

GATHERING -

PRELUDE | "CHRIST IS ALIVE, LET CHRISTIANS SING" (WILBUR HELD)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 62:5

- > For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait;
- » Truly our hope is in you.

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM HEBREWS 4:14; REVELATION 5:10,12

- Jesus Christ has ascended into heaven and is at God's right hand with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.
- » Since we have a great high priest who has gone into heaven—Jesus, the Son of God let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Let us praise his holy name!
- > Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!
- » Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength be to our God forevermore!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Take a few moments with the people you are gathered with, or on your own, to praise God for his goodness and faithfulness, even in this moment of crisis.

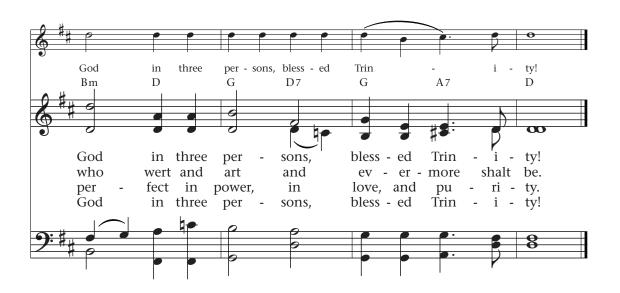
SONG OF PRAISE | "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"
SONG OF PRAISE | "SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD"

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HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY



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SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD



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CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- We praise you, Holy God, for your steadfast love given to us in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hold us by your grace, even as we have sinned against it and marred our relationship with you and our neighbor. We repent of our sins and long for you to restore us.
- » In your great love come, cleanse, heal and help us, that we may live out our days to the praise of your grace and to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE | FROM LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24

- > But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
- » The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness!
- > Sisters and brothers, hear the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
- » Thanks be to God!

GREETING OF PEACE

As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, take a few moments to pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able, either with those in your home, or by sending a text to other friends and family watching.

THANKSGIVING -

OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

- Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?
- » For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.

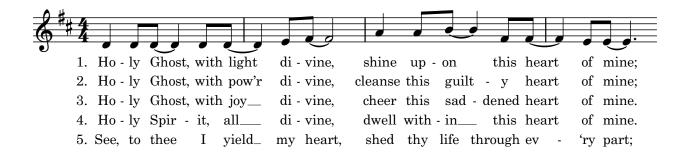
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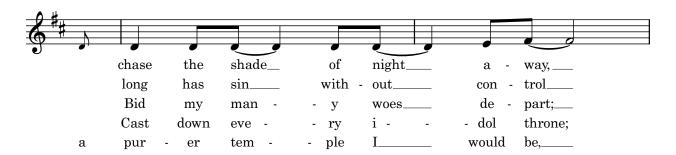
Please pray for our mission partner "The Word Is Out" ministry, led by former Third pastor Alan Meenan. "The Word Is Out" seeks to equip leaders of the global church to be skilled interpreters and teachers of the Bible and is focused in Africa, India, and Southeast Asia.

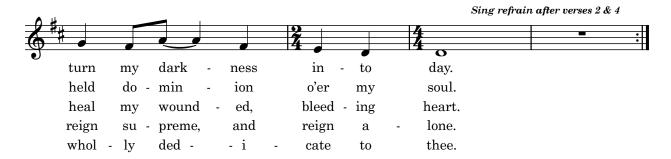
OFFERTORY | "HOLY GHOST WITH LIGHT DIVINE"

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HOLY GHOST WITH LIGHT DIVINE









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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING | JOHN 14:15-27

¹⁵ "If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

²²Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?"

²³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

- > This is the word of the Lord.
- » Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE | "I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT"

THE APOSTLES' CREED

- > Christians, what do you believe?
- » I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONDING —

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

- > Faithful Father, we thank you for how you care and provide for us. On this Mother's Day we are mindful that the prophet describes your comfort as that of a mother. We thank you for our mothers, for their comfort, love and care. We pray for those whose mothers were unable to meet their needs; may they find comfort in you. We pray for all mothers, that you would grant them wisdom, strength and patience. We pray for those who long to be mothers, that your grace would sustain them. We pray for spiritual mothers here at Third, that we would shepherd well those whom you have entrusted to our care, whether young or elderly.
- » Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
- > Lord Jesus, we thank you that you entered into our human suffering and that you sympathize with us in our need. In these uncertain times we pray that you would heal those suffering from COVID-19; protect those whose work puts them at risk; guide those who are confused; comfort those who mourn; and grant grace to those who are isolated, peace to those who are fearful and hope to those who despair.
- » Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
- > Holy Spirit, giver of new life, we thank you for your indwelling presence. Help us to hear your voice. Teach us and guide us as we seek to bring the beauty, light and healing of Jesus into places of brokenness in our families, neighborhoods, city and world. Empower us to be faithful witnesses of your love and justice.
- » Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
- Gathering our prayers into one, let us boldly pray as our Savior has taught us:
- » 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

Pray for health: Brad Bishop, Bradley Crawford, Keena Harwood, Donna Wells, Gretchen Gravely, Christie Geraty, Erika Gouverneur, Francis Steadman, Milton Jones

Pray for comfort for the loss of loved ones: John Dean (5/4); Jimmie Massie (mother, 5/3); Rich Hines (wife, 4/27); Peg Shealy (mother, 4/19); Elizabeth Massie (mother, 4/11); René Shouse (mother, 4/9); Libbie Cornett (mother, 4/2)

SENDING -

SONG OF COMMISSION | "THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS"

MUSIC ON PAGE 9

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | 2 CORINTHIANS 3:17-18

- Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom!
- » And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

POSTLUDE | "TOCCATA" (DAVID HEGARTY)

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

