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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

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.

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: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING*Acts 1:1-11*

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, “you heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” So when they had come together, they asked Him, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.”

HYMN Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

**1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
 His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
 His the victory alone.**

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood:

“Jesus out of ev’ry nation

Has redeemed us by His blood.”

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans

Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us;

Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him

When the forty days were o’er,

Shall our hearts forget His promise:

“I am with you evermore”?

3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,

Here on earth our food, our stay;

Alleluia! Here the sinful

Flee to You from day to day.

Intercessor, Friend of sinners,

Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea

Where the songs of all the sinless

Sweep across the crystal sea.

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SERMON

PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face
shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon
you with favor and give you peace.*

C: Amen.

HYMN Draw Us to Thee

**1 Draw us to Thee,
 For then shall we
Walk in Thy steps forever
 And hasten on
 Where Thou art gone
To be with Thee, dear Savior.**

**3 Draw us to Thee;
 O grant that we
May walk the road to heaven!
 Direct our way
 Lest we should stray
And from Thy paths be driven.**

**5 Draw us to Thee
 Unceasingly,
Into Thy kingdom take us;
 Let us fore'er**

Thy glory share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

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