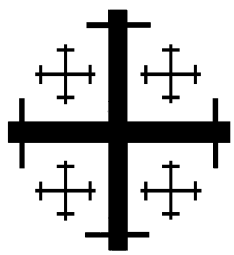


Pentecost XVII

24 September 2023

8 & 11 am





The Liturgy at Calvary

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

**Prelude *How Firm a Foundation, Variation 1, 2 & 3,*
Arr Janet Linker / Alfred Fedak**

Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P 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.

C Amen

P 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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.



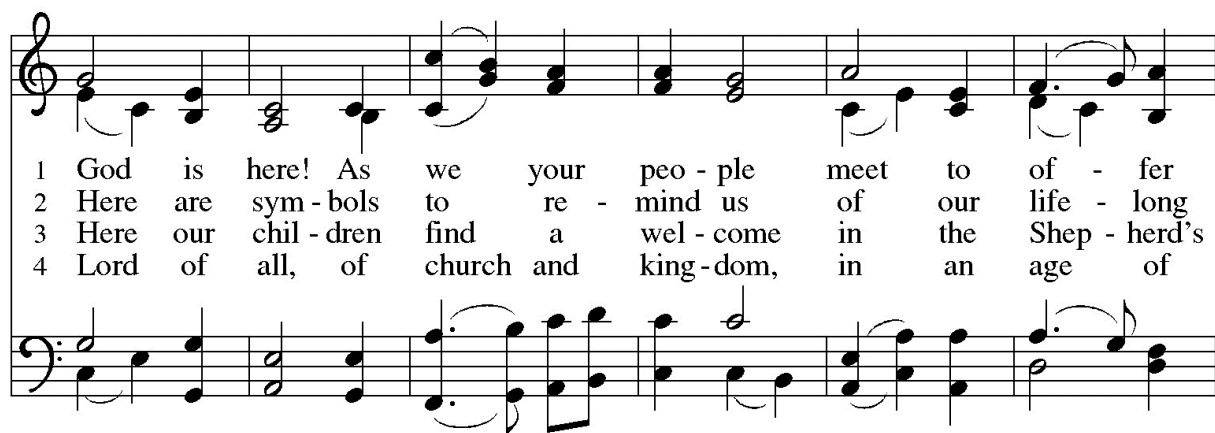
P Most merciful God,

C 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.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

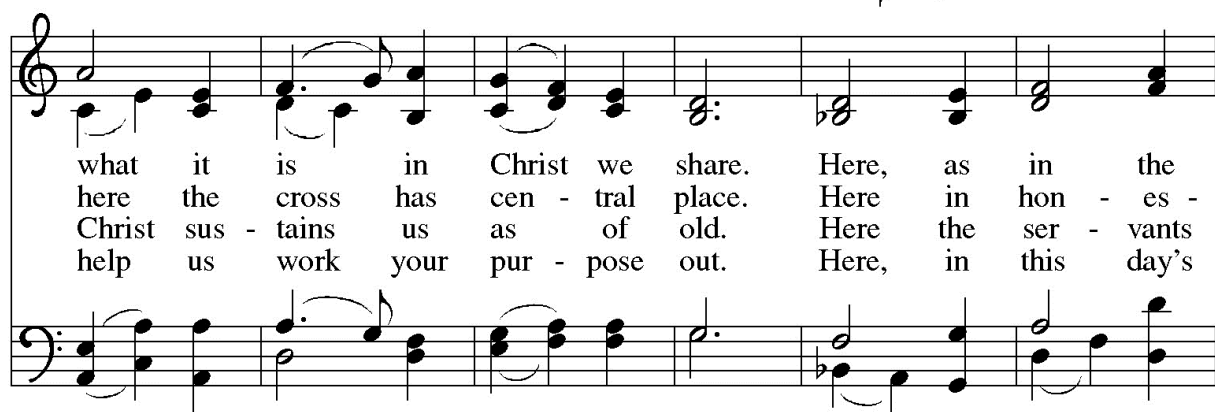
God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com-ing of the Spir-it in-to o-pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new-ness and re-new-al, God the Spir-it comes to each.
 what it means in dai-ly liv-ing to be-lieve and to a-dore.
 we, who can-not live with-out you, we a-dore you! We be-lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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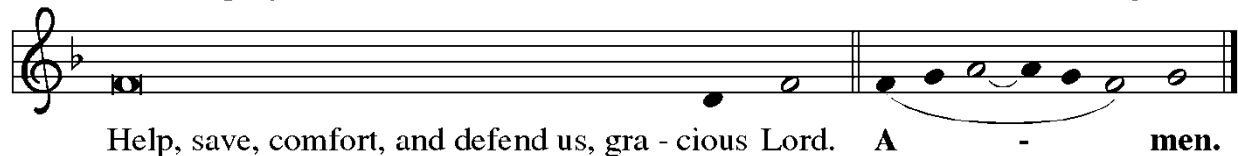
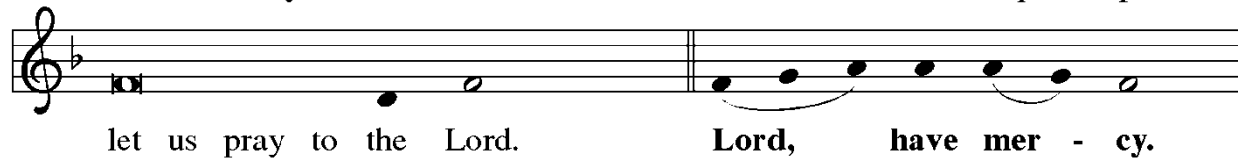
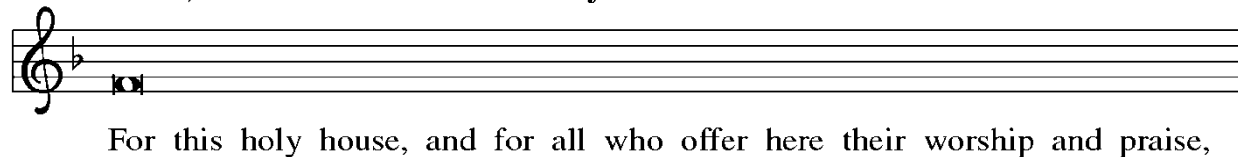
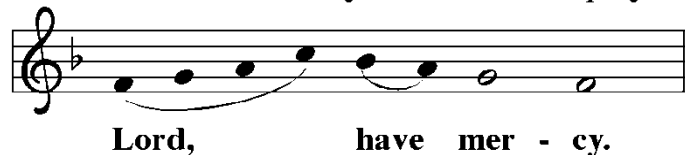
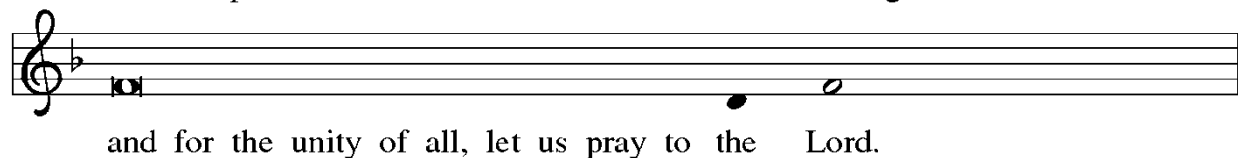
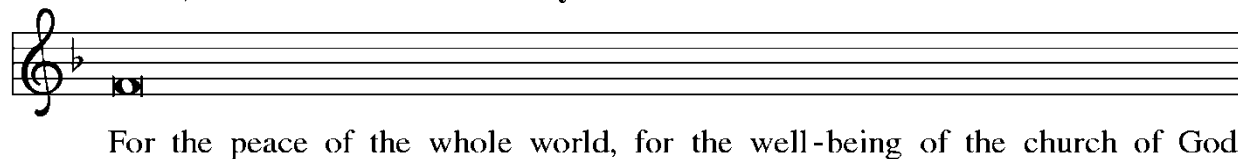
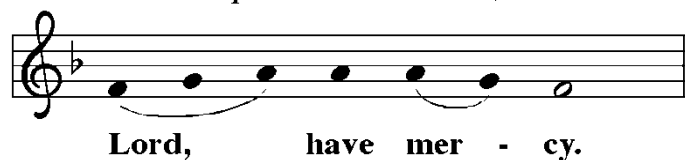
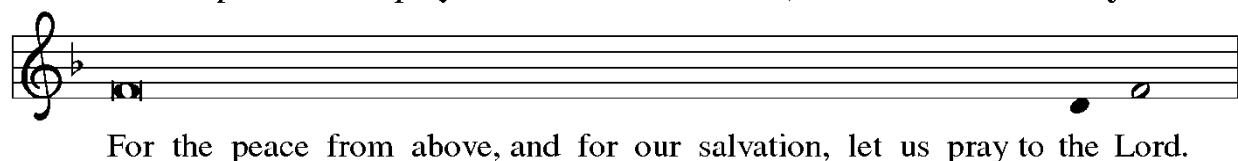
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Apostolic Greeting

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.**

Kyrie Eleison [Greek, Lord, Have Mercy] acapella



Hymn of Praise Gloria In Excelsis

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



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,

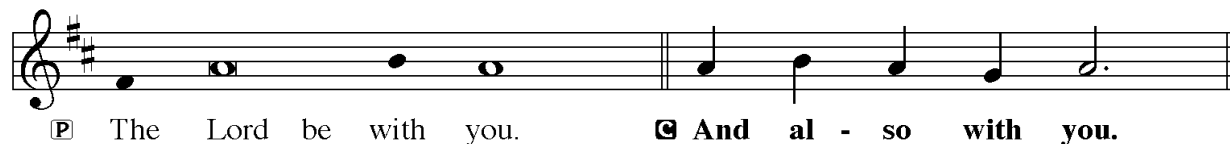


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



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

Prayer of the Day



P Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please sit

First Reading **Jonah 3:10--4:11**

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Nineveh] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choir/Cantor sings refrain All echo & sing ff. verses

Psalm 145

Viktor Andersson

We sing your prais-es God our King! Your reign will last for - ev - er. You
act on - ly out of love, stand - ing by your faith - ful peo - ple.

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Verses

1. All ages celebrate, praise the splendor of your glory. Tell of your marvelous work. Age to age we tell your deeds.

REFRAIN

2. All people celebrate, and proclaim your power and greatness. Tell of your gen'rous gifts, joyfully acclaim you love.

REFRAIN

3. Our God is merciful, tender hearted, slow to anger, loving and ever kind; tenderly embracing all.

REFRAIN

Second Reading **Philippians 1:21-30**

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

Please stand for the Holy Gospel

Alleluia Verse & Gospel Acclamations

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

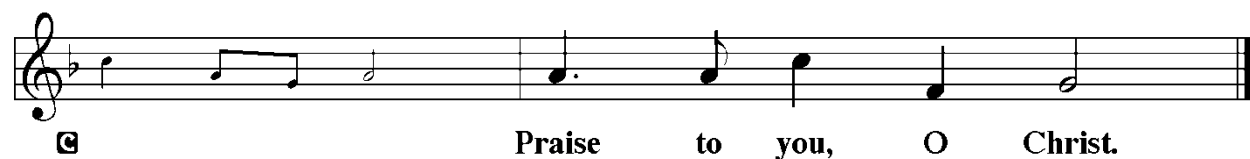
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter



[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

P The Gospel of our Lord.



Sermon

Pr Kyle

Hymn of the Day

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row,
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

(8) CREED

A Let us profess the faith in which we are Baptized:

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

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.

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

(8) PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

after each prayer petition

A Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

concluding with

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.

(11) SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation

Promise

P People of God, do you promise to support **Ashley and Elizabeth** and pray for **their** new life in Christ?

C We do.

Prayers of the Faithful

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition

A Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Concluding with

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.

Thanksgiving over Water

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Renunciation of Evil

Profession of Faith

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

Baptism, Anointing with Oil & Signing with the Cross of Christ

Blessing

Presentation of Baptismal Candle

Prayer

Proclamation

P Through Baptism God has made **these new sisters members** of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please show a sign of peace

Offertory *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* (ELW 808) David Cherwien



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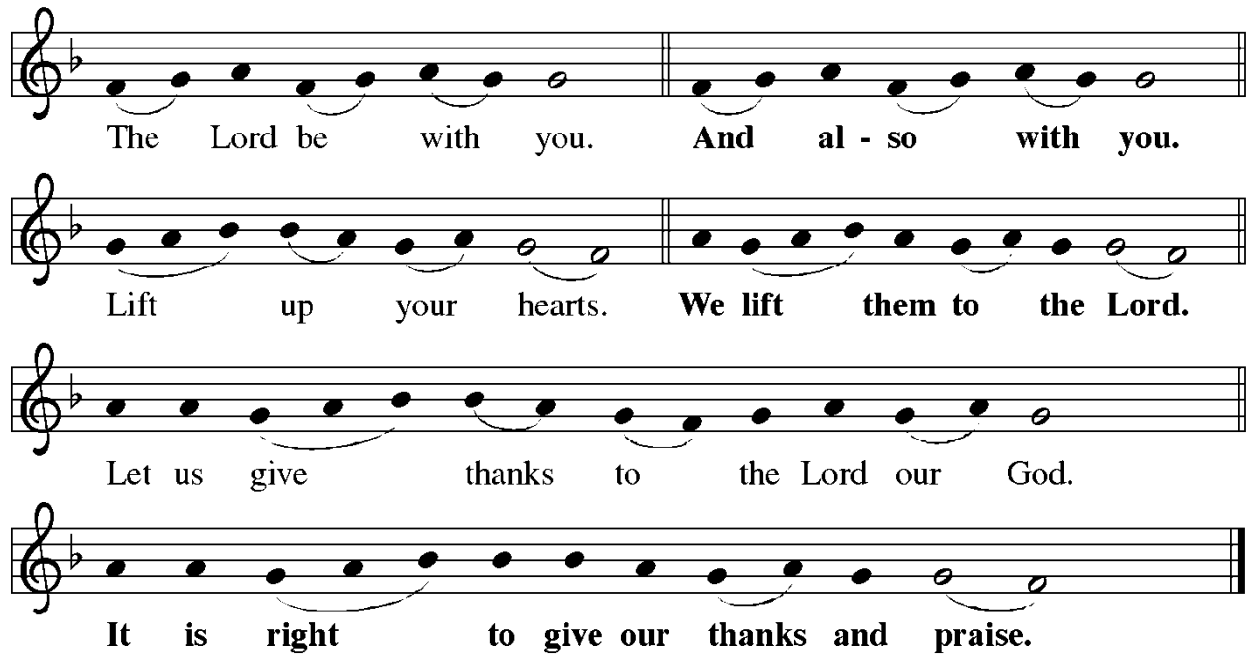
Our gifts are presented, singing,

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.

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

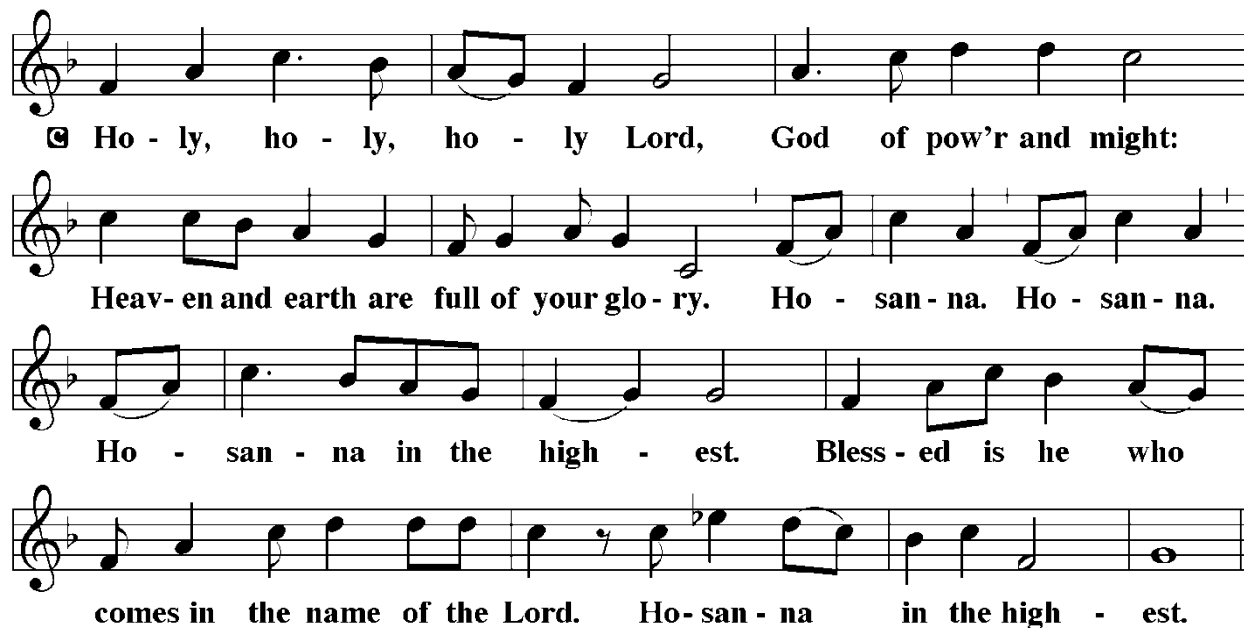


P It is indeed right our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;

Who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so with all the choirs of angels, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus [*Latin, Holy & Blessed*]



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.

Eucharistic Prayer

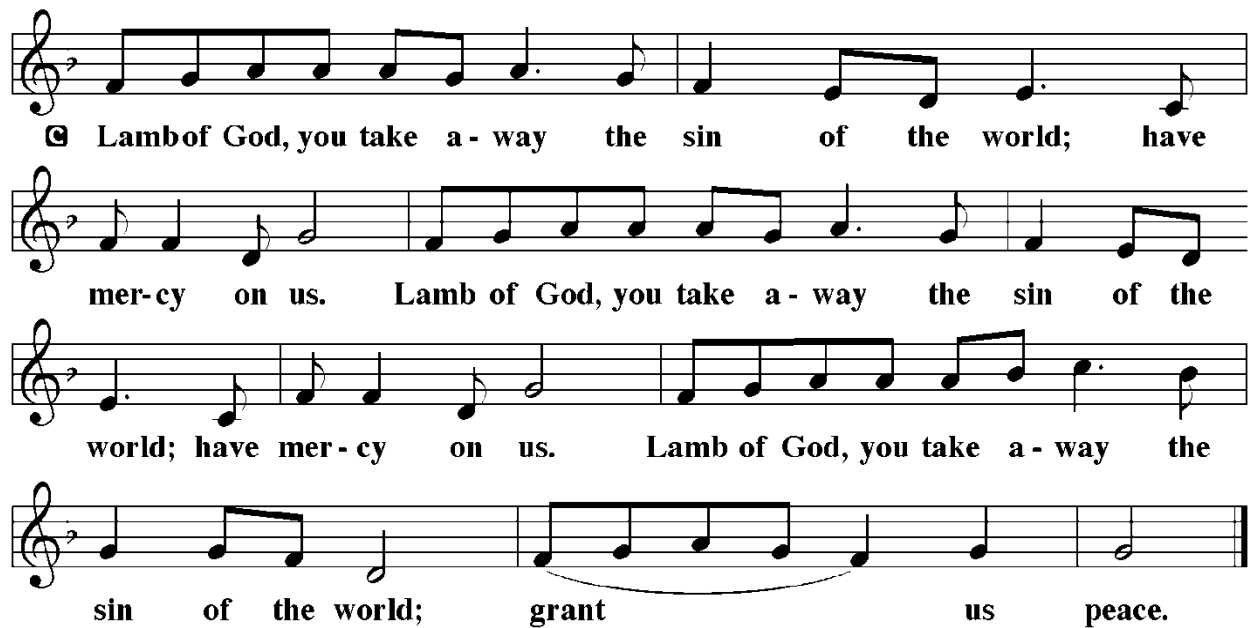
Eucharistic Acclamation



We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel - e-brate your ris - ing; we
break this bread and share this cup un - til you come a - gain.

P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, 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**


Agnus Dei [*Latin, Lamb of God*]





Holy Communion

We encourage those online to commune each other in your homes at this time and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing: "Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."



There's a Wideness in God's Mercy




1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je-sus; it is some-thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
and the heart of the e - ter-nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as this;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more sim-ple, we should take him at his word;

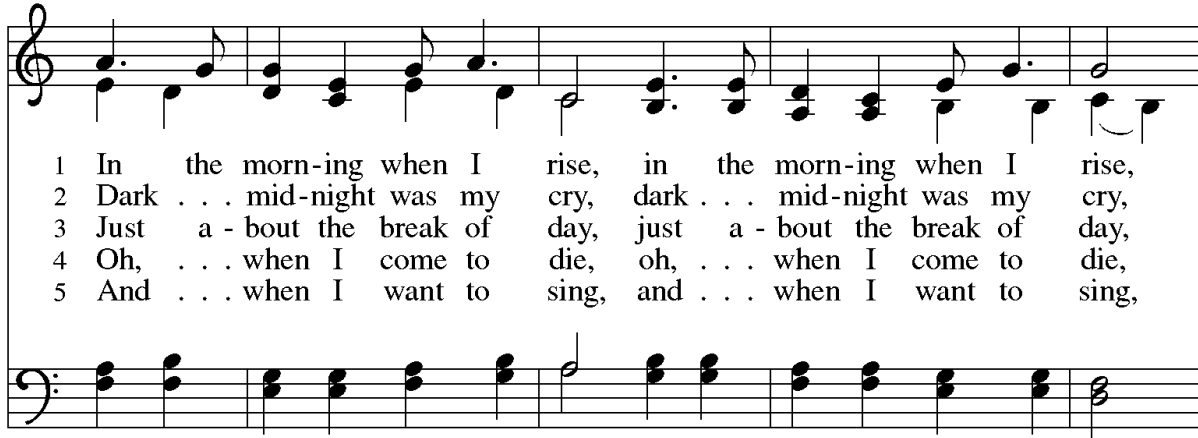


There is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg-ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
there is joy for all the mem-bers in the sor - rows of the head.
and our lives would be all sun-shine in the sweet-ness of our Lord.



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863
Music: BEECHER, John Zundel, 1815–1882

Give Me Jesus

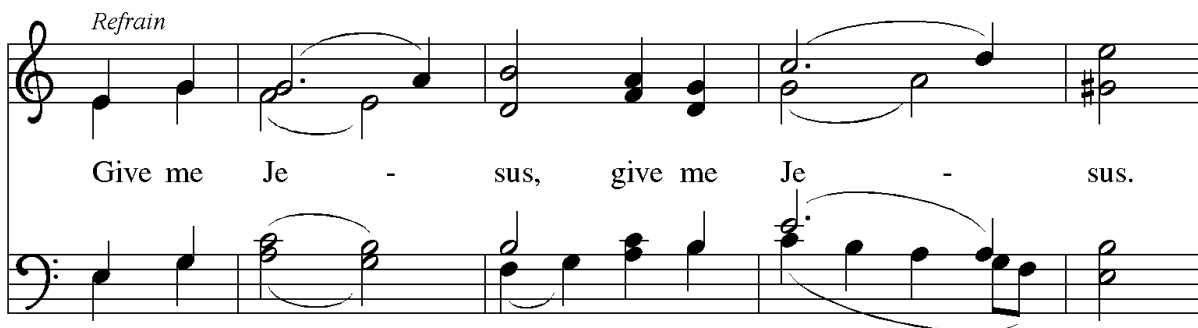


1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 dark . . . mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
 and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.

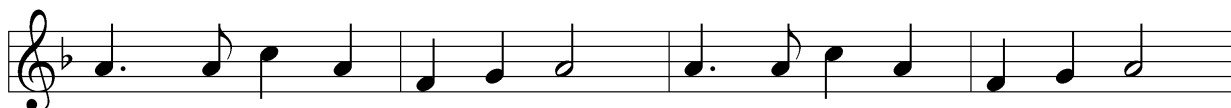


You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in God's grace.

C Amen

Post-Communion Canticle



Thank the Lord, your voices raise: sing to God with highest praise!



Tell the wonders God has done: freedom, life, the victory won.



All who seek the Lord, rejoice; proudly bear the name of Christ.



Go in joy where God will send. Alleluia! Sing amen!

Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

Music: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

A We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you
peace.

C Amen

Sing, Instrumental Interlude, Sing Again

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost." The score is divided into two systems, each with a Treble and Bass staff. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude ***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven***
Kenneth T. Kosche

Upcoming Commemorations

St. Michael and All Angels Friday Sept 29

Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means messenger, and in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.

Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420 Sat. Sept 30

Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate.

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