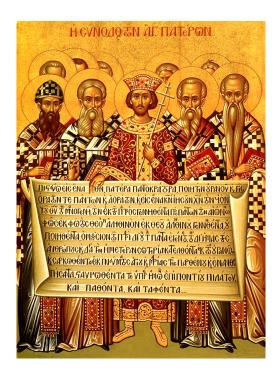
An Ecumenical Christian Prayer Service

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A. Sending Forth

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I. ORDER OF WORSHIP

L Leader: Rev. Dr. Deacon Gabriel

A Assembly

II. INVITATION

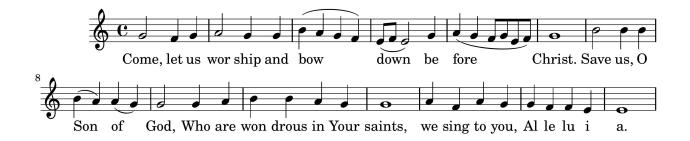
From the main entrance of the worship space

L: Blessed be our God at all times.

A: Now and forever. Amen.

L: Come, let us worship God our King.

A: Let us worship Christ among us, our King and our God.



L: Come, let us bow down before the Lord our King and our God.

A: Holy God, Holy and Strong, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.

III. TRISAGION HYMN

'Thrice holy'—one of the most ancient of Christian prayers. It is sung frequently in the worship of churches of both the East and the West. Some traditions hold that it was first exclaimed by Nicodemus as he removed the body of Jesus from the Cross.

CHANTER LEADS THE ASSEMBLY:



Mode 1. *Pa=D*.

A. Procession

Pastor John Crewe: When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

Movement into the main body of the worship space begins

Fr. John Tomoso: When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.

Rev. Roxanne WhiteLight: Martha said to Jesus: Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.

A: Jesus said to her: Your brother will rise again.

Pastor John Crewe: Martha said to him: I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.

A: Jesus said to her: I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Fr. John Tomoso: Do you believe this?

Pause

Rev. Roxanne WhiteLight: Do you believe this?

Pause

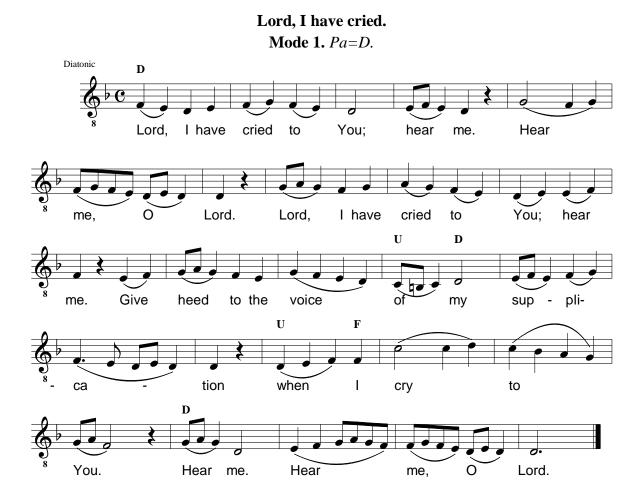
Pastor John Crewe: Do you believe this?

Longer Pause

(John 11:17-26)

IV. HYMN

Psalm 140 (141):1 Septuagint





A. Proclamination

L: 1,700 years ago, Christians struggled with questions of belief, confusion and difficulty. Out of these struggles, they were able to proclaim together their faith in the words of the Nicene Creed. Today, as a gathered community of Christians, we come together from different cultures and confessions to celebrate our common faith.

Christ is in our midst.

A: He was. He is. And always shall be.

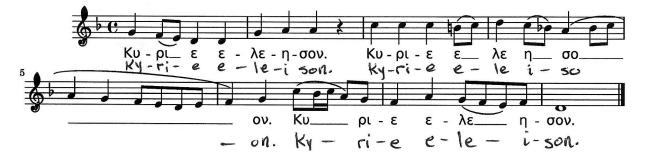
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V. WORDS OF WELCOME

from the host community

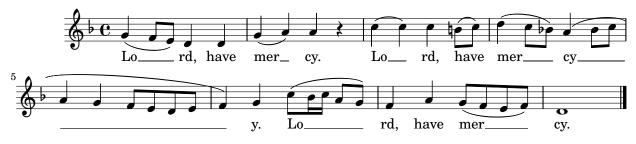
A. Opening Prayers

A: Kyrie, eleison! Lord, have mercy!



Pastor John Crewe: O Creator and Guardian of every spirit, who multiply the human family upon earth, let all the peoples know that you are God alone, and Jesus Christ is your Son, and we all are your people, the flock of your pasture.

A: Kyrie, eleison! Lord, have mercy!



Fr. John Tomoso: Lord, we pray to you: be our help. save those who are afflicted among us, have mercy on the wretched Show your face to those in need.

A: Kyrie, eleison! Lord, have mercy!



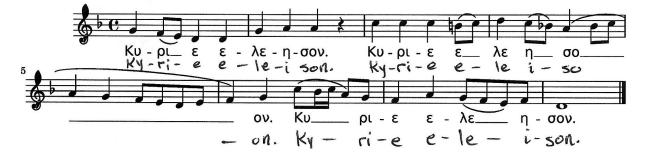
Rev. Roxanne WhiteLight: O Lord, faithful throughout all generations, righteous in your judgments, merciful and compassionate, forgive us our transgressions, cleanse us with your Truth, and guide our steps to walk in holiness and righteousness.

A: Kyrie, eleison! Lord, have mercy!

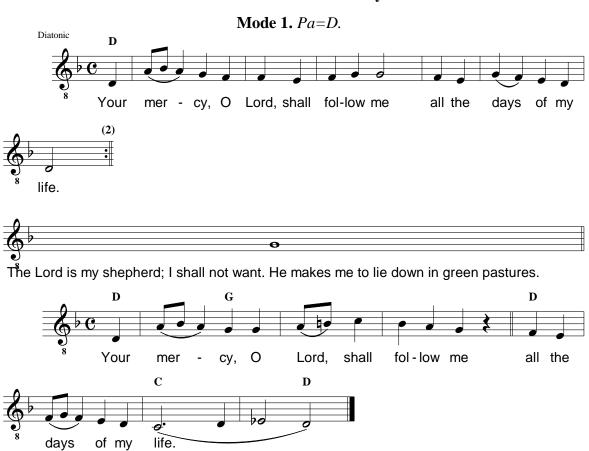


Chaplain Elaine Morin: Lord, make your face to shine upon us in peace for our good, give concord and peace to us and to all that dwell on the earth. Grant to our rulers wisdom and intelligence, direct their counsel so that they may administer their authority in justice and in peace.

A: Kyrie, eleison! Lord, have mercy!



(cf Clement of Rome [c. 35-99])



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VI. LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

A. Old Testament Reading

Paster John Crewe: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

B. Psalter Reading

Hope in the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

Chaplain Elain Morin: Psalm 131

¹O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high.

²I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvellous for me.

³But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.

C. Epistle Reading

Rev. Roxanne WhiteLight: 1 Peter 1: 3 – 9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

D. Responsory

Sister Eva: Great is the Lord, great is his might.

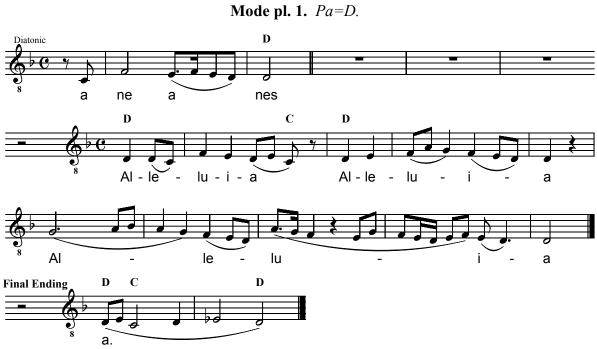
A: Great is the Lord, great is his might.

Sister Eva: His wisdom has no bounds.

A: Great is his might.

Sister Eva: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

A: Great is the Lord, great is his might.



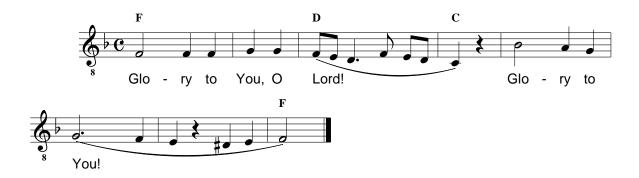
Alleluia Before the Gospel

E. Gospel Reading

Father John Tomoso: John 20:24-29

Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord". But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe".

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you". Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe". Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."



VII. HYMN



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VIII. SERMON

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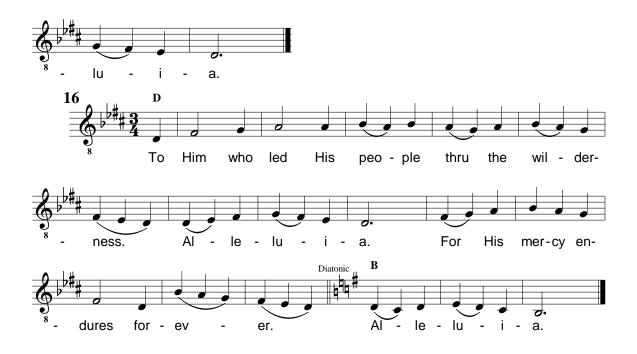


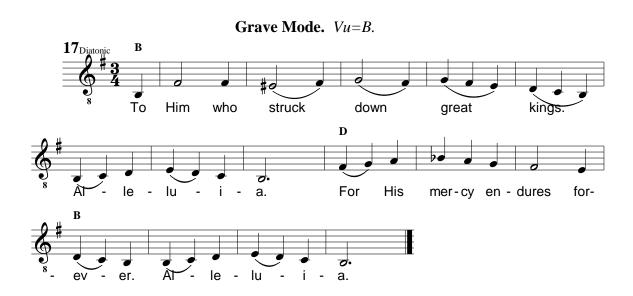
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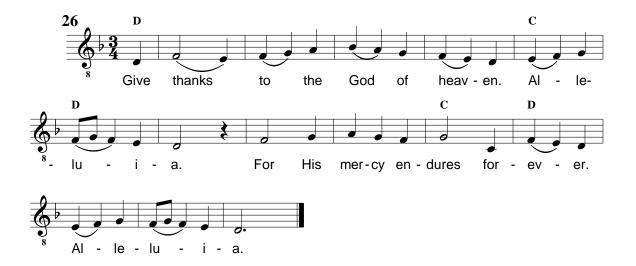








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X. CELEBRATING OUR COMMON FAITH

Candles are handed out as the Leader says:

L: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." In many Christian traditions, at baptism, the baptised (or sponsor) is handed a lighted candle. Jesus also calls his followers to be the light of the world. We are each bearers of the risen light of Christ. We receive this light from Christ through one another.

When everyone has received a candle, the Leader lights the first candle and shares the light with those nearby, who in turn share the light throughout the assembly

L: Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

A: "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world".

Each person lights their neighbour's candle. As they do so, they say "The light of Christ". When all the candles have been lit, the Leader continues:

XI. THE SYMBOL OF FAITH

L: Let us love one another, so that with oneness of mind, we may confess the faith into which we were all baptised:

Assembly:

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 all, 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 worshipped 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 to life in the age to come.

Amen.

XII. PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor John Crewe: For all things were made out of nothing, and their being would again sink into nothing, if the Author of all things did not hold it by the hand of governance. (Gregory the Great [c. 540-604])

Fr. John Tomoso: Lord of life, we receive all creation from your hand and by your providence. Teach us to live in your world with care and justice for all that you have created.

A: We believe, help our unbelief.

Pastor John Crewe: I call this faith: the intelligible light which by grace dawns in the soul, that supports the heart, and grants the gift of hope. (Isaac of Nineveh [7 th century])

Fr. John Tomoso: Loving God, grant us the gift of hope in abundance in a world troubled by strife and discord. Strengthen your people afflicted by apathy and division.

A: We believe, help our unbelief.

Pastor John Crewe: What wonder then, if, coming to God, we first of all profess that we believe, seeing that, without this, not even common life can be lived. (Rufinus of Aquileia [c. 344-411])

Fr. John Tomoso: Merciful God, forgive us for the times we have failed to live a common life as Christians. Draw us more deeply to one faith in you so that we may witness to the world.

A: We believe, help our unbelief.

Pastor John Crewe: Let faith prevail: faith that leads the mind to trust, faith that does not come from human logic, but is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. (Basil of Caesarea [c. 330-378])

Fr. John Tomoso: O heavenly Comforter, we pray that we may trust more in the gift of your wisdom rather than the cleverness of our thinking.

A: We believe, help our unbelief.

Pastor John Crewe: His light appeared and made the darkness of the prison disappear and hallowed our birth and destroyed death, loosing those same fetters in which we were enchained. (Irenaeus of Lyon [c. 135-198])

Fr. John Tomoso: Compassionate Lord, lead us to work together so that wherever there is darkness and oppression, suffering and injustice, we may bring your light and freedom.

A: We believe, help our unbelief.

L: As brothers and sisters of Jesus, together we pray in the words he taught us:

A: Our Father.....

A. The Lord's Prayer

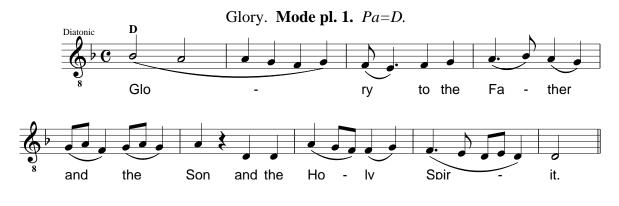
KΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΠΡΟΣΕΥΧΗ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς, ἁγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου. Ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου. Γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου, ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς. Τὸν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμερον. Καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν, ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφίεμεν τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν. Καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκῃς ἡμᾶς εἰς πειρασμόν, ἀλλὰ ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ.

Assembly:

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.

XIII. HYMN



XIV. CONCLUDING PRAYER

(from the Bose community)

L: God our Father, accept our praise and thanksgiving for what already unites Christians in the confession of and witness to Jesus the Lord. Hasten the hour when all churches will recognise each other in the one communion you willed and for which your Son prayed to you in the power of the Holy Spirit. Hear us, you who live and reign now and forever.

A: Amen.

A. Sending Forth

L: Let us bless the Lord

A: Thanks be to God.

L: May he who is our peace and has made us one, grant that we may present one another to the Father in the one Spirit.

A: Amen.