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

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ 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.**

**Glory 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**

*Psalms 145:1–14*

- <sup>1</sup>I will extol you, my | God and King,\*  
and bless your name forever and | ever.
- <sup>2</sup>Every day I will | bless you\*  
and praise your name forever and | ever.
- <sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,\*  
and his greatness is un- | searchable.
- <sup>4</sup>One generation shall commend your works to an- | other,\*  
and shall declare your | mighty acts.
- <sup>5</sup>On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,\*  
and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.
- <sup>6</sup>They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,\*  
and I will declare your | greatness.
- <sup>7</sup>They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness\*  
and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.
- <sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and | merciful,\*  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
- <sup>9</sup>The LORD is | good to all,\*

and his mercy is over all that | he has made.

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,\*  
and all your saints shall | bless you!

<sup>11</sup>They shall speak of the glory of your | kingdom\*  
and tell | of your power,

<sup>12</sup>to make known to the children of man your | mighty deeds,\*  
and the glorious splendor of your | kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting | kingdom,\*  
and your dominion endures throughout all gener- | ations.

The LORD is faithful in | all his words\*  
and kind in | all his works.

<sup>14</sup>The LORD upholds all who are | falling\*  
and raises up all who are | bowed down.

### *Meditation on the Hymn*

## **756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me**

- 1 Why should cross and trial grieve me?  
Christ is near  
With His cheer;  
Never will He leave me.  
Who can rob me of the heaven  
That God's Son  
For me won  
When His life was given?
- 2 When life's troubles rise to meet me,  
Though their weight  
May be great,  
They will not defeat me.  
God, my loving Savior, sends them;  
He who knows  
All my woes  
Knows how best to end them.
- 3 God gives me my days of gladness,  
And I will  
Trust Him still  
When He sends me sadness.  
God is good; His love attends me  
Day by day,  
Come what may,  
Guides me and defends me.

- 4 From God's joy can nothing sever,  
For I am  
His dear lamb,  
He, my Shepherd ever.  
I am His because He gave me  
His own blood  
For my good,  
By His death to save me.
- 5 Now in Christ, death cannot slay me,  
Though it might,  
Day and night,  
Trouble and dismay me.  
Christ has made my death a portal  
From the strife  
Of this life  
To His joy immortal!

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## **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

**☞ 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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