

Call Service

Hymn—Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

CW 177

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-78

Tune: *Geistliche lieder auff's new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1533

Stand to sing the final stanza of the hymn



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make our
2 To you, the Coun - se - lor, we cry, To you, the
3 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed your
4 Drive far a - way our wi - ly foe, And your a -
5 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, And you, from



hearts your place of rest; Come with your grace and
gift of God most high; The fount of life, the
love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our
bid - ing peace be - stow; If you are our pro -
both, as Three in One That we your name may



heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which you have made.
fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - o - rate.
tect - ing guide, No e - vil can with us a - bide.
ev - er bless And in our lives the truth con - fess.

6 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!

Dialogue of Praise

M: O Lord, open my lips,

C: **And my mouth will declare your praise.**

Psalm 51:15

M: All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord;

C: **And they in turn would tell their children.**

Psalm 86:9

M: Future generations will be told about the Lord.

C: **They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn.**

Psalm 22:30-31

M: Let this be written for a future generation,
that a people not yet created may praise the Lord:

**C: “The Lord looked down from his sanctuary on high,
from heaven he viewed the earth,
to hear the groans of the prisoners
and release those condemned to death.”**

Psalm 102:18-20

M: My mouth will tell of your righteousness,
of your salvation all day long,
though I know not its measure.

**C: Even when I am old and gray,
Do not forsake me, O God,
Till I declare your power to the next generation,
Your might to all who are to come.**

Psalm 71:15,18

M: One generation will commend your works to another;
they will tell of your mighty acts.

**C: They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.**

Psalm 145:4-5

M: Lord God, source of all abiding knowledge, through Word and Sacrament you both enlighten the minds and sanctify the lives of those you draw to your service. Pour out your Spirit on the men and women who present themselves for assignment this day. Give them joy as they receive a call from you and your people, and grant them confidence to proclaim your grace with faithfulness and zeal. By their teaching and life let your kingdom come and your will be done; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen. *(spoken)*

Be seated

Choral Response

“Here I Am, Lord”

Text: Isaiah 6

Music: Craig Courtney

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord, is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them, whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Lesson—2 Corinthians 1:14—2:6

Hymn—Christ High-Ascended

CW 558

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926

Tune: *Antiphoner*, Paris, 1681

Christ high-ascended, now in glory seated,
Throned and exalted, victory completed,
Death's dread dominion finally defeated -
We are his witnesses.

Christ from the Father ev'ry pow'r possessing,
Who on his chosen lifted hands in blessing,
Sends forth his servants, still in faith confessing -
We are his witnesses.

Christ, who in dying won for us salvation,
Lives now the firstborn of the new creation;
To win disciples out of ev'ry nation -
We are his witnesses.

Christ in his splendor, all dominion gaining,
Christ with his people evermore remaining,
Christ to all ages, gloriously reigning -
We are his witnesses.

As at his parting, joy shall banish grieving,
Faith in his presence strengthen our believing;
Filled with his Spirit, love and pow'r receiving,
We are his witnesses.

Sermon

1 Timothy 1:12

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service.

Be Thankful for Jesus' Appointment

Choir—Lord God, You Have Called Your Servants

Text: Closing Prayer from the Vespers Service

Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978

Music: J. Aaron McDermid

Lord God, you have called your servants
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending;
by paths as yet untrod, through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reading of Assignments

President Mark G. Schroeder
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Hymn—Holy God, We Praise Your Name

CW 278

Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774
tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900

**Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim;
All in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
Everlasting is your reign.**

**Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name you;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim you,
Then, adoring, bend the knee
And confess the mystery.**

Prayer

M: Almighty God, look with favor on those whom you have called to minister to your people. Fill them with faithfulness to your teaching and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may joyfully serve to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen. Amen. Amen.** (*sung*)

Hymn—God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

CW 293

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872
tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861-1925
Tune: Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863-1924

**God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way; In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations. Amen.**

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