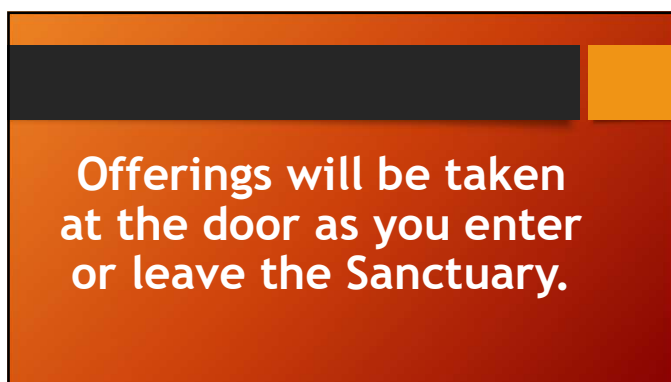




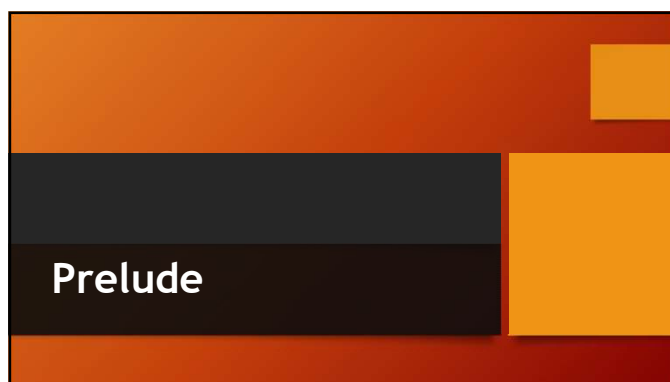
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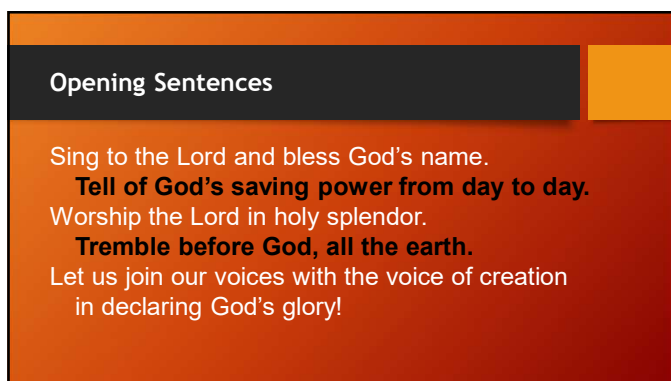
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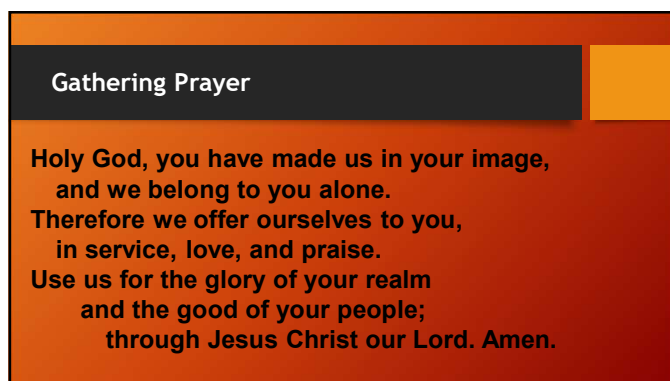
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Call to Confession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our spirits are like new grass: at the dawn they spring up fresh, but by sunset they dry up and wither, blown away in spiritual death. Let us confess our frailty before our merciful God. Please join me in a time of confession for humanity followed by a time of silent, personal confession.

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Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,
You asked for my hands,
That you might use them for your purpose.
I gave them for a moment
then withdrew them
For the work was hard.**

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Prayer of Confession

**You asked for my mouth
to speak out against injustice.
I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.**

**You asked for my eyes
to see the pain of poverty.
I closed them for I did not want to see.**

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Prayer of Confession

**You asked for my life
that you might work through me.
I gave a small part
that I might not get too involved.
Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you,
only when it is convenient for me to do so,
only in those places where it is safe to do so,
and only with those who make it easy to do so...**

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Silent, personal confession

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice!
Let the sea roar with laughter, the fields shout in
celebration, and the forests sing with joy! Friends,
believe the good news of the gospel...

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.**

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Grateful Response

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

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Passing the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all.

And also with you.

*Please stand in place greet each other,
"Peace be with you."
with an air hug or a namaste bow.*

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Time With the Younger Church

Thank God for You.

1 Thessalonians 1:2

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The Word

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First Scripture Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus

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Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.

⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you

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became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven,

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whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Anthem

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

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Second Scripture Lesson: Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think.

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Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them,

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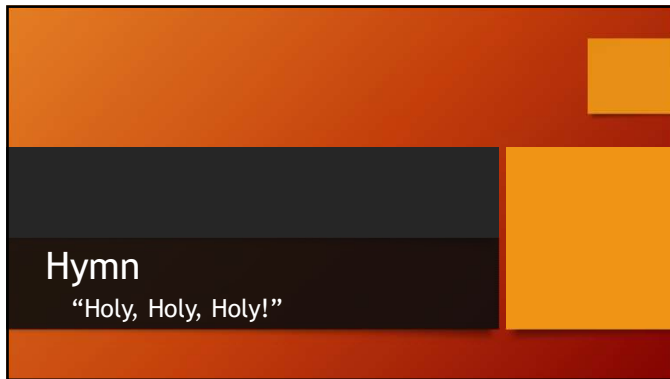
“Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

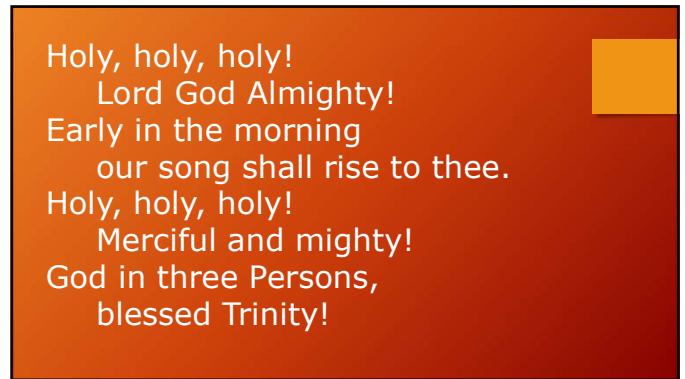
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Sermon
God Things

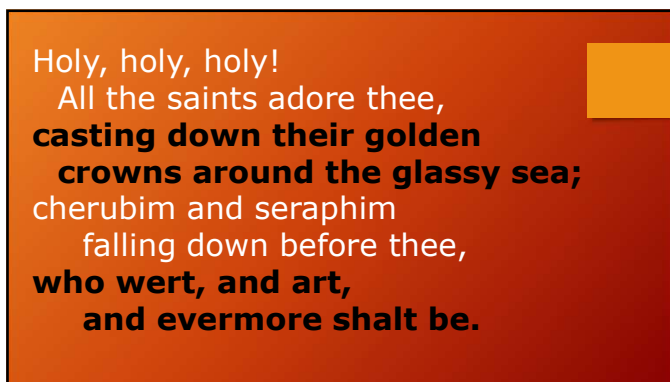
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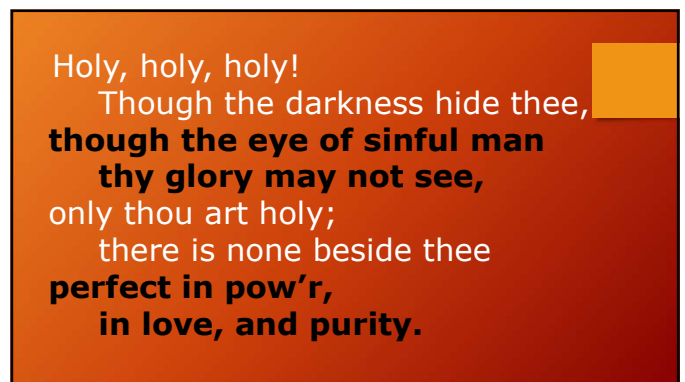
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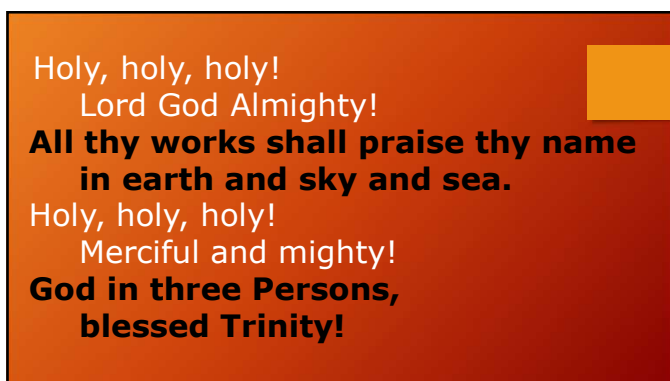
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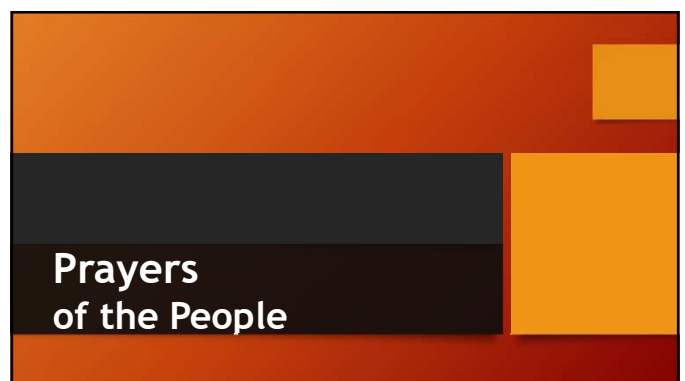
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The Lord's Prayer

...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.

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Blessing

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Postlude

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Offerings will be taken at
the door as you enter or
leave the Sanctuary.

See you next week!

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