





Lord, we are gathered to worship, you -

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Create in each of us a clean heart and a right spirit.

Then the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts will please you.

Lord, we thank you and praise you for all things great and beautiful.

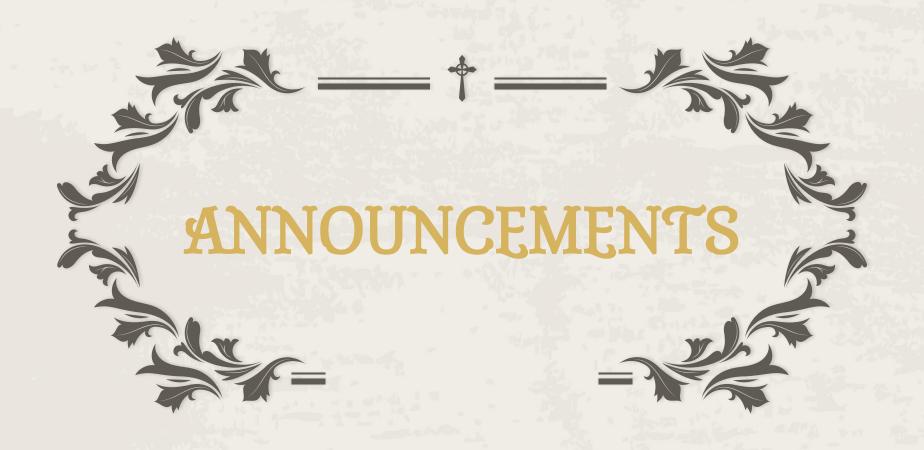
You are marvelous and your works are too magnificent for us to fully comprehend.

We are awed and humbled by your magnificent creative power, and your grace and mercy.

We worship you with joy and ask you to receive our offerings of thanksgiving. Amen.









RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Cry out to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing.









OPENING HYMN GTG#384

Soon and Very Soon







FIRST RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 98: 4-9

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy in the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the people with equity.









AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES" CREED

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; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.







SECOND RESPONSIVE READING ISAIAH 12

You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me.

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

With joy, you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One, the Lord God almighty.







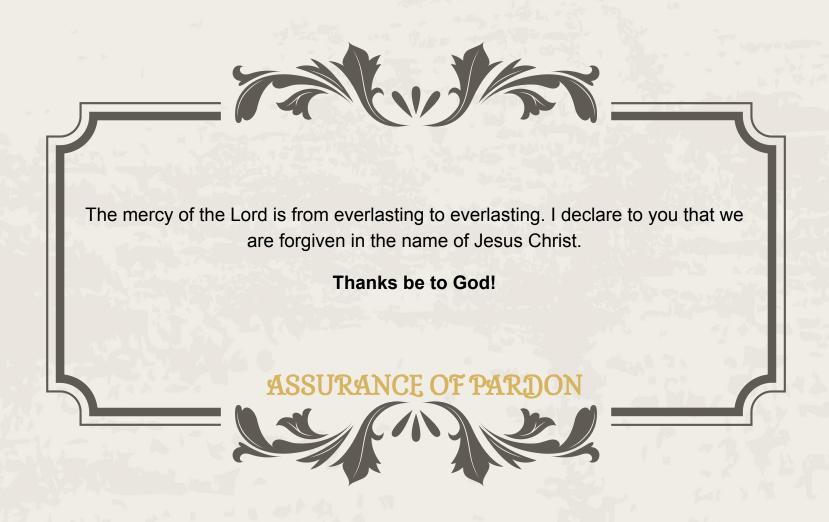




Hear, O LORD, my voice when I call; be merciful and answer me. Lord, I seek your face. Please answer me. You are my helper. Without you, I am nothing, and I can-do no-good thing. Lord, help me know the difference between right and wrong and grant me the strength of character to practice righteousness even when it is not popular to do so. Forgive my sins and deliver me from lethargy, pride, and meaningless busy work. With remorse, I acknowledge that at times I have sought to satisfy my desires instead of following your will. Forgive me, and please help me do better. In Jesus' mighty name, I pray. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION











A READING FROM LUKE 21: 8-19

And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So, make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance, you will gain your souls.







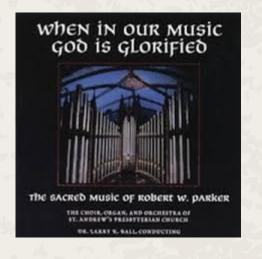














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