

C Thanks be to God.

Reading Response

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- L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

Office Hymn "We Are Called to Stand Together" tune: LAUDA ANIMA

All **We are called to stand together with the saints of ages past,
With the patriarchs and prophets in the faith they once held fast;
Promises and hopes they treasured now we find fulfilled at last!**

Choir Those whom Jesus called apostles journeyed with Him side by side,
Heard His teaching, felt His power, saw the way He lived and died;
Then the news of resurrection they delivered far and wide.

All **Through the intervening ages round the world the Gospel spread:
Faithful heralds took the message, guided where the Spirit led;
So the body grew in stature, serving Christ, the living head.**

Choir Now in many tongues and cultures songs of celebration ring;
Millions who confess our Savior honor Him as Lord and King
And, for courage, grace and guidance ev'ry day their prayers they bring.

All **To each coming generation tell the truth, persuade, explain,
Till the time when time is ended, till the Savior comes again—
Till the saints are all united under Christ's eternal reign!**

Sermon "Any Port in a Storm" Romans 13:11-14

Magnificat (*stand*) p. 248

Collect of the Day

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night" LSB 883