

Lesson 2: The Invocation, Part 1

The Order of the Holy Communion

A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost or another Hymn shall be sung

The Congregation shall rise, and the Minister shall say:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

The Congregation shall say or chant:

Amen.

For what purposes should the indicated hymn be used?

Why does the Congregation rise? Are there other times this idea applies?

What is the meaning of 'Minister', and what are his appropriate titles (in general, and in the context of the Divine Service)?

Of what verse or verses of Scripture does what the Minister says remind you?

What should the use of these words teach you or bring to your recollection at the beginning of the Divine Service?

What is the meaning and use of 'Amen'?

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Acts 17:23 As I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you (seek to) worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you.

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Is it necessary to prove that there is a God?

(a) **Gen 1:1** *In the beginning God...*

(b) **Psa 14:1** *The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they have done abominable works.*

THESE WORDS OF GOD TEACH US:

(A) From its very first words, the Bible simply speaks of God as existing;

(B) Only a person who refuses to listen to his reason (especially to cover up his guilt) would deny or doubt so evident a fact.

By what means should all mankind know that there is a God?

(a) **Heb 3:4** *For every house is built by someone, but **He who built all things** is God.*

(a) **Psa 19:1** *The **heavens declare** the glory of God; and the **firmament shows** His handiwork.*

(a) **Rom 1:19,20** *What may be known of God is manifest in them (the Gentiles), for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood **by means of the things that are made**, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,*