Communion Practice: We believe that Christ is truly present in Holy Communion and, as we try to be faithful to Christ in the serving of this Sacrament, we ask that people be instructed before receiving Holy Communion. All confirmed members of this parish, who have been regularly examined by the Pastor, are welcome to partake of the Holy Eucharist today. We also welcome the members who are in good standing of any of the parishes served by the Bishops, Pastors, and Deacons of The Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA), and who have spoken to the Pastor prior to the service. Members of other Lutheran parishes or other denominations are kindly asked to refrain from communing today. The Pastor would be glad to make an appointment with anyone to discuss our teachings and/or our parish.

#### A Prayer upon Entering Church

Almighty, Ever-Living God, grant that I may gladly hear Thy Word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

## A Prayer before Communion

Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

## A Prayer after Communion

O Thou blessed Savior Jesus Christ, Who hast given Thyself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Thy faith and favor; as Thou livest in me, let me also live in Thee. May Thy holy Body and Blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life. Amen.

## A Prayer at the Close of the Service

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Thy grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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The Feast of Whitsunday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." St. John 14:26

## **The Order of Divine Service**

| The Prelude The Ringing of the Bell Silent Prayer Stand | "All' Ehr' und Lob"               | George Th. Miles       |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
|   | "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid     | d" Δ TLH 236           |
| The Invocation a<br>Versicles                           | and Address                       | TLH p. 15<br>TLH p. 15 |
| Confession and  | Absolution                        | TLH p. 16              |
| The Introit   | (Tone 4)                          | INSERT                 |
| The Kyrie   |                                   | TLH p. 17              |
| The Gloria in Excelsis                                  |                                   | TLH p. 17-19           |
| The Salutation  |                                   | TLH p. 19              |
| The Collect for the Day                                 |                                   | INSERT                 |
| Sit   |                                   |                        |
| The Lesson  |                                   | Joel 2:28-32           |
| After each Lessor                                       | a: V: This is the Word of the Lor |                        |
| J   | R: Thanks be to God.              |                        |
| The Epistle   |                                   | Acts 2:1-13            |
| The Greater Alleluia                                    |                                   | INSERT                 |
| The Triple Hallelujah                                   | (Second Setting)                  | TLH p. 20              |
| Stand   | (Second Sentily)                  | 1211 p. 20             |
| The Holy Gospel   |                                   | St. John 14:23-31      |
| The Nicene Creed  |                                   | TLH p. 22              |
| Sit   |                                   | 1211 p. 22             |
|   | ne, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"     | TLH 224                |
| The Sermon  | Peace I Leave with You            | 1 L11 22+              |
| Stand   | Teace Theave with 10th            |                        |
| The Offertory "Crea                                     | te in Me A Clean Heart, O God"    | TLH p. 22-23           |
| Sit   |                                   |                        |
| The Offering  |                                   |                        |
| Stand   |                                   | TT 11 00               |
| The General Prayer                                      |                                   | TLH p. 23              |
| Sit   |                                   | my yy 22.5             |
| =   | 'O Holy Spirit, Enter In''        | TLH 235                |
| Stand   |                                   | TT 11 04               |
| The Preface   |                                   | TLH p. 24              |
| The Proper Preface                                      |                                   | TLH p. 25              |
| The Sanctus and Benedictus                              |                                   | TLH p. 26              |
| The Lord's Prayer                                       |                                   | TLH p. 27              |
| The Verba Domini  |                                   | TLH p. 27              |
| The Pax Domini  |                                   | TLH p. 27              |

| The Agnus Dei    |  | TLH p. 28       |
|------------------|--|-----------------|
| Sit              |  |                 |
| The Distribution |  |                 |
| Stand            |  |                 |
| The Canticle     | "The Nunc Dimittis"                      | TLH p. 29-30    |
| The Thanksgiving | ("And His mercy endureth forever")       | TLH p. 30       |
| The Post-Commun  | nion Collect                             |                 |
| Sit              |  |                 |
| The Hymn         | "Come, Oh, Come, Thou Quickening Spirit" | " TLH 226       |
| Stand            |  |                 |
| The Salutation   |  | TLH p. 31       |
| The Benedicamus  |  | TLH p. 31       |
| The Benediction  |  | TLH p. 31       |
| Silent Prayer    |  |                 |
| Sit              |  |                 |
| Announcements    |  |                 |
| The Postlude     | "Wie schön leuchtet" Mich                | hael Praetorius |

**Epistle:** Romans 11:33-36 **Gospel:** St. John 3:1-15

#### An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"The festival we call 'Pentecost' had origin as follows: When God was about to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt, He permitted them to celebrate the Feast of the Passover on the night of their departure; and commanded them on every annual recurrence of the season to observe the same feast in commemoration of their liberation from bondage and their departure from Egypt. Fifty days later, in their journey through the wilderness, they arrived at Mount Sinai. There God gave them the Law, through Moses; and there they were commanded to observe annually, in commemoration of that giving of the Law, the fiftieth day after the Feast of the Passover." From Martin Luther's Sermon in the Church Postil for Pentecost, 1544.

#### **In Our Prayers:**

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, Rev. Ned Brockwell, Lynne Smith, Doug Schultz, Denise Heiser, Rev. Donald Hunter, Emily Benson, David Benson, Nancy, Pat, Caroline, Jose, Rev. Charles D. Hudson, Rev. Mark Mueller, Eleanor Smolen, Jo Kope, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Brandon Dennie, Marie Scheck, Paul Meadows, Vera Davis, Nellie Noegel, Maile Manalo, Richard Noegel, and Vince Bost.
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser*.
- For the parishes served by our diocese, especially, *Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Malone, TX;* and her pastors, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser* and the *Rev. Dcn. Anthony R. Oncken.*
- For our seminary, St. Ignatius Evangelical Theological Lutheran Seminary, and her seminarian, Josiah Scheck.
- For our catechumens.
- For all those who serve in the military, especially, *Luke Sekula, Joshua and Christopher Heck*, and *Nicholas Silva*.
- For those struggling with addiction, especially, *Thomas Allred*.
- For those near death.
- For those celebrating a birthday this week, especially Vince Bost.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

#### **Announcements**

#### Daily Readings for the Octave of the Feast of Whitsunday

| • 8        | Morning                    | Evening          |
|------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Today:     | 1 Sam. 1; John 14:15-21    | 1 Samuel 2;      |
|            |                            | Ephesians 4:7-16 |
| Monday:    | 1 Sam. 3; John 4:5-26      | 1 Samuel 4;      |
|            |                            | Acts 2:42-47     |
| Tuesday:   | 1 Sam. 5; Acts 2:14-36     | 1 Samuel 6;      |
|            |                            | Ezekiel 47:1-12  |
| Wednesday: | 1 Sam. 7; Acts 2:37-47     | 1 Samuel 8;      |
|            |                            | Isaiah 45:18-21  |
| Thursday:  | 1 Sam. 9; John 14:1-22     | 1 Samuel 10;     |
|            |                            | Isaiah 45:22-25  |
| Friday:    | 1 Sam. 11; John 15:1-25    | 1 Samuel 12;     |
|            |                            | Jeremiah 9:23-26 |
| Saturday:  | 1 Sam. 13; Jn. 16:31—17:26 | 1 Samuel 14;     |
|            |                            | Isaiah 44:6-8    |

## **Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:**

|                                    | Morning  | Evening  |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Today:                             | Psalms 48, 68, 101-102   | Psalms 145, 103-104  |
| Monday:                            | Psalms 90, 105   | Psalms 19, 106   |
| Tuesday:                           | Psalms 90, 107   | Psalms 19, 108-111   |
| Wednesday:                         | Psalms 90, 112-115   | Psalms 19, 116-118   |
| Thursday:                          | Psalms 90, 119:1-40  | Psalms 19, 119:41-88   |
| Friday:                            | Psalms 90, 119:89-128  | Psalms 19, 119:129-176   |
| Saturday:                          | Psalms 90, 120-125   | Ps. 115, 143, 126-132  |
| Wednesday:<br>Thursday:<br>Friday: | Psalms 90, 112-115<br>Psalms 90, 119:1-40<br>Psalms 90, 119:89-128 | Psalms 19, 116-118<br>Psalms 19, 119:41-88<br>Psalms 19, 119:129-176 |

## **Book of Concord Readings for the Week:**

Mon.: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XVI.9—XVIII.10 Tuesday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XIX.1—XX.15 Wednesday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XXI.1-16 Thursday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XXI.17-30 Friday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XXI.31-39

#### **Reciting the Catechism Daily:**

Sunday: Ten Commandments, Apostle's Creed, Lord's Prayer

Monday: Baptism, Confession, Lord's Supper

Tuesday: Morning & Evening Prayer; Prayers Before & After Meals

**Wednesday:** Table of Duties I—Bishops, Pastors, & Preachers; What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors; Of Civil Government; Of Subjects

**Thursday:** Table of Duties II—To Husbands; To Wives; To Parents; To Children; To Servants, Hired Men & Employees; To Employers; To

the Young in General; To Widows; To All in Common

**Friday:** How One Should Be Taught to Confess **Saturday:** Christian Questions with Their Answers

#### **Hymns for the Week:**

Morning: TLH 224—"Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

Evening: TLH 235—"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

## Calendar for the Octave of the Feast of Whitsunday

Today: The Feast of Whitsunday—Red

10:00 a.m. Divine Service 11:15 a.m. Bible Study

Monday: Whit-Monday—Red Tuesday: Whit-Tuesday—Red

Vince Bost's Birthday

Wednesday: Spring Ember Day—Violet

Thursday: Within the Octave of Whitsunday—Red

Friday: Spring Ember Day—Violet Saturday: Spring Ember Day—Violet

Next Sunday: The Feast of the Holy Trinity—White

10:00 a.m. Divine Service 11:15 a.m. Bible Study Lynne Smith's Birthday

#### The Lutheran Herald

The May issue of "The Lutheran Herald," the devotional booklet of the ELDoNA, is now available. It can be found on Facebook at: http://tinyurl.com/LutheranHerald. There are also printed copies in the back of the nave.

#### St. Ignatius Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary

The spring quarter of our seminarian's last year is completed. Please keep the seminary and the seminarian in your prayers.

## **Needs for the McCall Hospice House**

There is an urgent need at the hospice house for the following items: Hard Candy (individually wrapped) any kind, mints included; Chips, individual size, any kind; Ponytail Holders; Notebooks and notepads; Men's deodorant; Hair brushes; Q-Tips; Toothpaste, in regular and travel size; and Individual teeth flossers.

Other needs for in-home patients: XL Twin Sheet Sets; Ensure, any kind; and Baby wipes and adult wipes. Please give all collected items to Mike Miller.

#### **Vestry Meeting**

The next vestry meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. Please make arrangements to be there.

#### Ask the Pastor

The Rev. Josh Sullivan of Holy Cross Ev. Luth. Church, Kerrville, TX puts out weekly videos dealing with a wide range of theological topics. Please check them out. and subscribe to be notified when a new one is published, at http://www.youtube.com/user/ATPHolyCross.

#### 2018 ELDoNA Synod

This year's Diocesan Synod will take place at Salem Ev. Luth. Church (Malone, TX) June 26-27. Josiah Scheck's colloquy is presently scheduled to take place on Tues., June 26. The seminary graduation is scheduled for Wed. evening, June 27.

## To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—The Feast of Whitsunday

Old Testament Lesson:

Epistle:

Gospel:

Joel 2:28-32

Acts 2:1-13

St. John 14:23-31

May 21st—Whit-Monday

Old Testament Lesson:

Epistle:
Acts 10:42-48a
Gospel:
St. John 3:16-21

May 22<sup>nd</sup>—Whit-Tuesday

Old Testament Lesson:

Epistle:
Acts 8:14-17
Gospel:
St. John 10:1-10

May 27<sup>th</sup>—The Feast of the Holy Trinity

**Old Testament Lesson:** Ezekiel 18:30-32

#### THE FEAST OF WHITSUNDAY

May 20th, 2018



#### **Introit**

P: THE **SPI**- -  $\parallel$  rit of the Lord  $\mid$  fills  $\mid$  the  $\mid$  world.  $\mid$  - \*

C: Alle- | lu- | ia!

P:  $\parallel$  Let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice  $\mid$  be-  $\mid$  fore  $\mid$  God;  $\mid$  - \*

**C:** Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly. Alleluia! Alle- | lu- | ia! (Wisdom of Solomon 1:7a; Psalm 68:3)

P: || Let God arise, let His ene- | mies | be | scat- | tered; \*

**C:** Let those also who hate Him flee be- | fore | Him.

P:  $\parallel$  Sing to God, sing praises  $\mid$  to  $\mid$  His  $\mid$  name;  $\mid$  - \*

**C:** Extol Him who rides on | the | clouds.

P:  $\parallel$  The Lord  $\mid$  gave  $\mid$  the  $\mid$  Word;  $\mid$  - \*

C: Great was the company of those who pro- | claimed | it.

P: || He sends out His voice, a | might- | y | voice. | - \*

**C:** The God of Israel gives strength and power to His | peo- | ple. (*Psalm 68:1, 4, 11, 33, and 35*)

## **GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)**

P: || The Spirit of the Lord | fills | the | world. | - \*

**C:** Alle- | lu- | ia!

P: || Let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice | be- | fore | God; | - \*

C: Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly. Alleluia! Alle- | lu- | ia! (Wisdom of Solomon 1:7a; Psalm 68:3)

#### Collect

O God, Who taught the hearts of Thy faithful people by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit, bring us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end.

(From Quasimodogeniti through Whitsunday the Gradual is replaced by the Greater Alleluia.)



#### Greater Alleluia

P: || Al- | — | le- | lu- | ia!\*

**C:** Alle- | lu- | ia!

P: || You send forth Your Spirit, they | are | cre- | at- | ed; \*

C: And You renew the face of the earth. Alle- | lu- | ia!

P: || Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts | of | the | faith- | ful, \*

**C:** And kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alle- | lu- | ia! (*Psalm 104:30; Veni Sancte Spiritus*)

#### Joel 2:28-32

<sup>28</sup> "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. 29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. <sup>30</sup> And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. <sup>31</sup> The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. 32 And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the remnant whom the LORD calls."

#### Acts 2:1-13

<sup>1</sup> When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind. and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. 7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11

Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." <sup>12</sup> So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" <sup>13</sup> Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

#### St. John 14:23-31

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. <sup>24</sup> He who does not love Me does not keep Mv words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me. <sup>25</sup> These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. <sup>30</sup> I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. <sup>31</sup> But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here."

## TLH 236 "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

Ascribed to Rhabanus Maurus, died 356

- 1. Creator Spirit, by whose aid The world's foundations first were laid, Come, visit ev'ry humble mind; Come, pour Thy joys on humankind; From sin and sorrow set us free And make Thy temples worthy Thee.
- 2. O Source of uncreated light, The Father's promised Paraclete, Thrice holy Fount, thrice holy Fire, Our hearts with heav'nly love inspire; Come and Thy sacred unction bring To sanctify us while we sing.
- 3. Plenteous of grace, descend from high Rich in Thy sev'nfold energy; Make us eternal truths receive And practice all that we believe; Give us Thyself that we may see The Father and the Son by Thee.
- Δ 4. Immortal honor, endless fame, Attend th'almighty Father's Name; The Savior Son be glorified, Who for lost man's redemption died; And equal adoration be, Eternal Paraclete, to Thee. Amen.

# TLH 224 "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" Martin Luther, 1524

- 1. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!
  Be all Thy graces now out-poured
  On each believer's mind and heart;
  Thy fervent love to them impart.
  Lord, by the brightness of Thy light,
  Thou in the faith dost men unite
  Of ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue;
  This to Thy praise, O Lord, our God, be sung.
  Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 2. Thou holy Light, Guide Divine,
  Oh, cause the Word of Life to shine!
  Teach us to know our God aright
  And call Him Father with delight.
  From ev'ry error keep us free;
  Let none but Christ our Master be
  That we in living faith abide,
  In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
  Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. Thou holy Fire, Comfort true,
Grant us the will Thy work to do
And in Thy service to abide;
Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by Thy pow'r prepare each heart
And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend,
Thro' life and death to Thee, our Lord, ascend.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.

# TLH 235 "O Holy Spirit Enter In"

Michael Schirmer, 1640

- 1. O Holy Spirit, enter in
  And in our hearts Thy work begin,
  Thy temple deign to make us;
  Sun of the soul, Thou Light Divine,
  Around and in us brightly shine,
  To joy and gladness wake us.
  That we, In Thee
  Truly living, To Thee giving
  Prayer unceasing,
  May in love be still increasing.
- 2. Give to thy Word impressive pow'r
  That in our hearts, from this good hour,
  As fire it may be glowing;
  That we confess the Father, Son,
  And Thee, the Spirit, Three in One,
  Thy glory ever showing.
  Stay Thou, Guide now
  Our souls ever That they never
  May forsake Thee,
  But by faith their Refuge make Thee.
- 3. Thou Fountain whence all wisdom flows Which God on pious hearts bestows, Grant us Thy consolation
  That in our pure faith's unity
  We faithful witnesses may be
  Of grace that brings salvation.
  Hear us, Cheer us
  By Thy teaching; Let our preaching
  And our labor
  Praise Thee, Lord, and serve our neighbor.
- 4. Left to ourselves, we shall but stray; Oh, lead us on the narrow way, With wisest counsel guide us And give us steadfastness that we May ever faithful prove to Thee Whatever woes betide us. Come, Friend, And mend Hearts now broken. Give a token

Thou art near us, Whom we trust to light and cheer us.

- 5. Thy heavenly strength sustain our heart That we may act the valiant part With Thee as our Reliance, Be Thou our Refuge and our Shield That we may never quit the field, But bid all foes defiance. Descend, Defend From all errors and earth's terrors; Thy salvation Be our constant consolation.
- 6. O mighty Rock, O Source of Life, Let Thy dear Word, mid doubt and strife, Be strong within us burning That we be faithful unto death, In Thy pure love and holy faith, From Thee true wisdom learning. Thy grace And peace On us shower; By Thy power Christ confessing, Let us win our Savior's blessing.
- 7. O gentle Dew, from Heaven now fall With power upon the hearts of all, Thy tender love instilling, That heart to heart more closely bound, In kindly deeds be fruitful found, The law of love fulfilling; Dwell thus In us. Envy banish; Strife will vanish Where Thou livest. Peace and love and joy Thou givest.
- 8. Grant that our days, while life shall last, In purest holiness be passed, Be Thou our Strength and Tower. From sinful lust and vanity And from dead works set Thou us free In every evil hour. Keep Thou Pure now From offenses Heart and senses; Blessed Spirit, Let us heavenly life inherit. Amen.

# TLH 226 "Come, Oh, Come, Thou Quickening Spirit"

Heinrich Held, 1664

1. Come, oh, come, Thou quick'ning Spirit,God from all eternity!May Thy power never fail us;

Dwell within us constantly. Then shall truth and life and light Banish all the gloom of night.

- 2. Grant our hearts in fullest measure Wisdom, counsel, purity, That they ever may be seeking Only that which pleaseth Thee. Let Thy knowledge spread and grow, Working error's overthrow.
- 3. Show us, Lord, the path of blessing; When we trespass on our way, Cast, O Lord, our sins behind Thee And be with us day by day. Should we stray, O Lord, recall; Work repentance when we fall.
- 4. With our spirit bear Thou witness That we are the sons of God Who rely upon Him solely When we pass beneath the rod; For we know, as children should, That the cross is for our good.
- 5. Prompt us, Lord, to come before Him With a childlike heart to pray; Sigh in us, O Holy Spirit, When we know not what to say. Then our prayer is not in vain, And our faith new strength shall gain.
- 6. If our soul can find no comfort And despondency grows strong, And the heart cries out in anguish: "O my God, how long, how long?" Comfort then the aching breast, Grant us courage, patience, rest.
- 7. Holy Spirit, strong and mighty. Thou Who makest all things new, Make Thy work within us perfect And the evil Foe subdue. Grant us weapons for the strife And with victory crown our life.
- 8. Guard, O God, our faith forever; Let not Satan, death, or shame Ever part us from our Savior; Lord our Refuge is Thy Name. Though our flesh cry ever: Nay! Be Thy Word to us still Yea!

9. And when life's frail thread is breaking. Then assure us more and more, As the heirs of life unending, Of the glory there in store, Glory never yet expressed, Glory of the saints at rest. Amen.