



## *Third Sunday of Advent*

*12/11/22*

*Lutheran Book of Worship Holy Communion Setting One*

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### **GOD GATHERS US AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE**

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (LBW p. 56) *Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*In remembrance of Baptism, you may sign a cross on your chest or forehead.*

We gather to worship the One true God – the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*We keep silence for self-reflection and contrition.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "Day by Day" WOV Hymn #746

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal meas - ure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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 Music: Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813-1882  
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AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE *Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31*

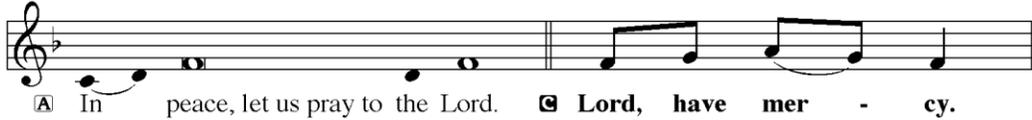
We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.

**We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name.**

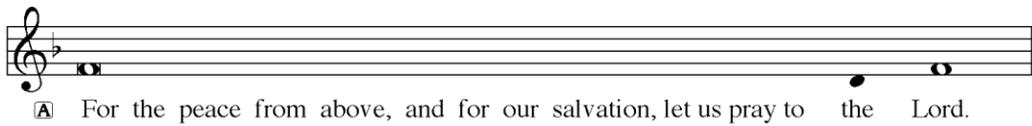
APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57) *2 Corinthians 13:14*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

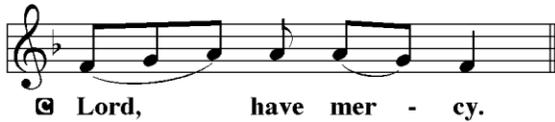
KYRIE ("*Lord, have mercy...*" LBW pp. 57-58) *Matthew 9:27, 15:22; Psalm 51:1*



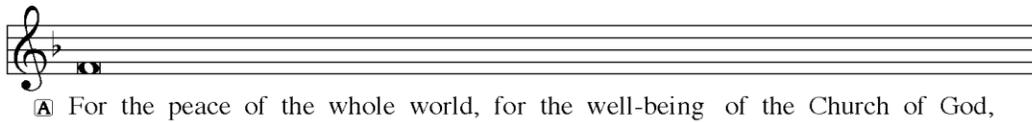
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



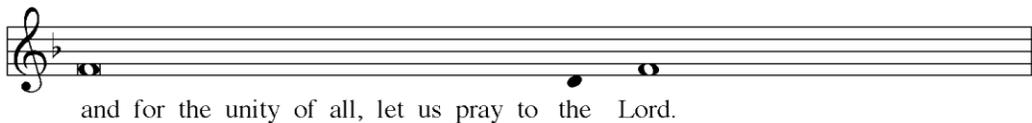
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



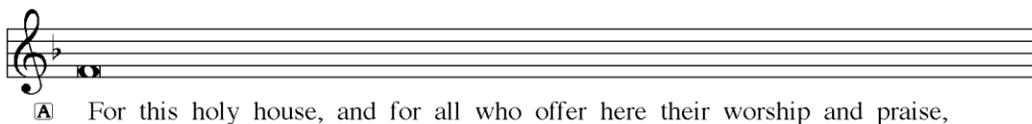
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



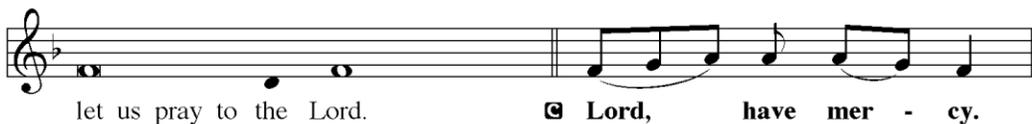
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



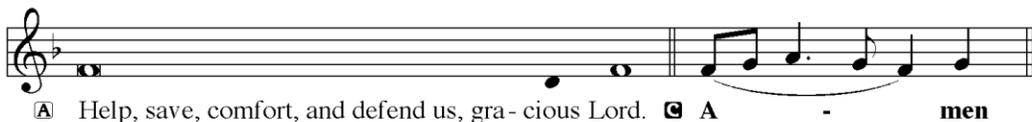
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

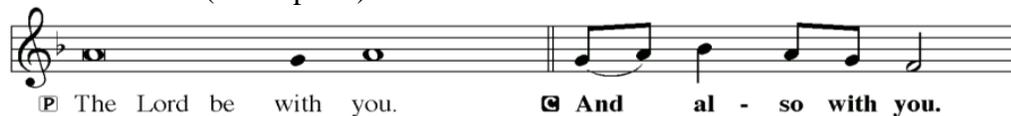


let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

SALUTATION (LBW p. 62) *Ruth 2:4*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. **Lord Jesus Christ, give ear to our prayers, and lighten the darkness of our hearts by your gracious visitation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

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**GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146 - *Sung responsively with the cantor. (Psalm tone 2)*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, | O my soul!\*

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

<sup>2</sup>**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any | child of earth,\***  
**for there is no | help in them.**

<sup>3</sup>When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,\*  
and in that day | their thoughts perish.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help!\***  
**whose hope is in the | Lord their God;**

<sup>5</sup>Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;\*  
who keeps his prom- | ise forever;

<sup>6</sup>**Who gives justice to those who | are oppressed,\***  
**and food to | those who hunger.**

<sup>7</sup>The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes | of the blind;\*  
the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;

<sup>8</sup>**The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares | for the stranger;\***  
**he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.**

<sup>9</sup>The Lord shall | reign forever,\*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

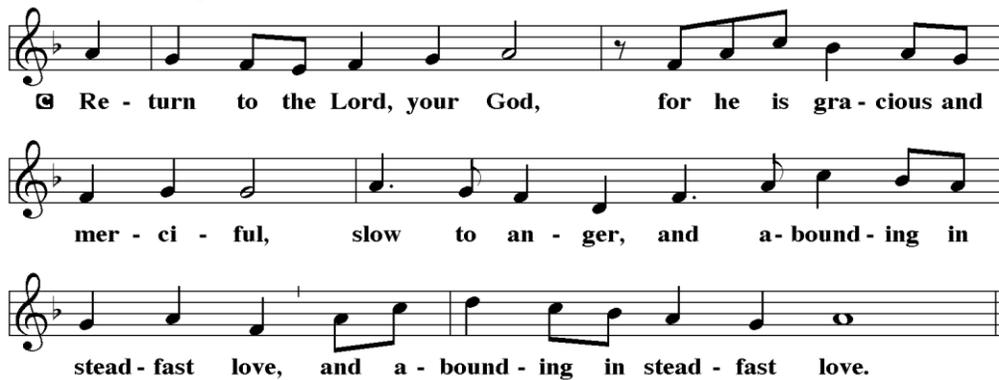
SECOND READING James 5:7-11

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

VERSE (LBW p. 62) *John 6:68*



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 63)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the eleventh chapter.



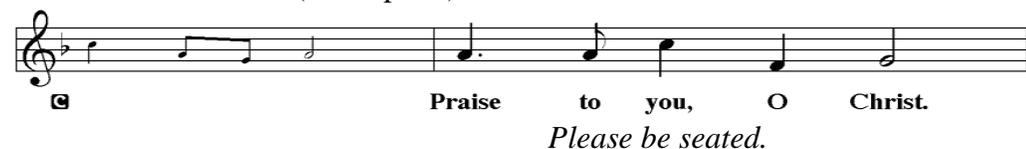
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:2-15

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.” <sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’ <sup>11</sup>Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 63)



Praise to you, O Christ.  
*Please be seated.*

# CHILDREN'S SERMON AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Please, remain seated as we sing together.*

“Oh, Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel” LBW Hymn #34 **Verse 3 ONLY**

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, Who to your tribes on  
3 Oh, come, strong Branch of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's  
4 Oh, come, blest Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by your

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
Si - nai's height In an - cient times once gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save  
ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

*Refrain*  
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: Latin, 12th century; trans. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866  
Tune: Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum, Koln

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## SERMON

*Following the sermon, we observe a time of silence to contemplate God's Word.*

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# GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: "There is a Balm in Gilead" WOV Hymn #737

*Refrain*  
F

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

F B<sup>b</sup> F/C C<sup>7</sup> F

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

B<sup>b</sup> F C

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged and think my work's in vain,  
2 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,  
3 Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend;

B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F<sup>7</sup> Gm F/C C<sup>7</sup> Dm *Refrain* B<sup>b</sup>

but then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain.  
you can tell the love of Je-sus and say, "He died for all."  
and if you lack for knowl-edge he'll ne'er re-fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: African American spiritual

BALM IN GILEAD  
irregular

NICENE CREED (LBW p. 64) *Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2*

Living together in the trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people as they have need... *Each petition ends with these words: Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

*The prayers conclude with these words: ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.***

#### OFFERING OF PEACE *John 20:19-21*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

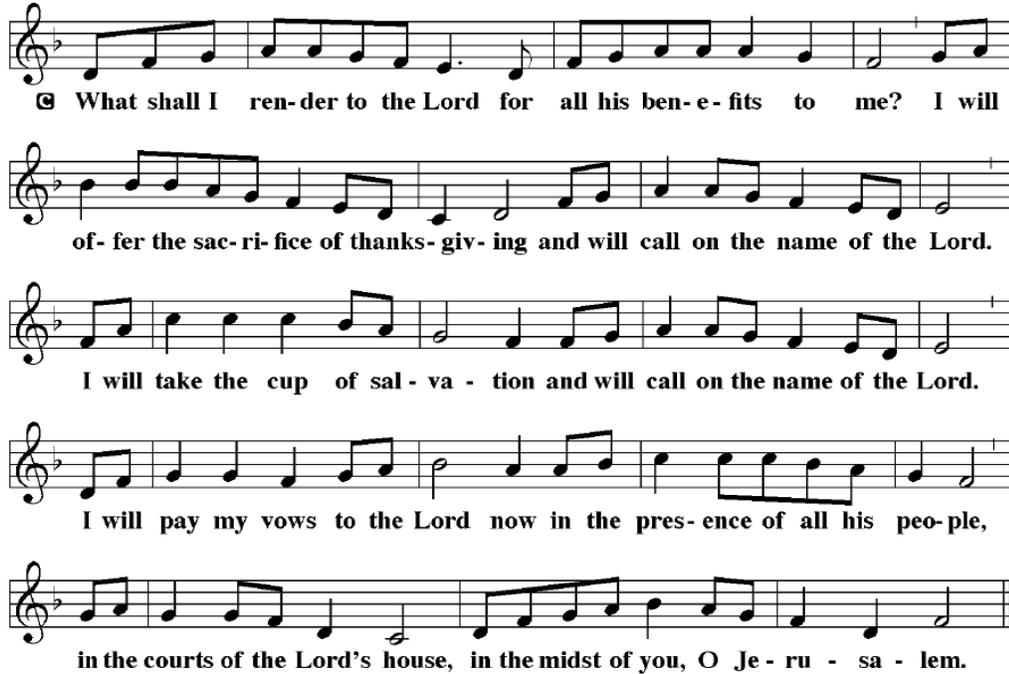
*Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.*

#### OFFERING OF TITHES, ADDITIONAL GIFTS, & SPECIAL MUSIC

*We offer our time, talents, and treasures in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERTORY HYMN (LBW p. 67)



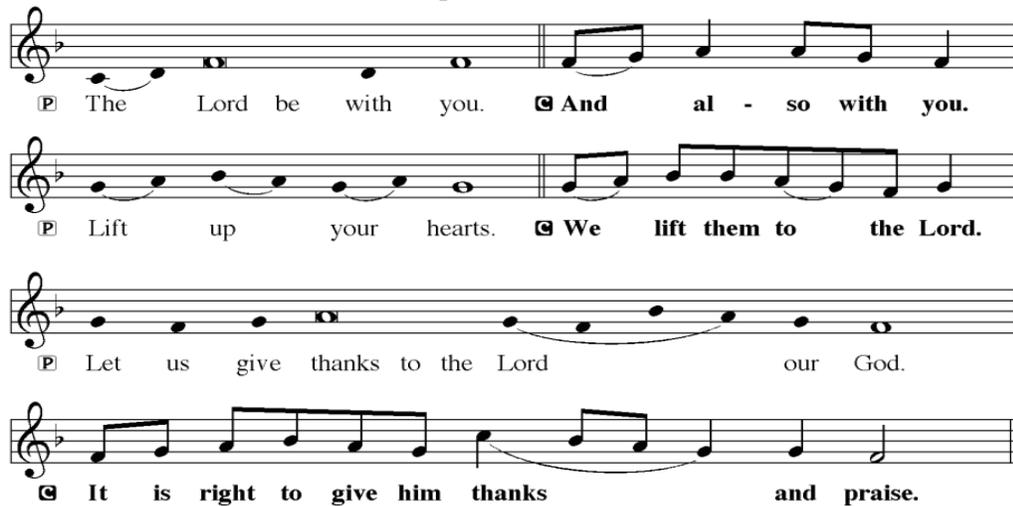
☞ What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to me? I will  
of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of sal - va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all his peo-ple,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 67)

Let us pray...

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, 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 (LBW p. 68)

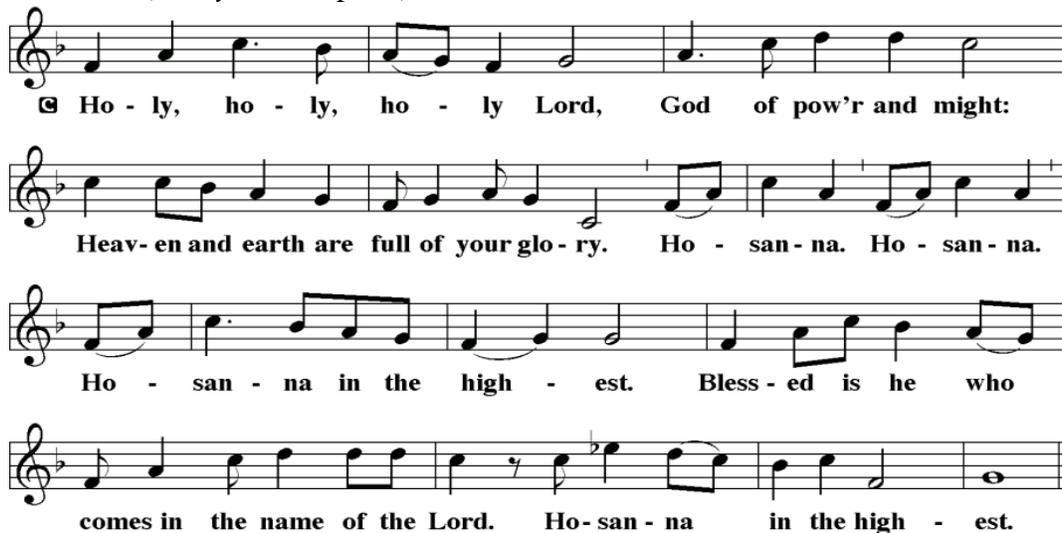


☞ The Lord be with you. ☞ And al - so with you.  
☞ Lift up your hearts. ☞ We lift them to the Lord.  
☞ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
☞ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE (LBW p. 68) *Sung or spoken by the pastor.*

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, almighty and ever-living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (“Holy” LBW p. 69) *Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho - san- na.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW p. 70)

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20*

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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (LBW p. 71) *Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**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.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

COMMUNION HYMN (“Lamb of God...” LBW p. 72) *John 1:29*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer- cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

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### GOD COMES TO US IN HIS HOLY MEAL

*All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may commune. The usher will direct you. Use the side aisle to return to your seat.*

- *If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.*
- *To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.*
- *If you abstain from the Sacrament, trust that you have full forgiveness by God's Word alone.*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & CANTICLE (LBW pp. 73)

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

☞ Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful- filled.

My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre- pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re- veal you to the

na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo- ple Is - ra - el.

Glo- ry to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Spir - it,

as it was in the be- gin - ning, is now, and will be for- ev- er. A - men

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BENEDICTION (LBW p. 74)

Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Almighty God, Father,  $\dagger$  Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now . . . and for - ever. **A - men**

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**GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE**

SENDING HYMN: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" LBW Hymn #25

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;  
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the bride-groom near;  
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - frings bore,  
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
 Go forth as he ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.  
 Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.  
 A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.

The bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.  
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.  
 A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.  
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The bride-groom is at hand.  
 In tri - umph cast be - fore him Their di - a - dems of gold.  
 The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; trans. Sarah Findlater, 1823-1907 HAF TRONES LAMPA FARDIG  
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## DISMISSAL

Go in joy to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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**WELCOME!** We are delighted to have you join us for worship today! Love God. Love neighbor.



Serve with joy in Jesus' name.  
worship + fellowship + discipleship

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