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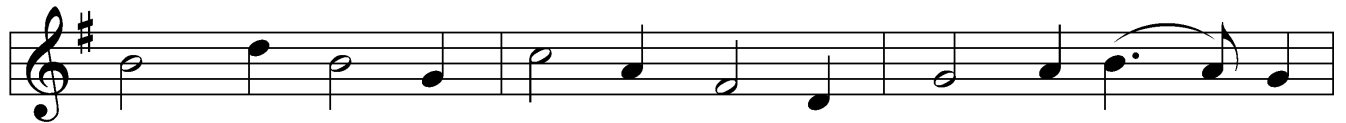
## Christ the Cornerstone

### As We Gather

Like a building, we have a foundation stone on which we rest, a cornerstone on which we build, a capstone that holds it all together. Christ is each of those stones—the foundation on which our faith is established, the cornerstone on which our faith is built, and the capstone that holds us up. He is also a stone of stumbling. Those who reject His foundation, His cornerstone, and His capstone are broken into pieces in the day of judgment. All of this is revealed in the surprise of a parable about a master who built a vineyard, planted the vines, and set it out for tenants to produce the wine. Instead, they conspired to keep the vineyard as their own, rejected those whom the master sent, and killed his son. This is the story of Jesus and of the people of God that He had chosen and created to be His vineyard. It is a story of warning, but it is also a story of grace.

### 909 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of  
3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they  
△ 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
ask to gain; What they gain from You, for - ev - er  
to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's  
Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est  
With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter  
Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.  
one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

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## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

Psalm 80:7, 18

- P** Restore us, O God of hosts;  
**C** let Your face shine, that we may be saved!
- P** Then we shall not turn back from You;  
**C** give us life, and we will call upon Your name!

## Confession and Absolution

*Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.*

- P** Holy and gracious God,  
**C** I confess that I have sinned against You and only You. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.
- P** May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**C** Amen.

## Introit

Psalm 118:22–24; antiphon: v. 1

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!  
The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
**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.**  
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

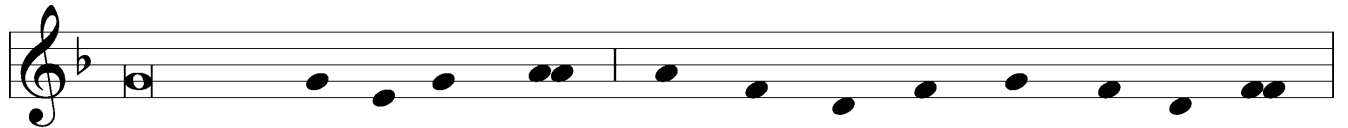
## Kyrie

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**C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

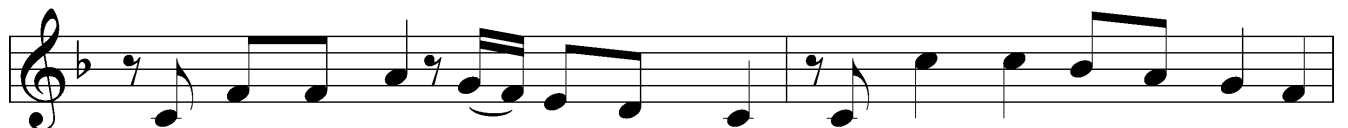
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**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



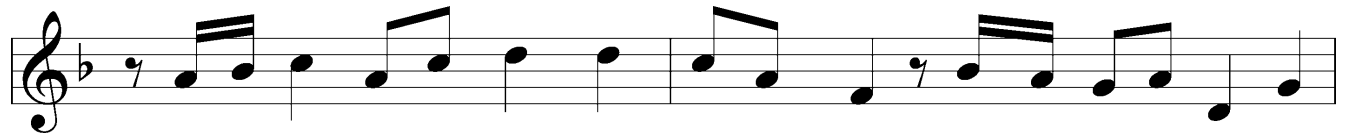
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### Prayer of the Day

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

- P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved  
my love song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.  
<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones,

and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
and he looked for it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard,  
that I have not done in it?  
When I looked for it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and briars and thorns shall grow up;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
and he looked for justice,  
but behold, bloodshed;  
for righteousness,  
but behold, an outcry!

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

Philippians 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:  
<sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a  
Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as  
to righteousness, under the law blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss  
for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing

worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Verse

Matthew 21:42b

Alleluia. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33–46

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>33</sup>[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup>And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

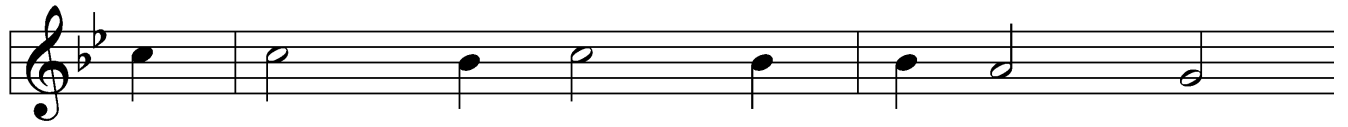
<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

### 544 O Love, How Deep

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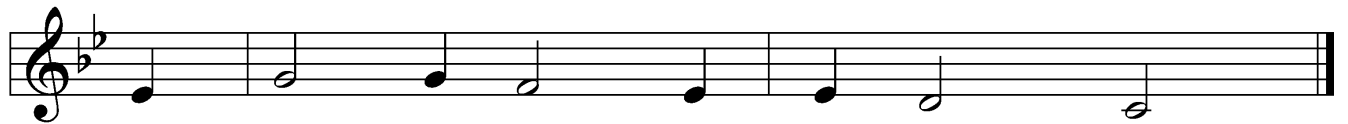
1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,  
3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore  
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;  
△ 7 All glo - ry to our Lord and God



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
Of high - er or of low - er place,  
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;  
For us His dai - ly works He wrought,  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;



That God, the Son of God, should take  
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,  
For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;  
By words and signs and ac - tions thus  
The Trin - i - ty whom we a - dore



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
And to this world Him - self He came.  
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

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## Sermon

### 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.

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the Church, the vineyard of the Lord's planting, that He nurture His Church with the Means of Grace and that we bring forth fruits in keeping with the kingdom of God, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For each of us in Christ, that we strive for the prize, forgetting what lies behind and pressing toward the goal of our eternal salvation and everlasting life with God, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.



**P** For the nations, that those who lead us heed the Word of God and preserve us from all threats to our faith and promote virtue and goodness in all we say and do, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this congregation, that we not take for granted all that the Lord has given us, and work to bear the good fruit of His kingdom in our lives together and individually, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who will hear the Word of God that the Spirit prepare their hearts to receive Him and by that same Spirit confess His holy name, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the sick and all who suffer in body, mind, or soul, [*especially . . .*], that the Lord grant them patience in their affliction, comfort in their pain, and grace to sustain them now and to everlasting life in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who approach this altar today, that they be prepared through repentance and faith to receive this Sacrament for their good and that what they receive may bear good fruit in their lives, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Other petitions may be inserted here.*

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, ever more ready to hear than we are to pray, grant to us all good things needful to us and keep from us all things harmful, that we may not enter into judgment. Keep us from pleading only our righteousness, and cover us with grace that we may wear the righteousness of Christ by faith and so labor within Your vineyard and receive the crown of everlasting life in Christ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**Offering - We Thank the Lord with the Offering**

## Offertory

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1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

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## Lord's Prayer

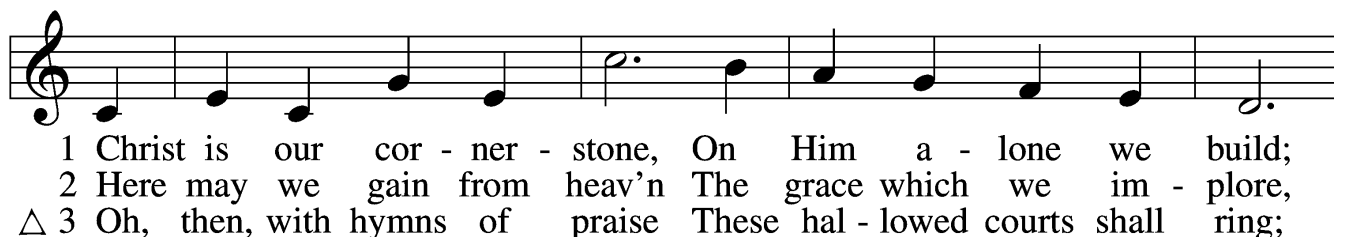
- C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## 912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

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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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