

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

In the name of the Father and of the  $\cdot\ddagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;  
**in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch.**

My mouth is filled with Your praise,  
**and with Your glory all the day.**

O Lord, open my lips,  
**and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

**Glorify 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.**

## Reading

*Psalm 116:1–14*

- <sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because | he has heard\*  
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.
- <sup>2</sup>Because he inclined his | ear to me,\*  
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.
- <sup>3</sup>The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;\*  
I suffered distress and | anguish.
- <sup>4</sup>Then I called on the name | of the LORD:\*  
“O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”
- <sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;\*  
our God is | merciful.
- <sup>6</sup>The LORD preserves the | simple;\*  
when I was brought low, he | saved me.
- <sup>7</sup>Return, O my soul, | to your rest;\*  
for the LORD has dealt bountifully | with you.
- <sup>8</sup>For you have delivered my | soul from death,\*  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from | stumbling;
- <sup>9</sup>I will walk be- | fore the LORD\*  
in the land of the | living.
- <sup>10</sup>I believed, even | when I spoke,\*  
“I am greatly af- | flicted”;
- <sup>11</sup>I said in | my alarm,\*  
“All mankind are | liars.”
- <sup>12</sup>What shall I render | to the LORD\*  
for all his bene- | fits to me?
- <sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation\*  
and call on the name of the LORD.

and call on the name | of the LORD,  
14I will pay my vows | to the LORD\*  
in the presence of all his | people.

*Meditation on the hymn*

**483 With High Delight Let Us Unite**

- 1 With high delight  
Let us unite  
In songs of great jubilation.  
Ye pure in heart,  
All bear your part,  
Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.  
To set us free  
Forever, He  
Is ris'n and sends  
To all earth's ends  
Good news to save ev'ry nation.
  
- 2 True God, He first  
From death has burst  
Forth into life, all subduing.  
His enemy  
Doth vanquished lie;  
His death has been death's undoing.  
"And yours shall be  
Like victory  
O'er death and grave,"  
Saith He, who gave  
His life for us, life renewing.
  
- 3 Let praises ring;  
Give thanks, and bring  
To Christ our Lord adoration.  
His honor speed  
By word and deed  
To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.  
So shall His love  
Give us above,  
From misery  
And death set free,  
All joy and full consolation.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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, died and was 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 thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

*Concluding prayers:*

Almighty God, merciful Father, who created and completed all things, on this day when the work of our calling begins anew, we implore You to create its beginning, direct its continuance, and bless its end, that our doings may be preserved from sin, our life sanctified, and our work this day be well pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Then go joyfully to your work.*

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