



Responsive Prayer
Grace Lutheran Church
Lincoln, Nebraska

Respond in Bold

Opening

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, **have mercy on us.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Acts 1

10While (Jesus) was (ascending) and (the disciples) were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?...

Question

What's wrong with the disciples gazing up to heaven? What does this say about our proclamation and priorities as a church? How does this impact how we treat each other and others around us?

Ephesians 1

22And (God) has put all things under (Jesus) feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Question

What does it mean that the church is the body of Christ?

Luke 24

51While (Jesus) was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. 52And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ...

Question

Why is joy so important to our mission as the body of Christ in the world today?

Video Moment

O Christ, Our Hope



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might-y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers

Show us your mercy, O God, **and grant us your salvation.**
Give us the joy of your saving help again, **and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**
Give peace in all the world; **for only in you can we live in safety.**
Keep the nations under your care, **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Let your way be known upon earth; **your saving health among all nations.**
Let not the needy be forgotten, **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Create in me a clean heart, O God, **and sustain me with your Holy Spirit.**
Lord, hear my prayer, **and let my cry come before you.**

Closing Prayer

O God, in you we live and move and have our being. Guide and govern us every day by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but remember that always we are walking in your promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Blessing

Almighty God (+) bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**