



# The Nicene Creed: Waiting for the Kingdom and the Life to Come

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*Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.*

## GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Arioso in F* Johann Sebastian Bach  
Welcome & Announcements  
Prelude: *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word* Johann Sebastian Bach

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God: the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden.

**C: In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.**

L: When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

**C: At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.**

L: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

**C: Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.**

L: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Song: O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

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1. O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, the fount of life, the light of all:  
From ev'ry bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.
2. We taste you, ever-living bread, and long to feast upon you still;  
We drink of you, the fountain-head; our thirsting souls from you we fill.
3. For you our restless spirits yearn, where'er our changing lot is cast;  
Glad when your smile on us your turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
4. O Jesus, ever with us stay! Make all our moments fair and bright!  
Oh, chase the night of sin away! Shed o'er the world your holy light.

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Glory to You, God

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1. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
Yours is the promise, the blessing the birth.  
Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame;  
Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.  
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;  
Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.
2. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
Yours the hosannas, the dying, rebirth.  
Ours the rejoicing for nature reclaimed;  
Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.  
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;  
Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.
3. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
Yours the anointing, the radiant worth.  
Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame;  
Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.  
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;  
Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

L: We pray together the Prayer of the Day...

**C: O Lord, hasten the coming of your great and glorious day! In our darkness, many men and women no longer dare to hope. Protect the flame of faith in the hearts of the weak and the suffering. May the Church be a faithful herald of the victory of Christ your Son over death, and a beacon of expectation for his return in glory. He is the Living One, with you and with the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.**

## WORD

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading from Psalm 85:8, 10-12

L: I will listen to what the Lord God is saying;

**C: for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.**

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;

**C: righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

L: Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,

**C: and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

L: The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,

**C: and our land will yield its increase.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 21:1-4

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Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:35-40 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

L: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Sermon

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1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?
2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing.
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and through eternity, I'll sing on.

Nicene Creed

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of  
the Father, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made;  
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us, and for our salvation, he came down from heaven; and was incarnate of  
the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made human. For our sake he was  
crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. On the third  
day he rose from the dead in accordance with the scriptures. He ascended to  
heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in  
glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. Who, with the Father and the Son, is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People (each petition ends... “Hear us O God... **your mercy is great.**”)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

**Offering:** (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy. In response to God’s love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. We do this, in part, through a church-wide commitment to speaking the truth, welcoming the stranger, and loving the sojourner. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today - either in person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God’s people and God’s world!)

**Offertory:** *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

Johann Sebastian Bach

**Offering Response:** Create in Me

ELW #186

**Offertory Prayer: C: Abiding God, under the cover of winter’s darkness, you bring forth life. Nourish us with earth’s bounty, that we may freely share the gifts you have first given us, through the one who gives his life for the world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution and Lord’s Prayer

P: In the night [...] Let us pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught:

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

Be Known to Us

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Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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Alleluia.

Hymn during Communion: Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

ELW #657

1. Rise, O Sun of righteousness; with your might creation bless.

Shine upon your church today, showing all your gentle way.

Refrain: Have mercy, Lord.

2. Rouse our hearts from slumber deep; may your word within us leap.

Give us voices to proclaim praises to your holy name. (refrain)

3. Gather in your scattered flock; give us water from the rock.

Bless the unity we share in our shepherd's loving care. (refrain)

4. Burst the bars of stubborn pride; make the heav'nly pathway wide.

Raise us up from sin and death with your Spirit's living breath. (refrain)

5. Honor, praise, and glory be to the holy Trinity!

May your gracious will be done: make us one, as you are one. (refrain)

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.**

**SENDING**

L: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in (+) Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW #671

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me: (refrain)
2. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me: (refrain)

L: Go in peace. Christ is your light. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *My Heart Ever Faithful*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Accompanist: James Rickley      Cantor: Gaynell Tempel      Acolyte:  
Reader: Melanie Jensen      Communion Asst: Melanie Jensen  
Fellowship: Barbara Ovitt      Altar Care: Gaynell Tempel & Michelle Yoder

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Triston; MaryAnn; Carl & Harley; Ann; Arvin; Beth; Arnie; Peggy & Larry; Sandy;  
Dorothy; Toni; Scott; Haley; Esther; Reta; Elaine.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of March 2:

Wed. 3/5: **Ash Wednesday** worship with imposition of ashes and Holy Communion – 7 pm in the sanctuary.

No WOW or adult study through Easter

Thu. 3/6: GF Community Band rehearses at 7 pm in the Fireside Room

Sat. 3/8: Daylight Savings Time Change – Spring clocks one hour ahead tonight!

**March Special Offering:** Month-long **Toilet Paper** Collection for Helping Hands

**Lent Mid-week Soup Suppers** and Holden Evening Prayer begin Wednesday, March 12. Please sign up to bring a pot of your favorite soup! Soup supper begins at 6 pm followed by worship at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall.

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