



*Transfiguration of Our Lord*  
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*Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Holy Communion Setting One

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**GOD GATHERS US AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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,

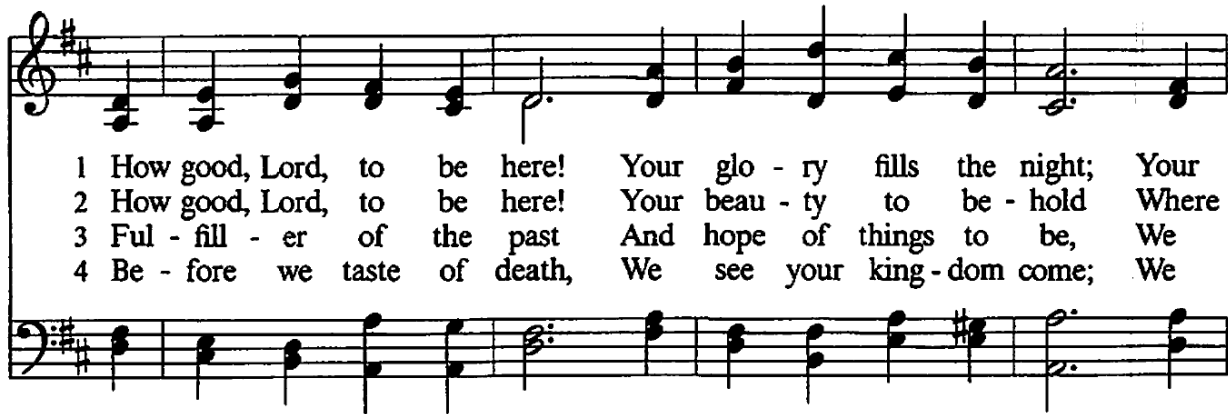
**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus 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.**

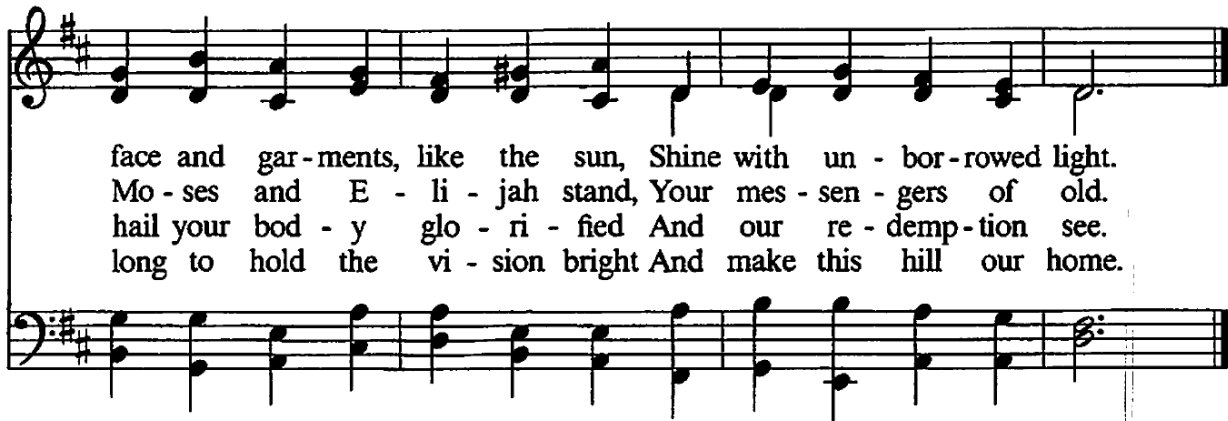
Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and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

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: "How Good, Lord, to Be Here!" LBW #89



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night; Your  
2 How good, Lord, to be here! Your beau - ty to be - hold Where  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past And hope of things to be, We  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, We see your king - dom come; We



face and gar - ments, like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.  
hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.  
long to hold the vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.

5 How good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
But since you bid us leave the mount,  
Come with us to the plain.

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Tune: Mercer, Church Psalter, 1854

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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.**

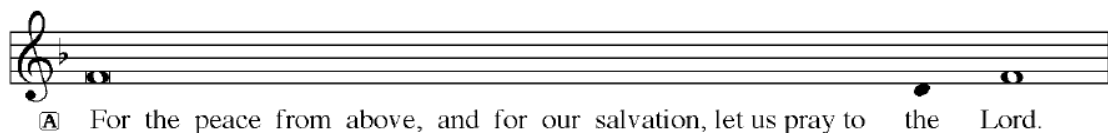
APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57) *2 Corinthians 13:14*

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



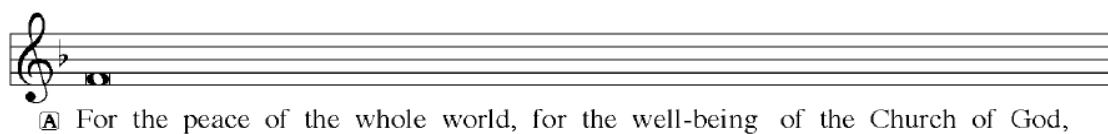
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



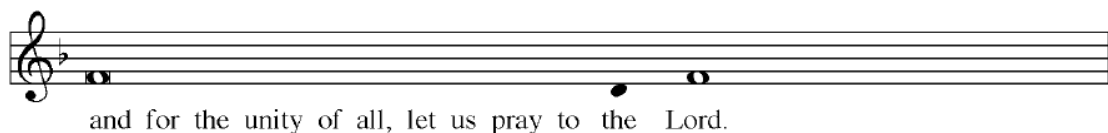
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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



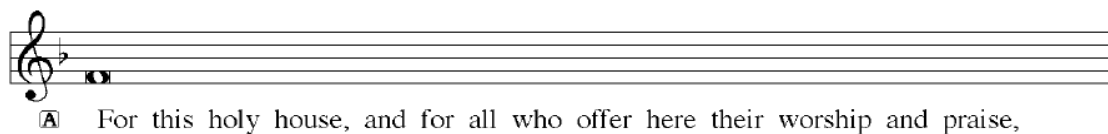
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



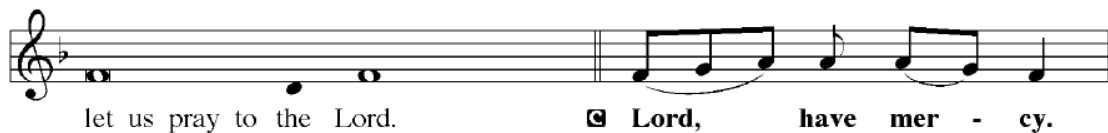
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



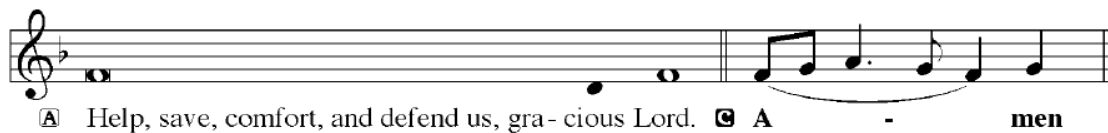
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**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

HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW pp. 58-59)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Mark 16:19; Acts 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 8:1, 12:2



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

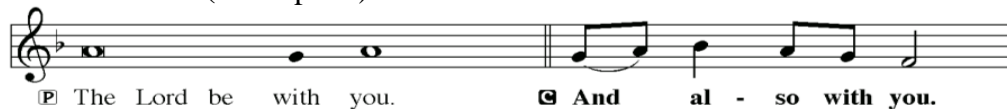


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. **O God, at the glorious transfiguration of your only Son, you confirmed the mystery of our faith by the witness of the disciples and by your own voice from the cloud. Mercifully complete our adoption as your children, and give us, with our King, an inheritance of his glory. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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: Exodus 24:8-18

<sup>8</sup>Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.” <sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. <sup>12</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.” <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

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

PSALM 2:6-12 - *Sung responsively with the cantor. (psalm tone 9)*

<sup>6</sup>“I myself have | set my king\*  
upon my holy | hill of Zion.”

<sup>7</sup>**Let me announce the decree | of the Lord:\***

**He said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I be- | gotten you.**

<sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance\*  
and the ends of the earth for | your possession.

<sup>9</sup>**You shall crush them with an | iron rod\*  
and shatter them like a | piece of pottery.”**

<sup>10</sup>And now, you | kings, be wise;\*  
be warned, you rulers | of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>**Submit to the | Lord with fear,\*  
and with trembling | bow before him;**

<sup>12</sup>Lest he be angry | and you perish;\*  
for his wrath is | quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

<sup>16</sup>We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 63)

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 17:1-9

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 63)

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

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# GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Jesus on the Mountain Peak" WOV #653

1 Je - sus on the moun-tain peak stands a - lone in glo - ry  
 2 Trem-bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E - li - jah  
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came: God pro - claim-ing in its  
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph-ets sing be -

blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak, join the  
 speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law shout through  
 thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name! Na - tions,  
 fore him, first and last and on - ly One. All cre -

saints and an - gels prais - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 them their joy - ful greet - ing: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 cry a - loud in won - der: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 a - tion shall a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Brian Wren, b. 1936  
 Music: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876  
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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... *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 as available

*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. 66)



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

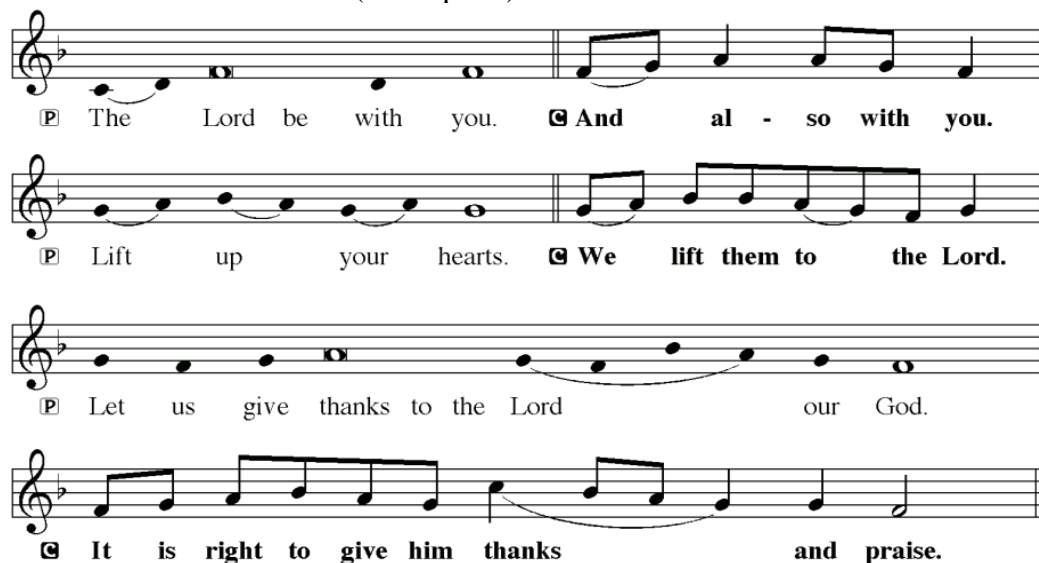
OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 68)

Let us pray...

Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 68)

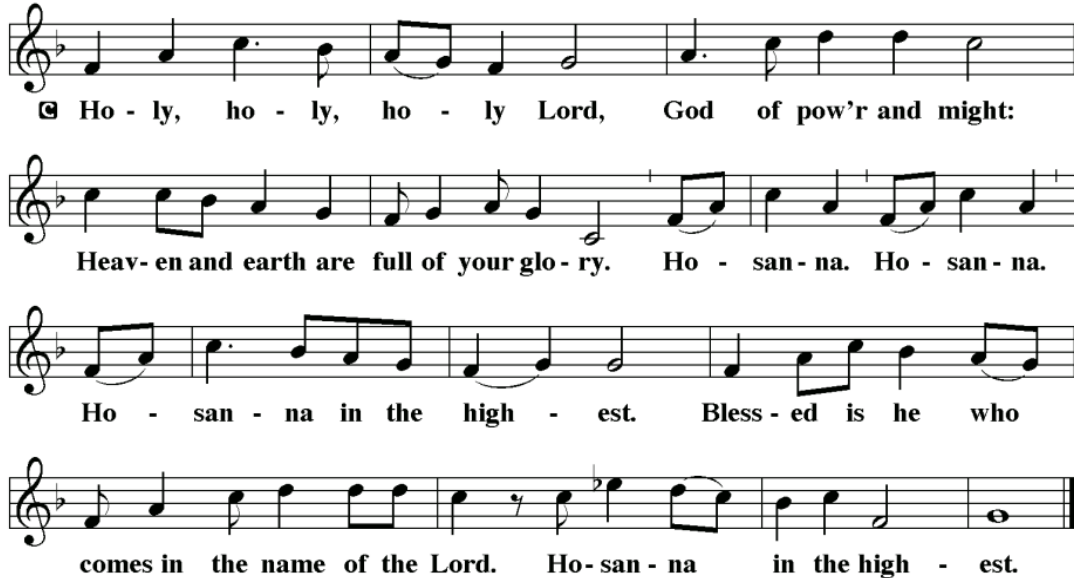


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give away to his own brilliant light. 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. 69)

*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 at the Lord's table. We commune by continuous table. 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.**

*After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & CANTICLE (LBW pp. 72-73)

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

☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.  
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 74)

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The benediction will be offered after the Burning of the Palms.*

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**GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE**

SENDING HYMN: "Beautiful Savior" LBW #518

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of

God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd  
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -

serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
pur - er, He makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904  
Tune: Silesian folk tune, 1842

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*The service concludes outside with the Burning of Palms.*

## RITE FOR THE BURNING OF PALMS



### INVOCATION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Holy God, you sent your Son into this world to save humanity from the power of sin, death, and the devil. In the last week of His life, He courageously obeyed your holy will and when the praise turned to persecution, He endured it to the end. Grant that as we draw close to the Lenten season, we might ponder anew the suffering and death of Christ. Draw us closer to your heart and remind us of your never-failing love for your whole creation as is evidenced in Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross. In His holy and precious name we pray. **Amen.**

### BURNING OF THE PALMS

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey, the crowds that had gathered for the Passover Feast waved palm branches, cheered and shouted, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." (John 12:13)

*Each person places a palm into the burning bowl, one at a time, saying: **Hosanna to the King of kings.***

*Once all of the palms are in the bowl, they are set aflame, and we watch them burn to ash.*

### INSTRUCTION

Ashes are a sign of repentance, cleansing, and renewal, as well as a symbol of our grief. We grieve the fact that we have sinned and caused a separation between ourselves and our Creator. We repent of our inability to follow Jesus the way that we should, and we are sorry for our constant need to be in charge. We lament our lack of faith and trust in God, who is trustworthy and true.

The ashes that we have made today through the burning of these palms will be a sign for us, as the people of God, that we are forgiven and restored in Christ Jesus our Lord. When we hear the words, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return," we are reminded of God's mercy in our lives. He who created the universe with a word, also spoke each of us into existence, to live in blessed union with Him and with one another. **Thanks be to God.**

### PRAYER

Let us offer our prayers, the deepest felt needs of our hearts, using the words our Savior taught us.

**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.**

### BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless us and be with us always. **Amen.**

Let us go now in peace, in the assurance that as we soon embark on our Lenten journey, we will be forgiven and restored to a new life in Christ.

**Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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Love God. Love neighbor. Serve with joy in Jesus' name.  
Worship + fellowship + discipleship

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