



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Lutheran Church-
Missouri Synod*

1308 Whitley Rd.
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**Sunday School &
Adult Bible Class**
9:30am

Sunday Worship
8:00am, 10:45am

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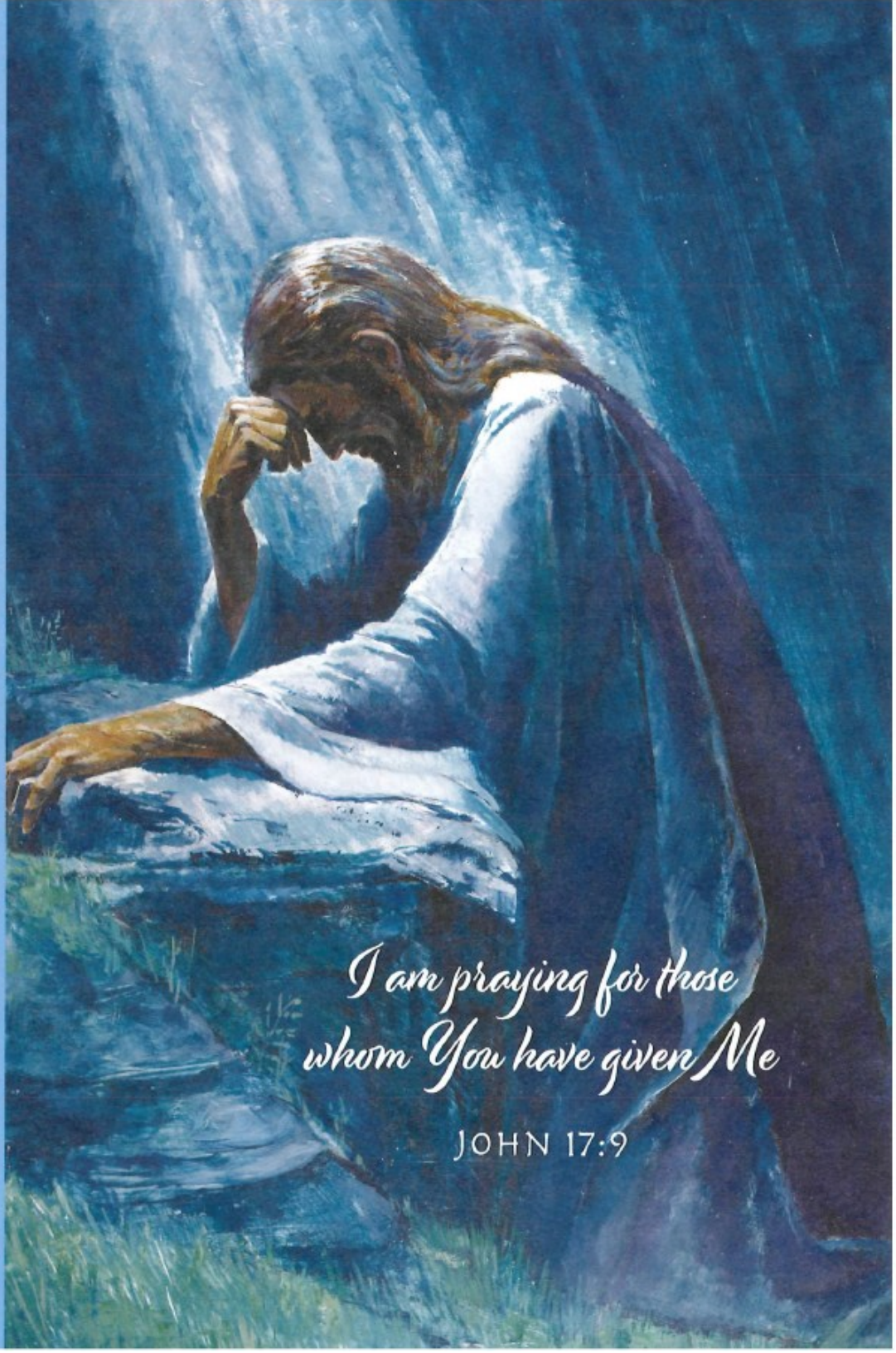
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*I am praying for those
whom You have given Me*

JOHN 17:9

FOR OUR VISITORS....



Welcome! We encourage you to follow along with either the printed service, or with the hymnal. The page numbers for the hymnal are posted at the front of the sanctuary and on the next page. We realize it can take a while for newcomers to become familiar with our liturgy, so please feel free to ask someone near you for assistance—he or she would be happy to help.

We love children in our church! But if your little one gets fussy you may use the **cry room** that is located at the north end of the hallway behind the sanctuary on your right. You are able to see and hear the worship service from there. We also have "**Quiet Bags**" available for children to use during the service. Please ask an usher or elder if you need assistance. The Quiet Bags are returned after the service.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in our services today. In this supper, our Lord Jesus Christ graciously feeds the humble sinner with His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Scripture clearly teaches that anyone who eats and drinks the body and blood of Christ without discerning that body and blood receives a judgment rather than a blessing from God (1 Cor. 11:29). Therefore, out of a Christian concern for souls, we require a thorough instruction in the teachings of the Lutheran Church before participating in this Sacrament. Participation at the altar is also a testimony of unity of faith with all others who partake (1 Cor. 10:17). Since unity at the altar presupposes unity in doctrine and confession (Acts 2:42), we kindly request that **only those who are in confessional fellowship** with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod participate. This includes active members in good standing of all sister Missouri-Synod congregations.



We recognize that **Closed Communion** is a sensitive issue for many and have a brochure to explain it more thoroughly. It is available in the narthex or from an usher. If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to speak with our pastor. However, **we welcome** both children and adults who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church to come to the altar during communion for a pastoral blessing. Please indicate the request for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.



Follow the QR code to visit our "**Virtual Guestbook**" and tell us about yourself and your visit with us.

This bulletin is available in large print upon request.

Divine Service—Setting Two—LSB 167

Hymns:

840, 525, 650

Hymns During Distribution:

623, 461

Sermon Title:

"Jesus' Glory Is His Crucifixion"

Scripture:

All Readings

Prelude

"Plein Jeu," by Jeam Adam Guilain
 duke street ("I Know that My Redeemer Lives") -
 Jan Bender
 diademata ("Crown Him with Many Crowns") -
 settings by Donald Busarow and Charles Ore

Postlude

Little Prelude and Fugue in G major - J.S Bach,
 BWV 557

Our Lord Jesus Is with Us in the Upper Room of His Church on Earth



On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus prayed for His apostles and His Church on earth. "The hour" had come when the Father would glorify His Son by the cross (John 17:1). Through the shedding of His blood, He would bring forgiveness for the sins of the world, and in His resurrection and ascension He would unite all Christians with the Father "that they may be one" with God (John 17:11). He manifested His name to the apostles and gave them the words of the Father to speak in His name. The apostolic witness of His cross and resurrection (Acts 1:21-22) gathers disciples together "with one accord" into the one Body of Christ (Acts 1:14). "Devoting themselves to prayer," they wait upon the Lord in "the upper room" (Acts 1:13-14), the place of His Holy Supper. Strengthened by the Gospel, Christians bear the cross of Christ in patience and peace, rejoicing to share in His suffering, in order that they "may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed" (1 Peter 4:13).

Serving in God's House Today

		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Organist: Miguel Ruiz			
Altar Guild: Nikki O'Dell Carrie Ratsch	Head Elder:	Andrew Latham	Jim Ward
	Head Usher:	Eric Weber	Durand Crutchfield
Counters: Kenneth Pedersen	Acolytes:	Joseph Kirby Luther Kirby	Christian Hernandez Jacob Lemmon
	Crucifer/ Altar	Cory O'Dell	Evan Munoz

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given by Ruby Wilson to the glory of God and in honor of Jim Wilson's birthday.

Introit *Psalm 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1*



*I will sing of steadfast love and justice
to you, O LORD, I will make music.*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!*
Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his
presence with | singing!

Know that the LORD, | he is God!*

**It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his | pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his | courts with
praise!*

Give thanks to him; | bless his name!

**For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for- |
ever,***

and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

Is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

*I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
to you, O LORD, I will make music.*

Collect of the Day

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph
far above all heavens, leave us not without
consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom
You promised from the Father; for You live and
reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.

Gradual: all are invited to sing

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6



Christ is ris - en from the — dead. God the



Fa - ther has crowned Him with glo - ry and hon - or.



He has giv-en Him do - min - ion o-ver the works of His



hands; He has put ev - 'ry - thing — un - der His feet.

REMINDER

There will be a very brief Special Voters' Meeting **today at 12:15pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 05/17 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE
- 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE
- 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE
- 12:15PM - SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING

MONDAY 05/18 - 9:30AM - BRAILLE WORKSHOP—MAC BUILDING

TUESDAY 05/19 - 9:30AM - JOY BIBLE STUDY—FELLOWSHIP HALL

WEDNESDAY 05/20 - 6:30PM - MLCA CLOSING PROGRAM & HONORS ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY 05/21

FRIDAY 05/22

SATURDAY 05/23

THE HOUSEHOLD AT PRAYER

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

What is the Lord's Prayer in Latin?

Pater noster qui es in caelis, sanctificetur nomen tuum, advéniat regnum tuum, fiat voluntas tua sicut in caelo et in terra. Panem nostrum cotidianum da nobis hodie; et dimitte nobis debita nostra sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris, et ne nos inducas in tentationem, sed libera nos a malo. Quia tuum est regnum, et potestas, et gloria in saecula. Amen

READINGS

Mon: The Fiery Furnace - Daniel 3:8-30

Tue: King Belshazzar and the Writing on the Wall - Daniel 5:1-30

Wed: The Decree of Cyrus the King of Persia - 2 Chronicles 36:22-23

Thu: The End of the Babylonian Captivity - Ezra 1:1-11

Fri: Elders Appointed to Aid Moses—Numbers 11:24-30

Sat.: The Coming of the Holy Spirit & Peter's Sermon at Pentecost—Acts 2:1-21

Sun: Rivers of Living Water—John 7:37-39

HYMNS

861 "Christ Be My Leader"

498 1, 2, 4-6 "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"

947 "All Glory Be to God on High"

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: May 17-23

17: Num. 35:9-30
Acts 1:1-7:60
Luke 24:28-53

18: Song 1:1-2:7
John 5:1-18

19: Song 2:8-3:11
John 5:19-29

20: Song 4:1-5:1
John 5:30-47

21: Song 5:2-6:3
John 6:1-21

22: Song 6:4-7:5
John 6:22-40

23: Song 7:6-8:14
John 6:41-59

Please keep in your prayers...

Connie Wesley Ramsey, friend of the Ingleharts, who is suffering from chronic back problems and experiencing substantial pain.

We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer: Karen Bentle, Mandy Demick, John DiCesare, Tim Speight, Rob Bentley, Randy Gay, Denny Knutson, Joan Beach, Linda Pancake, Wayne Kirkland, Ken & Carolyn Blume, Gaelina Strader, Sarah Jarrett, Mike Vandergriff, Rev. Ernie Bernet, Janie Peter, David Grissom.

...also those with other illnesses and trials: Wendell Wahlstedt, Carole Cohen, Family of Dan Gholston, Don Knutson, Terry Swender, Michael Hanson, Aaron Koppelberger, Bruce Lage, Marilyn Curry, Nikki McLeroy, Marilyn Kivit, Brian Cade's mother, Abby Carpenter, Ron Klingbeil, Karen Shrum, Vicky Krolczyk, Matt Hinde, Lee Masoian, Alli Burk, Amy Lyon, the Lewis family, Chelsea Lage, Grant Smith, William Johnstone, Marlene Eaton, Wes Liles, Mary Lowry, Patsy Smith, Shelby Renfro, Connie Worley Ramsey, Brooke Lage, The Lowry Family, Sandy McDougal, Jacob Brewer.

...and those who are unable to worship with us regularly: Susan Copen, Carolyn Blume, Don & Marilyn Curry, LaVina Goedecke, Ron and Barbara Busse, Ronald and Brenda Patterson, Marvin Wilken.

...all of our college students in and out of state: Ashley Brewer, Jacob Brewer, Colby Carter, Seminarian David Christensen, Maranda Crutchfield, Dorian Crutchfield, Ethan Johnson, Clara O'Neil, Daniella Osorio, Aidan Richmond, Davis Richmond, Mia Salgado, Max Tonniges, Charlie Umayam, Audrey Weber, Emily Weber, Morgan Chryst, Matthew Palmer.

We remember all those serving our country, particularly our members and loved ones in the military: Carly Schwarzenburg, Jesus Aranda, Hannah Kajer, Nicolas Towers, Tony Bourassa, Tyler Burk, David Cantrell, Cassie Gessling, Joseph Kajer, Seth Kirch, Andrew Latham, Andrew Lowry, Hannah Pinkston, Brandon Towers, Frank Wilde, Chaplain Peter J. Williams.

We also pray for...

- Our Braille ministry, that the Word will continue to reach the blind or visually impaired around the world.
- Messiah's educational ministry, especially our Academy, Preschool, Sunday School, and our Catechumens.
- Fellow Messiah members, married couples and children, young couples, singles, Pastor Chryst, and Pastor Christiansen.
- The voters, church council, and leaders of Messiah Church and School as they deliberate on the work the Lord has given His people to do.
- Our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world being persecuted for their faith.
- The spread of the Gospel around our nation and world and the work of our missionaries and relief workers.
- Rev. Dr. Michael Paul and his work in Taiwan.
- The Swaddling Clothes ministry and those who come seeking assistance.
- Those studying at seminary, including David Christensen (4th Year), Tanner Sawall (4th Year), Abram Egger (1st Year), and Vicar Peter Williams, as they prepare to serve in the Holy Ministry.
- Prayers for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.

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WE'RE HIRING **MLCA is hiring teachers for the 2026-2027 school year.** For more information, you may call the school office at 817.431.5486, or you may send your resume to schooloffice@mlcatexas.org.



MESSIAH VOLLEYBALL—If you are interested in playing volleyball on Sunday afternoons, please text **Jinel Munoz at 214-514-5871**. You'll then be included in a group text for determining time, turnout, and possible weather factors.



Pregnancy Help 4 U is looking for families, small groups, and church members (kids, teens, and adults all welcome!) to participate in their **Baby Bottle Bowling Bash on Sunday, June 7th, from 1:00-3:00** ~ a special event to kick off PH4U's Baby Bottle Campaign! At the event, church members will receive baby bottles to take home, to be filled with spare change, cash, or checks over the following weeks, then returned to PH4U by June 30th. The group that raises the most through their bottles will win **a gift card to Main Event!**

LOCATION: Main Event, 2601 Presidio Vista Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76177

TICKETS: \$75 per bowler

TEAMS: 4-6 Bowlers

SIGN UP: <https://giving.myamplify.io/App/Form/d98a5853-4711-4ec5-a964-c958070683eb>



A Life Thought in the Church Year for May 17 - Seventh Sunday of Easter - "Sing to

God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts!" (Psalm 68:4). What a wonderful picture of Christ, God-in-the-flesh, who entered the desert wilderness of this world to bring light into the darkness and life to the dead! In a world that fosters a culture of death, Jesus came to give us eternal life. In Him, grace and peace rain down in abundance (Psalm 68:9). What hope this brings to those who are suffering, facing an unexpected pregnancy, or

have lost their mooring in life! Christ brings forgiveness and restoration. Although we endure fiery trials (1 Peter 4:12), and the devil prowls like a roaring lion, seeking to devour (1 Peter 5:8-9), yet by the power of God's Word, we resist him, firm in the faith. We are blessed as we follow Jesus, who suffered once for all on the cross, accomplishing the work that the Father gave Him to do (John 17:4). Risen, ascended, and glorified, Jesus restores, confirms, strengthens, and establishes us in the true faith (1 Peter 5:10).



LCMS Stewardship—John 14:15 - "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Jesus is clear: our

obedience to His Word comes from our love for Him. But where does that love come from? Jesus tells us that as well: "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven — for she loved much" (Luke 7:47). Christ shows us His love and gives us the forgiveness of our sins, which causes love to well up in us and thereby keep the commandments of Jesus. For after all, the summary of the Law is "love."



UNDERSTANDING DIFFICULT OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES... Was the

universe really created in six days? Why did men live so long? What about all the violence in the Old Testament? Do Old Testament prophets predict current events? You'll find answers to these questions in a series of interviews with Doctor Reed Lessing and Doctor Andrew Steinmann, co-authors of the new book "Wrestling with God." You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org/wrestlingwithgod. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: 92 10:45am: 163 Total: 255
Sunday School: 127— **OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$ 22,870.16**(includes online giving to Gen. Fund)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED TO FUND THE CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: \$ 19,549.00

You may use this QR code for your convenience if you would like to give to Messiah. It will direct you to our Vanco System for electronic giving.



About the Cover

When Jesus prayed, He interceded for us. His perfect and holy prayers were heard by our Father in heaven. Jesus—the crucified one, the risen one—ascended to the right hand of the Father, where He continues to intercede for us. He does so by the atoning blood He shed for us in His once-for-all sacrifice on the cross nearly two thousand years ago. There is no cessation to His intercession for us because He has been raised and will never die again (see Romans 6:9).

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 1:12–26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it';

and

"Let another take his office."

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a

murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

"If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

²⁰Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ²¹casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ²²Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ²³Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ²⁴And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ²⁵To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Gospel: John 17:1–11

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."