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November 8, 2026 – 10:00 AM ***24th Sunday after Pentecost***

WELCOME VISITORS! We welcome all who believe in Jesus Christ to the Lord's Supper as we partake in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. For those who would prefer, grape juice is available in the center ring of each serving tray. If you do not wish to receive communion you are invited to come forward for a blessing. God's forgiveness and love is for everyone.

We are honored that you are with us today and we ask everyone to please sign the ***Friendship Register*** in each pew. Visitors are asked to also complete a ***Visitors Card*** from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Again, Welcome!

***Invites the congregation to stand.**

HOLY COMMUNION – *Setting 3*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

[P] Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
[C] Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

[P] Holy God,
[C] we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

[P] Inherit the riches of God's grace. ✠ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
[C] Amen.
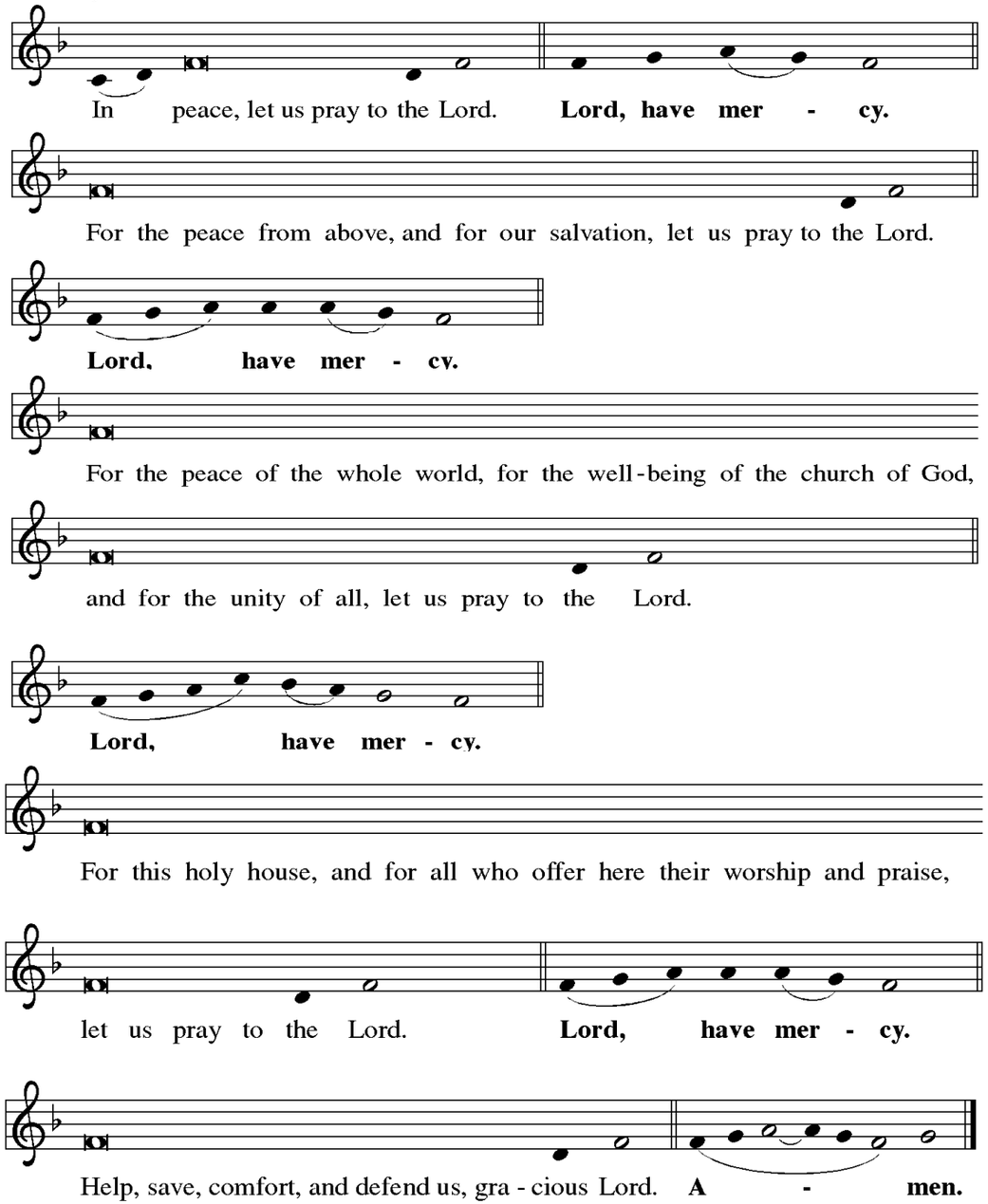
***Gathering Hymn:** *"Come, We That Love the Lord"* ELW #625

As the hymn begins, the congregation turns toward the entrance to face the processional cross.
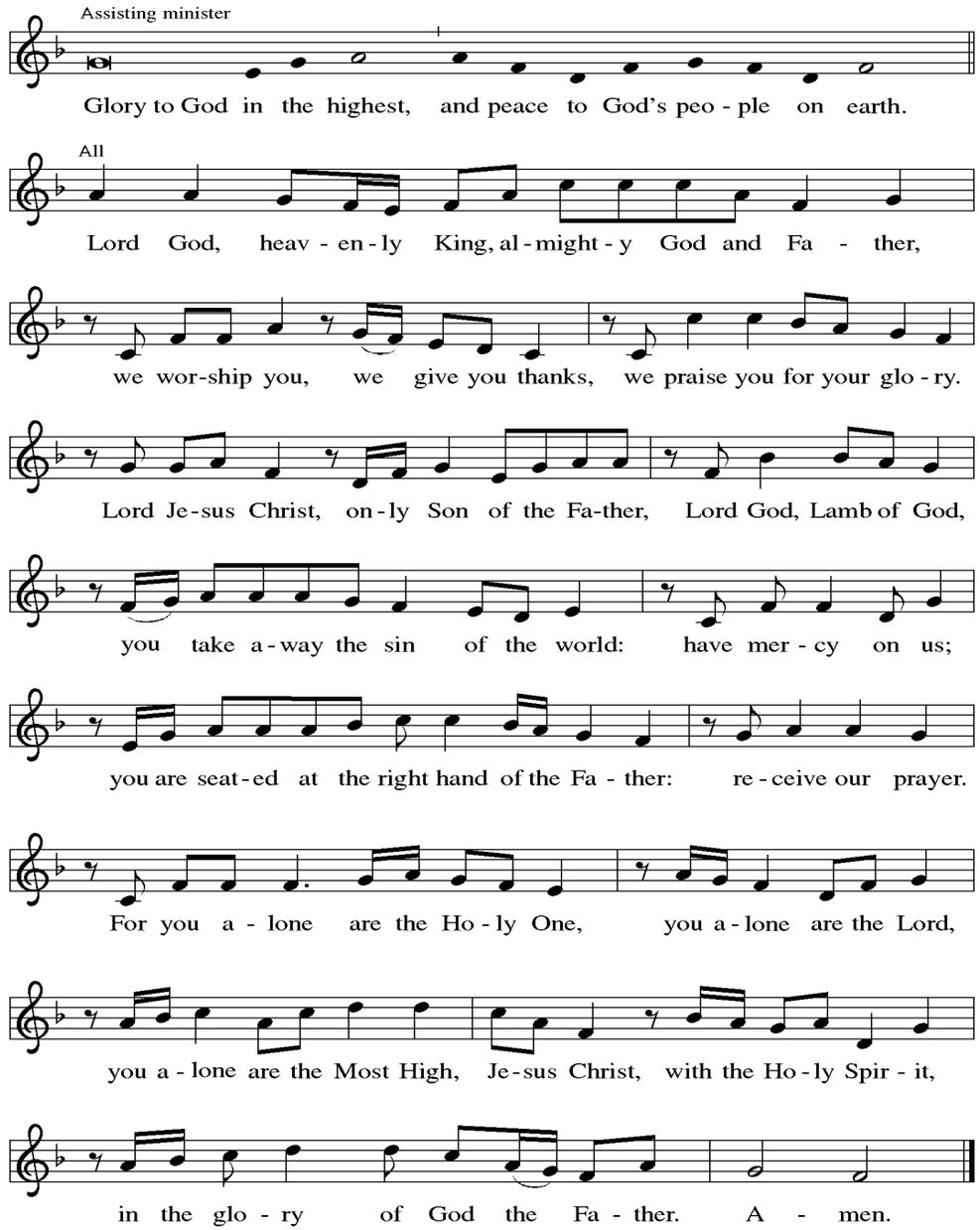
***Greeting**

[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.

*The Kyrie



*Hymn of Praise



***The Prayer of the Day**

[P] The Lord be with you.
[C] And also with you.
[P] Let us pray… *Insert*
[C] Amen

Children's Message Pastor David Armstrong-Reiner

Children's Church *(Children are invited to the Fellowship Hall for further worship/education.)*

The First Lesson: *Amos 5:18-24* *Insert*

[L] The Word of the Lord.
[C] Thanks be to God.
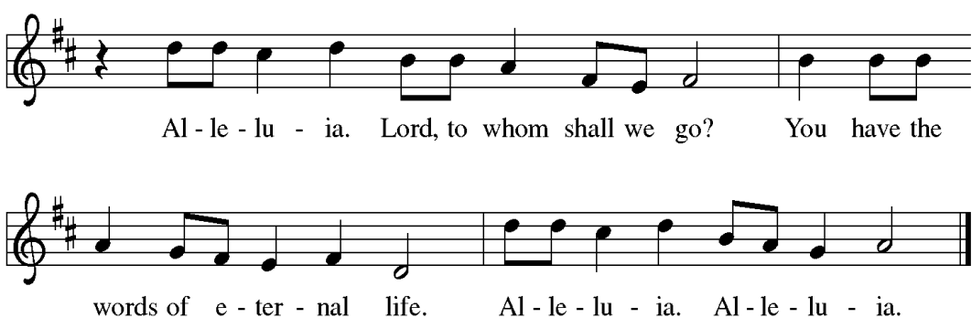
Psalm: *70; refrain, Ps. 70:5* *Insert*

*(Congregation sings verses in **bold** print only.)*

The Second Lesson: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18* *Insert*

[L] The Word of the Lord.
[C] Thanks be to God.

***The Verse:**
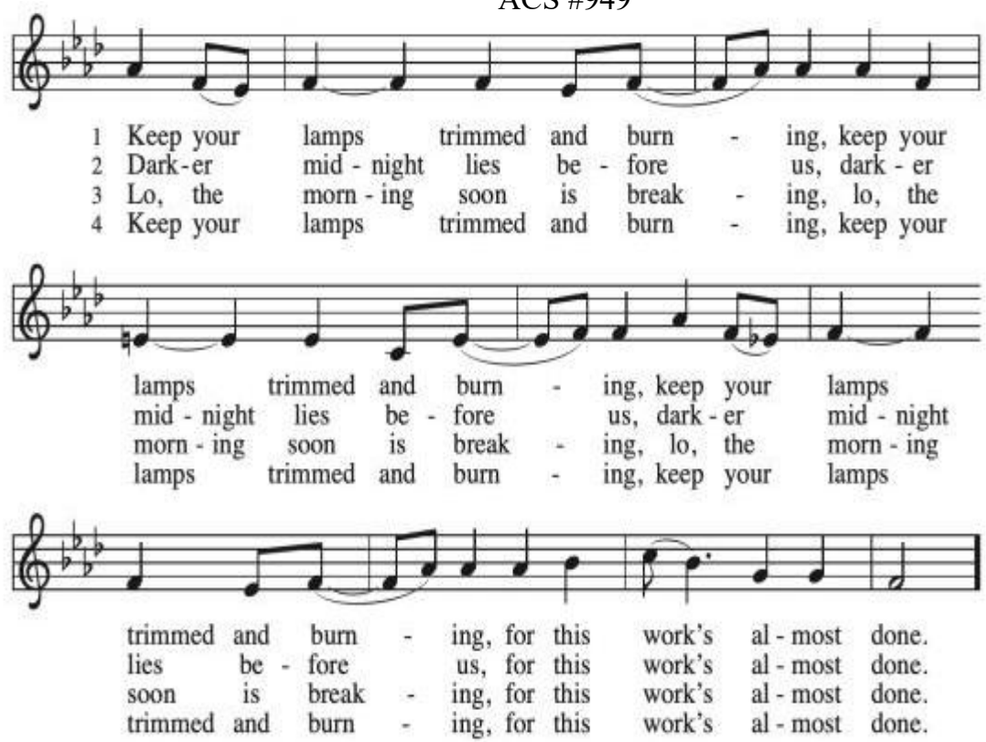


***The Gospel:**

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter.
[C] Glory to you, O Lord.
Matthew 25:1-13 *Insert*
[P] The Gospel of the Lord.
[C] Praise to you, O Christ.
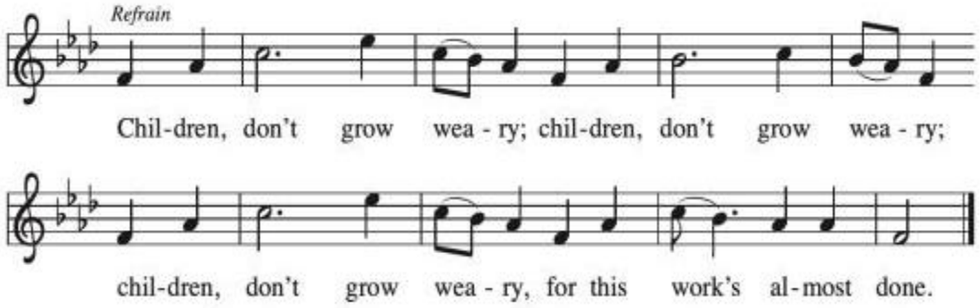
Sermon: Pastor David Armstrong-Reiner

***The Hymn of the Day:** *"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"*

ACS #949



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Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

***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 into hell. 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** *Insert*

After each portion of the prayers:
[A] God, in your mercy,
[C] hear our prayer.

***The Peace** is shared by all.
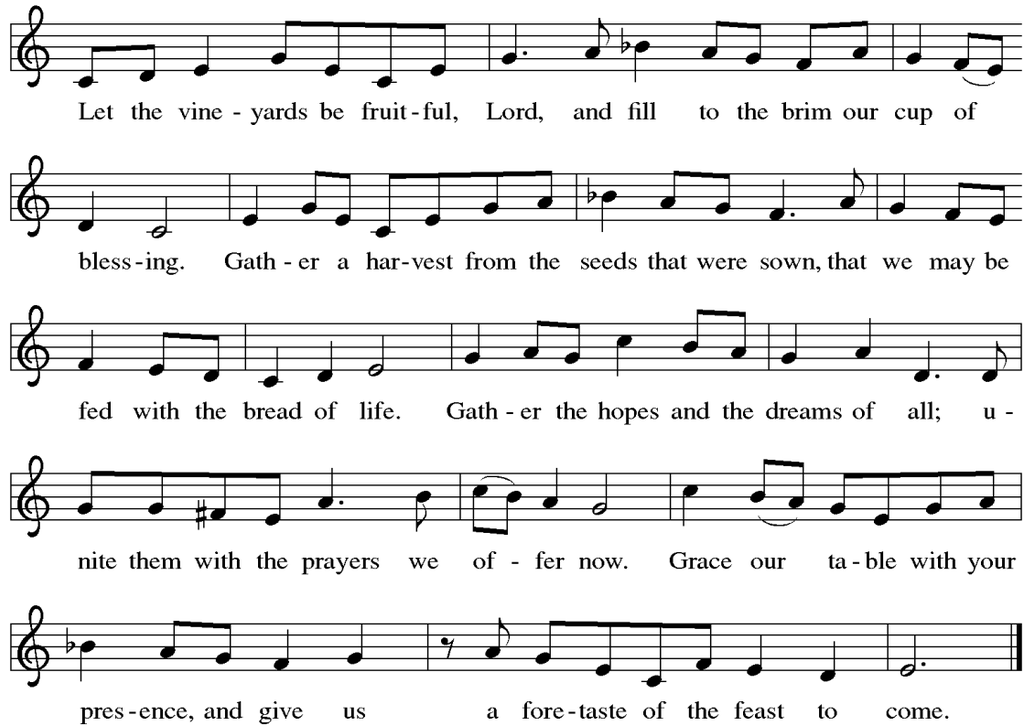
[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.
[C] And also with you.

The minister and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.**

The Offering

***Choral Offertory**

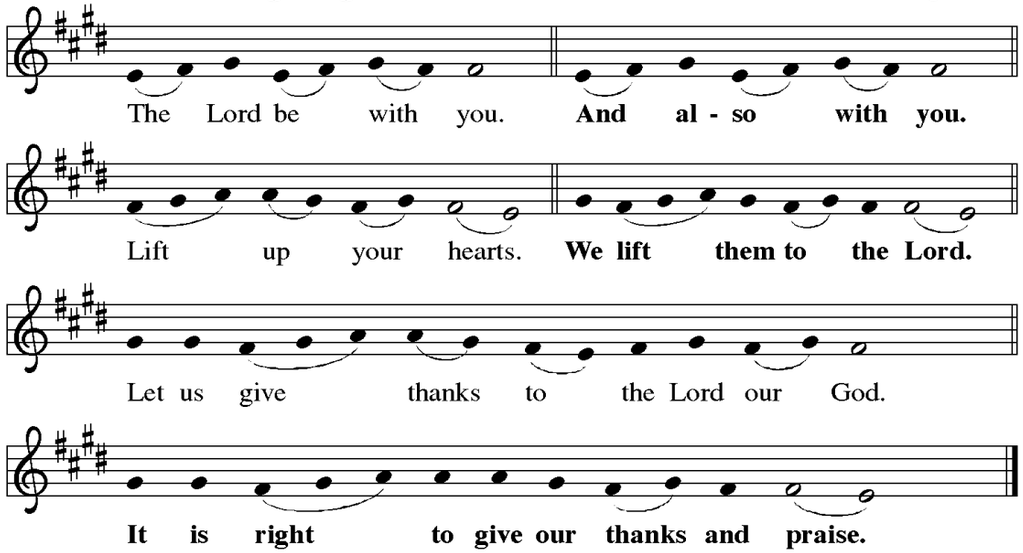
***The Offertory Hymn:** *"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"* ELW #182



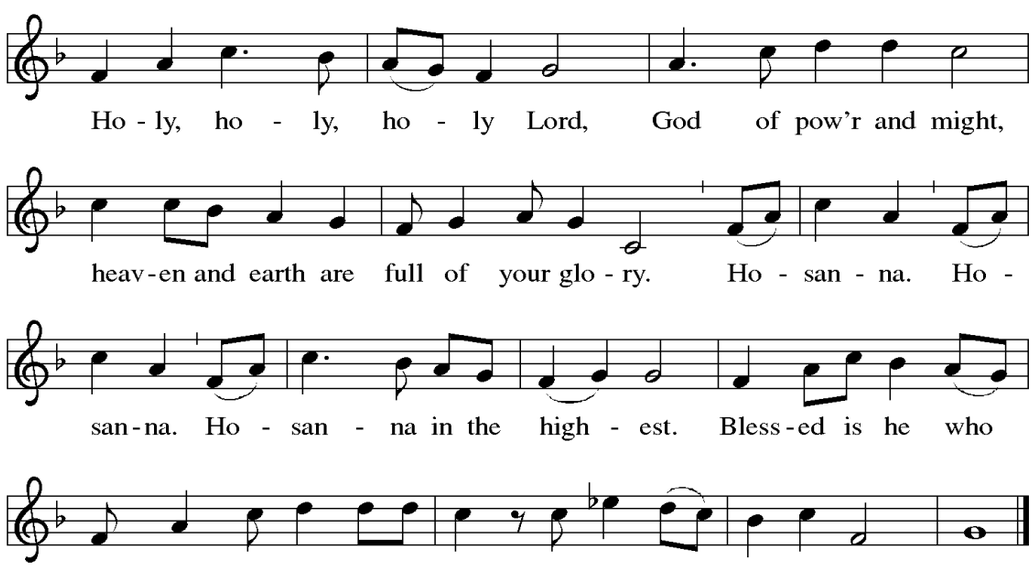
***Offering Prayer**

[A] Let us pray together.
[C] Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***The Great Thanksgiving** ELW Page 144



[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
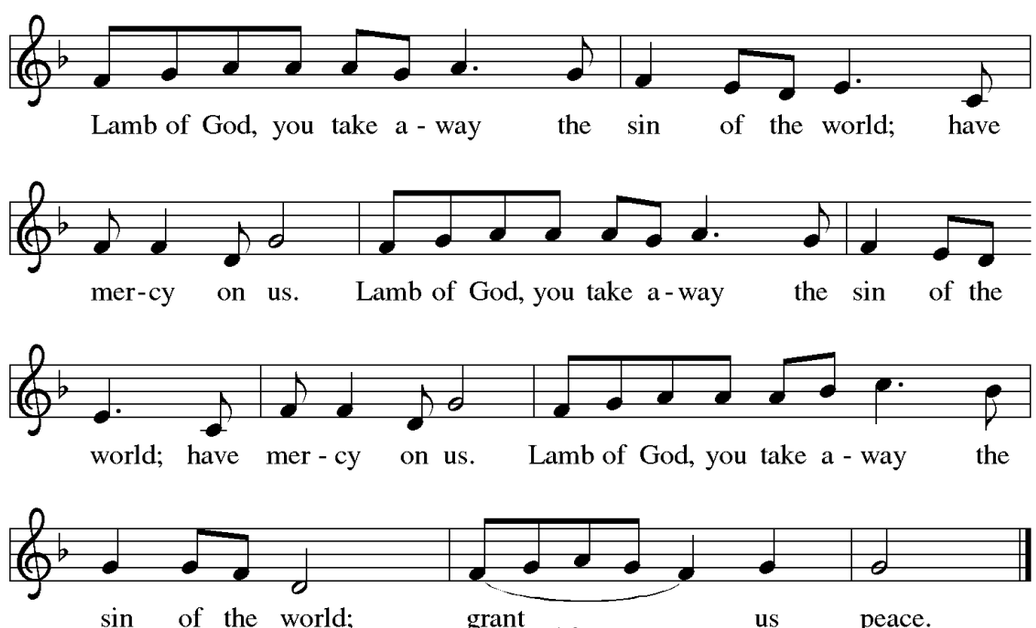


[P] In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 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.

[C] 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.

The Communion *(Please follow the instructions of the ushers in coming to receive communion.)*

"Lamb of God"

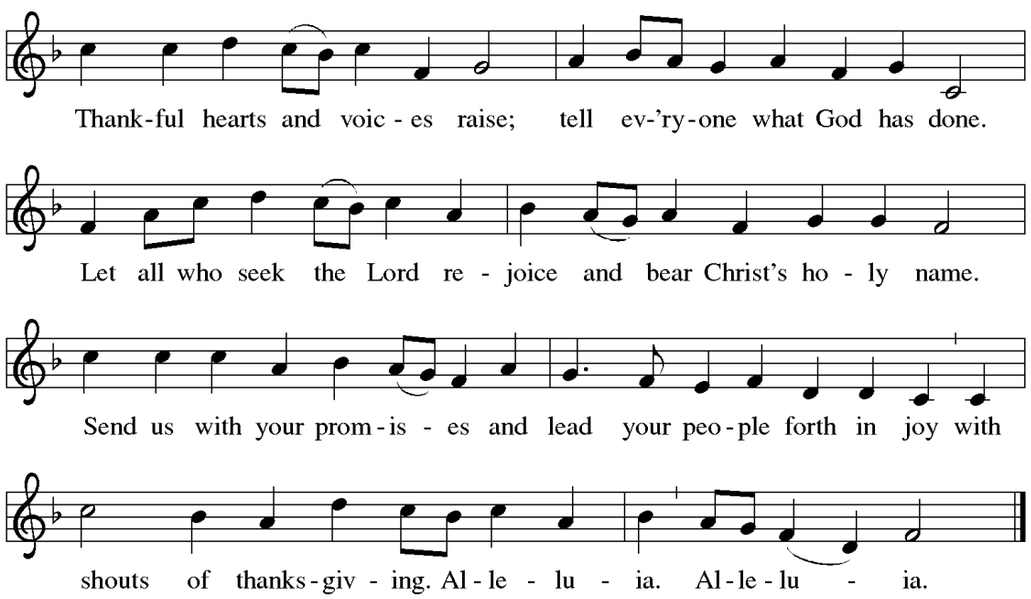


Communion Hymns: (*1*) *"When Peace Like a River"* ELW #785
(*2*) *"On Eagle's Wings"* ELW #787

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post Communion Canticle:**

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise" ELW #204



***Post-Communion Prayer**

[A] Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
[C] Amen.

***Benediction (Blessing)**

[P] God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

The God of all grace ✢ bless you now and forever.
[C] Amen.

***Recessional Hymn:** *"Blessed Assurance"* ELW #638

As the cross is carried out during the singing of the hymn, the congregation turns to face the cross.

***Dismissal**

[All] Follow Christ, Live Faithfully, Serve All. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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