



*Fourth Sunday in Lent
3/19/23
Lutheran Book of Worship
Holy Communion Setting One*

GOD GATHERS US IN EVERY PLACE AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE

Lent is a 40-day season of contemplation, spiritual discipline, recalling the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness. Throughout the season, we reflect upon our sinfulness and God's grace. As we take up spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting (denying oneself), and giving to the poor, God calls us to turn from serving ourselves, repent of our sins, and return to Him.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10*

Please, stand as you are able.

In remembrance of Baptism, you may trace the sign of the cross on your chest or forehead.

In the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

We keep silence for self-reflection and contrition.

Holy and Gracious God, **have mercy on me, a poor sinner.**

In your compassion forgive me my sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone.

Uphold me by your Spirit so that I may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God has mercy on us. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, He forgives us all our sins.

May He strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" (LBW #305)

1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
 2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in him;
 3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;

He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
 He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul he does re - deem.
 His right hand me em - brac - es; I on his breast re - cline.

I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
 I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
 I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;

Clean in his blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
 He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
 Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889
 Tune: Neu-vermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

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AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE *Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31*

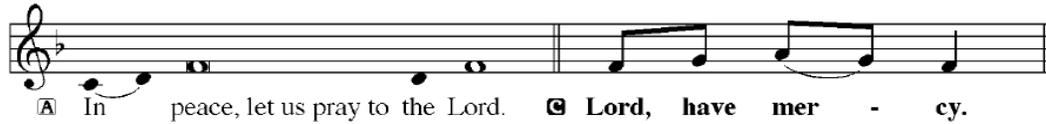
We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.

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

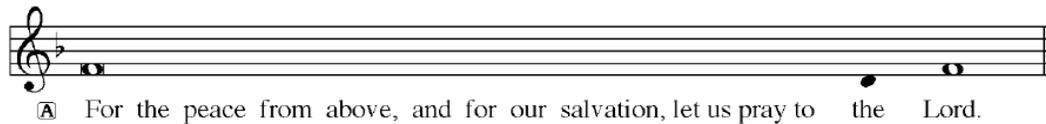
APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57) *2 Corinthians 13:14*

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*



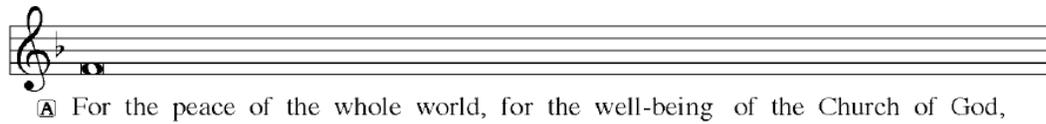
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



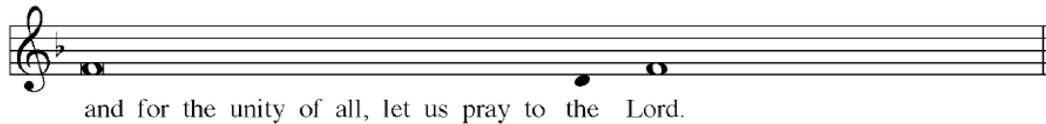
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



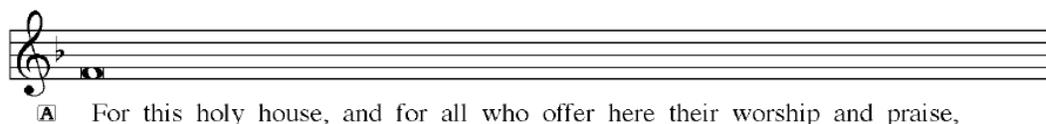
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



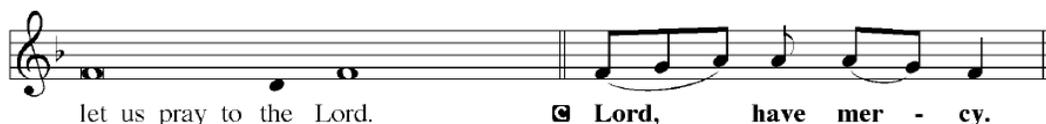
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



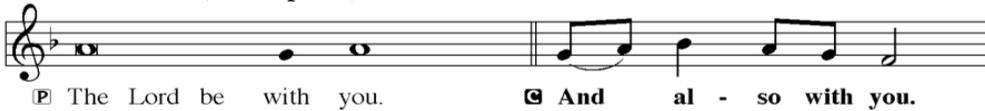
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



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



PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray together:

Almighty God, grant that we, who for our evil deeds worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of your grace, may mercifully be relieved; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:14-21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." ¹⁸Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord? ²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. ²¹The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

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

PSALM 142 - *Sung responsively with the cantor.* (Psalm tone #2)

¹I cry to the Lord | with my voice;*

to the Lord I make loud | supplication.

²**I pour out my com- | plaint before him***

and tell him | all my trouble.

³When my spirit languishes within me, you | know my path;*

in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a | trap for me.

⁴**I look to my right hand and find no | one who knows me;***

I have no place to flee to, and no one | cares for me.

⁵I cry out to | you, O Lord;*

I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land | of the living."

⁶**Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought | very low;***

save me from those who pursue me, for they are too | strong for me.

⁷Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks | to your name;*

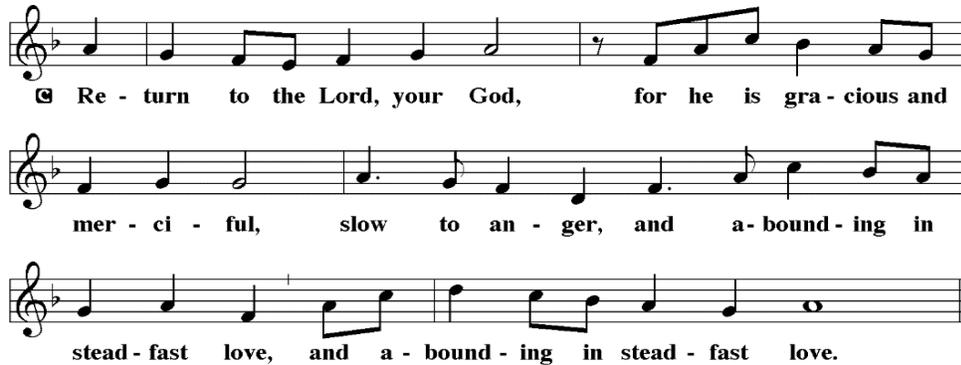
when you have dealt bountifully with me, the righteous will gath- | er around me.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸ ... {F} or at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

VERSE (LBW p. 63) *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. John the ninth chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: John 9:1-41

¹As {Jesus} passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." ...

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 63)



Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" (LBW #448)

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with four parts and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are arranged in four lines corresponding to the vocal parts.

System 1: Chords: F, Dm, Bb, F. Lyrics: 1 A - maz - ing that grace, how sweet the sound, That; 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And; 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I; 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; His

System 2: Chords: Dm, F, Am, F. Lyrics: saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but; grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that; have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me; Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and

System 3: Chords: Bb, F, Dm, F, C7, F. Lyrics: now am found; Was blind, but now I see.; grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!; safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.; por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807
Tune: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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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 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.**

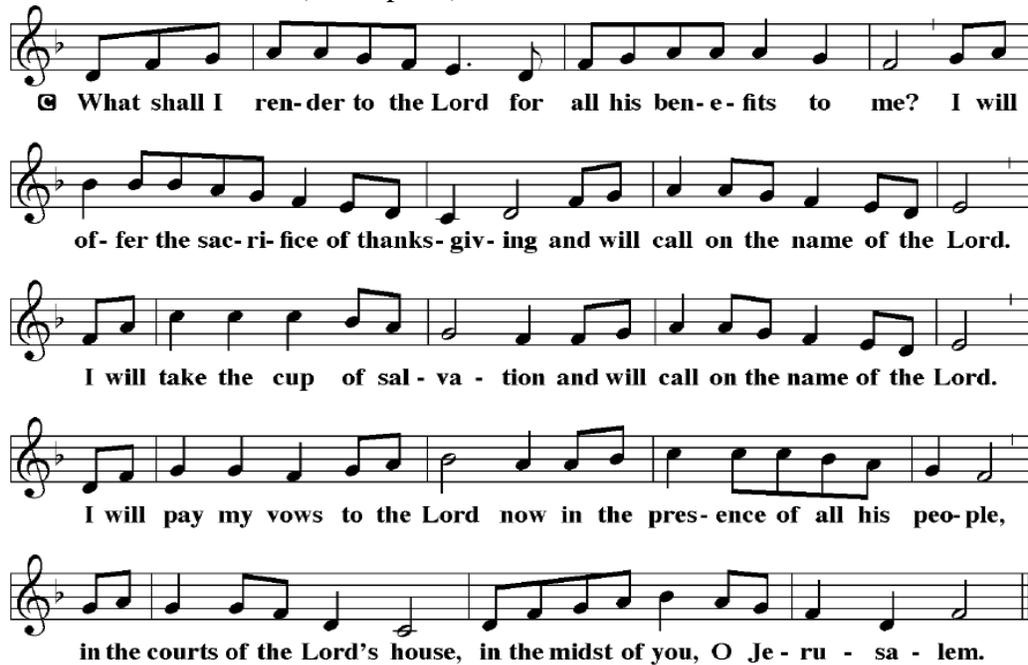
Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.

OFFERING OF TITHES, ADDITIONAL GIFTS, & SPECIAL MUSIC 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. 67)

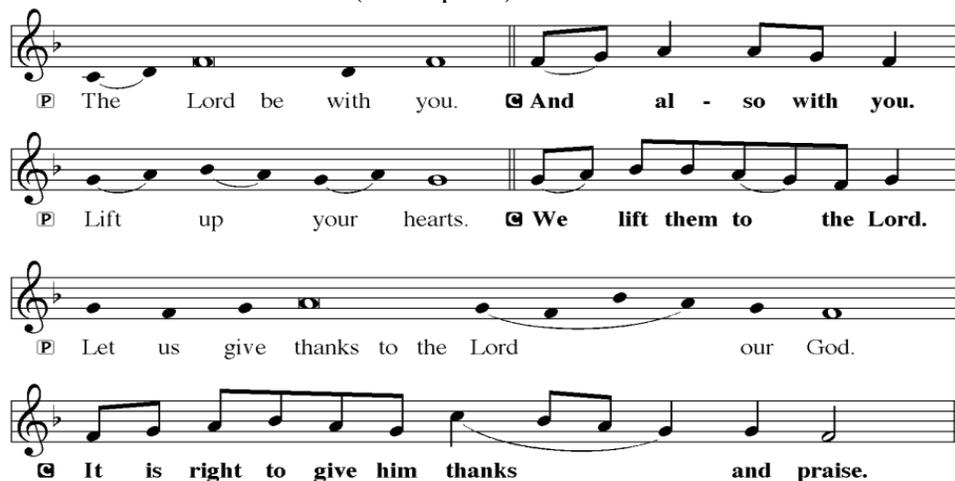


☩ What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to me? I will
of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all his peo-ple,
in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

OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 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. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of the grace that belongs to the children of God. 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 Minister’s Desk Edition p. 260-261)

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

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

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.

WE RECEIVE THE LORD’S SUPPER

All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may come forward by groups or individuals to commune. The usher will direct you. Those not yet baptized may come forward for a blessing.

- *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 altogether, you have full forgiveness of sins by Word alone.*

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

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (LBW p. 72)

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

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

“What Wondrous Love is This” (LBW #385, verses 1 & 3)

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
is the great I Am, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.

Chords: G, Dm, C, Am, C, Dm, F, Em, Dm, Am, Am7, F, Em, Dm, Dm7, G, Am, Am7, Dm, G, Am, Bbmaj7, C, Dm, G, Dm, C, F, Em, Dm, G, Em, Dm, Am, Am7, F, Em, Dm.

Text: American folk hymn, alt.
Tune: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING (LBW p. 74)

Let us pray together. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

☩ The Lord bless you and keep you. ☩ A - men
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

SENDING HYMNS: "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" (LBW #453)

1 If you but trust in God to guide you And place your
 2 What gain is there in fu - tile weep - ing, In help - less
 3 In pa - tient trust a - wait his lei - sure In cheer - ful
 4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing, Of - fer your

con - fi - dence in him, You'll find him al - ways there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in his care and
 hope, with heart con - tent To take what - e'er your Fa - ther's
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly, And trust his word; though un - de -

side you, To give you hope and strength with - in. For those who
 keep - ing, In sor - row will he love you less? For he who
 plea - sure And all - dis - cern - ing love have sent; Doubt not your
 serv - ing, You'll find his prom - ise true to be. God nev - er

trust God's change-less love Build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross Will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 in - most wants are known To him who chose you for his own.
 will for - sake in need The soul that trusts in him in - deed.

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 Tune: Georg Neumark, 1621-1681

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“Jesus, Remember Me” (WOV #740, Sing 3 times)

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom.

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom.

Text: Luke 23:42
Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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REMEMBER ME
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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

Who We Are -

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