

AS WE GATHER

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mom, Grandmothers, Great-Grandmothers, and everyone who has loved like a Mom! We take step two with Abraham and explore the impact of our faith on our decisions--and those decision's impact on others. Revered by three faith traditions totalling billions of followers, Abraham is a model of faith and action.

+ WORSHIP OUR TRIUNE GOD +

HWC 560 FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH sts. 1, Ref, 3, 5

1 For the beauty of the earth
 For the glory of the skies
 For the love which from our birth
 Over and around us lies. **REFRAIN**

**Ref Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise!**

3 For the joy of human love
 Brother, sister, parent, child
 Friends on earth and friends above
 For all gentle thoughts and mild. **REFRAIN**

5 For Thyself best gift divine
 To our race so freely given;
 For that great great love of Thine
 Peace on earth and joy in heaven. **REFRAIN**

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the \ddagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P Lord, our God,

C **we confess that we have strayed from hearing the voice of Your Son, our Shepherd, who went through death to eternal life for us. We have failed to trust in You fully. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us and renew in us faith and trust. Grant us to hear anew our Shepherd's voice and to follow wherever He leads, until we see Him with You in Your eternal house.**

P Fellow sheep within Christ's fold, our Lord Jesus was God's sacrificial Lamb and has gone through death, paying for the sins of all people, and He now reigns in eternity. Therefore, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \ddagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

1 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise
Just to know thus saith the Lord. **REFRAIN**

**REFRAIN: Jesus Jesus how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus
O for grace to trust Him more**

3 Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace. **REFRAIN**

4 I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee
Precious Jesus Savior Friend
And I know that Thou art with me
Wilt be with me to the end. **REFRAIN**

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+ GOD'S WORD FOR US +

SALUTATION

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

PRAAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep,

C **grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads;**

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

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 13 NIV

^{13:1} So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him. ² Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold.

³ From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier ⁴ and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the Lord.

⁵ Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. ⁶ But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together.

⁷ And quarreling arose between Abram's herders and Lot's. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time.

⁸ So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herders and mine, for we are close relatives. ⁹ Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left."

¹⁰ Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) ¹¹ So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company: ¹² Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. ¹³ Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD. ¹⁴ The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, “Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. ¹⁵ All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. ¹⁶ I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. ¹⁷ Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you.”

¹⁸ So Abram went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he pitched his tents. There he built an altar to the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 1:3–7 NIV

³ I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers.

⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

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

²² Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. ²³ Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?”

He said to them, ²⁴ “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. ²⁵ Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’

“But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’

²⁶ “Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’

²⁷ “But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’

²⁸ “There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. ²⁹ People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

293-HWC RISE UP, O CHURCH OF GOD (HWC 293)

1 Rise up O church of God
Have done with lesser things

Give heart and mind and soul and strength
To serve the King of kings

- 2 Rise up O church of God
His kingdom tarries long
Bring in the day of unity
And end the night of wrong
- 3 Rise up O sons of God
The church for you doth wait
Her strength unequal to her task
Rise up and make her great
- 4 Lift high the cross of Christ
Tread where His feet have trod
As foll'wers of the Son of Man
Rise up O church of God

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MESSAGE: HOW OUR DECISIONS SHAPE US

Abraham study, part 2

CREED

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,**

**begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✕ of the world to come. Amen.**

OUR PRAYERS

+ SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My $\text{\tfrac{X}{T}}$ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My $\text{\tfrac{X}{T}}$ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

+ HYMN OF COMMUNING +

LSB 550 LAMB OF GOD

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2 Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

3 I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. **Refrain**

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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.

HONOR CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

sts. 1, Ref, 2–3, 5

- 1 Honor Christian mothers, Instruments of God;
Raising faithful fam'lies; worshiping the Lord.
Foll'wing His commandments, showing us the way,
Love and faith and kindness; teaching us to pray.

REFRAIN

**Ref Honor Christian mothers, Instruments of God;
Raising faithful fam'lies. worshiping the Lord.**

- 2 "Let it be," say mothers, trusting as they pray,
Finding strength and courage, grace for ev'ry day
Challenges surround us, but we will not fear.
God's love will sustain us, help, our burdens bear.

REFRAIN

- 3 God, be with our mothers who have gone before,
Certain of His promise: life forevermore.
In His many mansions, love again we'll share,
He will lift all sorrow, wipe away each tear. **REFRAIN**

- 5 Honor Christian Mothers--Heaven's gift of love.
Join with them in service to the Lord above.
Follow their example, let your lights so shine--
All will see your goodness, praise the One Divine.

REFRAIN

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