those of people around the world, will help guide those waging war against the people of the Ukraine to end the meaningless suffering and restore peace, we pray to the Lord.**

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**That our prayers, joined with those of people around the world, will help guide those waging war against the people of the Ukraine to end the meaningless suffering and restore peace, we pray to the Lord.**

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For all those suffering from the effects of the Coronavirus, especially those hospitalized, may the healing touch of God reach them and comfort their loved ones, we pray to the Lord.**

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For the repose of the soul of David Nisbett who died this past week, we pray to the Lord.**

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For the silent prayers we hold in our hearts and for the intentions in the book of prayers: that they will be joined to those of our Blessed Virgin Mary, our patron St. Matthew, and all the saints, we pray to the Lord.**

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**PRIEST: God of boundless mercy, look with kindness upon your children here and throughout the world. Grant our prayers through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## Preparation of the Gifts and Altar

### The Glory of These Forty Days



1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days We  
2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw The  
3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, De -  
4. Then grant, O God, that we may, too, Re -



cel - e - brate with songs of praise; For Christ, through whom all  
lov - ing God who gave the law; And to E - li - jah,  
liv - ered from the li - ons' might; And John, the Bride-groom's  
turn in fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
fast - ing, came The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
friend, be - came The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
with your grace, And give us joy to see your face.

Text: *Clarum decus jejunii*; ascr. to Gregory the Great, c.540–604; tr. by Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt.  
Tune: ERHALT UNS HERR, LM; Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543; harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685–1750

P. Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

*Then he places the paten with the bread on the corporal. If, however, the Offertory Chant is not sung, the Priest may speak these words aloud; at the end, the people may acclaim:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

*The Deacon, or the Priest, pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:*

P. By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

*The Priest then takes the chalice and holds it slightly raised above the altar with both hands, saying in a low voice:*

P. Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

*Then he places the chalice on the corporal. If, however, the Offertory Chant is not sung, the Priest may speak these words aloud; at the end, the people may acclaim:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

### **Invitation to Prayer**

P. With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.

*If appropriate, he also incenses the offerings, the cross, and the altar. A Deacon or other minister then incenses the Priest and the people.*

Then the Priest, standing at the side of the altar, washes his hands, saying quietly:

P. Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

*Standing at the middle of the altar, facing the people, extending and then joining his hands, he says:*

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

*Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer over the Offerings, at the end of which the people acclaim:*

R. Amen.

### **Preface Dialogue**

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

### **Sanctus**

R. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### **The Mystery of Faith**

P. The mystery of faith.

R. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

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

P. At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

R. 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.

### **Doxology**

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

R. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.



### **Sign of Peace**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles; Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

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

R. And with your spirit.

If appropriate, the Deacon, or the Priest, adds:

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*Comment: If the priest says "Let us offer each other the sign of peace." The congregation should avoid any contact with each other, and instead offer some other appropriate gesture. Then he takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly:*

P. May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

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

R. And with your spirit.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

### **Invitation to Communion**

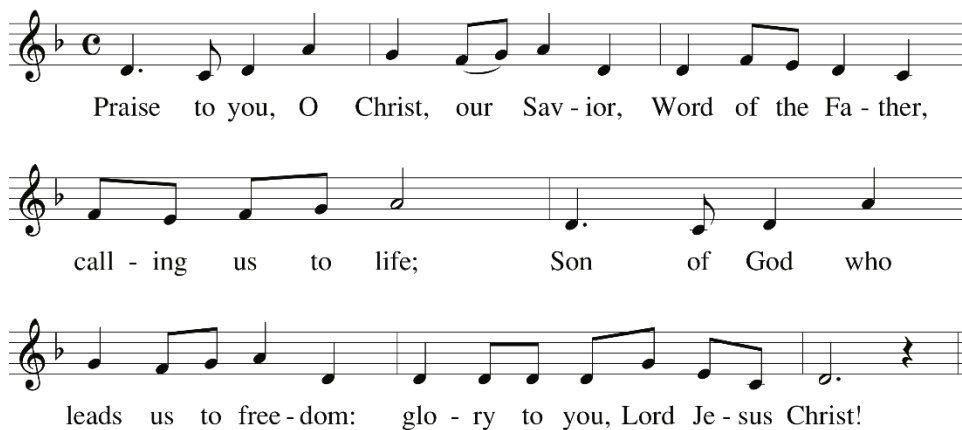
P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

ALL: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## Communion Hymn

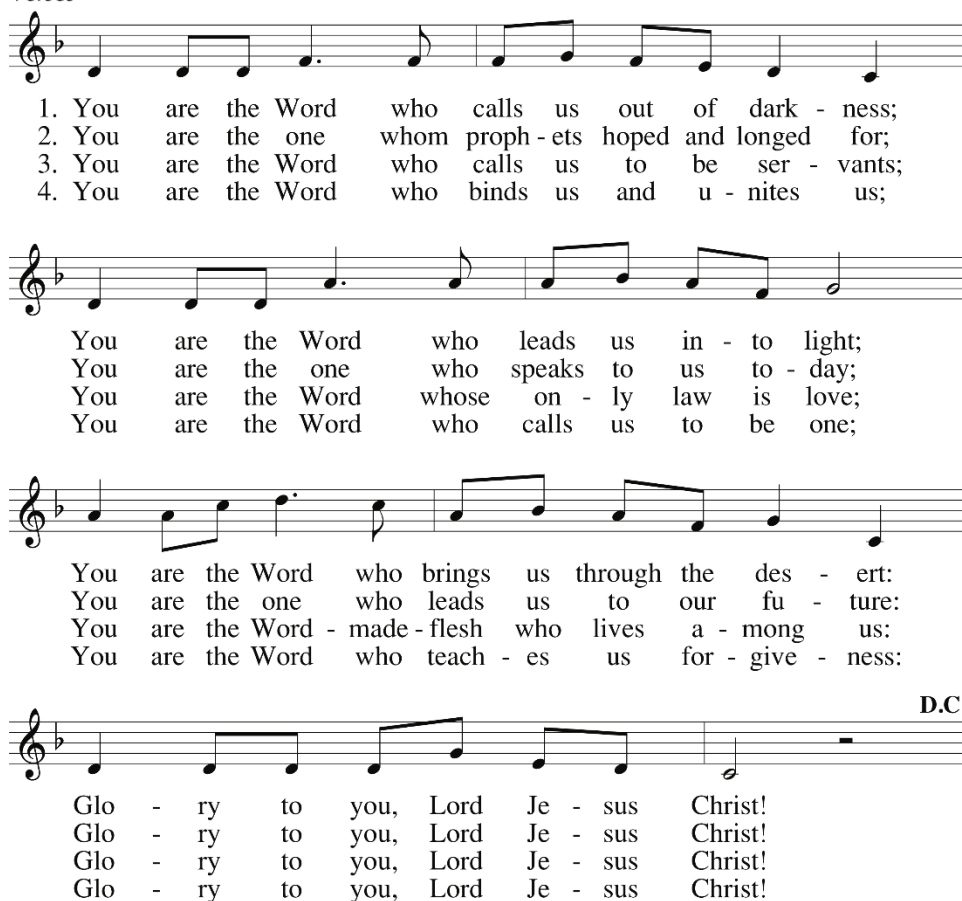
### Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior

#### Refrain



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav - ior, Word of the Fa - ther,  
call - ing us to life; Son of God who  
leads us to free - dom: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

#### Verses



1. You are the Word who calls us out of dark - ness;  
2. You are the one whom proph - ets hoped and longed for;  
3. You are the Word who calls us to be ser - vants;  
4. You are the Word who binds us and u - nites us;

You are the Word who leads us in - to light;  
You are the one who speaks to us to - day;  
You are the Word whose on - ly law is love;  
You are the Word who calls us to be one;

You are the Word who brings us through the des - ert:  
You are the one who leads us to our fu - ture:  
You are the Word - made - flesh who lives a - mong us:  
You are the Word who teach - es us for - give - ness:

D.C.

Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!  
Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!  
Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!  
Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

## Concluding Rites

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.


P. Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

## Closing Hymn


### Lift High the Cross / Alcen la Cruz

Refrain




Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till  
Al - cen la cruz, em - ble - ma de su a - mor; que el  
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.  
mun-do al fin co - noz - ca al Sal - va - dor.

Verses



1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, Our  
2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, The  
3. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied Bears  
4. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, Your  
*1. Va - mos, cris - tia - nos, tras nues - tro Se - ñor; El*  
*2. Ba - jo es - te sig - no de su gran po - der El*  
*3. Ca - da cre - yen - te del que en cruz mu - rió En*  
*4. Cuan - do te al - za - ron glo - rio - so en la cruz, A -*

D.C.



King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
on the brow the seal of him who died.  
death has bought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
*rey vic - to - rio - so, Cris - to, Hi - jo de Dios.*  
*pue - blo de Dios a - van - za sin te - mer.*  
*su fren - te lle - va el sig - no en que ven - ció.*  
*llí pro - me - tis - te lle - var - nos a la luz.*

5. So shall our song of triumph ever be: 5. *Himnos de gloria alcemos sin cesar;*  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Al rey vencedor que en cruz supo triunfar.*

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18; George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912, and Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956, alt.; tr. by Dimas Planas-Belfort, 1934–1992, and Ángel Mattos, alt.  
Tune: CRUCIFER, 10 10 with refrain; Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947  
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