

# Confession and Absolution

## 913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts  
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,  
Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.  
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,  
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing  
Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in  
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -  
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love  
us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us  
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.  
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.  
That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing  
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing  
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er  
Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.  
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.  
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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*Stand*

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

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But 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.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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, 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.**

- P 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

I have set the LORD always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures 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.**

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### Kyrie

*LSB 152*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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 mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



### Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be 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; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.



Sit

## Old Testament Reading

*Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31*

<sup>1</sup>Does not wisdom call?  
Does not understanding raise her voice?  
<sup>2</sup>On the heights beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
<sup>3</sup>beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:  
<sup>4</sup>“To you, O men, I call,  
and my cry is to the children of man. . . .  
<sup>22</sup>“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of old.  
<sup>23</sup>Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
<sup>24</sup>When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
<sup>25</sup>Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth,  
<sup>26</sup>before he had made the earth with its fields,  
or the first of the dust of the world.  
<sup>27</sup>When he established the heavens, I was there;  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
<sup>28</sup>when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
<sup>29</sup>when 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,  
<sup>30</sup>then I was beside him, like a master workman,  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
<sup>31</sup>rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the children of man.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*Acts 2:14a, 22–36*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .  
<sup>22</sup>“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—<sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,  
““I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;  
<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.  
<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.  
<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

<sup>29</sup>“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. <sup>30</sup>Being 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, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being 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. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,  
 Sit at my right hand,  
<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.”

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

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 156*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

*John 8:48–59*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” <sup>52</sup>The 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.’” <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’” <sup>55</sup>But 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. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” <sup>59</sup>So 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.

*Sit*

## 384 Of the Father's Love Begotten



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,  
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with  
 4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His  
 Δ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him  
 Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that  
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -  
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -  
 And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be  
 And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see  
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face  
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

A - men.

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Sermon

Offering

Welcome and Support For Ministry

*Stand*

Athanasian Creed

- C** 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, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.  
 For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.  
 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:  
 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,  
 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;  
 and yet there are not three Almightyies, 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;  
 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.  
 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.  
 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:  
 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.  
 This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

### Concluding Collect

### 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 T give you peace.  
 C Amen.

### 802 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—  
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;  
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree  
 All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
 Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.  
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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