

ministry start in each of its 18 circuits ahead of the 2025 district convention. The District Mission Agency provides coaching, resources, and financial help in seeing these missions get off the ground and change lives. This grant seeks funds to seed those new missions and ministry through 5 “Spark Grants” as part of the mission goal. The Mission goal deadline is March 31, 2026! For LWML to achieve the mission goals by March 31, 2026, it is important to contribute coins, bills, and checks to your Mite Boxes and return to the Mighty Mite box in the narthex. Your offerings and prayers bring the love and hope of Jesus to those in need. Our sincere thanks to the congregation for supporting LWML grants. Please ask Lana Sullivan or Karen Fontaine-Benedict if you have any questions.

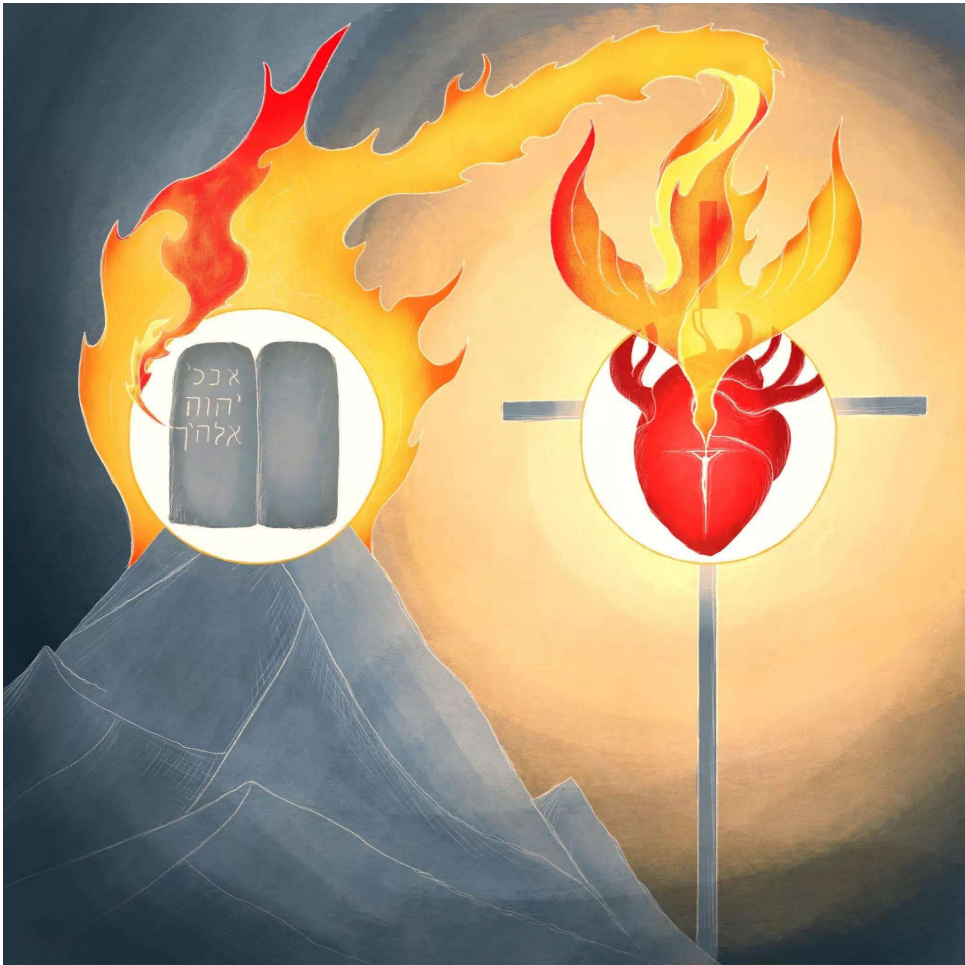
LWML will be meeting quarterly, and our next LWML meeting will be March 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am in the sanctuary classroom.

**CONTRIBUTE**

Online Giving

There are two convenient ways to give online. Either by using the "Joyful Response Giving" on the website or via Paypal. Simply log on to your Paypal Account, select "SEND" and type in Mount Olive Lutheran Church of Folsom California. We always accept checks, but we do have a limit as to how many we can deposit monthly, so if online giving is an option for you, rest assured, it is easy, safe and secure.

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 1, 2026**



Connecting People to Jesus, Cultivating Meaningful Lives, and Contributing to God’s Kingdom Work, Together



320 Montrose Drive, Folsom, CA 95630

Welcome and Announcements

Hello! We’re glad that you’re with us today! **You’ll notice GREEN colors around our altar which symbolizes God’s ongoing work in the world.** Here, we are figuring out together the mystery of God and His salvation as He reveals it through His Son Jesus Christ. If this is your first time being in a Lutheran Church and following the Divine service, we follow a traditional liturgy that may be a little different but that’s alright. If you feel lost, talk to one of the ushers, they’d be glad to walk alongside you. We’re honored that God has brought you here to our midst. **We hope that you find peace here.**

Today, we will be following “The Order of Matins”.

Matins is one of the Church’s ancient morning prayer offices, rooted in the early Christian practice of gathering at daybreak to hear Scripture and sing psalms as the light of Christ met the rising sun. Through its rich blend of psalms, readings, and canticles—especially the Venite—Matins draws us into that centuries-old rhythm of beginning the day with God’s promises. For congregations new to it, Matins offers a beautiful, unhurried way to let God’s Word shape the first steps of our day.

Sharing of the Peace

At this time, the congregation will rise and extend the “peace of the Lord” with one another forgiving one another just as our Lord has forgiven us.

Stand

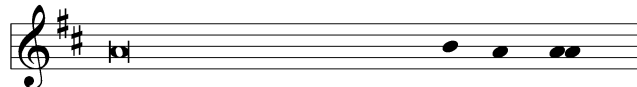


**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

Psalm 51:15



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

Psalm 70:1



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;

welcome and this would be a good time to come check it out! Call Norma Ceccardi at 530-401-8055 if you have any questions.

CULTIVATE

Ladies Bible Study

After a short break, we have started again our LifeLight Bible Study. We are still in the Gospel of Matthew beginning with the 24th Chapter. You are always invited to join us every Tuesday at 10am at 110 Dyrell Way in Folsom.

WE would love to welcome you as we are contributing to a meaningful and informative study. For more information, please call Inge at 916-983-0351. Shalom!

Youth

The Youth will be meeting on February 21 from 4-6 at Faith Lutheran Fair Oaks.

Bible Study Group

We’ll be working through the Epistle to the Colossians for a couple weeks. Feel free also to reach out to Pastor Dan or Elisse Tweet at [council.educ.molc@gmail.com](mailto:council.educ.molc@gmail.com) or 916-216-8722 for more info.

Second Wednesday at Twin Lakes Food Bank!

Second Wednesday Twin Lakes Food Bank ministry continues!

Reach out to our neighbors with love and prayer on the second Wednesday of each month. Would you consider volunteering for an upcoming month as we pre-plan to cover this meaningful ministry opportunity? A team of 3 people is needed to greet and converse with guests as they wait for groceries, hand out that month's giveaway item, and take prayer requests. The distribution time is from 9am -12pm. You can help out the entire time or come for the first 1.5 hour or the last 1.5 hour. Please contact Krista Hess (916-370-2892) [hesskeg@gmail.com](mailto:hesskeg@gmail.com) for more information or to snag the Wednesday of your choice.

LWML

LWML is in the final three months of collecting Mites for the 2024-2026 Mission Grants. Grants 1-14 have now been paid. Grants 15 through 18 need to be paid by March 31, 2026. Grant #15 is “1 in Every One” new CNH Missions & Ministries \$8,500 CNH District Mission Agency in Livermore, CA. In an ever-changing and very diverse region of our country, the CNH District has made it a point to reach new people with the lifesaving Good News of Jesus. The CNH District has set a goal to start a new mission or

*Serving Him this Week*

Worship Leader	Pastor Daniel Vang
Elders	Andrew Tweet
Musicians	Mount Olive Worship Group
Readers	Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, <b>Norma Ceccardi</b> , Andrew Donnelly, Heather Hoffman, Karla Schroeder, Andrew Burnette
Ushers	Norma and Karen Benedict
Altar Guild	Janet Betts

**CONNECT**

Sunday Service with Communion

Please join us for Sunday service at 10am. If you are not able to join us in person, our Sunday Services will be available on YouTube or Facebook. You can access the links on our website at [www.mountolivefolsom.com](http://www.mountolivefolsom.com).

Sunday School

We offer Sunday School classes for children ages K through 5th grade. Lessons are during the 10am Sunday worship service, located in the back of the Sanctuary directly following the Children's Message. Children will be returned in time to participate in Communion with their families. Families of Preschoolers and younger, feel free to grab a Blessing Activity Bag in the Narthex on your way into service or utilize the Nursery, located behind the musicians. Sunday School teachers & subs still needed, please reach out to Elisse (916)216-8722 or [council.educ.molc@gmail.com](mailto:council.educ.molc@gmail.com)

Sunday Bible Study

Come and gather with us at 9am to learn more about the Word of God.

The Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will be meeting next at noon on February 19th at noon. In

February, we will be having a special guest come speak to us about estate planning from Green Valley Mortuary. This hopes to be very informative. Please plan to bring your own lunch and join us in some wonderful fellowship and lively conversation! We meet in the classroom behind the sanctuary. All ages are

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.  
Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Psalmody**

**L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.  
**C** O come, let us wor-ship Him.

**Venite**

*Psalm 95:1-7*

**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God,  
3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son  
1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.  
5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;  
1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

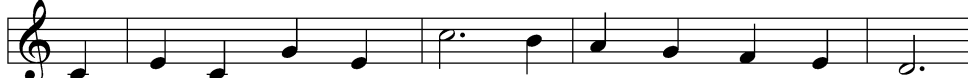
**L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C** O come, let us worship Him.

*Sit*

**Hymn 912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone**

**Organ Prelude**      **Choir sings Verse 2**



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;  
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,  
△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His  
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til  
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.  
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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**WORD**

*In the service of the Word, God grants us His grace through the reading and preaching of His Word. Wherever His Word is, there He promises to be (Matt 18:20). The words of Holy Scripture are to make [us] wise unto salvation (2 Timothy 3:15).” They do this but not by simply talking about Jesus but giving Jesus to us who crucified for our sins and raised for our justification. The Word of God is the Word of Life.*

**685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

**Organ Prelude**      **Verse 3: Choir Only**



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

Collect for Grace

- L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Stand

Benedicamus


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**L** Let us bless the Lord.


  
**C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 228

  
**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God

  
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

  
**C** A - men.

Old Testament

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:  
Arise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.  
Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the Lord has an indictment against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.  
O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I wearied you? Answer me!  
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.  
O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,  
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,


“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.


For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**Responsory**  
*Psalm 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28*

*Verse*  


- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

*Refrain*  


- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Offering  
Prayer

*Kneel/Stand*

**Kyrie**  


**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

**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.

**Collects**  

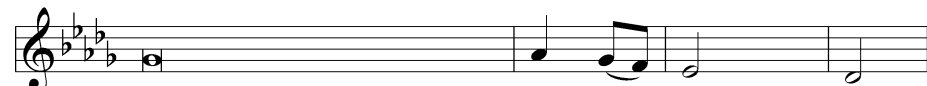

**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.




**C** And let my cry come to You.

**Collect of the Day**  
**C** Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through

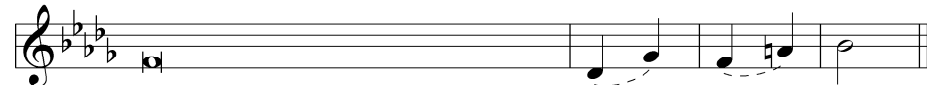




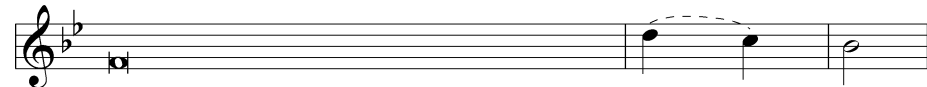
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.




5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



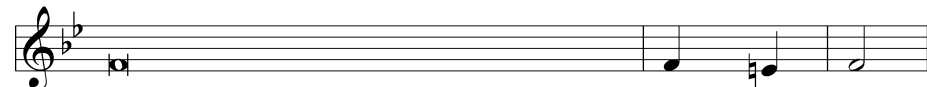
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to . . . . . be our judge.



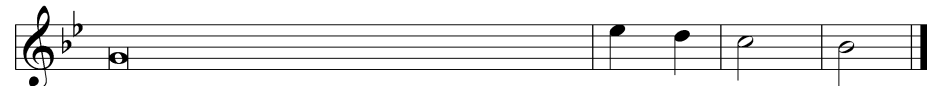
7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,  
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.  
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.  
8 Govern them and lift . . . . . them up for - ev - er.  
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints  
8 Day by day we . . . . . magni - fy You.  
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.  
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.  
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

Sit

## The Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness 'sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise be to Christ.

## Children's Message

### Sermon Hymn 578 Thy Strong Word

Verse 2: Men Only

Verse 4: Women Only

Verse 5: Choir Only



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -

light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to

Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 May the light which Thou dost send  
 Fill our songs with alleluias,  
 Alleluias without end!

(Stand)

6 God the Father, light-creator,  
 To Thee laud and honor be.  
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 Praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
 Glory, glory be to Thee.

Mortals, angels, now and ever  
 Praise the holy Trinity!

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## Sermon “Figuring God Out: God’s Upside Down Kingdom- Pastor Daniel Vang

### Canticle

Stand

### Te Deum

LSB 223

1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
 3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise You.

1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:

1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
 2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise You.  
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
 4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O Christ;

1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
 2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph-ets praise You.  
 3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com-fort - er.  
 4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.

5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
 6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God