

Jesus Calls His Followers to Faithful Service

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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 • *"God Is Here! As We His People"*

[CW93 532]

1. God is here! As we his people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of his Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.

2. Here are symbols to remind us
Of our lifelong need of grace.
Here are table, font, and pulpit;
Here the cross has central place.
Here, in honesty of preaching,
Here, in silence as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.
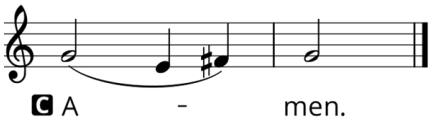
3. Here our children find a welcome
In the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living
To believe and to adore.

4. Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,
In an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the gospel;
Help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
All we have to give, receive;
We who cannot live without you,
We adore you! We believe!

– Stand –

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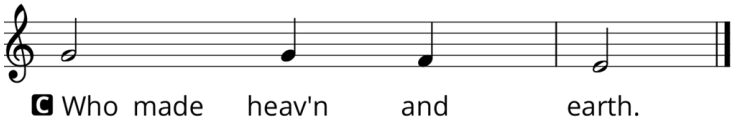
PASTOR *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*



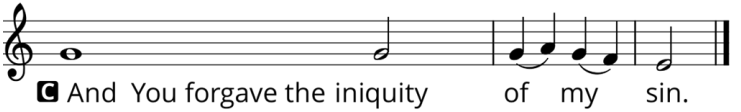
Confession and Absolution

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 · 128

[EHV]

P: *How blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,*

C: everyone who is walking in his ways.

P: *Yes, you will eat the food you worked for.*

C: How blessed you are! It will go well for you!

P: *Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the inner rooms of your house.*

C: Your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

P: *Look! This is how blessed the man is who fears the LORD!*

C: May the Lord bless you from Zion,

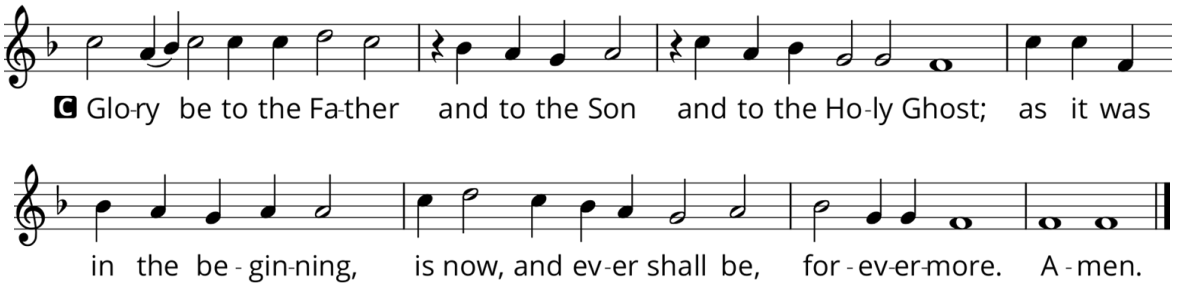
P: *so that you see the prosperity of Jerusalem,*

C: all the days of your life,

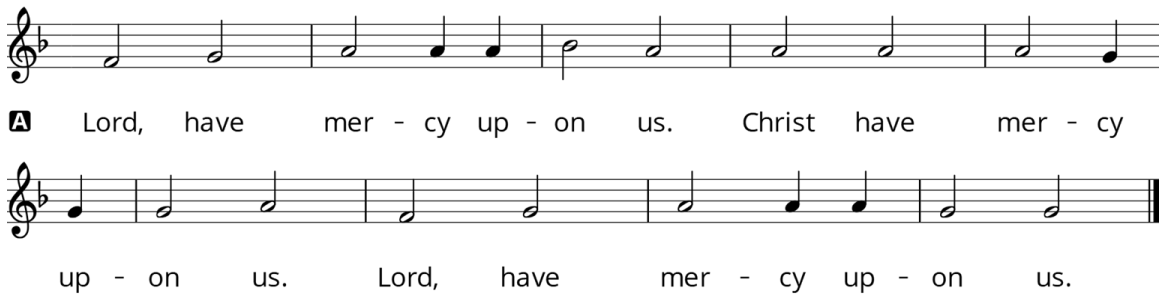
P: *and you see your children's children.*

C: Peace be on Israel.
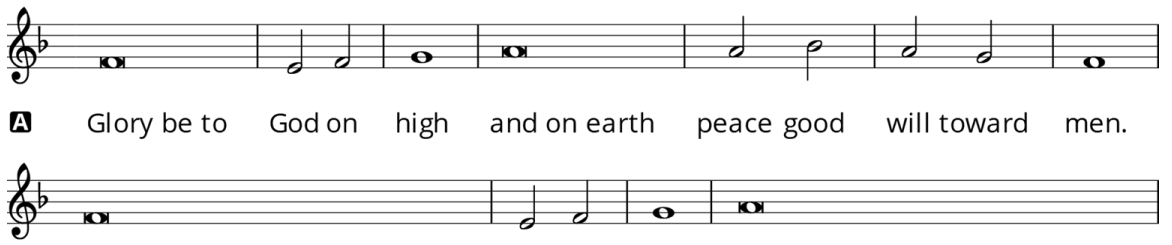
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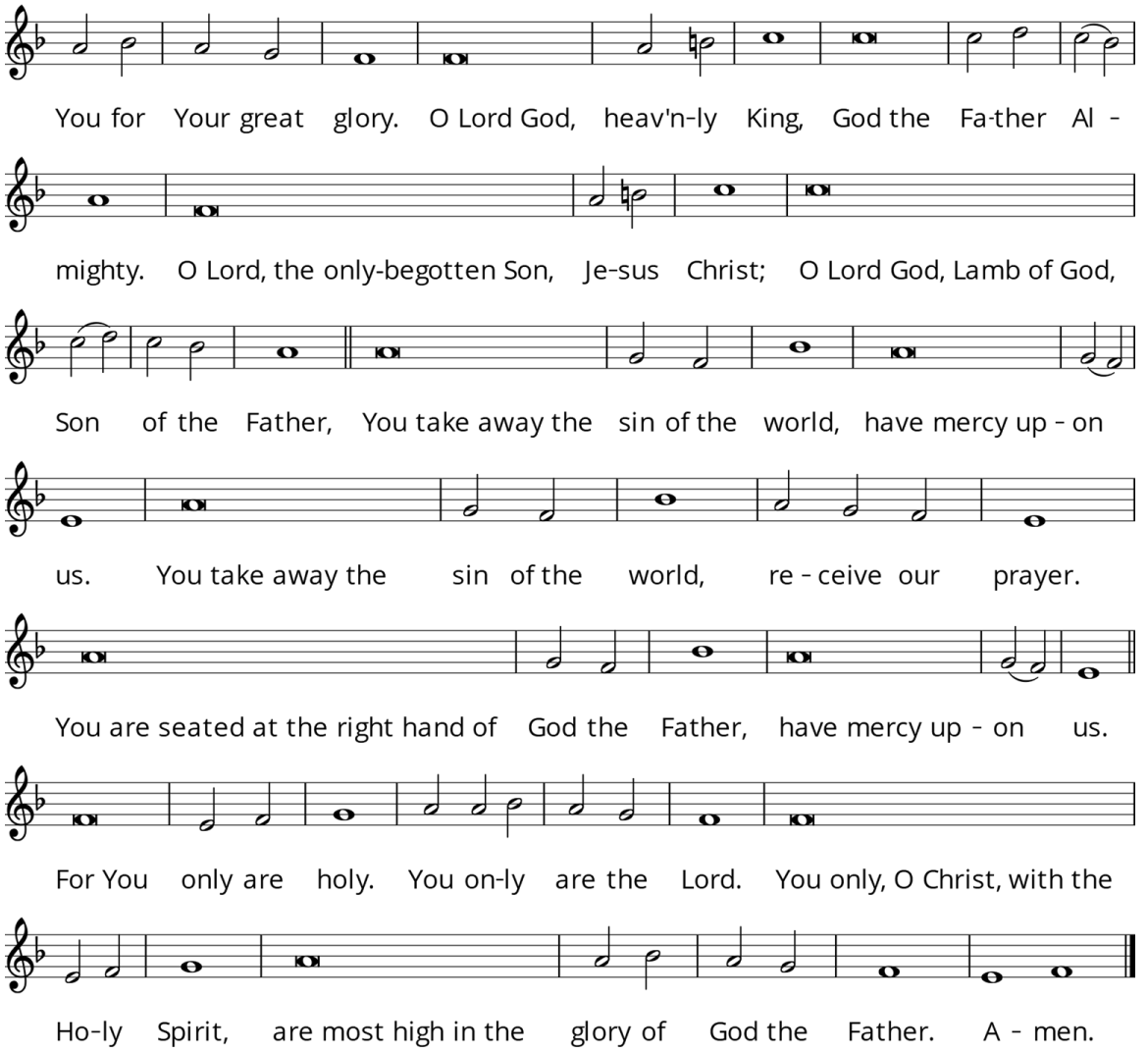


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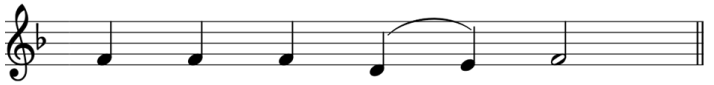


Gloria in Excelsis Deo





Salutation

P: *The Lord be with you.*
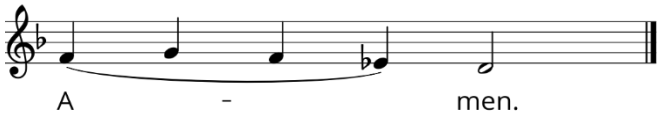


C And with your spir - it.

Prayer of The Day

P: *Let us pray.*

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C:

-Be seated-

First Reading • *Isaiah 1:10-18*

Although Old Testament Israel responded to God's gifts with grudging service,
God remained faithful to his promises.

Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom!
Listen to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah!
11 What do your many sacrifices mean to me? says the LORD.
I have more than enough rams as burnt offerings
and enough fat from well-fed animals.
I am not pleased with the blood of bulls
or the blood of lambs and male goats.
12 When you come to appear before me,
who has asked for this from your hands:
this trampling on my courts?
13 Stop bringing worthless offerings!
Your incense is an abomination to me.
I cannot stand your sinful assemblies
on the new moons, Sabbaths, and holy days.
14 Deep in my soul I hate your new moons and your appointed feasts.
They have become a burden to me.

I am tired of putting up with them.
15 When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you.
Indeed, even though you make many prayers, I will not hear.
Your hands are full of blood.
16 Wash yourselves. Purify yourselves.
Remove your evil deeds from my sight.
Stop doing evil. 17 Learn to do good.
Seek justice. Relieve the oppressed.
Seek justice for the fatherless. Plead for the widow.
18 Come now, and let us reason together, says the LORD.
Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be as white as snow.
Though they are as red as crimson, they will be like wool.

Second Reading • *Romans 12:1-8*

With God's mercy in view, we use God's gifts faithfully in joyful response.

Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship. 2 Also, do not continue to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you test and approve what is the will of God—what is good, pleasing, and perfect.

3 So by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think in a way that results in sound judgment, as God distributed a measure of faith to each of you. 4 For we have many members in one body, and not all the members have the same function. 5 In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.
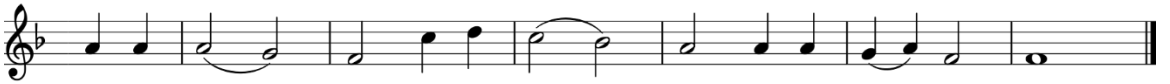
6 We have different gifts, according to the grace God has given us. If the gift is prophecy, do it in complete agreement with the faith. 7 If it is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. 8 If it is encouraging, then encourage. If it is contributing, be generous. If it is leadership, be diligent. If it is showing mercy, do it cheerfully.

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation
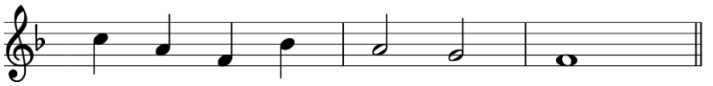
Revelation 2:10

P: *Alleluia. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia.*



Gospel • *Matthew 25:14-30*

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



Through a parable, Jesus calls his followers to faithful service.

"You see, the kingdom of heaven is like a man going on a journey. He called his
servants and entrusted his possessions to them. **15** To one he gave five talents, to another two
talents, and to still another one talent, each according to his own ability. Then he went on
his journey. **16** The servant who had received the five talents immediately put them to work
and gained five more talents. **17** In the same way, the servant who had received the two
talents gained two more. **18** But the servant who had received one talent went away, dug a
hole in the ground, and hid his master's money.

19 "After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with
them. **20** The servant who received the five talents came and brought five more talents. He
said, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.'
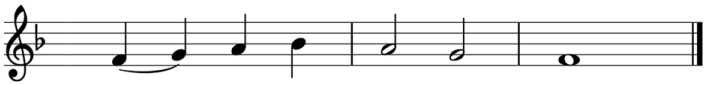
21 "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful
with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master.'
22 "The servant who received the two talents came and said, 'Master, you entrusted me with
two talents. See, I have gained two more talents.'

23 "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful
with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master.'

24 "Then the servant who received one talent came and said, 'Master, I knew that you
are a hard man, reaping where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter
seed. 25 Since I was afraid, I went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what
is yours.'

26 "His master answered him, 'You wicked and lazy servant! You knew that I reap
where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter seed? 27 Well then, you should have
deposited my money with the bankers so that when I came I would get my money back with
interest. 28 Take the talent away from him and give it to the servant who has the ten talents.
29 Because everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. But the one
who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 30 Throw that worthless
servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

P: Here ends the Gospel.



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 • *"O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made"* *[CW93 481]*

1. **O God, your hand the heavens made**
   And all that they contain;
   The world appeared at your command,
   And in it now you reign.
   The restless sea, the land, the sky
   Your handiwork declare;
   The touch of your creative pow'r
   Is present ev'rywhere.

2. **To us are given gifts divine;**
   All talents you have sent.
   Inspire us now to use them well
   Your kingdom to extend.
   We hold each gift a trust from you
   Nor claim it as our own;
   We gratefully acknowledge, Lord,
   All things are yours alone.
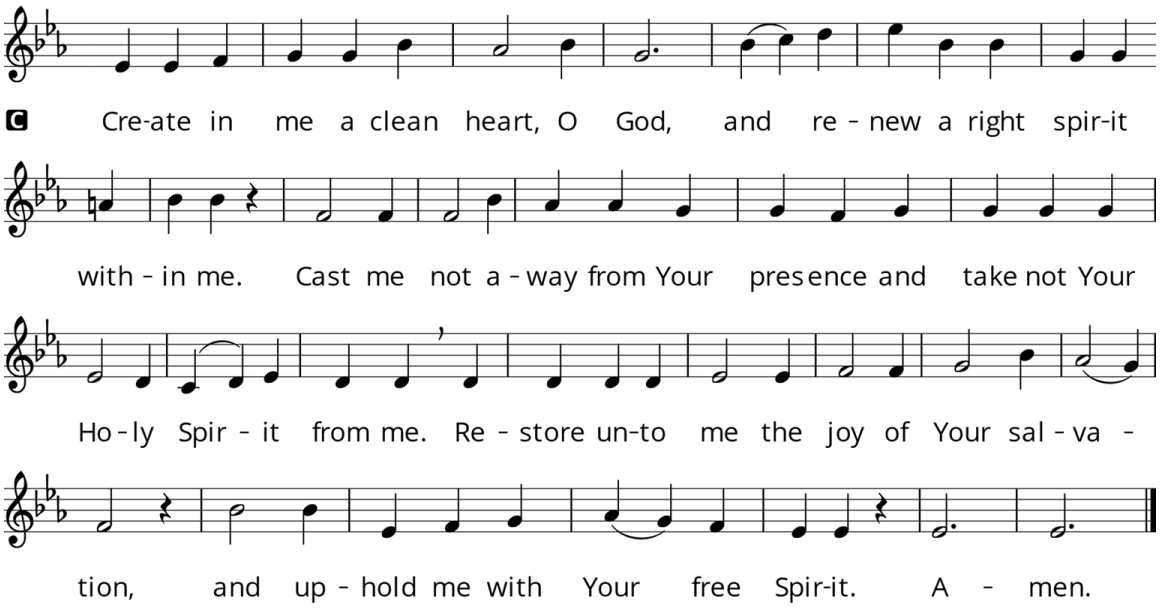
3. **Deliver us from selfish aims;**
   True stewards we would be.
   Endow us with a deep desire
   To live unselfishly.
   A full accounting we must give
   And see you face to face;
   Let us approach your throne with joy,
   Supported by your grace.

Sermon • *Matthew 25:14-30*

Put the Gospel to Work

-Stand-

Offertory Psalm



-Be seated-

Offering

-Organ Interlude-

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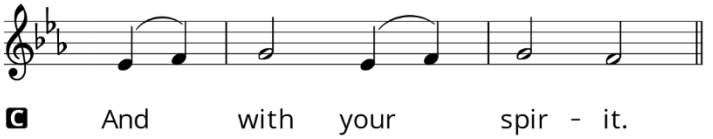
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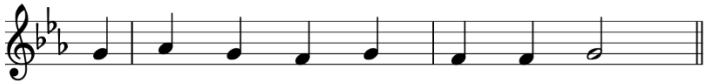
-Stand-

Preface
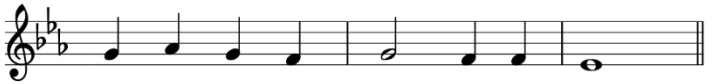
P: *The Lord be with you.*



P: *Lift up your hearts.*



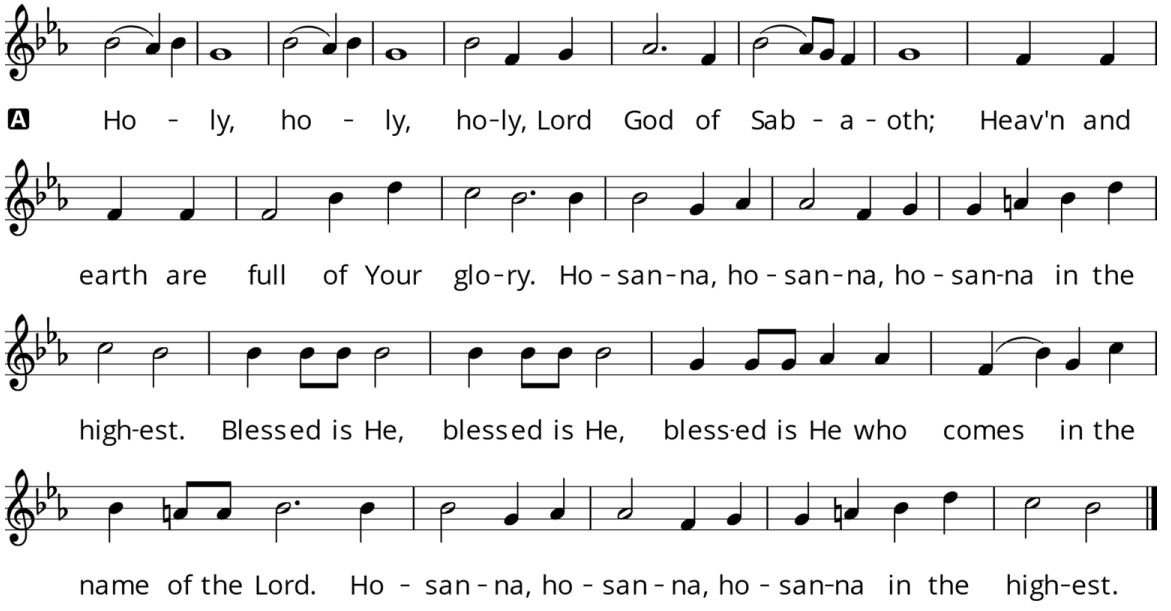
P: *Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.*



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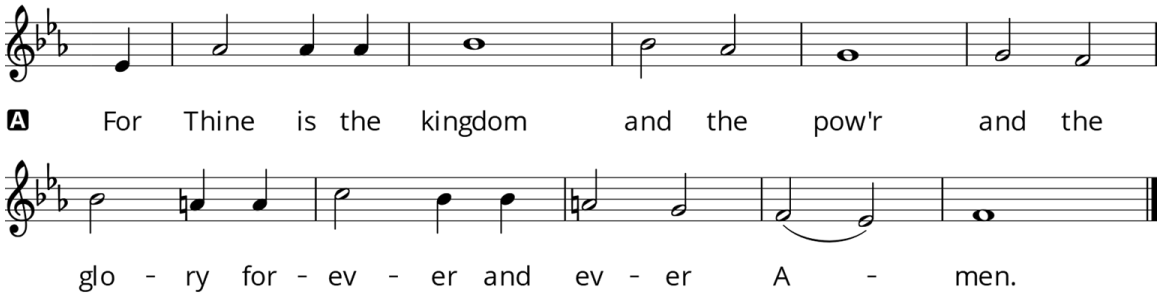
P: *It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. 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.*
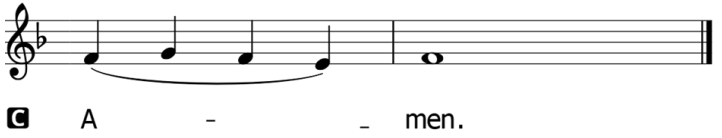


Words of Institution

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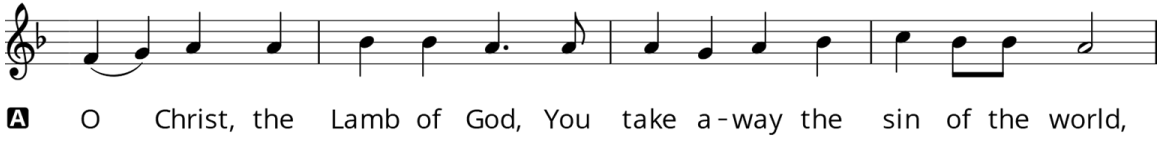
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My + blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
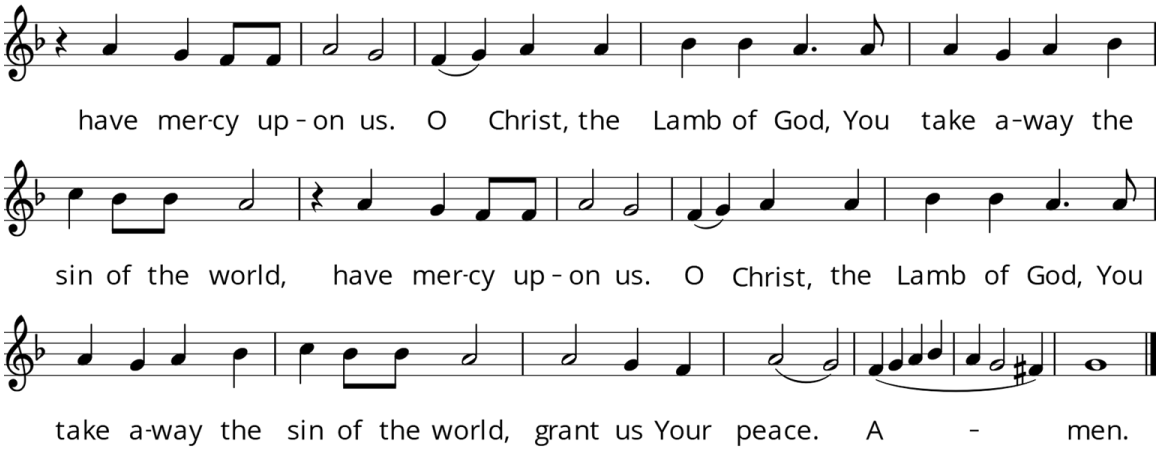
Pax Domini

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 • *"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

[ELH 444]

1. Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3. Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

4. Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all, for Thee.

Hymn • *"Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Bestowed"* *[ELH 320]*

1. **Lord Jesus Christ, You have bestowed**
   For our weak souls' true feeding
   This Meal, Your body and Your blood,
   To it as guests us bidding.
   We, pressed with sin's load
   burdensome,
   Thus as Your chosen guests here come
   And seek Your help and counsel.

2. **Though visibly from earth You've gone,**
   Already now ascended,
   And here to us remain unseen
   Till this brief time is ended,
   Until the Judgment shall begin
   When we will stand before Your throne
   And joyfully behold You.

3. **Still You are here, as says Your Word,**
   With us, Your congregation,
   With now Your flesh and bones, O Lord,
   Not bound to one location.
   Your Word stands as a tower sure,
   None can o'erthrow its truth secure,
   Be he most shrewd and subtle.

4. **"This is My body," thus You say,**
   "Eat orally, so take Me;
   All drink My blood; by you I stay,
   And you shall not forsake Me."
   Thus You have spoken, so 'tis true;
   Naught is impossible with You,
   For You, Lord, are almighty.

5. **And though my mind here does not see**
   How in so many places
   Your body at one time can be,
   Yet faith Your Word embraces.
   I leave to You how this can be,
   Your Word, O Lord, suffices me;
   Faith stands upon it solely.
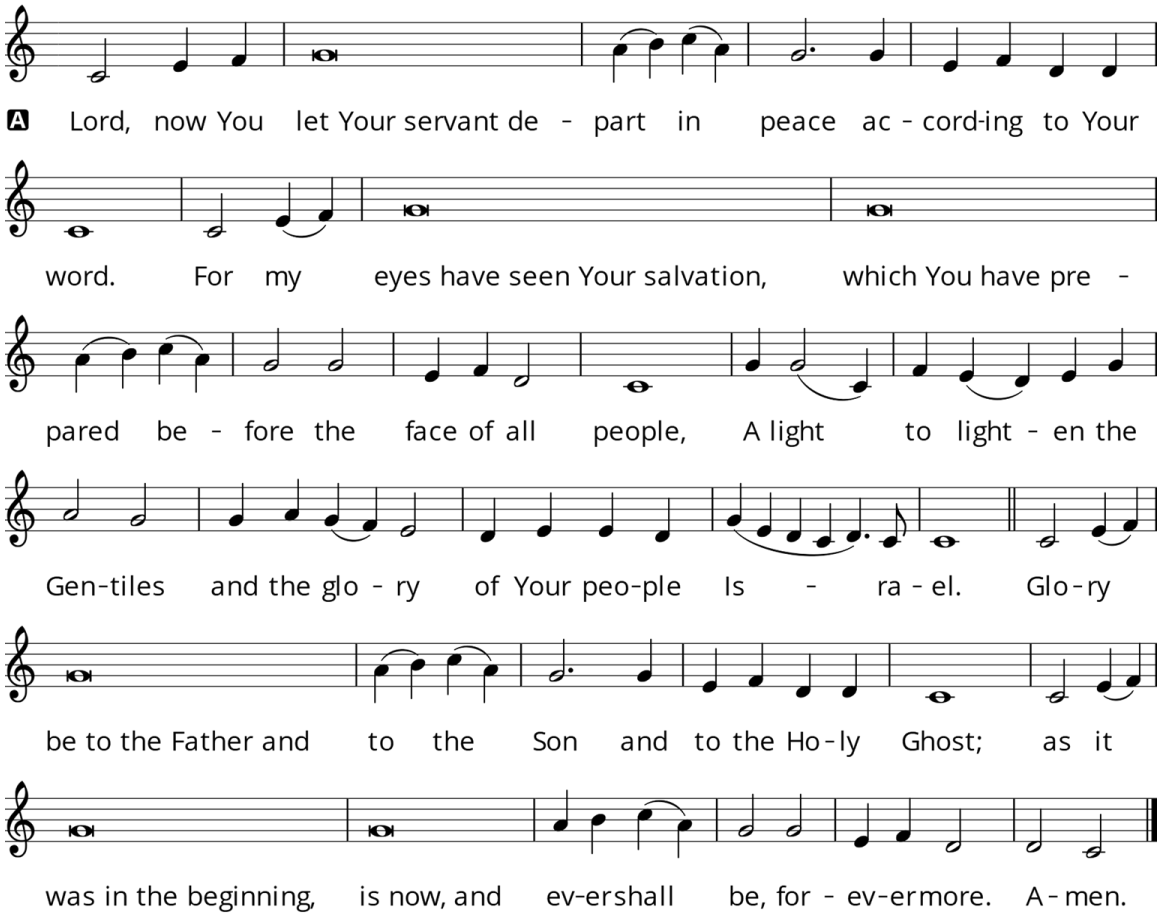
6. **Lord, I believe, dear Lord, I trust;**
   Help for faith's weakness give me!
   See, I but ashes am and dust;
   Ne'er of Your Word deprive me!
   Your Baptism, Supper, and Your Word
   My comfort here below afford;
   Here lies my heart's true treasure.

7. **O help, Lord, that we worthily**
   Go to Your holy Table,
   Our sins lamenting heartily,
   And with Your merits noble
   And Your great kindness us refresh;
   Then surely e'er we'll strive afresh
   Thereby our life to better.

8. **Lord Christ, to You be highest praise**
   For this blest Supper given!
   While 'gainst it men bold falsehood raise,
   Keep it for us from heaven!
   Help that Your body and Your blood
   May be my soul's consoling food
   In my last moments! Amen.
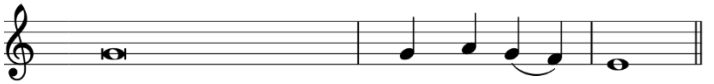
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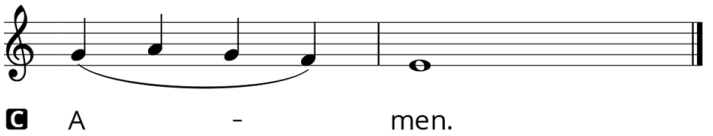


Communion Verse

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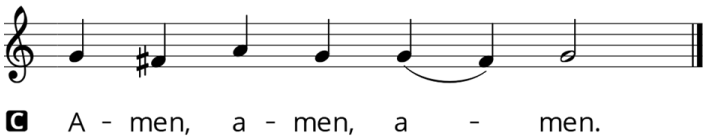


Collect of Thanksgiving

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 +.



-Be seated-

Closing Hymn • *"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"* *[CW93 329]*

1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

2. Thanks we give and adoration
For the gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound!
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To your truth may we be found.

3. So whene'er the signal's given Us from earth to call away,
Borne on angels' wings to heaven, Glad the summons to obey,
May we ever, may we ever Reign with Christ in endless day.

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