

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**...and that rock  
was Christ.**



**1 Corinthians 10:4, NIV**

**MARCH 24, 2019 – 10:30 AM  
WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WOODCLIFF LAKE, NEW JERSEY**

## WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

**LIVE FRUITFULLY, OUR GOSPEL PROCLAIMS!** Living in the nurtured garden of Christ how can we keep from blossoming for we are nourished with his grace. [Sundays & Seasons]

**BREAKING THE SOUND BARRIER!** We invite you to try one of our listening devices, which allows you to sit anywhere in the sanctuary. They are available by speaking to an usher, Tom Kearns or David Crouse.

**PINK PRAYER CARDS:** You may write names for prayer on a pink card found in the pew rack. Please place your card on the altar rail for inclusion in the prayers of the day. If you wish a name to be added to our printed prayer list (for four weeks) please write "Prayer List" on the card. Please be sure this prayer request is approved by the person for whom we are praying.

**"LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!"** Christ Lutheran's Prayer Chain is available daily for prayer for members, friends and family. You may call JoAnn Sallo, chairperson at 201-666-2156 or the church office with your joys or concerns.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** All who are baptized are invited to the table where Christ is bodily present in the bread and wine. At the directions of our ushers, all who are able kneel at the rail to receive this gift. The individual cups contain wine and grape juice (grape juice is in the center of the tray). A common cup with wine is also available. Children who commune should hold out their hands to the server.

**NURSERY FACILITIES:** There is a self-serve Nursery and Infant Room for young children accompanied by their parents. The Infant Room contains a bathroom with a changing table. These rooms are located along the hallway from the side door of the sanctuary.

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## PRELUDE

### CONGREGATION ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

[Pink prayer cards with your joys or concerns may be placed on the altar rail.]

[For today's worship all *portions in italics will be spoken by our worship leaders*. Congregational responses are in **bold-faced type**.]

[Please stand as you are able.]

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us,  
anoints us,  
and makes us new.*

**Amen.**

*In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.*

*God at the margins,*

**we have wandered far from your home;**

**again and again, we lose our way.**

**We turn inward, afraid of the world around us.**

**We forget that you have saved your people before  
and promise to do so again.**

**Do not remember the deeds of our past,  
but turn our faces toward the future,  
where your forgiveness is sure,  
your welcome is clear,  
and your love overflows.**

**Amen.**

*Like a hen who gathers her chicks,  
God embraces you in tender care.*

*Like manna in the desert,  
God feeds you with surprising mercy.*

*Like a loving parent,  
God runs to meet you again this day,  
forgiving your sins for the sake of ☩ Christ,  
leading you from death into life.*

**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**And also with you.**

[We share the peace via handshake or the peace sign.]

[Remain standing]

## GATHERING SONG – “*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*” [ELW 335, verses 1-3]

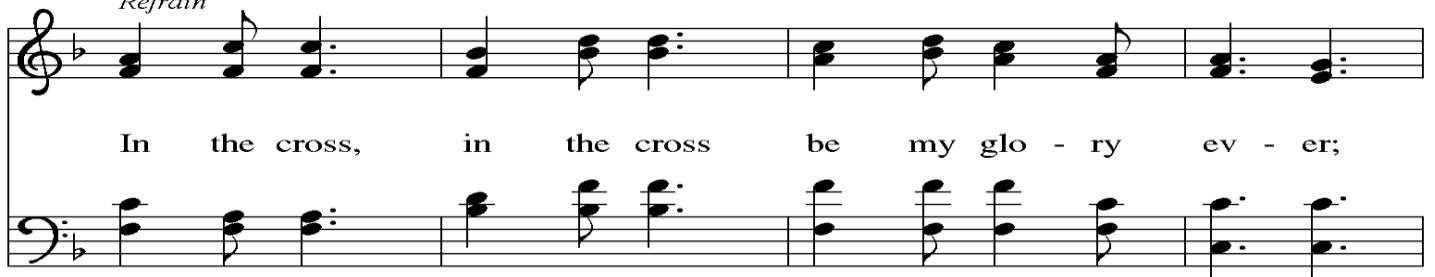


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

### *Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

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Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

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## GREETING

*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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

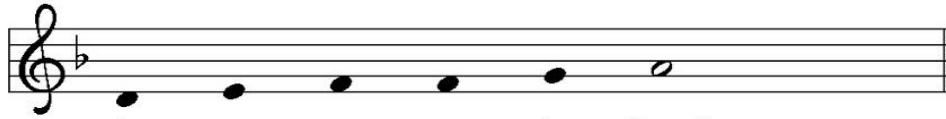


Lord, have mer - cy.

[The Kyrie continues on the following page.]



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Let us pray.*

*Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON** [The congregation may sit]

## **THE FIRST READING – Isaiah 55:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>*Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.*

<sup>2</sup>*Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.*

<sup>3</sup>*Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.*

<sup>4</sup>*See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.*

<sup>5</sup>*See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.*

<sup>6</sup>*Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;*

<sup>7</sup>*let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

<sup>8</sup>*For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.*

<sup>9</sup>*For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>*I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.*

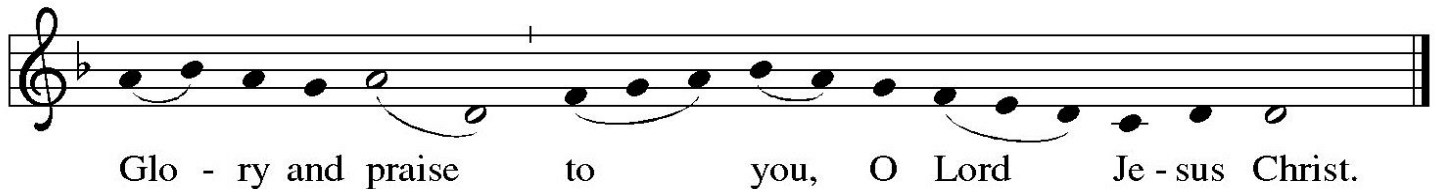
<sup>6</sup>*Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell*

in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** [Please stand as you are able.]



**THE HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Luke 13:1-9**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' <sup>8</sup>He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

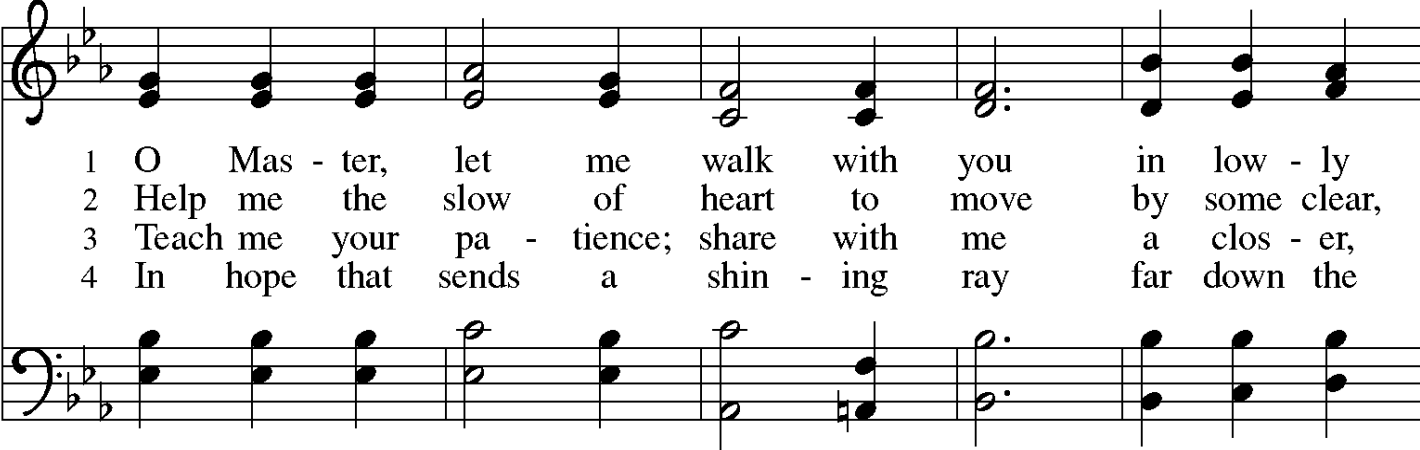
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**SERMON – "Way"**

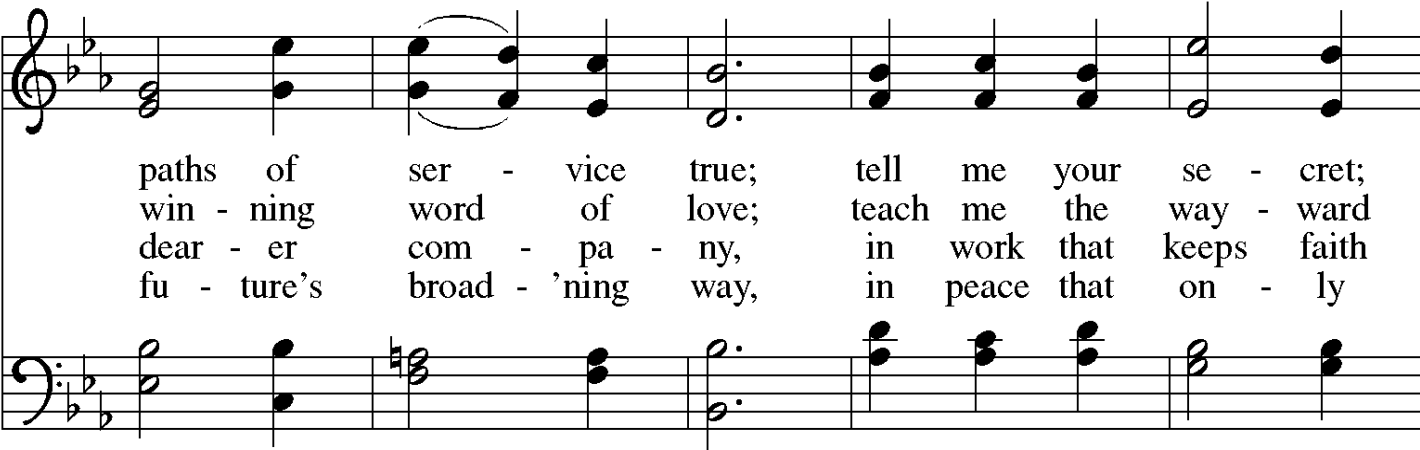


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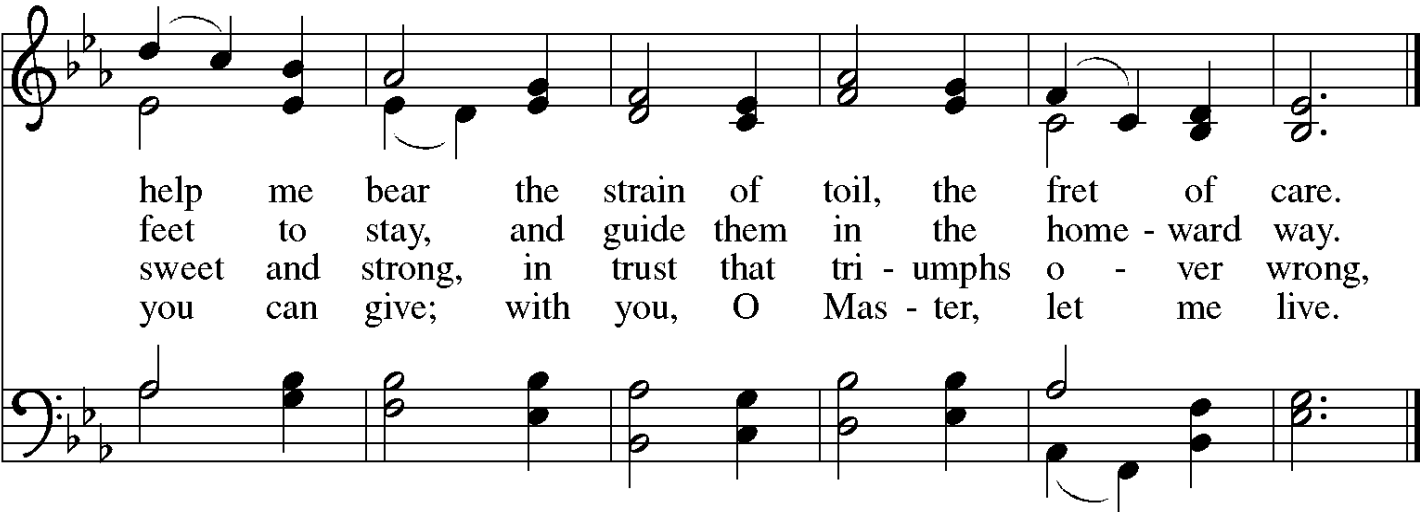
**HYMN OF THE DAY** – *“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”* [ELW 818, verses 1-3]



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

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## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** [The congregation may sit.]

*Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation. [A brief silence.]*

*Holy God, build up the body of Christ and cause the gifts of your Spirit to grow among us. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Tracie, and all deacons who work as chaplains, social workers, immigration advocates, and more. Lead us to recognize your saving work through the spiritual practices you encourage.*

*Hear us, O God.*

**Your mercy is great.**

*Water the earth with gentle rains and melting snow. Provide clean water for drinking, washing, and nourishing plants that will bear fruit for your creatures.*

*Hear us, O God.*

**Your mercy is great.**

*Uphold people who speak your righteousness in the face of religious or political persecution. May those who hold power understand that it is a trust from you to be used, not for personal glory or profit, but for the service of the people. We pray for Donald, the President; Phillip, the Governor of New Jersey; and Carlos, the Mayor of Woodcliff Lake. Drive from us cynicism, selfishness, and corruption; and give us grace to live together in unity and peace. Hear us, O God.*

**Your mercy is great.**

*Provide relief for those suffering and in pain, especially. . .*

**Beverly Albert, Dolores Albert, Sharon and Victor Bongard, Kathy Cipoletti, Tony Conboy, Coraline, Jean Dale, Elizabeth Danko, Ken Eastlund, Ken Eiken, Flynn, Kim Herrera, Aurora Hill, Mae Hulburt, Jane, Katie, Julia Kopcso, Camp Koinonia, Kristi, Lorraine and Jack Sadlon, Argine Safari, Jimmy Saladino, Lynn Sladovich, Nancy Sweet, Jack Wiker, the family of Jared Bowen**

*Grant wisdom to health care workers who seek to diagnose ailments, and bring healing to patients. Hear us, O God.*

**Your mercy is great.**

*Promote unity within your church and among the nations. Uncover the common threads in our shared humanity, and keep us from making hasty judgments about others. Hear us, O God.*

**Your mercy is great.**

*Knit together the communion of saints, and bind us to Christ, our head. Through the diversity of gifts present in our communities, help us to overcome our limitations and increase our understanding of ourselves and others. Hear us, O God.*

**Your mercy is great.**

*Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

**CHANCEL CHOIR MUSICAL OFFERING – “Before the Cross of Christ I Stand”**

[John Carter and Mary Kay Beall]

**GREETINGS FROM CAMP KOINONIA – Joanne Knudson, Executive Director**

**THE OFFERING IS TAKEN**

**THE ELEMENTS ARE RECEIVED AND THE OFFERTORY IS SUNG**

[Please stand as you are able.]

## **OFFERTORY SONG – “Restore in Us, O God”** [ELW 328, verses 1-2]



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.  
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

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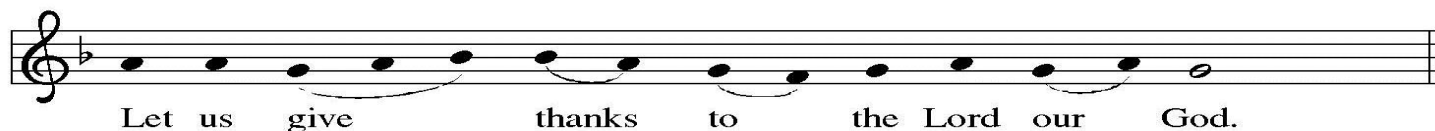
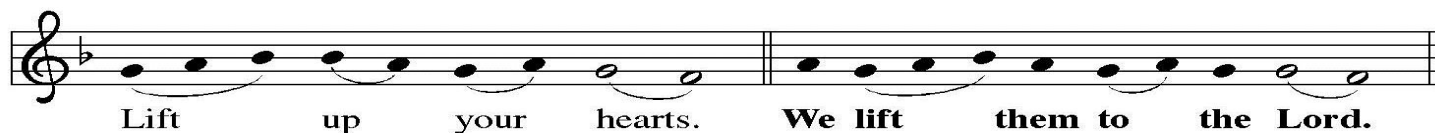
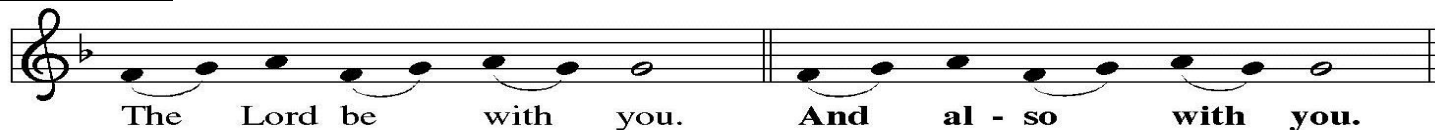
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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

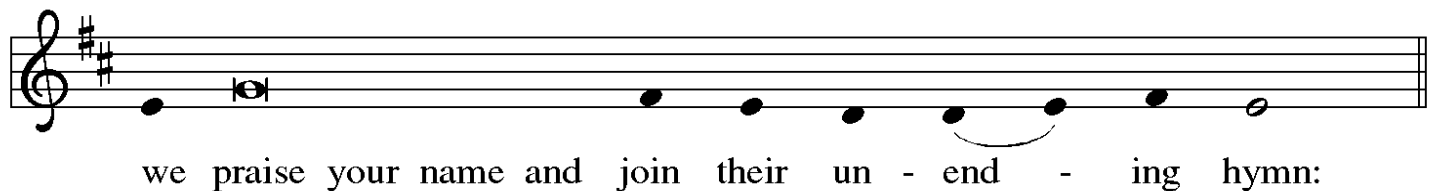
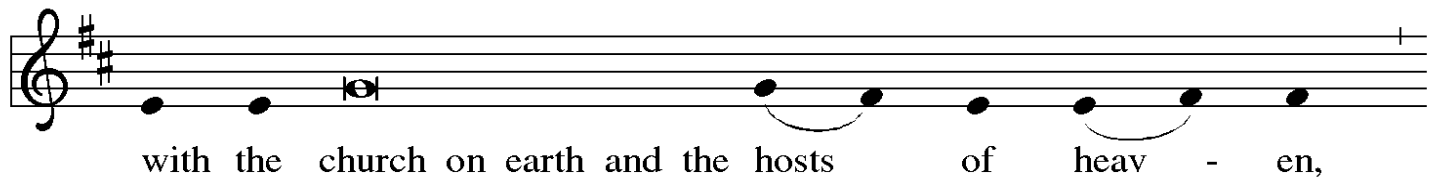
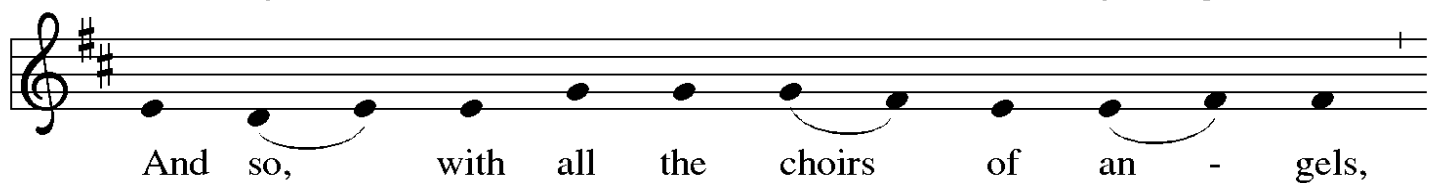
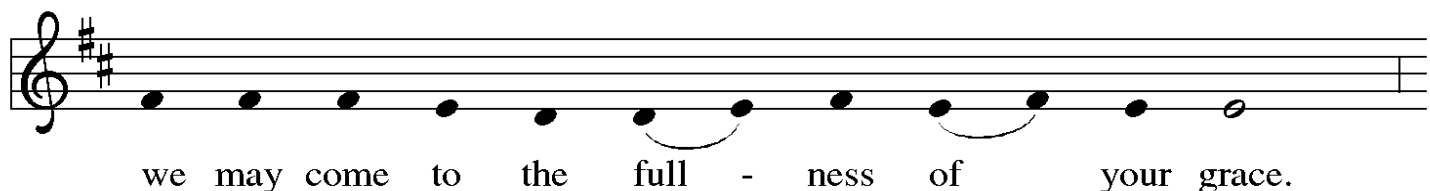
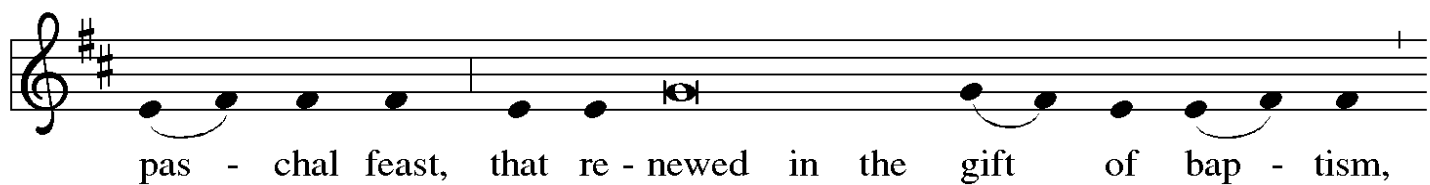
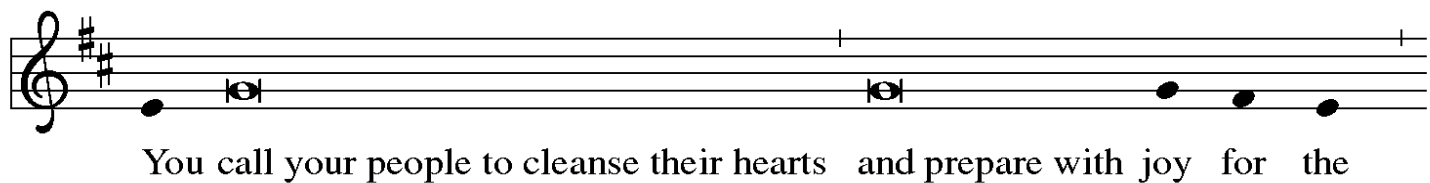
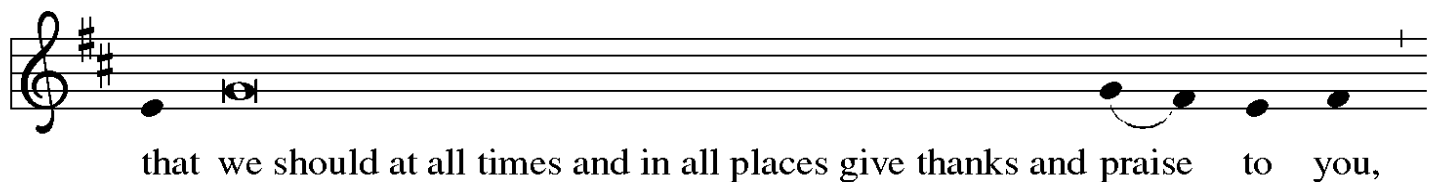
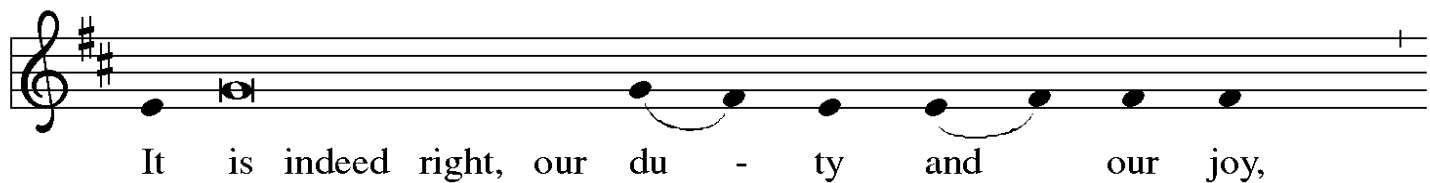
*Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

## **DIALOGUE**



## PREFACE



## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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 in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of five staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,". The second staff continues with "heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.". The third staff has "Ho - san - na in the high - est.". The fourth staff says "Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.". The fifth staff repeats "Ho - san - na in the high - est.". The music features various note values, including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together and others held as half notes. There are also some rests and phrasing slurs.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*Blessed are you, O God of the universe.*

*Your mercy is everlasting*

*and your faithfulness endures from age to age.*

*Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.*

*Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.*

*Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.*

*Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness*

*to the land of milk and honey.*

*Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.*

*Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.*

*Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.*

*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

**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.**

*Come, not because you are perfect but because, through Christ Jesus, you are invited.*

[The congregation may sit.]

## HOLY COMMUNION

[All are invited to the Table where Christ is bodily present in the bread and drink.

At the direction of our ushers, everyone who is able kneels at the rail.

Bread will be distributed first (gluten free wafers are available), followed by wine and grape juice in individual cups. A chalice with wine is also available.

Children and all who have not received First Communion will receive a blessing.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.]**

[The following songs are sung by the congregation during the distribution of Holy Communion.]

## COMMUNION SONG - "Lamb of God"

The image shows a musical score for the Communion Song "Lamb of God". It consists of five staves of music in a single system, all written on a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the". The second staff continues with "world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you". The third staff continues with "take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy". The fourth staff continues with "on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The fifth staff concludes with "sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines.

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. A - men.

## COMMUNION SONG – “*Now We Join in Celebration*” [ELW 462, all verses]



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' n - ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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[Please stand as you are able.]

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

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

### THE BLESSING

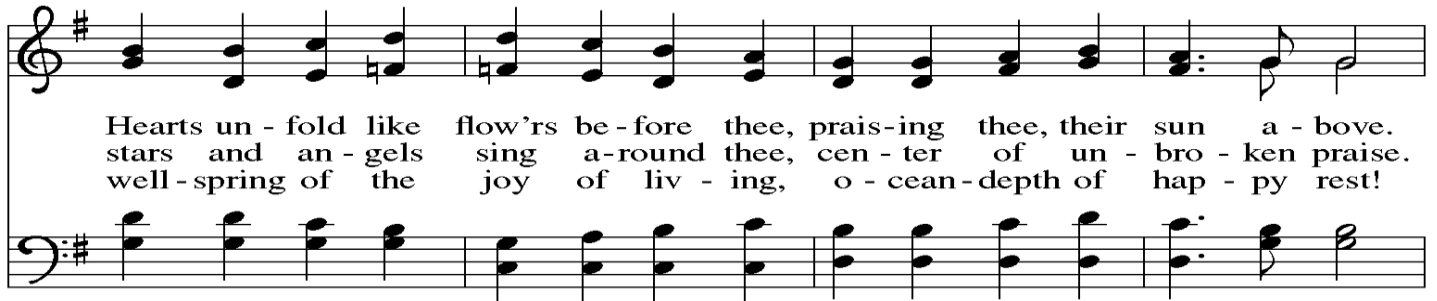
*Almighty God, Father,  $\mp$  Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.*



## SENDING SONG – “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” [ELW 779—all verses]



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

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### DISMISSAL

*Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

Now that spring has officially sprung, I long for the new life spring represents. I look at my garden every day, trying to spot each new bulb as it breaks ground. I stare at my lawn, waiting for the grass to turn from a dried yellow to a vibrant green. I peer at every tree, looking for the buds of new leaves. And I can't wait to hear the song of birds that announce every new day. Spring is a season dominated by nature. But there are other "things of spring" that I wait impatiently for and one of them is the return of the neighborhood ice cream truck.

Ice cream is usually a sign of summer but once the temperature breaks 60, that truck is out and about. I usually hear it circling my neighborhood, with a soft jingle turning loud as the truck nears my home. Before you know it, I'm spending my evenings figuring out new ways to distract my children from noticing the sound. The sound of songbirds and the sound of ice cream trucks is a sign that a new way of life is here.

Today's reading from Isaiah starts with a jingle from an ancient version of that ice cream truck. The scripture begins like a street vendor would, offering everyone free water, milk, and wine. But this gift isn't a free sample hoping to trick us into buying something expensive. The street vendor of Isaiah 55 is offering a gift of abundant and rich food that will last forever. He wonders, out loud, why those around him invest their time, talent, and energy in that which does not truly satisfy. This poetic passage is an invitation for the community to turn away from what takes their life and, instead, turn towards what gives life. And the new free and satisfying life is a life that finds its home in God.

Although written to the community of Jews living in exile, this text also applies to us. Walter Bridgeman writes that these rhetorical questions ask us why we "invest so much in forms of life that cannot work - why work so hard and so long in ways that give no satisfaction; why give life over the demands and rewards of the empire that yield nothing of value in return." We are encouraged to ask ourselves hard questions and to wonder if our way of life is bringing a new life to those around us. What, right now, are we investing in that is taking us away from God? And what are we doing that is taking our life away from us?