

Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church



First Sunday in Lent February 18, 2024, 10am

Welcome to Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church! We greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ and welcome all who may be visiting. We are delighted that you are here to worship, first time visitors, and encourage you to sign our guest book in the entry hall. Please fill out a visitor's card in the pew holders and place it in the offertory plate. HOLY COMMUNION is open to all who confess their faith in Jesus and acknowledge Him to be Lord. Those unable to partake of wine are assured the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with and under the bread alone.

PRELUDE: *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church*
Healey Willan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

We stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

A period of quiet reflection is kept.

P For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. 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.

C Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: *Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive*



1. "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
2. How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
3. In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de part?
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

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Tune: ST. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799-1877.

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.

P Let us pray.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

We sit

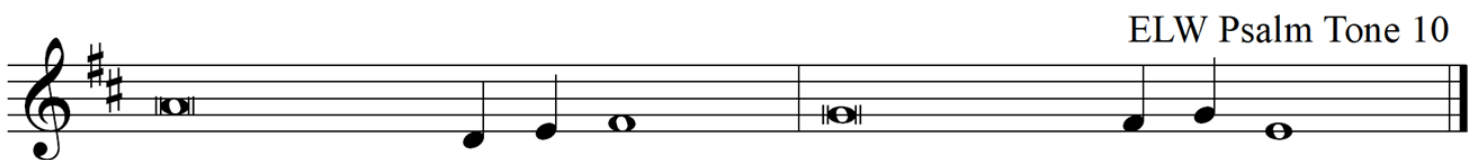
FIRST READING: GENESIS 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks Be to God!**

PSALM 25:1-10 (sing responsively)



¹To | you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame; rather let those be put to
shame | who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD, and teach | me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love, for they are from | everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithful-ness to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.**

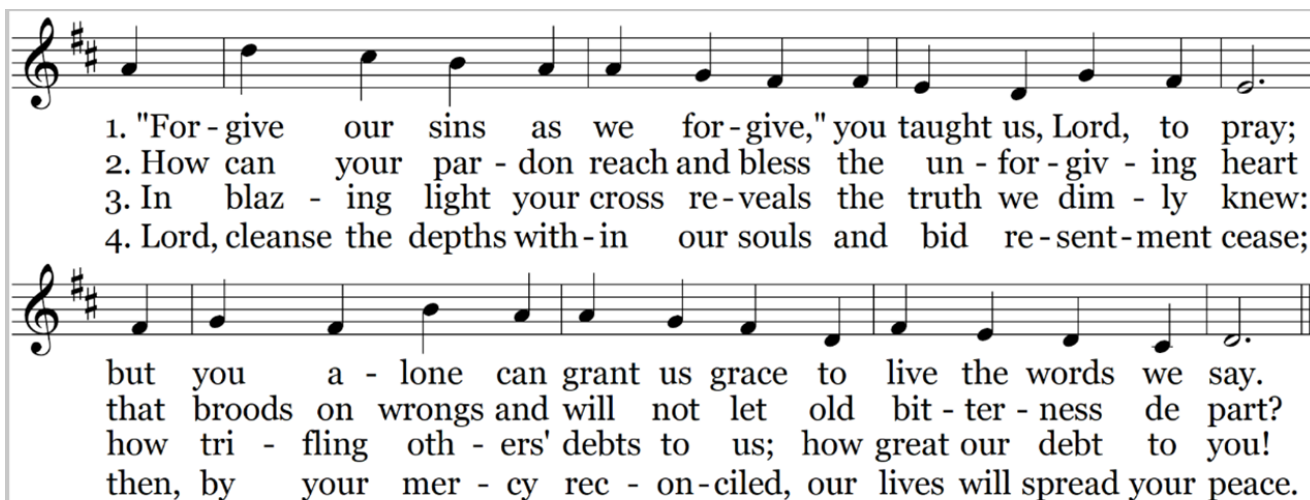
SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3:18-22

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks Be to God!

LENTEN VERSE



1. "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
2. How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
3. In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
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We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



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

HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 1:9-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord! (*spoken boldly*)**

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ! (*spoken boldly*)**

We sit

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON:

REV. DR. PATRICK W. RIDDLE

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church*

ELW #321

NICENE CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

After each portion of the prayers:

P Hear us, O God, **C** **your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF CHRIST’S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

We sit

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

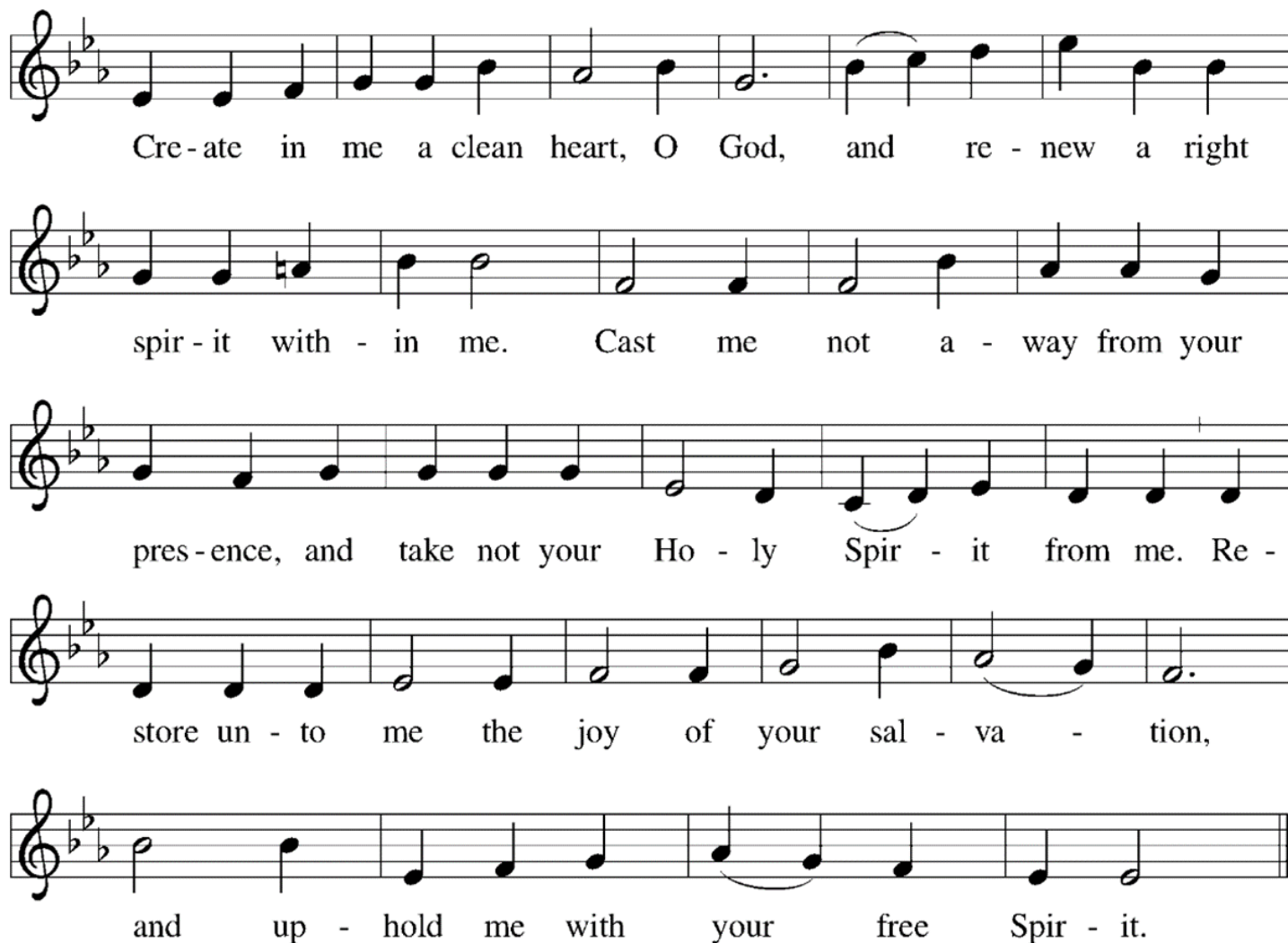
- 1 *O Lord, throughout these forty days you prayed and kept the fast; inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.*
- 2 *You strove with Satan, and you won; your faithfulness endured; lend us your nerve, your skill, and trust in God's eternal word.*
- 3 *Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind above; so teach us to deny ourselves that we may know God's love.*
- 4 *Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days, that when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.*

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930
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40 days
OF LENT

We stand

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

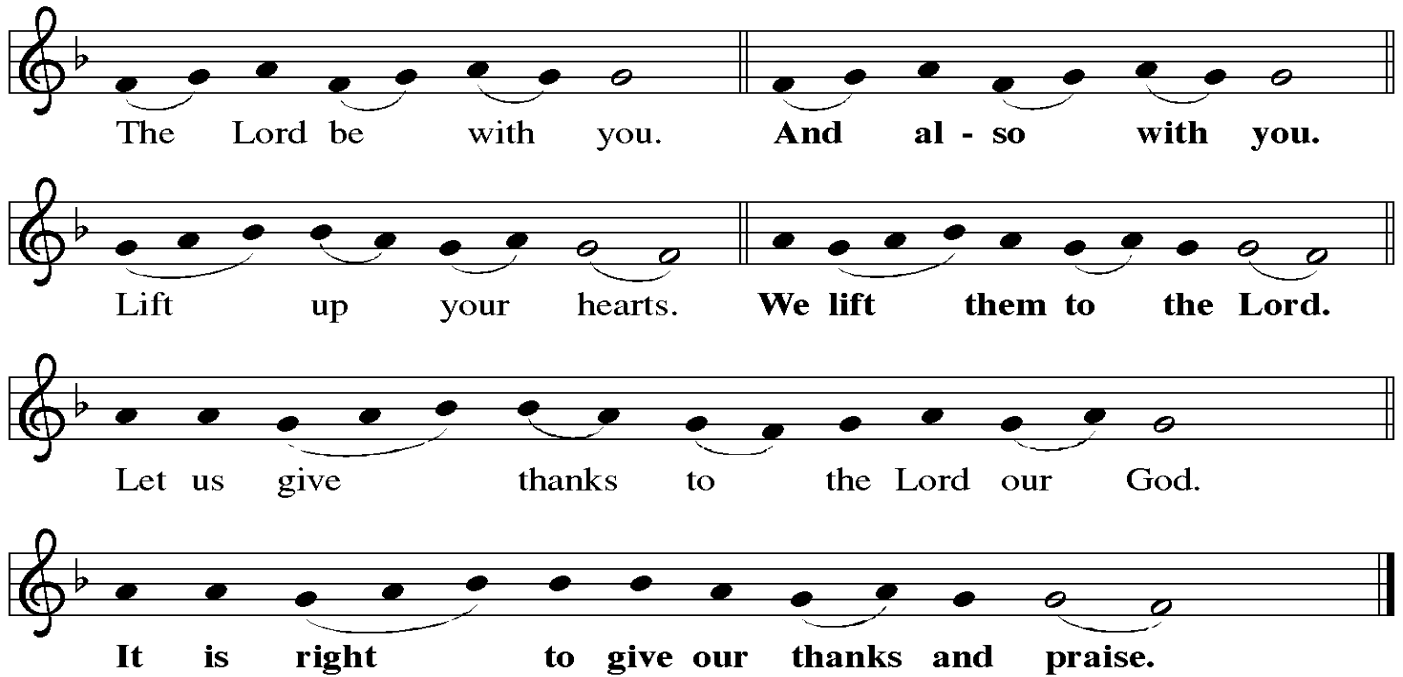
P Let us pray:

C **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

HOLY COMMUNION



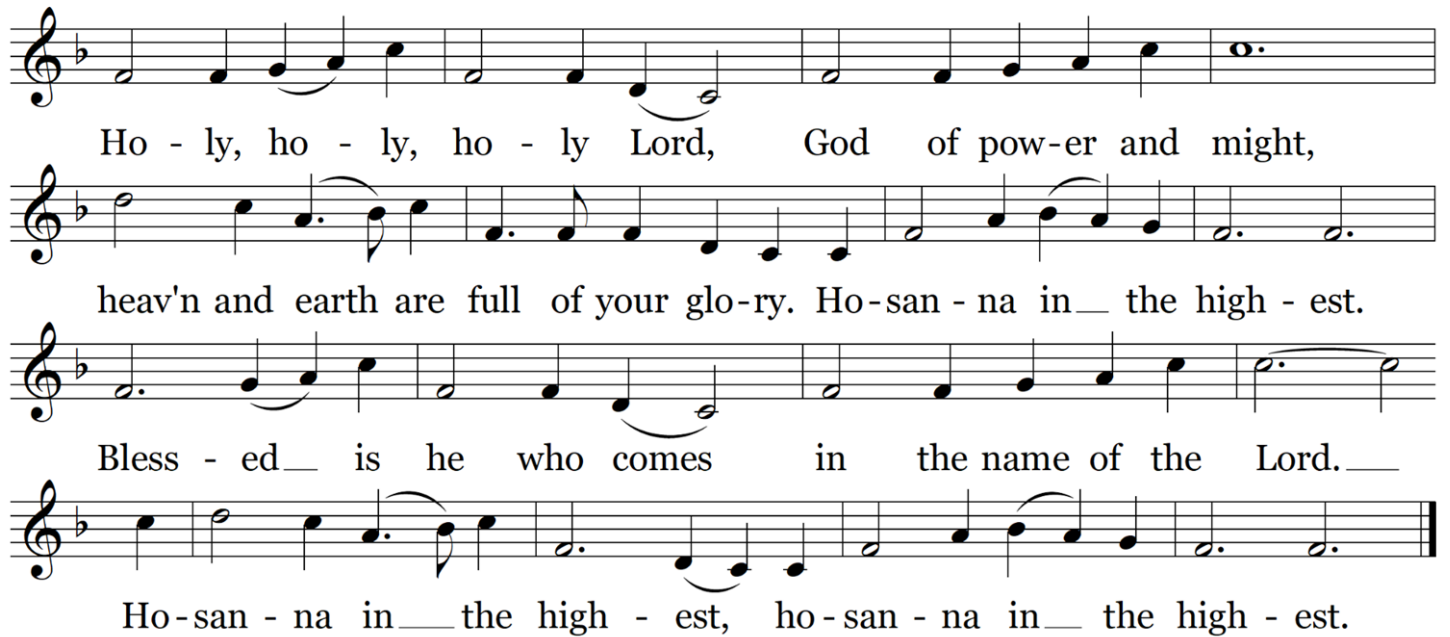
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:



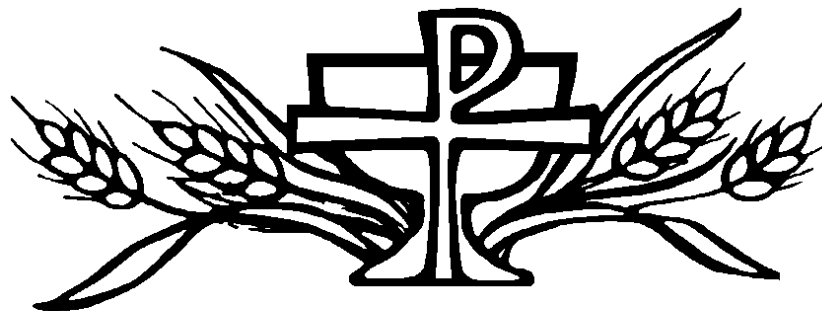
SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho-san - na in__ the high - est.

Text: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord," English Language Liturgical Consultation, *Praying Together* © 1988.
Tune: LAND OF REST, North American traditional.

- P Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.
- P 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.



I am the bread of life

P 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.

P Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

We sit

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!



COMMUNION MUSIC: *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God*
Johannes Bugenhagen, Wittenberg, 1528

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up-on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up-on us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! A - men

Text: German, 1528, based on the Agnus Dei; tr. unknown
Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES, *Kirchenordnung*, Braunschweig, 1528

Agnus
Dei

COMMUNION MUSIC: *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*
ELW #445

We stand

BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable
grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us
one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine
upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his counte-
nance upon you and give you peace. In the name of the Father
✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* ELW #325

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share your bread.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* J. Bert Carlson



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To participate in God's mission, this congregation as a part of the Church shall

WORSHIP: *Joyfully proclaim the Word of God*
LEARN: *Dutifully study, teach and live the Word of God*
WITNESS: *Boldly share the Word of God*
SERVE: *Humbly and enthusiastically respond to the Word of God*
SUPPORT: *Gladly give our time, talent and treasures motivated by the Word of God*

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