



The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 13:11-14*

p. 197 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

\*The Hymn 11

*“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”*

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 24:36-44*

p. 33 in the pew Bible

The Sermon

*“Nearer and Sooner”*  
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD. . .

\*The *Nicene Creed*

p. 15 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Dedication

The Service of Offering

The Gathering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

*“Every Valley Shall Be Exalted”* from *Messiah*  
Roy Jarnecke, Tenor

G. F. Handel

TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT. . .

\*The Hymn of Preparation 5

*“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

The Invitation

The Call To Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

. . . gladly sing of Your glory and praise Your name:  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might,**  
**heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the Highest.**

. . . Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying You destroyed our death,**  
**rising You restored our life.**  
**Lord Jesus, come in glory . . .**

The Lord's Prayer

p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Communion

(Worshippers may take the bread and the cup as they are offered,  
following their own quiet moments of preparation.)

The Prayer After Communion

**We give You thanks, God of Grace, for holy promises embodied in Jesus Christ that calm our deepest fears. Our hungering hearts are filled and our thirsting spirits are satisfied by joyful anticipations given in Christ. We bless You for this holy meal. Let the whole world know our gratitude for Your kindness and join in giving You thanks. Lead us, O God of grace, to share the mercy You have shown us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD’S NAME.

\*The Hymn 2

*“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

\*The Charge & Benediction

\*Postlude