

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost  
ELW Holy Communion Setting Eight  
Sunday, June 29, 2025 10:00 a.m.**

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**Prelude  
Announcements**

**"Dedication" ~ Groden**

***Gathering***

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

**Confession and Forgiveness (ELW p. 94)**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

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.

**Amen.**

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

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

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.

**Amen.**

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Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

1 Come, gra - cious Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, with light and  
 2 The light of truth to us dis - play and make us  
 3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing way, nor let us  
 4 Lead us to heav'n, that we may share full - ness of

com - fort from a - bove. Come, be our guard - ian  
 know and choose your way; plant ho - ly fear in  
 from his pas - tures stray. Lead us in ho - li -  
 joy for - ev - er there; lead us to our e -

and our guide; o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.  
 ev - 'ry heart, that we from God may ne'er de - part.  
 ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God  
 ter - nal rest, to be with God for - ev - er blest.

Text: Simon Browne, 1680-1732, alt.  
 Music: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEENS, German folk tune, 15th cent.

**Greeting (ELW p. 184)**

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 (ELW p. 184)

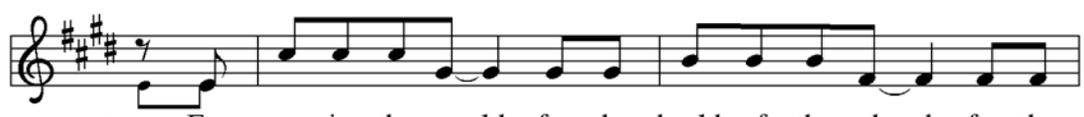
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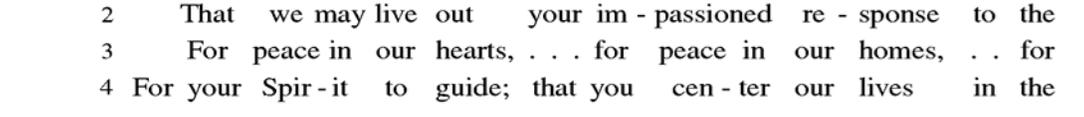
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



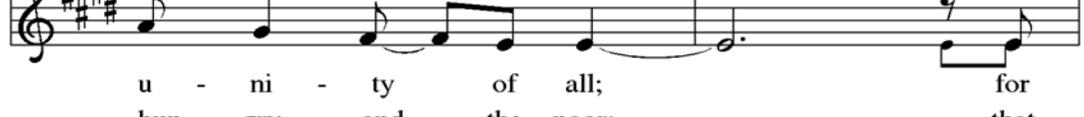
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



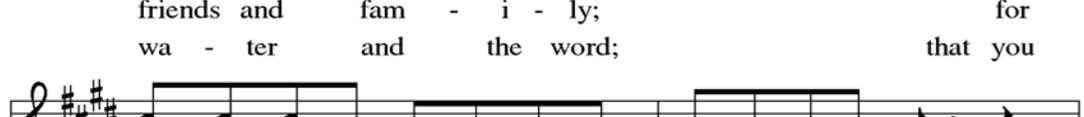
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the



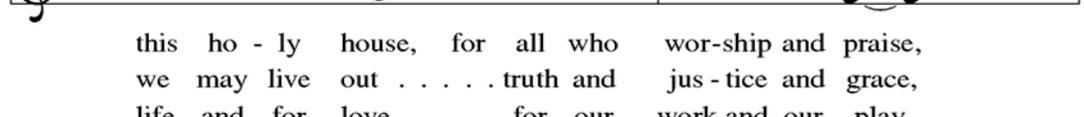
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the



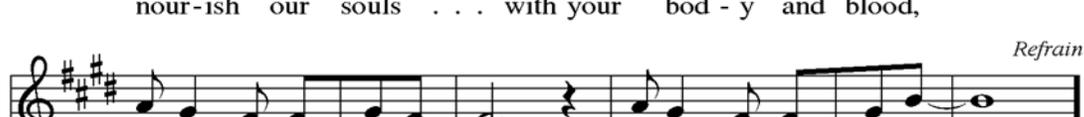
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for



4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



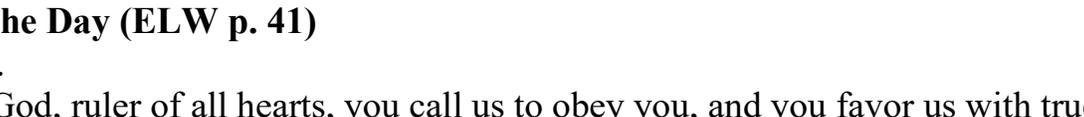
u-ni-ty of all; for



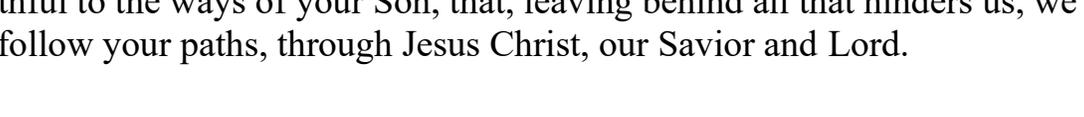
hun-gry and the poor; that



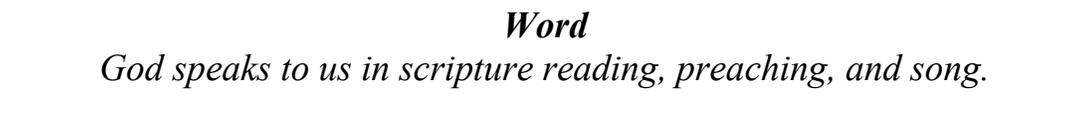
friends and fam-i-ly; for



wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,



we may live out . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,



life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,



nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## Prayer of the Day (ELW p. 41)

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### *Word*

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

## First Reading:

A reading from the Second Book of Kings (2:1-2, 6-14).

<sup>1</sup> Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

<sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on.

<sup>7</sup> Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” <sup>10</sup> He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” <sup>11</sup> As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup> Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

<sup>13</sup> He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup> He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?” When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

*By your strength you have redeemed your people. (Ps. 77:15)*

1 I will cry aloud to God;  
I will cry aloud, and God will hear me.

**2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord;  
my hand was stretched out by night and did not tire; I refused to be comforted.**

11 I will remember the works of the LORD,  
and call to mind your wonders of old.

**12 I will meditate on all your acts  
and ponder your mighty deeds.**

13 Your way, O God, is holy;  
who is so great a god as our God?

- 14 You are the God who works wonders  
and have declared your power among the peoples.**
- 15 By your strength you have redeemed your people,  
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled;  
the very depths were shaken.**
- 17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered;  
your lightning bolts flashed to and fro;
- 18 the sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world;  
the earth trembled and shook.**
- 19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters,  
yet your footsteps were not seen.
- 20 You led your people like a flock  
by the hand of Moses and Aaron. R**
- By your strength you have redeemed your people. (Ps. 77:15)*

**Second Reading:**

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians (5:1,13-25).

<sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 188)

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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### **Gospel:**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke (9:51-62).

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup> but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

<sup>54</sup> When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” <sup>59</sup> To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup> But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup> Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Minute & Sermon**

*Pastor Melinda M. Artman*

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Will You Come and Follow Me  
The Summons

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

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 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional  
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**The Apostles Creed (ELW p. 105)**

**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.**

**The Prayers of the People (From "Hear Our Prayer")**

Gathered together in confidence in God's promise to be present with us, let us offer our hopes and needs in prayer saying, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask blessings of grace and perseverance to your church, that Christ's mission might continue, and His presence be known through us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask blessings of wisdom and compassion for our civic leaders, that the communities that make up the Valley, our Commonwealth, and our nation might be places of peace and human thriving. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask for your presence in the conflict in Iran. Comfort those who are harmed. Encourage those who are afraid. Incline all hearts toward a peaceful resolution. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask blessings of discernment and generosity on our efforts to be effective stewards of your bountiful creation. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask your healing power to bless the lives of all who suffer, especially we ask on behalf of those who have sought our prayer. remembering especially from St. John's prayer list Kay, Kristin, Bristol, Issaiah, Tim, Martha, Kennsley, Cindy, Doug, Helen, Ronald, Jeff, Sharon, Gene, Joe, Cody, Greg, Tom, Violet, Michelle, and Julia. We also remember from Redeemer's prayer list, Jennifer, Brenda, Kristina, Hildegard, Brandon, Zach, Dawn, Robert, Janice, Allison, Deanna, Shirley, Bruce, Megan, Denise, Ashley, Brady, Jason, Greg, Matt, Kelly, Phoebe, Chris, Nate, Lauren, Natilie, and Rose. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift up the prayers from the prayer wall....for what else shall we pray? Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask blessings of peace and redemption on those who have died, especially, Oscar, Theo, Virginia, Charlotte, and Tara, and we ask that we might join with them again in your coming kingdom. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, source of life and provider of all our needs; hear the prayers of your people, be present in our lives and answer our prayers as may be best for us and always to your glory. All this we ask through our Lord, your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Peace (ELW p. 106)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Meal*

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering Hymn**

**“Light Dawns on a Weary World”**

**Hymn #726**

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**Light Dawns on a Weary World**



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



*Refrain*  
The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



### **Offering Prayer (ELW p. 64)**

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

#### **Dialogue (ELW p. 190)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

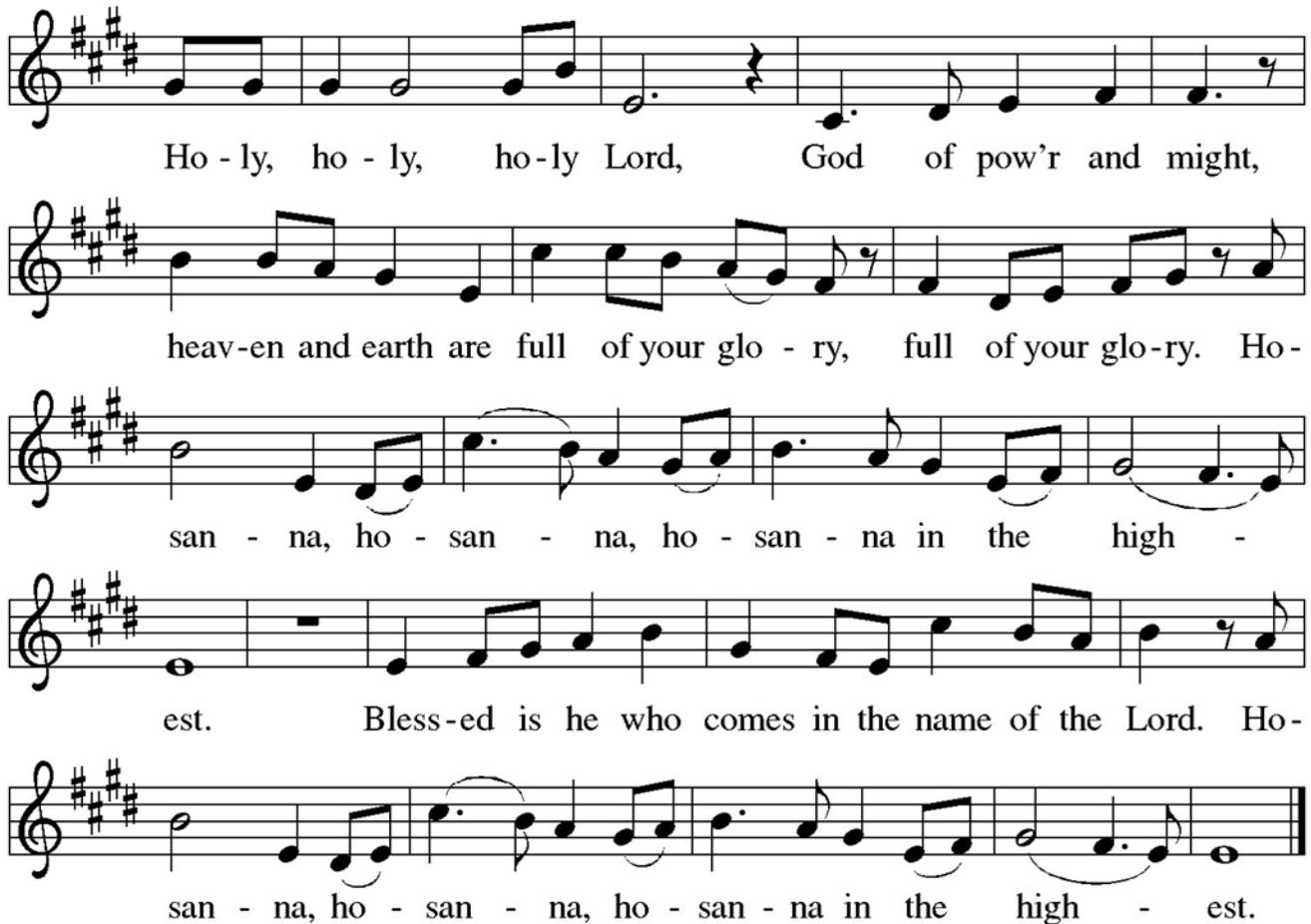
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### **Preface (ELW p. 108)**

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:

## Holy, Holy, Holy (ELW p. 190)



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

## Thanksgiving at the Table (ELW p. 108)

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer (ELW p. 191)**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,**

forever and ever. Amen.

**Invitation to Communion (ELW p. 112)**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

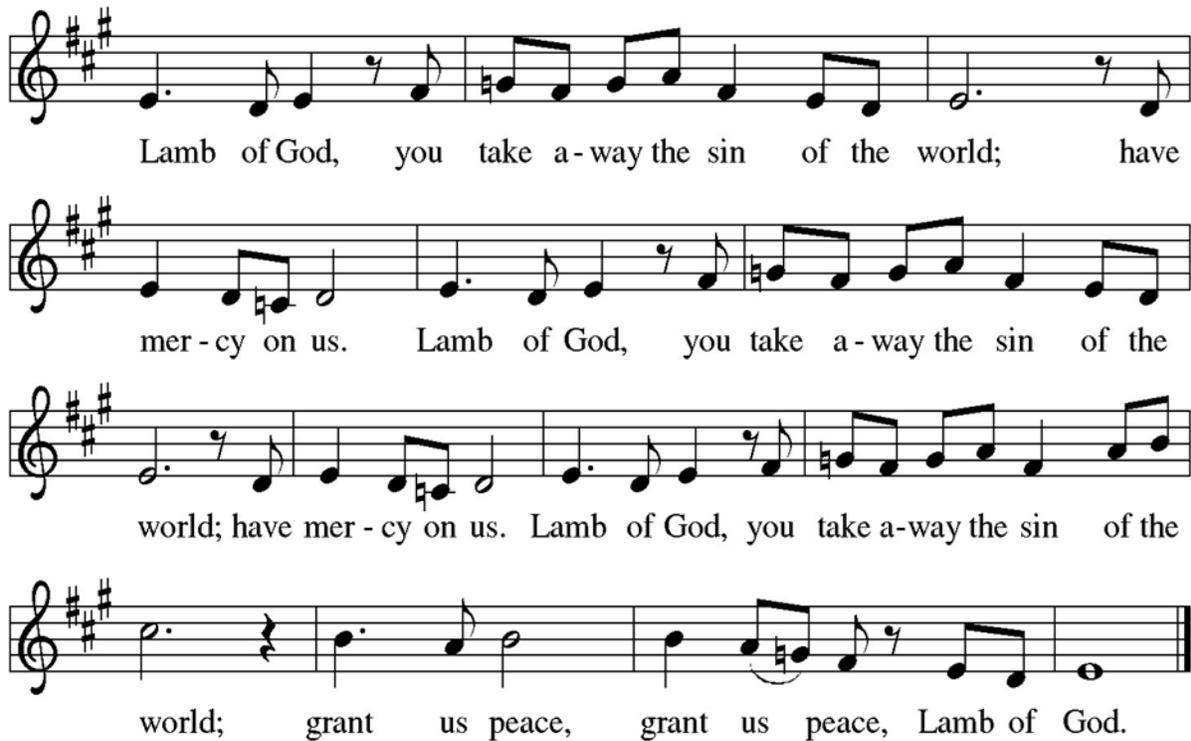
**Communion (ELW p. 112)**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

**Lamb of God**



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

**Prayer after Communion (ELW p. 114)**

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Sending*

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

**Blessing**

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still you  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will,  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.  
 Music: MUNICH, *Neuenerweintes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

**Dismissal (ELW p. 115)**

The service is done, but our work continues. Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”**

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