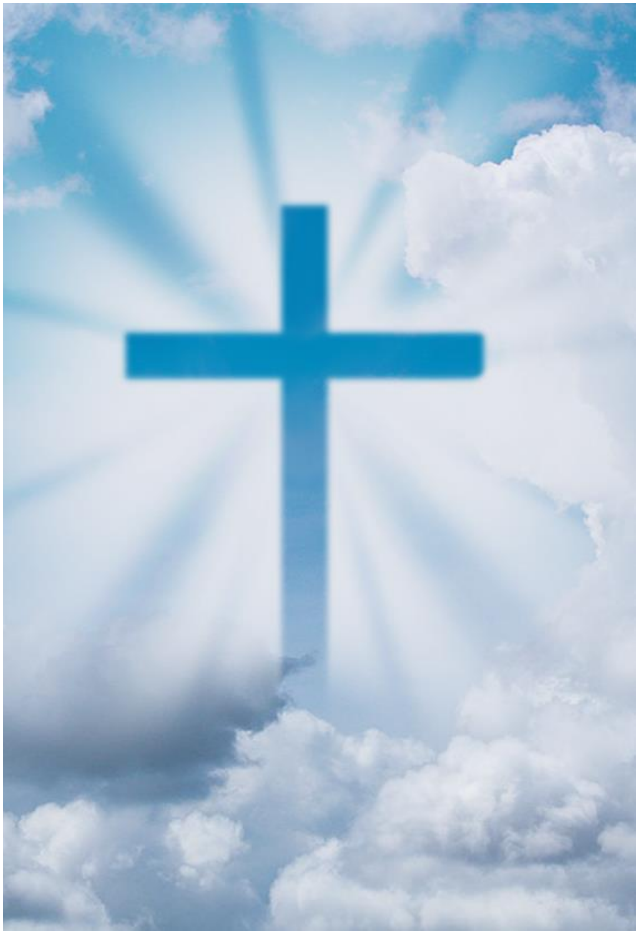


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Welcome to Holy Trinity

We're glad you came today to join us in worshiping the one true God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He has graciously created us, mercifully redeemed us, and freely gives us all the treasures of heaven through His Word and Sacraments!

If you are a visitor with us today and want to find out more about what we teach, or are curious about church membership, please talk to our pastor. Please be sure to provide us with your contact information in our friendship register that is passed around before or after the service.

A **Parents' Room** is located at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily leave to calm a child.

Wheelchair accommodations are found halfway down the rows of pews in the center aisle of the church.

HOLY TRINITY is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), a national church body headquartered in Mankato, Minnesota. We confess that we are saved by Grace Alone (Eph. 2:8) through Faith Alone (Acts 16:31) revealed in Scripture Alone (John 5:24). Though we are totally sinful from birth, Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross and gives us eternal life in heaven. We subscribe to the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord, 1580) because they are a faithful and accurate summary of this Biblical doctrine. The ELS has been in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) since 1872.

A Note to All Our Guests Regarding the Lord's Supper:

During this service, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Since this sacrament is the Lord's Supper and not ours, we are careful to follow our Lord's instructions. In particular, we take to heart these important truths:

1. In the Lord's Supper, Jesus truly gives us His body and blood together with the bread and the wine. Jesus says, "Take and eat; this is my body…Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood" (Matthew 26:26-28).

2. In the Lord's Supper, we express a unity of faith with one another. "Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf" (1 Corinthians 10:17).

3. Our Lord urges us to practice this unity with great love and care. "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27,29).

Because we take these truths seriously, we invite all communicant members of our congregation or of a sister congregation in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) or the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) to commune with us today. However, we ask that those who are not members of a sister congregation refrain from taking the Lord's Supper with us at this time. In doing this, we are not judging anyone's faith. Out of love for our Lord and all people, we simply desire to discuss the Bible's teachings with our guests before communing together. We want all who commune to receive the Lord's Supper for their benefit and in a way that follows our Lord's instructions. If you have any questions about this or any other teaching of the Bible—or if you would like information about how to join our congregation—please feel free to speak to our pastor.

THE DIVINE SERVICE
RITE TWO

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Hymn • *"Jerusalem the Golden"*

[CW93 214]

1. Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest –
The sight of it refreshes
The weary and oppressed.
I know not, oh, I know not
What joys await us there,
What radiancy of glory,
What bliss beyond compare.

2. They stand, those halls of Zion,
All jubilant with song
And bright with many an angel
And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them;
The daylight is serene;
The pastures of the blessed
Are ever rich and green.
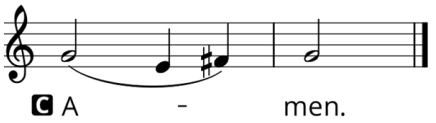
3. There is the throne of David,
And there, from care released,
The shout of them that triumph,
The song of them that feast;
And they who with their leader
Have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever
Are clad in robes of white.

4. Oh, sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
Oh, sweet and blessed country
That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest;
You are with God the Father
And Spirit ever blest.

– Stand –

Invocation
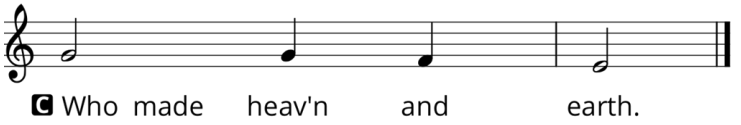
PASTOR *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*



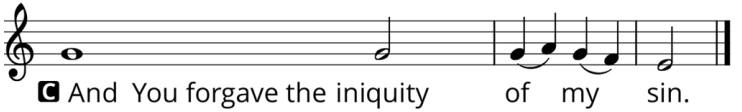
Confession and Absolution

P: *Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

P: *Our help is in the name of the Lord.*



P: *I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;*



ALL: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

P: *Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

Psalm · 149

[EHV]

P: *Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song.*

C: Sing his praise in the congregation of his favored ones.

P: *Let Israel rejoice in its Maker.*

C: Let the people of Zion celebrate for their King.

P: *Let them praise his name with dancing.*

C: With hand drum and lyre let them make music to him.

P: *For the LORD is pleased with his people.*

C: He adorns the humble with salvation.

P: *Let those he favors rejoice in honor.*

C: Let them shout for joy on their beds.

P: *May high praise of God be in their throats,*

C: and a two-edged sword in their hands,

P: *to inflict vengeance on the nations*

C: and punishments on the peoples,

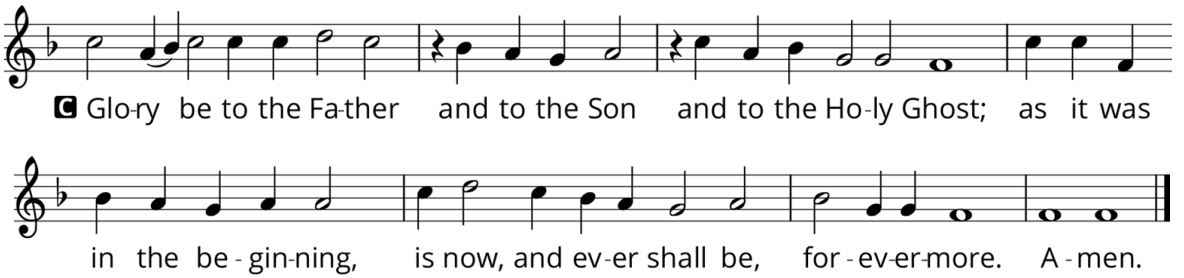
P: *to bind their kings with chains*

C: and their nobles with iron shackles,

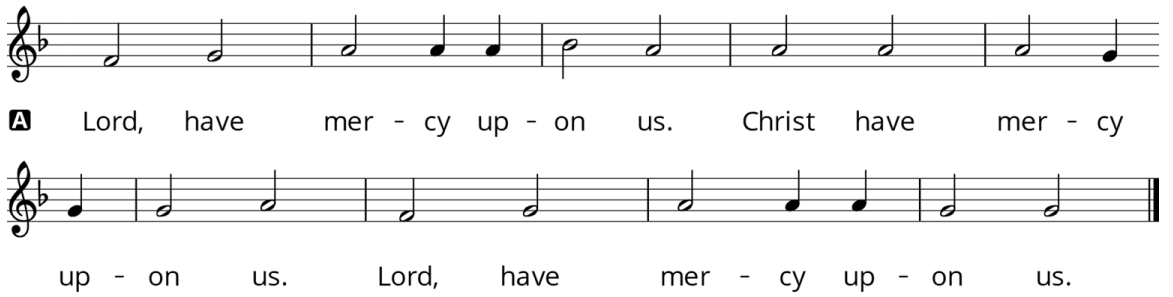
P: *to carry out the judgment written against them.*

C: This is the glory of all his favored people. Praise the LORD.

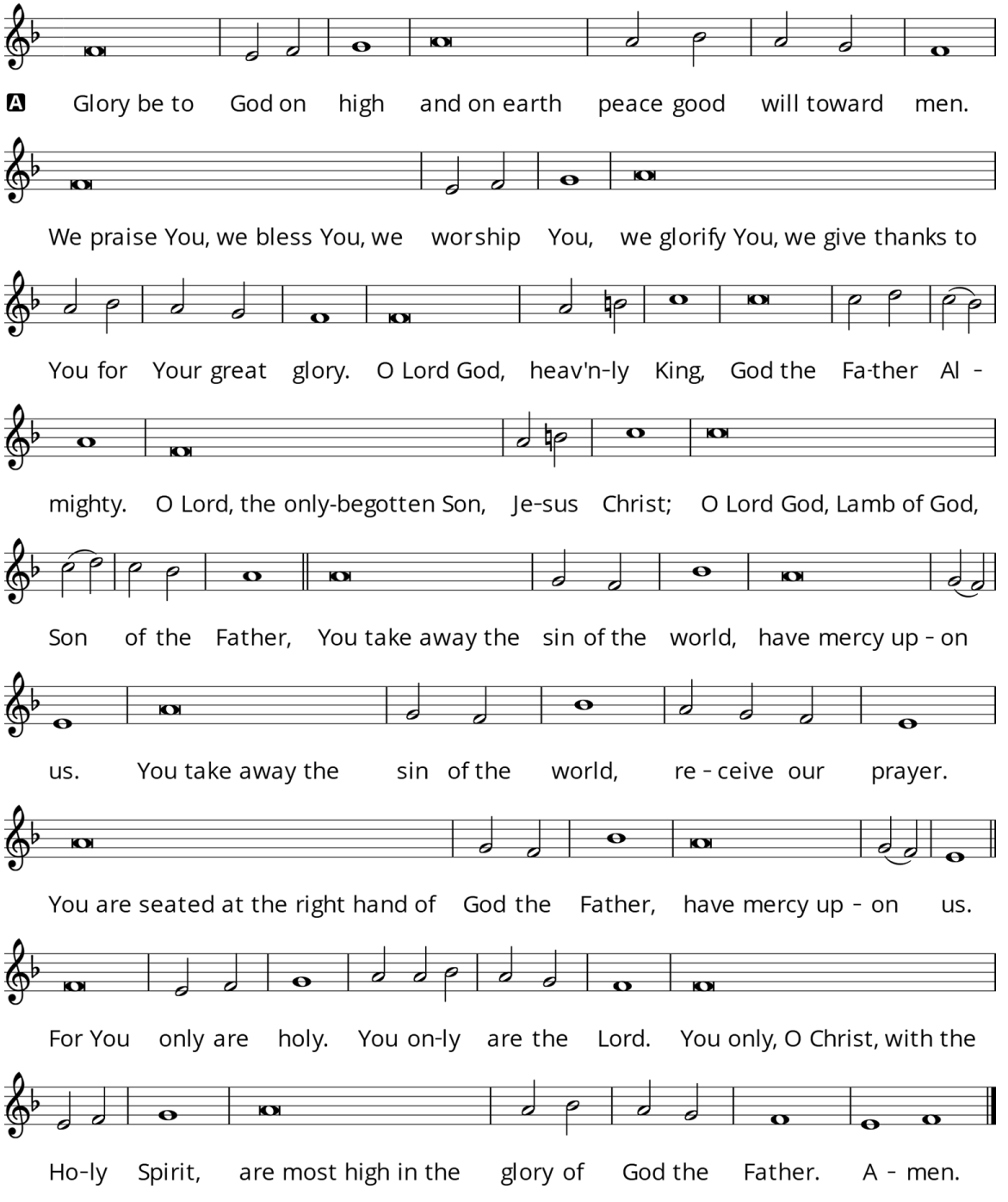
Gloria Patri



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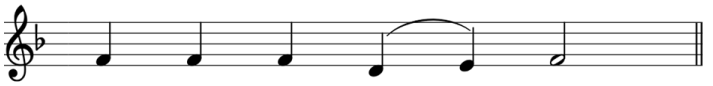


Gloria in Excelsis Deo



Salutation

P: *The Lord be with you.*



Prayer of The Day

P: *Let us pray.*

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



-Be seated-

First Reading • *Revelation 7:9-17*

St. John's vision lets us see all the saints in heaven as a picture of our own future.

After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the
Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. **10** They called out
with a loud voice and said:

Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb.

11 All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures.
They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, **12** saying:

Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might
belong to our God forever and ever. Amen.

13 One of the elders spoke to me and said, "These people dressed in white robes, who
are they and where did they come from?"

And I answered him, “Sir, you know.”

14 And he said to me:

These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of
the Lamb.
15 Because of this they are in front of the throne of God,
and they serve him day and night in his temple.
He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.
16 They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again.
The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd.
He will lead them to springs of living water.
And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Second Reading • *1 John 3:1-3*

In love, God adopted us as his children, making us heirs of future glory.
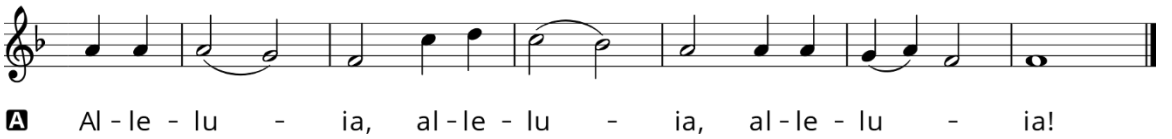
See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know him. 2 Dear friends, we are children of God now, but what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he is revealed we will be like him, and we will see him as he really is. 3 Everyone who has this hope purifies himself just as Jesus is pure.

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation
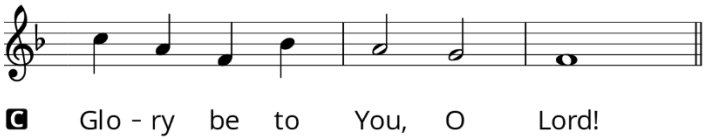
Revelation 7:15 (NIV)

P: *Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia.*



Gospel • *Matthew 5:1-12*

P: *The holy Gospel is written in the fifth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the first verse.*
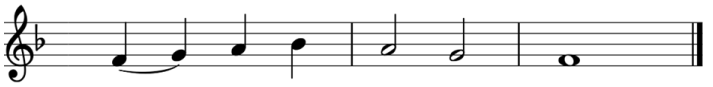


Sorrow, hardship, and persecution are temporary. Eternal blessings are on the way.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his
disciples came to him. 2 He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these
things:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 Blessed are those who mourn,
because they will be comforted.
5 Blessed are the gentle,
because they will inherit the earth.
6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
because they will be filled.
7 Blessed are the merciful,
because they will receive mercy.
8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
because they will see God.
9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
because they will be called sons of God.
10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all
kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward
in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: Here ends the Gospel.



C Praise be to You, O Christ!

Confession of Faith ~ *Nicene Creed*

A **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

-Be seated-

Chief Hymn • *"Behold a Host, Arrayed in White"* *[ELH 553]*

1. **Behold a host, arrayed in white,**
   Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright;
   With palms they stand. Who is this band
   Before the throne of light?
   Lo, these are they, of glorious fame,
   Who from the great affliction came
   And in the flood of Jesus' blood
   Are cleansed from guilt and blame.
   Now gathered in the holy place,
   Their voices they in worship raise;
   Their anthems swell where God doth dwell
   Mid angels' songs of praise.

2. **Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;**
   But now, how glorious they appear!
   Those martyrs stand, a priestly band,
   God's throne forever near.
   So oft in troubled days gone by,
   In anguish they would weep and sigh;
   At home above the God of love
   For aye their tears shall dry.
   They now enjoy their Sabbath rest,
   The paschal banquet of the blest;
   The Lamb, their Lord, at festal board*
   Himself is host and guest.

3. **Then hail! ye mighty legions, yea, All hail! now safe and blest for aye;**
   And praise the Lord, who with His Word Sustained you on the way.
   Ye did the joys of earth disdain, Ye toiled and sowed in tears and pain;
   Farewell, now bring your sheaves and sing Salvation's glad refrain.
   Swing high your palms, lift up your song, Yea, make it myriad voices strong:
   Eternally shall praise to Thee, God, and the Lamb belong.

**Reference to the Lord's Supper*
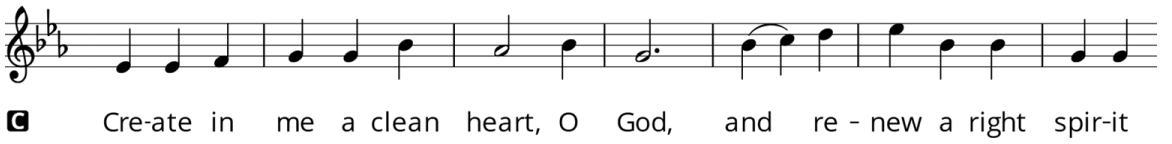
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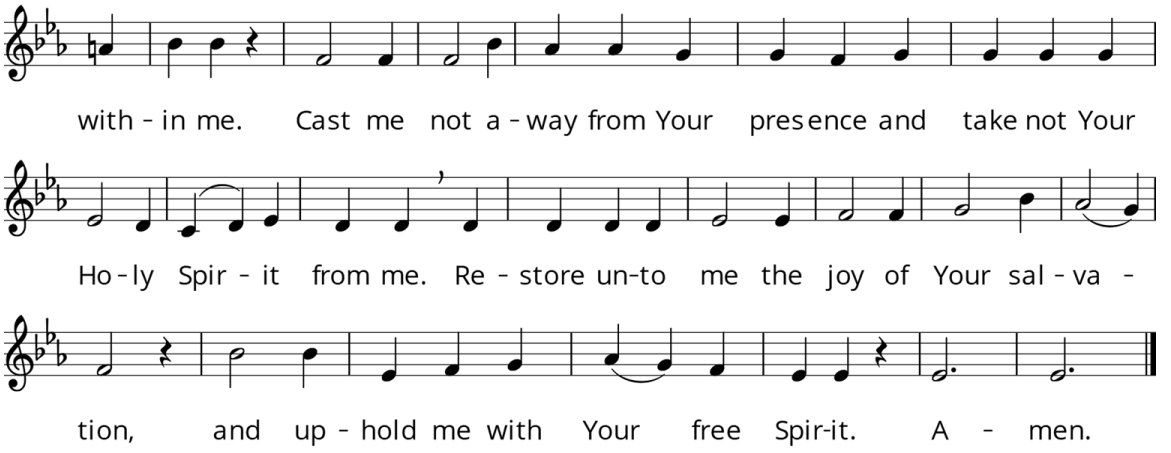
What Can We Say?

1. What can we say of those who have gone before us?
2. What can we say about us?

-Stand-

Offertory Psalm





-Be seated-

Offering

-Organ Interlude-

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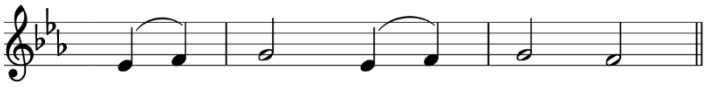
Please fill out the friendship register and pass it down the row. Thank you.

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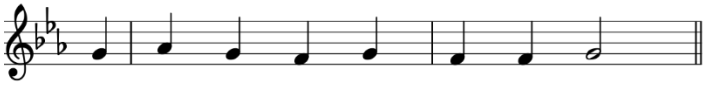
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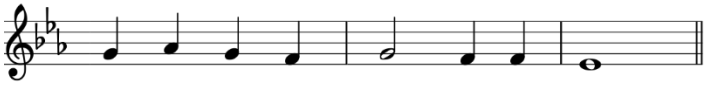
P: *The Lord be with you.*



P: *Lift up your hearts.*



P: *Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.*
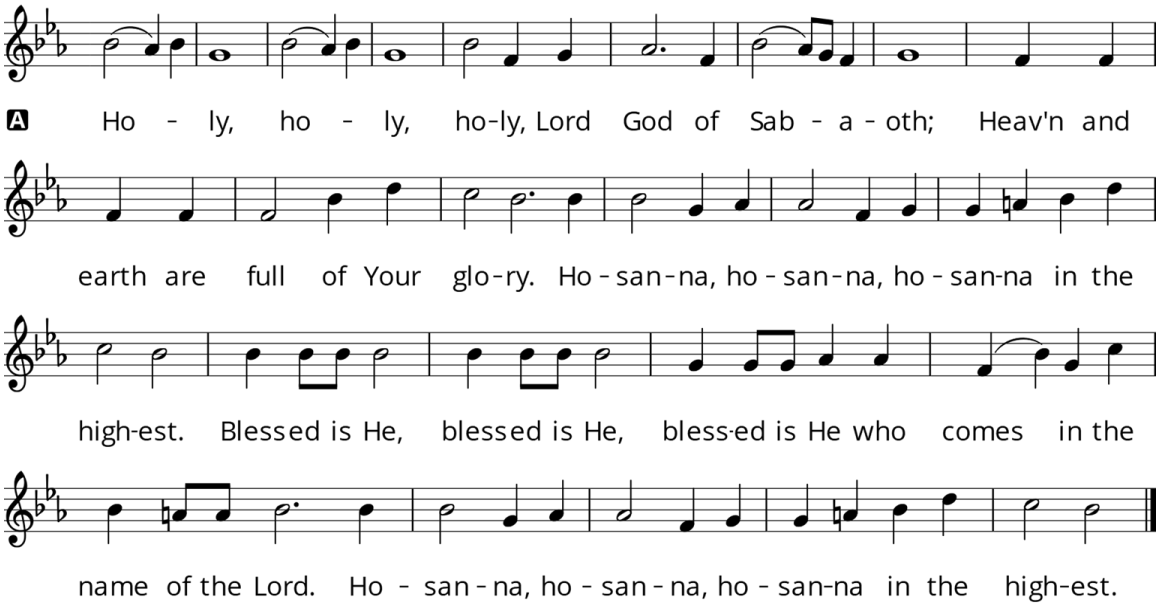


C It is good and right so to do.

Preface for the Season
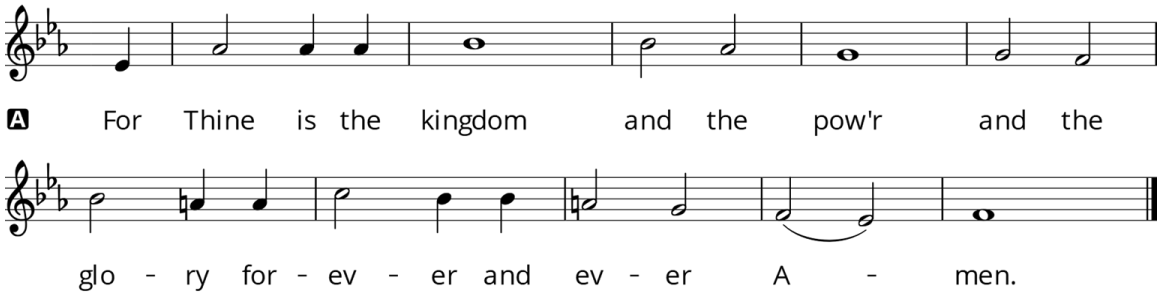
P: *It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us assurance and hope that, following their example, we may run the race marked out for us and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:*

Sanctus



Lord's Prayer

P: *Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.*
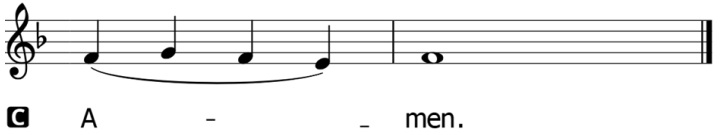


Words of Institution

P: *Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

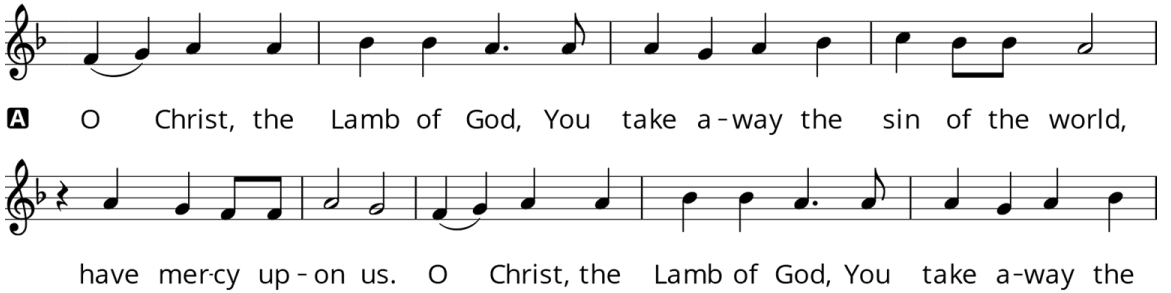
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My + blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

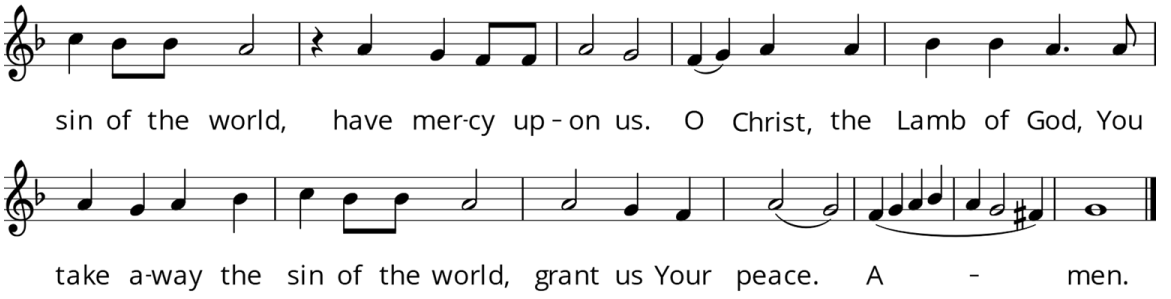
Pax Domini

P: *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*



Agnus Dei





-Be seated-

Distribution

Guests, please read and take note of the explanation of our Communion practice on page 2 in this service folder.

Hymn • *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"* *[ELH 197]*

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: **On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;**
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

3. His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay. (Refrain)

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
(Refrain)

Hymn • *"For All the Saints"* *[ELH 554]*

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might,
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear; their one true Light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. **O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,**
   Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
   And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. **O blest communion, fellowship divine,**
   We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
   Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. **And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,**
   Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
   And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!
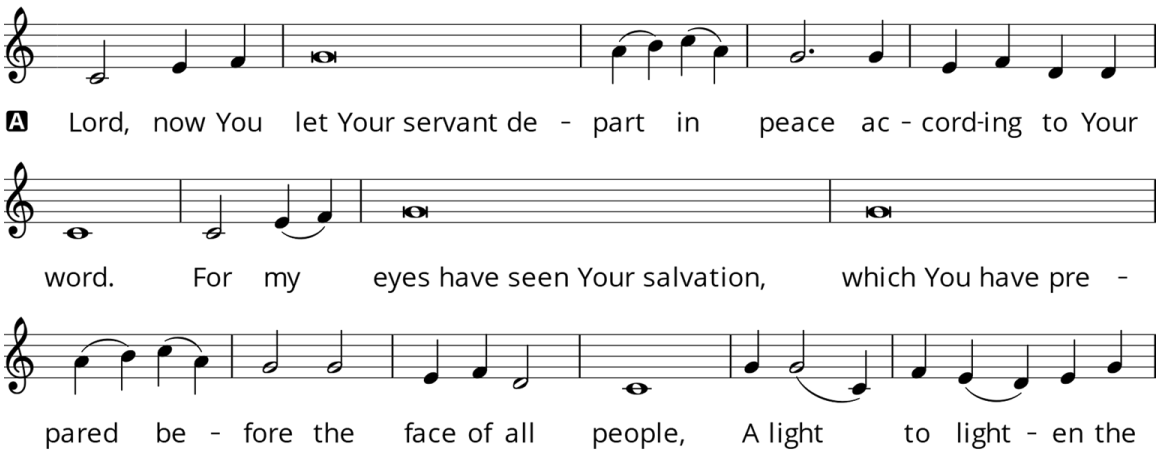
6. **The golden evening brightens in the west;**
   Soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest.
   Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
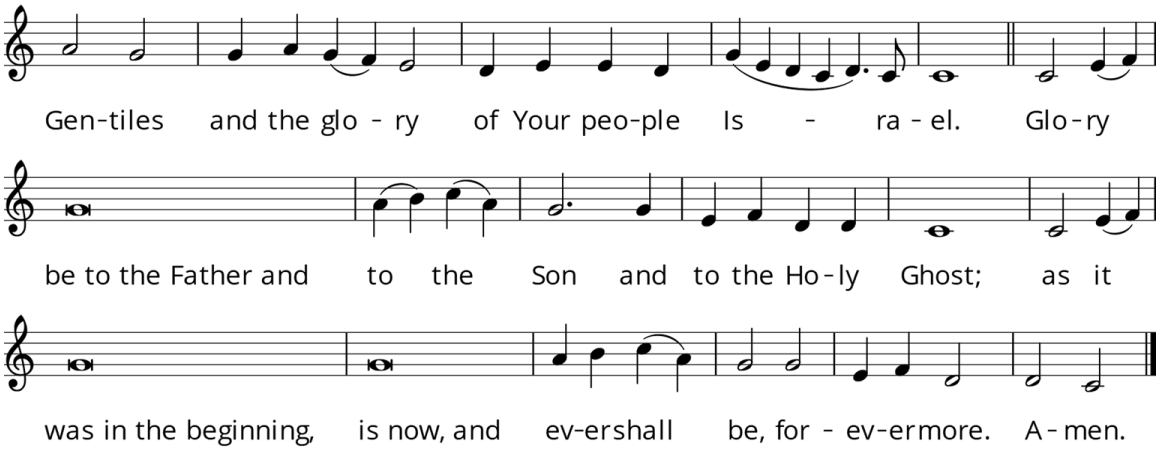
7. **But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:**
   The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
   The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

8. **From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,**
   Through gates of pearl, streams in the countless host,
   Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

-Stand-
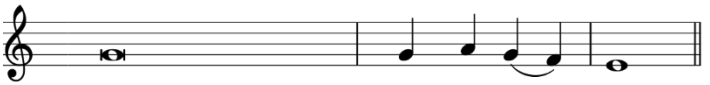
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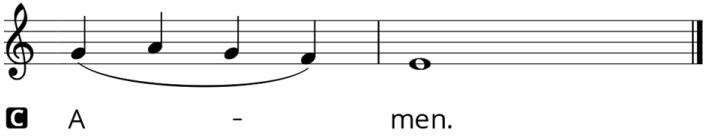




Communion Verse

P: *O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.*
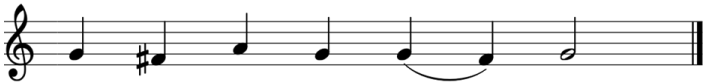


Collect of Thanksgiving

P: *O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.*



Benediction
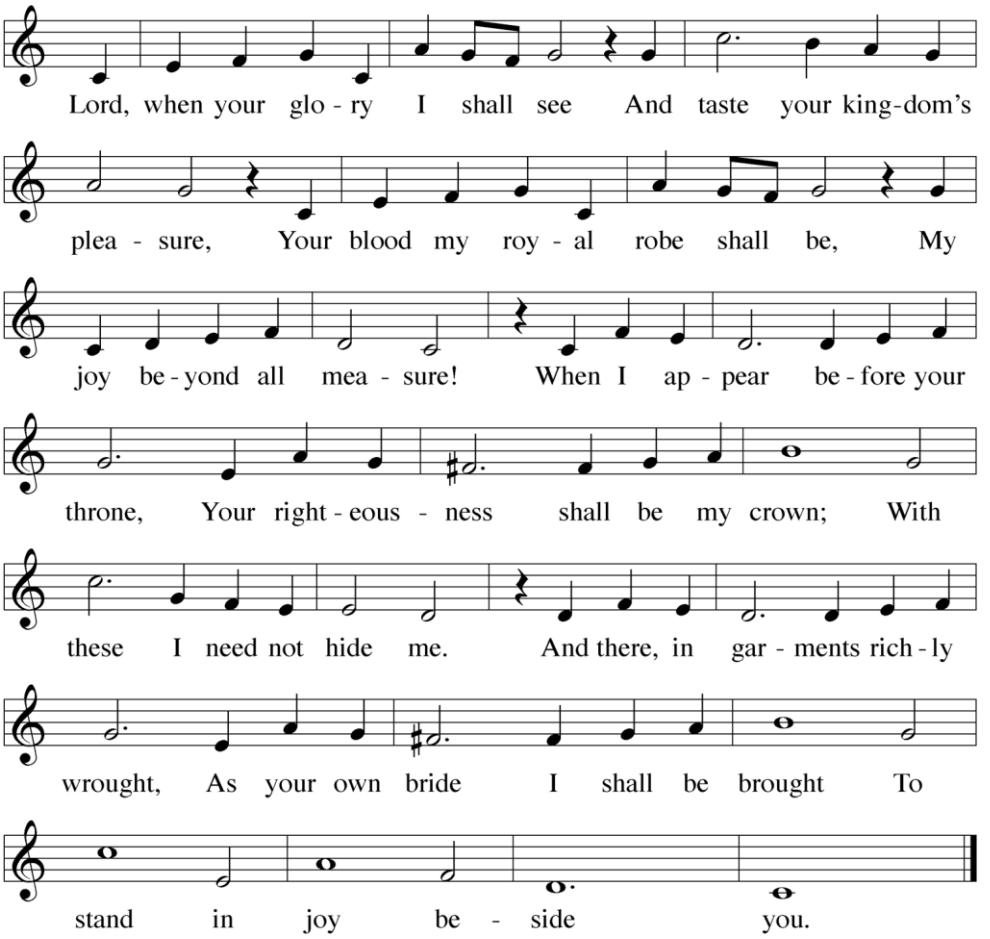
P: *The Lord bless you and keep you.*
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace +.



C A - men, a - men, a - men.

-Be seated-

Closing Hymn • *"Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See"* *[CW93 219]*



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