



# THE LYTLE LIGHT

**YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.**

— Matthew 5:14a (NKJV)

The believer is appointed to be a lighthouse to others;  
a cheering lamp, a shining star, a loving guide.

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**Current Sunday Schedule:** 9:45AM - Bible Study | 10:45AM - Worship

~12:00PM—Every 4th Sunday (Except For Months With 5 Sundays)—Potluck Fellowship Meal

~ 12:00PM—Every 5th Sunday—Potluck Fellowship Meal & Games Following Meal

**Current Wednesday Schedule:** 5:00PM—Bible Study

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*If you're searching for faith rather than simply religion; virtue rather than simply values; relationship rather than rule-keeping; divine help rather than self-help; then we may be the place for you.*

## DOXOLOGY

**What In The World Is A Doxology?** Derived from the Greek roots doxa, meaning “honor” or “glory” and logia, meaning “to speak,” a doxology is short song of praise to God. Within Christendom, doxologies are often used to punctuate Christian worship services; for instance, they are often sung as part of the communion liturgy (Lord's Supper), and also after the day's offering has been taken.

**What Is “THE” Doxology?** While any short hymn of praise can serve as a doxology, when Protestants, Reformers, and Restorationists refer to the doxology they are referring almost exclusively to a very particular song set to a very particular tune. That very particular song comprises just four short verses: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! And that very particular tune is an old, old, one written by the Huguenot (name give to French Protestants of the 16th and 17th century who followed

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## WELCOME VISITOR!

We *Welcome* Each & Every One Of You To Our Worship Services today! We Hope You Will Stay After Services So We May Become Better Acquainted! And Be Sure To Join Us For Our Monthly Fellowship Meal After Worship Services On The 4th or 5th Sunday Of Every Month!

Be Sure To Pick Up A Visitor Pamphlet From The Table Under The Mirror In The Front Hall.

And Please Fill Out A Visitor Card (We *PROMISE* Not To Sell Your Information!) From The Back Of The Pew In Front Of You And Place It In The Collection Plate On The Table In The Back Of The Auditorium.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

- ENTER TO WORSHIP •
- ANNOUNCEMENTS •
- SCRIPTURE READING •
- OPENING PRAYER •



Song No. 30—Doxology

Song No. 32—Praise To God, Immortal Praise

Song No. 404—Ere You Left Your Room This Morning

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 403—A Blessing In Prayer

Song No. 134—Oft We Come Together

- LORD'S SUPPER •

- SERMON — *SEE RIGHT COLUMN* •

Invitation Song 414—Open My Eyes That I May See

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 406—I Will Pray

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

- DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE •

OR

- STAY FOR LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP •

## SERMON

— BOND & FREE: TWO COVENANTS—



### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Galatians 5:21-31; Genesis 16-17; Romans 4:10; Isaiah 55:1;  
Hebrews 11:10; 2 Peter 3:10-13; Matthew 10:22; Genesis 21:10f;  
Romans 8:15-17; Ephesians 2:4-10

### SERMON OUTLINE:

#### INTRODUCTION & REVIEW

- III. Appeal Three: Listen To What The Law Really Says, 4:21-31
  - A. The Law Is Essential For Legalism (v.21)
  - B. Abraham Had Two Sons (v.22-23)
    - 1. One Was Born A Slave (v.22a)
    - 2. One Was Born Free (v.22b)
    - 3. The First Was Born Naturally—By Man's Efforts (v.23a)
    - 4. The Second Was Born By Promise (v.23b)
  - C. The Mothers Represent Two Covenants (v.24-28)
    - 1. Hagar: A Type Of The Law (v.24-25)
    - 2. Sarah: A Type Of Grace (v.26-27)
  - D. Legalism Persecutes And Enslaves (v.29)
  - E. Legalism Is To Be Cast Out (v.30)
  - F. Legalism Has No Claim On Grace (v.31)

#### CLOSING & INVITATION

## WED NIGHT STUDY

AUGUST 30 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us If At All Possible!

(Use Rear Doors)

— 1 Thessalonians 3:13-4:5



— TODAY ! —

5th Sunday Potluck & Games — After Morning Worship  
THEME: SANDWICHES & COOL SALADS!

— SEPTEMBER 24 —

4th Sunday Fellowship Meal — After Morning Worship  
THEME: TAIL GATE FAVORITES!

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the teachings of John Calvin) composer Louis Bourgeois. Commonly known as “Old Hundreth,” this tune first appeared in the Genevan Psalter in 1551. The lyrics of the doxology are actually a part of another, much longer song called Morning Hymn by the Anglican Bishop Thomas Ken. While the doxology that we know and love consists of just four, short verses, these verses are pulled from the last of Morning Hymn’s 14 stanzas! Also of note, it took multiple revisions over the course of decades for the language of the doxology to reach its final form. It was first published in 1674, but it wasn’t until 1709 that Thomas Ken’s original wording of “Praise him above ye Angelick Host” became the “Praise him above ye Heavenly Host” that is so familiar to us.

***How Was The Doxology Originally Used?*** While the doxology as we know it is as a way to “Thank you!” to God, sometimes during different

points in a worship service, Thomas Ken had grander ambitions for his song. Ken believed that his Morning Hymn could play an integral role in an overall regimen of spiritual health and fitness. In the introductory text that appears before the song in his manual, Ken prescribes it to be used by writing the following: “As soon as ever you awake in the morning, . . . strive as much as you can to keep all worldly thoughts out of your mind, till you have presented the first-fruits of the day to God, which will be an excellent preparative, to make you spend the rest of it better, and therefore be sure to sing the morning and evening hymn in your chamber devoutly, remembering that the Psalmist, upon happy experience, assures you that it is a good thing to tell of the loving kindness of the Lord early in the morning, and of his truth in the night season.”

Several hundred years later, the suggestion that singing a little song each morning could con-

vey any serious spiritual benefit seems... well quaint at best and out-of-touch at worst. At least it would seem quaint if Thomas Ken himself was not such a bonafide spiritual gangster!

***In What Way Was Thomas Ken A Spiritual Gangster?*** To people whose first daily activity is to scroll through their social media feeds, the idea that we should wake up and sing a little song to God seems old-fashioned, if not entirely out-of-touch as previously stated. This advice of Thomas

Ken would be much easier to write off, however, if he himself did not have so much spiritual swagger – we’re talking swagger that let him to go toe-to-toe with kings!

In a now famous incident, King Charles II came to visit the city of Winchester where Ken was serving as a parish priest. Charles brought along with him his mistress, the actress Nell Gwynne. The king asked Ken to provide lodging for her in his home. To the chagrin of the king and to the shock of Ken’s colleagues who thought

he was tanking his future career prospects, Ken adamantly refused. He would not let his home be used to aid and abet adultery, even by the king. When pushed on the matter, Ken quickly declared that his house was under repair and so as not to be a liar, had a builder take off the roof!

Either tickled by his audacity or moved by his honesty, the king did not take offense. And when a new bishop was needed to fill a vacancy the following year, King Charles said that none should have the position but “the little . . . fellow that refused his lodging to poor Nelly.” Then, as the king neared his death, it was Thomas Ken who served as his personal chaplain.

When Charles’ successor, King James II, came into power, he issued a decree known as the Declaration of Indulgence. Essentially, it would allow Catholics to seize power in an increasingly Protestant England. Ken and six other bishops

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Lord,  
HEAR OUR  
PRAYER

**AUGUST 6, 2023**

## Pick Up A Copy Next To The Bulletins!

## CURRENT CONCERNS

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE & MERCY, And RIGHTEOUS Be Done
- People Affected By Natural Disasters In The U.S.A. And Around The World
- Our Local, State & Federal Government Officials, Military, First Responders & Teachers
- Nourishing & Life-giving Rain
- Coronavirus, Flu & Other Deadly Sicknesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & *Mass Shootings*
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries

## AUGUST 27

PEOPLE/SITUATIONS FOR WHOM /  
WHICH TO PRAY, NOT YET LISTED:

[illegible]

ALL FOLLOWING ENTRIES ARE BY DATE ORDER  
AND ARE ALPHABETICAL BY LAST NAME  
*A SUPERSCRIBED NUMBER IN BRACKETS, I.E.,*  
<sup>[1]</sup>, AT THE END OF AN ENTRY DENOTES HOW  
MANY WEEK(S) THE ENTRY HAS BEEN PRINTED  
IN THE BULLETIN

- ◇ Cook, Daisy [Laura Gardner's sister] – She broke her wrist.<sup>[1]</sup>
- ◇ Family Of Farris, Bobbye [Bobbye was a former member] – She passed into eternity Thursday, August 24 at age 102.<sup>[1]</sup>
- ◇ Smoot, Deborah – She hurt her back helping Roger lift a cabinet Tuesday, August 8. X-Rays showed she has a fractured lumbar (L3)<sup>[1]</sup>
- ◇ Spicer, Ronda – She undergoes a surgical procedure tomorrow, Monday, August 28.<sup>[1]</sup>
- ◇ Vierling, Cathy [Vierlings' daughter-in-law] – She's travelling to the Philippians to attend a wedding and visit friends and family (the first time in about 20 years). She arrived safely, *Praise GOD!*<sup>[1]</sup>

## AUGUST 20

- ◇ Buchheit, Dan [Spouse of Art Club member] — He's not doing well (he had brain surgery some-time ago). He's lost a lot of weight; he's taller than Wendell and is now weighing in at 120 pounds. Prayers for him and his wife Mary (his primary caregiver). <sup>[2]</sup>
- ◇ Burris, Joyce — She's going to have to have weekly shots in her eye for her macular degeneration. <sup>[2]</sup>
- ◇ Stroud, Brenna [Fintel's granddaughter] — Due to a medical condition know as PUPPP (Pruritic Urticarial Papules and Plaques of Pregnancy), a severe but benign inflammatory skin disorder which can occur in the third trimester, she was induced and gave birth to baby Faith Stroud (see below). <sup>[2]</sup>
- ◇ Stroud, Faith [Fintel's newest great granddaughter] — She was born (induced) to Brenna and dad on Thursday, August 17 at 12:27 in the morning. She weighed eight pounds, four ounce-



es and was 20 inches long. Congratulations Rick and Pam! Baby & mom are doing well except for Brenna's PUPPP (see above) <sup>[2]</sup>

## AUGUST 13

- ◇ Barron, Pat [Laura Gardner's sister-in-law] — She underwent another heart ablation Wednesday, August 9. She is also suffering from stage 4 kidney cancer. <sup>[3]</sup>
- ◇ Hoover, Herb [Pat Barron, Laura Gardner's nephew] — He passed into eternity earlier this past week from heart failure (He'd had heart issues for awhile. <sup>[3]</sup>
- ◇ Shelton, Judy — She's having several health issues and has undergone several tests and is awaiting results plus she was to undergo several more tests this past week. <sup>[3]</sup>
- ◇ Smith, Philip [Betty Smith's son] — He was involved in an auto accident in which his truck was totaled. **Praise GOD!** He suffered nothing serious, mostly bruises. <sup>[3]</sup>
- ◇ Watkins, Betsy — She's still at home receiving care for her severe edema to both legs among other health issues. <sup>[3]</sup>
- ◇ Watkins, Mitchell — He's been going through a lot with taking care of Betsy, dealing with the aftermath of his father's passing and trying to perform plumbing work with a recalcitrant toilet among other "stuff." <sup>[3]</sup>

## AUGUST 6 & PRIOR

[ALL NAMES FROM 8 WEEKS AGO & PRIOR HAVE BEEN MOVED TO ONGOING PRAYER LIST & WILL APPEAR ON SEPTEMBER'S PRINTOUT]

- ◇ Brock, Jim [Pat Woodard's brother-in-law] — He left respite care due to being uncooperative... He had been placed in respite care due to his dementia and Alzheimer's. <sup>[4]</sup>
- ◇ Clemetson, Allie [Melanie McMeans' great niece] — **Praise GOD!** She'll require no skin grafts after receiving 2nd and 3rd degree gasoline burns on her legs at a bonfire. <sup>[4]</sup>
- ◇ Fintel, Pam — She's been dealing with tonsilitis. The first round of medications didn't help —

she's now on some different meds. <sup>[7]</sup>

- ◇ Lester, Kathy [Ruane Renninger's sister-in-law] — She was in an accident and suffered six broken ribs. <sup>[7]</sup>
- ◇ Mays, Alice [Melanie McMeans' aunt] — Post stroke: She's now in rehab at The Heights of Atascosa in Pleasanton. <sup>[8]</sup>
- ◇ Orr, Lori — An X-ray and CT scan of her lungs showed that excess fluid has returned in her right lung and that it was nearly completely collapsed. <sup>[7]</sup>
- ◇ Orr, Myrna [Dan Orr's mother] — **Praise GOD!** She's doing well after her heart procedure on Friday, July 14. <sup>[6]</sup>
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane — A great big hole in the road ran into Ruane's car causing it to stall. She sat on the side of the road for a spell before she got it started again. Gene Vierling is supposed to check the vehicle over but so far it seems to be fine. She also continues to heal from her recent fall. <sup>[4]</sup>
- ◇ Sparks, Janice [Tom Woodard's daughter] — She saw her cardiologist on Monday, July 10th for low blood pressure issues. She's on some new meds or adjusted old ones. <sup>[6]</sup>
- ◇ Vierling, Carlene — **Praise GOD!** All scans and tests have come back negative. <sup>[6]</sup>



# SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

## MATTHEW 13:24-30

<sup>24</sup> Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup> but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. <sup>26</sup> But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. <sup>27</sup> So the servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ <sup>28</sup> He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ <sup>29</sup> But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’ ”

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P D R S M A F F S E R V A N T S T L X T

### TARES Look IDENTICAL To WHEAT



WHEAT: before it is fully ripe.

TARES: Lolium Temulentum

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refused to endorse it and for their stand, they were summarily imprisoned in the Tower of London by orders of the king. However, the people of London rioted until the bishops were freed; they were carried in triumph through the streets of the city.

King James II was eventually forced into exile and was succeeded by King William III and Queen Mary II. William and Mary began their reign by demanding oaths of allegiance from all persons holding public positions, including bishops. Thomas Ken refused because he had previously sworn allegiance to James, and felt that he could not now swear allegiance to another monarch without making such oaths a mockery. Unlike King Charles II, William and Mary did not find Ken’s pluck admirable and he was removed from his position. Even so, Ken did not back down from his position, choosing instead to spend the rest of his days as a private tutor.

***What Does Thomas Ken And His Doxology Have To Teach Us About The Love Of God?***  
What does it take to be a person who consistently stands up for what is right, who does not hesitate to speak truth to power? According to both Thomas Ken’s advice and his example: it takes work. You can’t just flip a switch one day and become a person who acts boldly in love. It takes time. It takes effort. It takes preparation. Which is to say, Ken’s suggestion that we begin and end our days with a song of praise to God isn’t him being sanctimonious. It’s him offering a practical suggestion for how we might ground our daily lives in the love of God. Sure, nowadays we might opt for reading a devotional over singing aloud in our bedrooms, but his insight here is spot on. In order to be the type of person who really lives in light of the fact that they are loved by God and is truly ready to share that love with others at moment’s notice, we have to find ways to exercise our love muscles everyday!

I’ve included all 14 stanzas of Thomas Ken’s doxology in a separate insert to this bulletin.

# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Ruane Renninger	September 5	Birthday
Roger Smoot	September 8	Birthday
Ronda Spicer	September 19	Birthday
Billy & Lea Strunk	October 8	Anniversary
Jim & Laura Gardner	October 10	Anniversary

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And October 10, 2023,  
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## — Church Stuff —

4th OR 5th Sundays	 <p><b>"Table" Fellowship Potluck Lunch –</b> After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM Every 4th Sunday Of <i>Every</i> Month EXCEPT For Months With a 5th Sunday</p>
Every Monday	 <p><b>Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) –</b> Meet In The Fellowship Room From 12:00PM To 2:00PM For Fellowship And To Sew Stuff (Lap Quilts, Bibs, Etc.) For The Needy Or Just To Do Things Together.</p>
<b>TODAY!</b>	 <p><b>4th Sunday Fellowship Meal &amp; Games Play After Morning Worship –</b> Theme: Sandwiches &amp; Cool Salads</p>
Sun–Sep 3	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – Misinformation –</b> for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>

## — Non Church Stuff —

Every Tuesday	 <p><b>Lytle Friendship Art Club –</b> Fellowship Room From 9:30AM To 1:00PM Plus, Every 2nd Tuesday Of Each Month, The Club Meets For A Business Meeting, Lunch &amp; Demonstration(s)</p>
3rd Mondays	 <p><b>VFW Auxiliary –</b> Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM</p>
4th Tuesdays	 <p><b>Quail Creek Ranches Property Owners Association (QCRSPOA) –</b> Fellowship Room @ 6:30PM</p>
Sun–Aug 27	<b>National Banana Lovers Day &amp; Sacrifice Our Wants For Other's Needs Day</b>
Tue–Aug 29	<b>Chop Suey Day &amp; Lemon Juice Day &amp; More Herbs, Less Salt Day</b>
Fri–Sep 1	<b>National Burnt Ends (Brisket), Cherry Popover, Tofu Days</b>
Sat–Sep 2	<b>International Bacon Day &amp; World Coconut Day</b>
Sun–Sep 3	<b>National Welch Rarebit Day &amp; Pet Rock Day &amp; U.S. Bowling League Day</b>



# GOD'S PLAN For Saving Man —

- ♦ *God's Grace* — Ephesians 2:8;
- ♦ *Christ's Blood* — Romans 5:9;
- ♦ *The Spirit's Gospel* — Romans 1:16;
- ♦ *Sinner's Faith* — Acts 16:31;
- ♦ *Sinner's Repentance* — Luke 13:3;
- ♦ *Sinner's Confession* — Romans 10:10;
- ♦ *Sinner's Baptism* — 1 Peter 3:21;
- ♦ *Our Work* — James 2:24;
- ♦ *Our Hope* — Romans 8:24;
- ♦ *Our Endurance* — Revelation 2:10

**ARE YOU SAVED BY GOD?**  
**ASK HOW IF YOU'RE UNSURE!**

## INTERACTIVE

### Daily Bible Reading Plan —

To open and/or download the interactive PDF file go to: [video.wvbs.org/spotlight](http://video.wvbs.org/spotlight)

## DAILY Bible Reading —



**Immersive —**  
**Through OT Once & NT Three Times**

SUN	SoS 5; SoS 6; Mat 7; Mat 8
MON	SoS 7; SoS 8; Mat 9; Mat 10
TUE	Isa 1; Isa 2; Mat 11; Mat 12
WED	Isa 3; Isa 4; Mat 13; Mat 14
THU	Isa 5; Isa 6; Mat 15; Mat 16
FRI	Isa 7; Isa 8; Mat 17; Mat 18
SAT	Isa 9; Isa 10; Mat 19; Mat 20

# WANT TO BE

## Part Of Our Local Family?

To be identified as part of our Congregation (aka “place membership”): Fill out a Visitor’s Card with all your family information, making sure to check the box on front that says, **Wish To Serve In this Congregation**, then place the card in the collection plate on the table in the back of the auditorium.

## MEMORIZE Scripture —

### VARIOUS VERSES FROM MATTHEW

**Matthew 7:13-14** — <sup>13</sup> “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. <sup>14</sup> Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

**Matthew 10:27-31** — <sup>27</sup> “Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. <sup>28</sup> And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will. <sup>30</sup> But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

**Matthew 13:31-32** — <sup>31</sup> Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, <sup>32</sup> which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.”



# DOXOLOGY

Original 14 Verses by Ken Thomas Ken in 1709

*Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
Thy daily stage of duty run;  
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
To pay thy morning sacrifice.*

*Thy precious time mispent, redeem,  
Each present day thy last esteem ;  
Improve thy talent with due care,  
For the great day thyself prepare.*

*In conversation be sincere,  
Keep conscience as the noon-tide clear :  
Think how all-seeing God thy ways  
And all thy secret thoughts surveys.*

*By influence of the light divine,  
Let thy own light to others shine,  
Reflect all heaven's propitious rays,  
In ardent love, and cheerful praise.*

*Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart,  
And with the angels bear thy part,  
Who all night long unwearied sing  
High praise to the eternal King.*

*I wake, I wake; ye heavenly choir,  
May your devotion me inspire,  
That I like you my age may spend,  
Like you may on my God attend.*

*May I like you in God delight,  
Have all day long my God in sight,  
Perform like you my Maker's will,  
O may I never more do ill.*

*Had I your Wings, to Heaven I'd fly,  
But God shall that defect supply,  
And my Soul wing'd with warm desire,  
Shall all day long to Heav'n aspire.*

*All* praise to Thee who safe hast kept,  
And hast refresh'd me whilst I slept.  
Grant Lord, when I from death shall wake,  
I may of endless Light partake.

*I* would not wake, nor rise again,  
And Heav'n itself I would disdain ;  
Were't not Thou there to be enjoy'd,  
And I in Hymns to be employ'd.

*Heav'n* is, dear Lord, where e'er Thou art,  
O never then from me depart ;  
For to my Soul, 'tis Hell to be,  
But for one moment void of Thee.

*Lord*, I my vows to Thee renew,  
Disperse my sins as Morning dew,  
Guard my first springs of Thought and Will,  
And with Thy self my Spirit fill.

*Direct*, control, suggest, this day,  
All I design, or do, or say,  
That all my Powers with all their might,  
In Thy sole Glory may unite.

*Praise* God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all Creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

