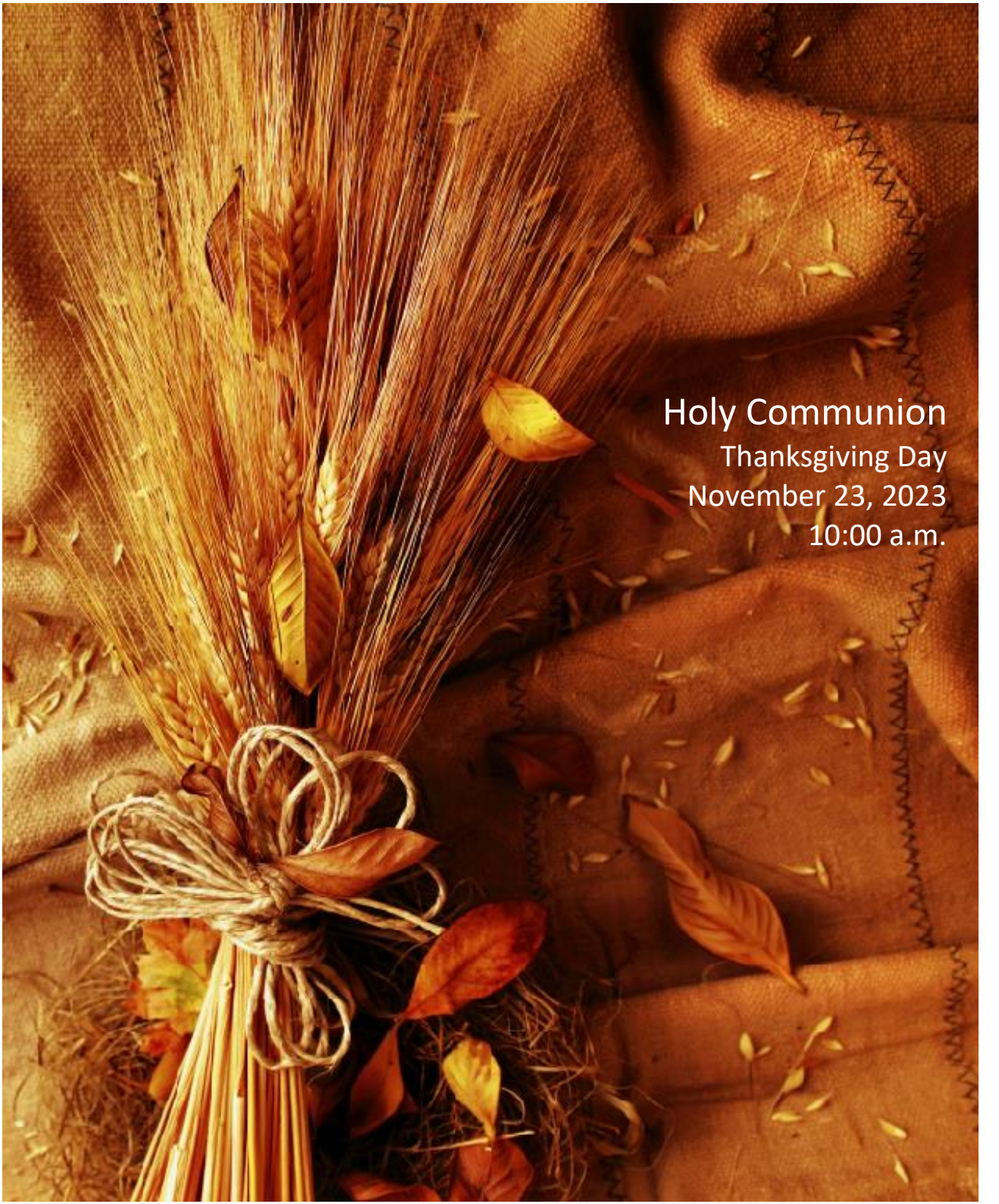

Holy Communion
Thanksgiving Day
November 23, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Grace

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ—to love, to grow, and to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the perforated page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Children's Resources

Activity bags, worship bulletins, and booster seats are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery Care

The nursery is open and staffed at most worship services for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

Holy Communion

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the bread and wine of Communion, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

Assistance in Worship

For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated. Contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

Electronic Devices

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices during worship. Thank you.

Grace Council Statement on Racism

Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

Altar Flowers

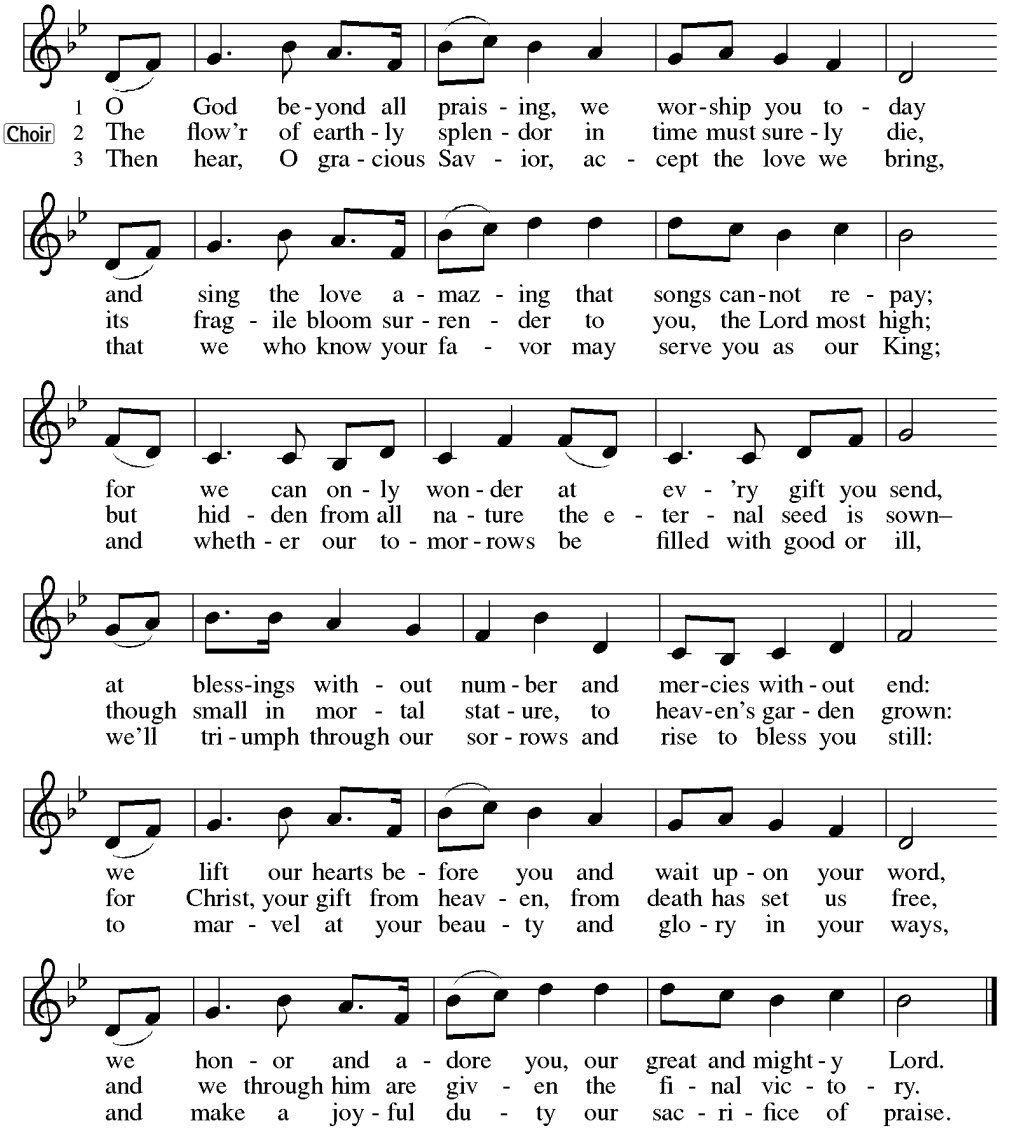
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✢ GATHERING ✢

PRELUDE: Fanfare on THAXTED — Kevin Hildebrand

We stand and face the processional cross as we sing.

ENTRANCE HYMN: O God, Beyond All Praising — Concertato by Richard Proulx



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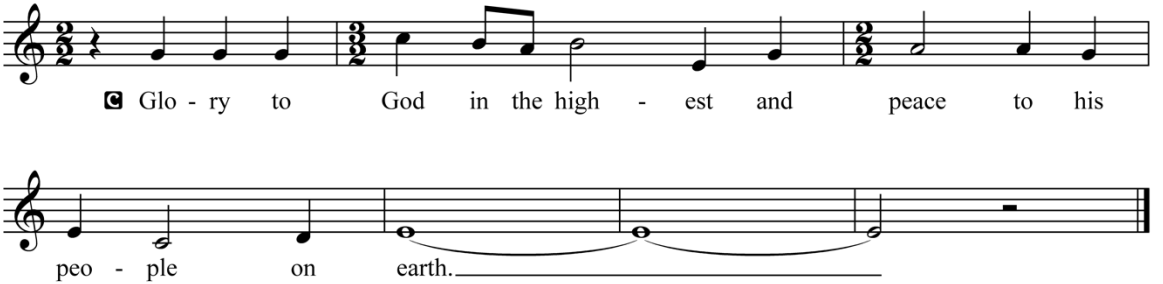
APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God Setting by Richard Hillert

We sing the Refrain as printed below; the choir sings the verses.



Choir Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

C **REFRAIN**

Choir Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

C **REFRAIN**

Choir For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

C **REFRAIN**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

℗ The Lord be with you.

℄ **And also with you.**

℗ Let us pray.
Almighty God our Father,
your generous goodness comes to us new every day.
By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness,
give thanks for your benefits,
and serve you in willing obedience;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

℄ **Amen.**

We sit.

✝ WORD ✝

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:7–18

7For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams,
with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, 8a land of wheat and
barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 9a land
where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones
are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.

10You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given
you. 11Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his
commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. 12When
you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, 13and when your herds
and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is
multiplied, 14then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out
of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, 15who led you through the great and terrible
wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for
you from flint rock, 16and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not
know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. 17Do not say to
yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." 18But
remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may
confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

℔ The Word of the Lord.

℄ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 65

ANTIPHON: Your paths overflow with plenty, O God. Michael D. Costello

L You are to be praised O | God, in Zion;*
to you shall vows be performed | in Jerusalem.

C **To you that hear prayer shall | all flesh come,***
because of | their transgressions.

L Our sins are stron- | ger than we are,*
but you will | blot them out.

C **Happy are they whom you choose**
and draw to your | courts to dwell there!*
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness | of your temple.

L Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness
O God of | our salvation,*
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are | far away.

C **You make fast the mountains | by your power;***
they are girded | about with might.

L You still the roaring | of the seas,*
the roaring of their waves and the clamor | of the peoples.

C **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble**
at your | marvelous signs;*
you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy.

L You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it | very plenteous;*
the river of God is | full of water.

C **You pre- | pare the grain,***
for so you provide | for the earth.

L You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;*
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.

C **You crown the year | with your goodness,***
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.

L May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,*
and the hills be | clothed with joy.

C **May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,**
and the valleys cloak them- | selves with grain;*
let them shout for | joy and sing.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6–15

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one
who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each of you must give as you have made
up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And
God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having
enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 9 As it is written, "He
scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." 10 He who
supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for
sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

11 You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce
thanksgiving to God through us; 12 for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the
needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. 13 Through the
testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel
of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, 14 while they
long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given
you. 15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: 2 Corinthians 9:8 Richard Hillert

Alleluia. God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11–19

℗ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

℣ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[11]On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. [12]As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, [13]they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" [14]When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. [15]Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. [16]He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. [17]Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? [18]Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" [19]Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

℗ The Gospel of the Lord.

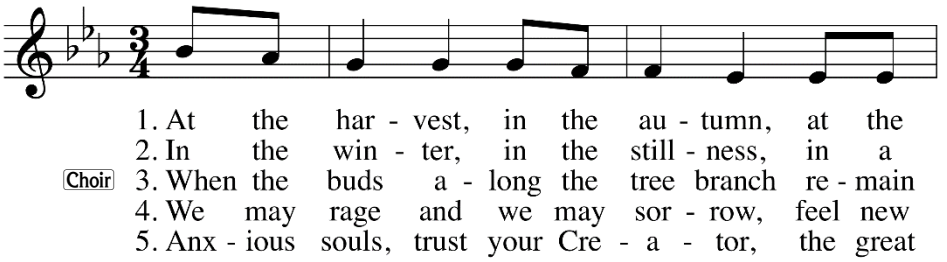
℣ **Praise to you, O Christ.**
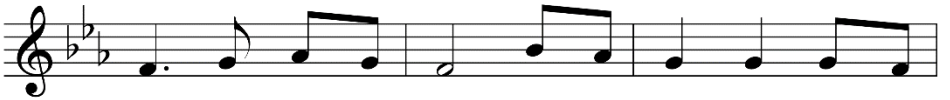
We sit.

SERMON Pastor Dave Lyle
Luke 17:11–19
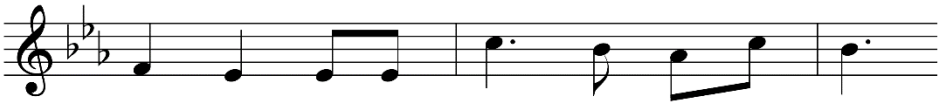
We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: At the Harvest, In the Autumn
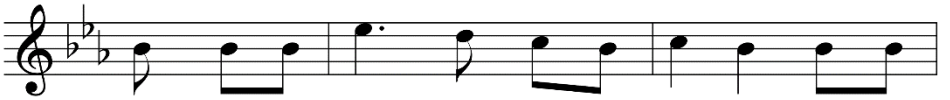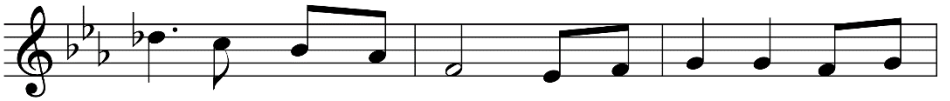




wan - ing of the year, as we come to count our
bar - ren, cold new year, as we wait and watch, we
brown and tight - ly furled, when the wa - ters from the
grief each time we wake. The old friends we love may
God of bound-less grace. Whose re - deem - ing love can
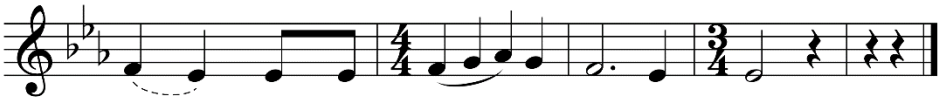


bless - ings, we con - front the an - cient fear:
wor - ry, will the spring - time soon ap - pear?
rain - storms rise and flood fa - mil - iar worlds.
leave us, we may live with hearts that ache.
en - ter ev - 'ry dark and lone - ly place.



Is there e - nough— the bush - els laid up— will they
Where is the light, the voice that called us from the
And when the sum - mer's heat o'er - takes us, when our
Yet Christ is here and walks be - side us, knows our
Praise Love un - chang - ing, Love e - ter - nal, Love im -



last un - til the spring? Can we tru - ly count on
dim light of the womb? Will God come to lead the
souls are parched and dry. Oh, where is the God who
an - ger and our pain. And is pres - ent and made
me - di - ate and strong. Love that reach - es in - to



God for e - nough of ev - 'ry - thing?
way through the dark - ness and the gloom?
an - swers when his chil - dren ask him why?
known in what can - not be ex - plained.
hearts and turns weep - ing in - to song.

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

℗ On this Thanksgiving Day,
we gather as the children of God
to give thanks for the gifts God has provided for us.
Above all, we give thanks for God's gracious call to each of us in holy baptism.
We affirm our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
and receive a reminder of our baptism into Christ in the rite of sprinkling.

℗ Let us pray.
Merciful God,
we thank you for making us your own by water and the Word in baptism.
You have called us to yourself,
enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished us in the community of faith.
Uphold us in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

℄ **Amen.**

℗ I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin,
and confess the faith of the church.

℗ Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

℄ **I renounce them.**

℗ Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

℄ **I renounce them.**

℗ Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

℄ **I renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,**
creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

P You have made public profession of your faith.
Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

C **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

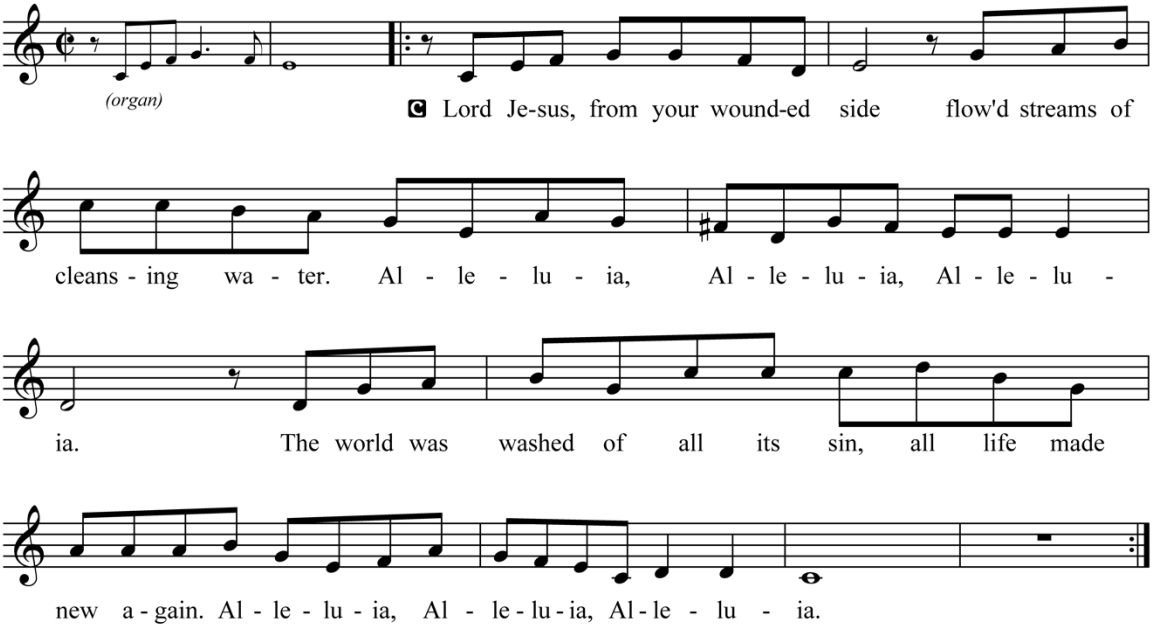
P People of God, do you promise to support
and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

℗ Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit
you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.
Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

℄ **Amen.**

We sing as water is sprinkled as a reminder of our baptism. The sign of the cross may be made.



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

✢ MEAL ✢

PEACE OF CHRIST

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: Now Praise, the Lord, My Soul — Johann Gottfried Walther

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: Psalm 148:9–13 — Richard Hillert

> Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
> Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
> Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
> Young men and maidens together, old men and children!
> Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;
> His glory is above earth and heaven.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

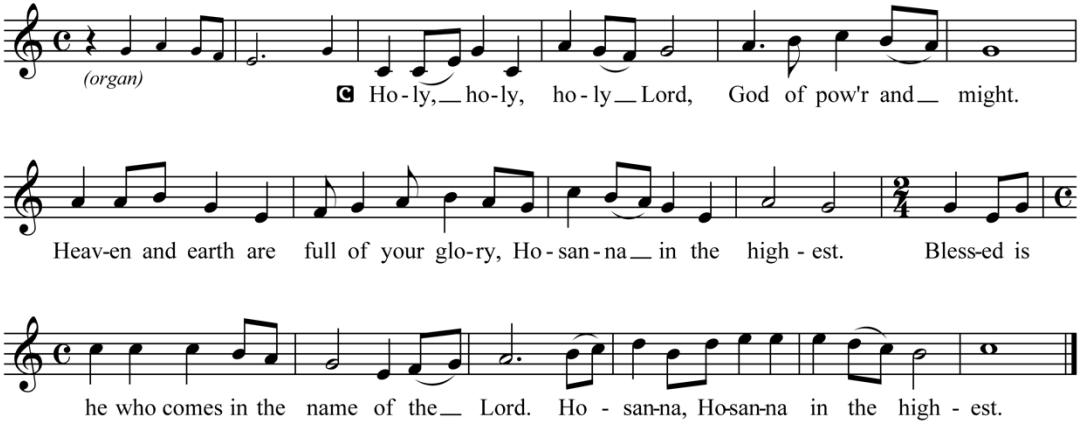
P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places
offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord;
who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



℗ You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

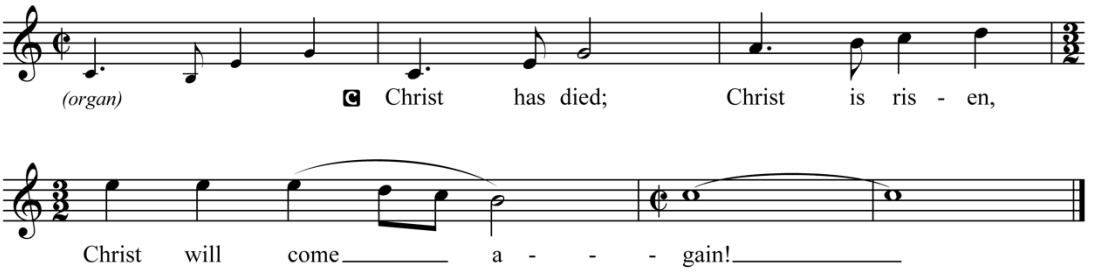
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

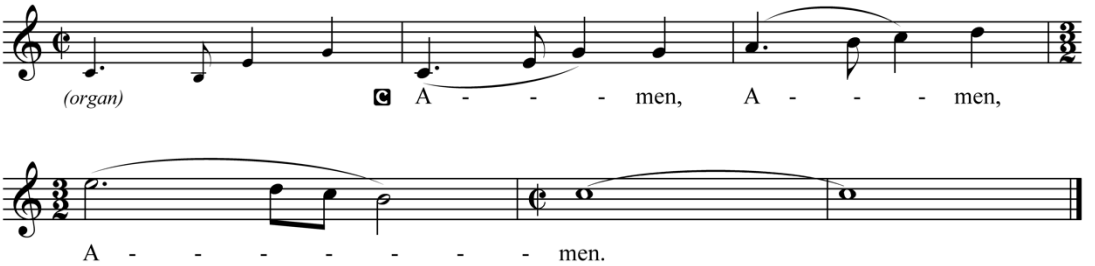
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

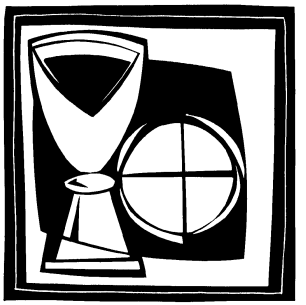
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

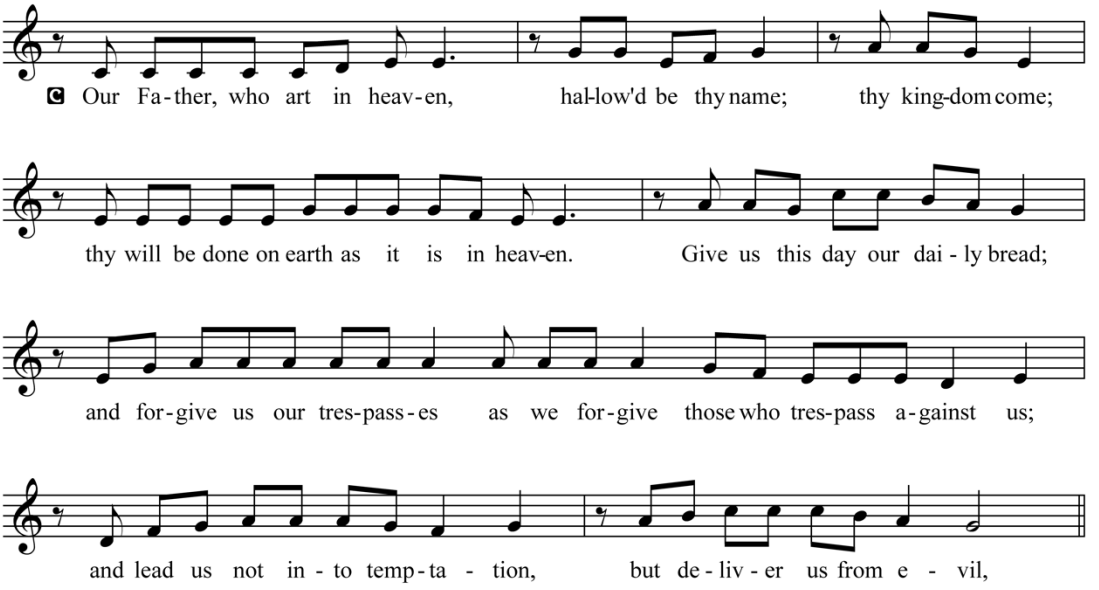


℗ Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
To you, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
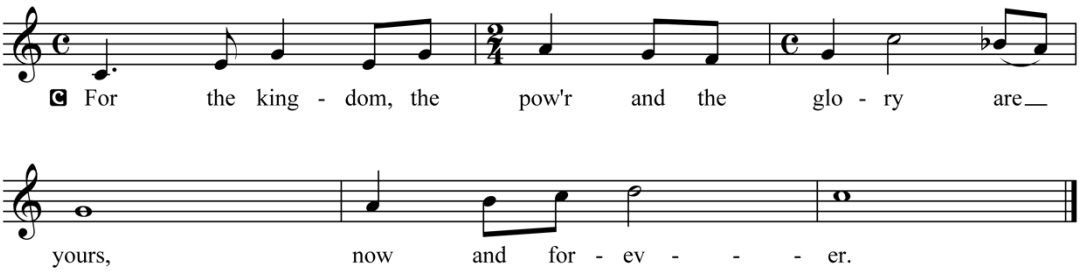




℗ Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus taught us.



℗ Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



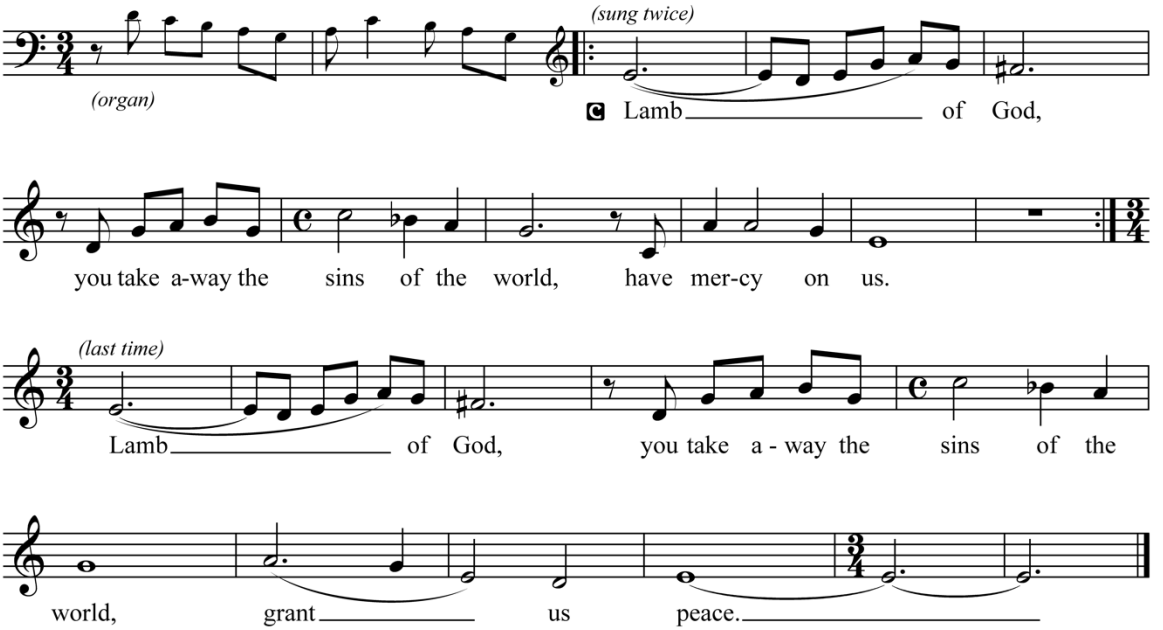
℗ The gifts of God for the people of God.

℄ **Thanks be to God.**

℗ Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized.
The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper,
giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated host and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the host into the wine (intinction).

Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.

Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host.



MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

HYMN: Come, You Thankful People, Come *(green)* **LBW #407**

ANTHEM: Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren (from Cantata #28) J. S. Bach

Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren,
Now praise, my soul, the Lord,
Was in mir ist, den Namen sein!
All that is within me, praise his name!
Sein Wohltat tut er mehren,
He multiplies his good works,
Vergiß es nicht, o Herze mein!
Do not forget it, O my heart!
Hat dir dein Sünd vergeben
He has forgiven your sins
Und heilt dein Schwachheit groß,
And healed your great weakness,
Errett' dein armes Leben,
Rescued your poor life,
Nimmt dich in seinen Schoß.
And taken you to his bosom.
Mit reichem Trost beschüttet,
He has protected you with consolation,
Verjüngt, dem Adler gleich.
And rejuvenated, like the eagle.
Der Kön'g schafft Recht, behütet,
The King establishes justice and protects
Die leid'n in seinem Reich.
Those who suffer in his kingdom.

HYMN: We Praise You, O God *(green)* **LBW #241**

We stand.

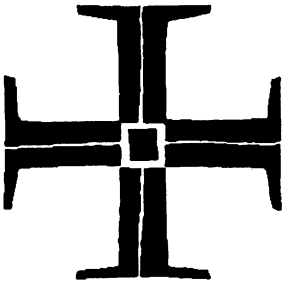
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

℗ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

℄ **Amen.**

Ⓐ Let us pray.
Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart,
and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ.
Now send us forth to be your people in the world,
and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore;
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

℄ **Amen.**



✢ Sending ✢

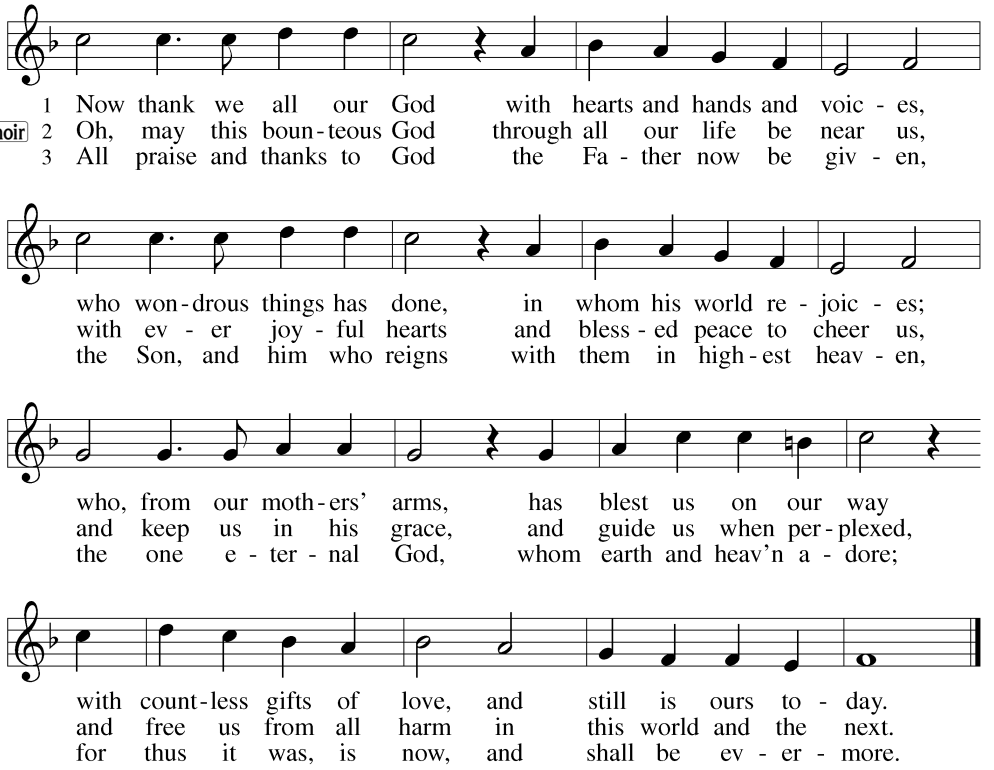
Benediction

P Almighty God: Father, ✢ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: Now Thank We All our God *(green)* **LBW #533**

Concertato by Michael D. Costello



Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: Postlude on Old Hundredth Fred Bock

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