Christ the King Lutheran Church



Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026
11:00 a.m.

All Are Welcome

Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here. Called by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to welcoming and celebrating all people, inclusive of culture, age, race or ethnicity, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, ability, economic status, or family structure. We are committed to the work of racial equity and justice within and through our community that we all may be transformed to be fully the body of Christ in our world. We invite you to worship with us, receive Christ's gift of Holy Communion with us, share your own story with us, and serve with us as we strive to live into God's universal embrace in Jesus Christ.

Helpful Directions

Whether you are a new member or visiting for the first time, we welcome you!

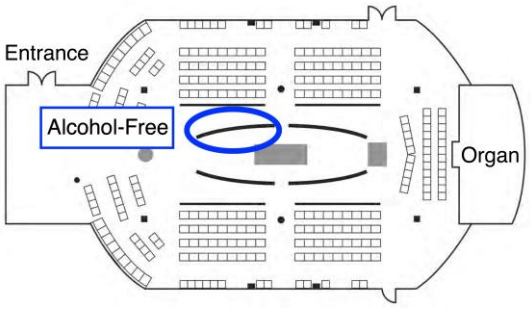
- Greeters and Council Members are identified by name tags and are happy to assist you participating in today's services.
- Restrooms are located in the ministry building. From the nave, follow the cloister through the courtyard and enter the double doors; you will find the restrooms on your left. Gender-neutral restrooms are in the basement and on the second floor.
- Firearms are strictly prohibited within our buildings and courtyard at all times.

For Children and Parents

- As we worship, children are invited into the PrayGround. Children's worship bags are available at the entrance to the nave. Children's Bibles are in the pews.
- For families with infants, our nursery attendants are available to provide care.
- The nursery is accessible through the courtyard.
- If it gets too loud, we have headphones with the blankets located at the entrance of the nave.

In Holy Communion Christ is present and welcomes all.

Please come to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers, taking an individual glass from the table at the end of the front pew. Our Holy Communion Bread is gluten-free. Alcohol-free wine is offered at the altar rail quadrant near the PrayGround circled in blue on the diagram. You may choose both bread and cup or either. Christ is present in all for all.



Cover: *Wise and Foolish Maids*, He Qi.

HOLY COMMUNION

Gathering

Those who arrive early are invited to explore the Ofrenda in the narthex.

The pealing of the bells and prelude serve as opportunities to center oneself before worship. We ask the assembly to refrain from conversation.

Pealing of the Bells

Prelude *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*
("Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying") for Organ and Trumpet
Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)

Rise in body or spirit as the cross and ministers enter.

Installation of the Call Committee

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

After prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and prayerful deliberations, the congregation council has selected the following people to serve as voting members of the Call Committee for our next senior pastor. Please come to the Baptismal Font as your name is called.

Jennifer Belden, Chaplain
Mary Ann Beseda
Peter Boecher
Tom Bouldin, Co-chair
Anna Christensen, Co-chair
Logan Faron, alternate
Alberto Garcia, Secretary
Erin Gough
Courtney Harper
Jim Hefty, alternate

We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these people will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

The assembly is seated.

Readings from First Corinthians and Philippians

The presiding minister continues with the charge to the Call Committee.

You have been chosen to serve in positions of responsibility and trust for this congregation …

On behalf of your siblings in Christ, I ask you:
Having offered yourselves to serve on the Call Committee of this congregation, will you follow our Lord's example of humble service?
Response: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The assembly stands.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, I ask you:
Will you support these call committee members, pray for them, and join them in prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit? Will you assist them in maintain appropriate confidentiality and share with them in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?
We will, and we ask God to help us.

Let us pray: O God of love, your Son washed the feet of his disciples as a sign of servanthood. Uphold those who follow his example of humble service, and strengthen them in their faith. Guide and direct these servants who will lead this congregation in the selection of the one who will be called as senior pastor. Give them wisdom and discernment. Let your Holy Spirit guide and direct them in all that they do. Help us all to faithfully serve you in thought, word, and deed, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

I now declare you installed as the Call Committee for this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn 710 *Let Streams of Living Justice*

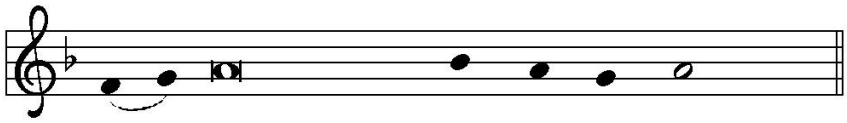


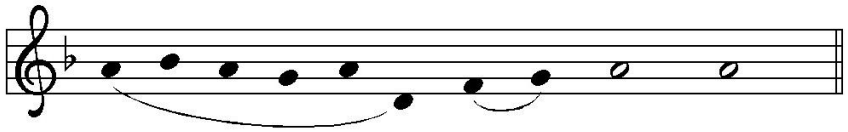
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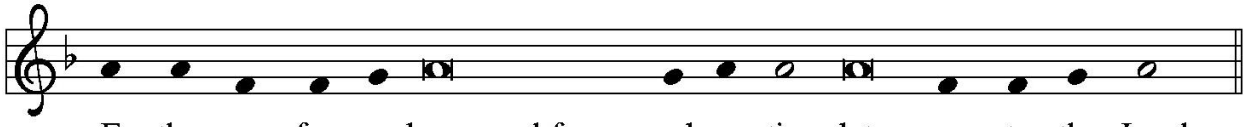
Greeting

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.

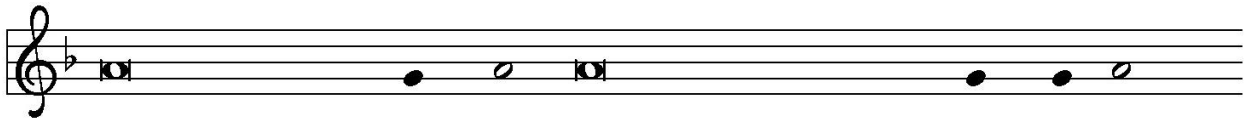
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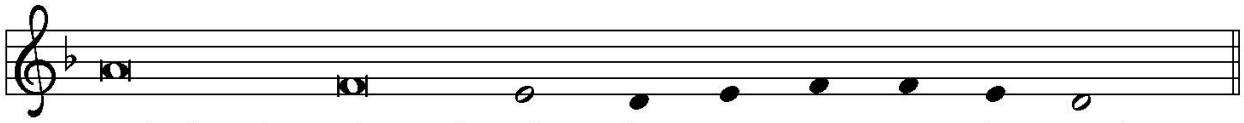

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.


Lord, have mer - cy.

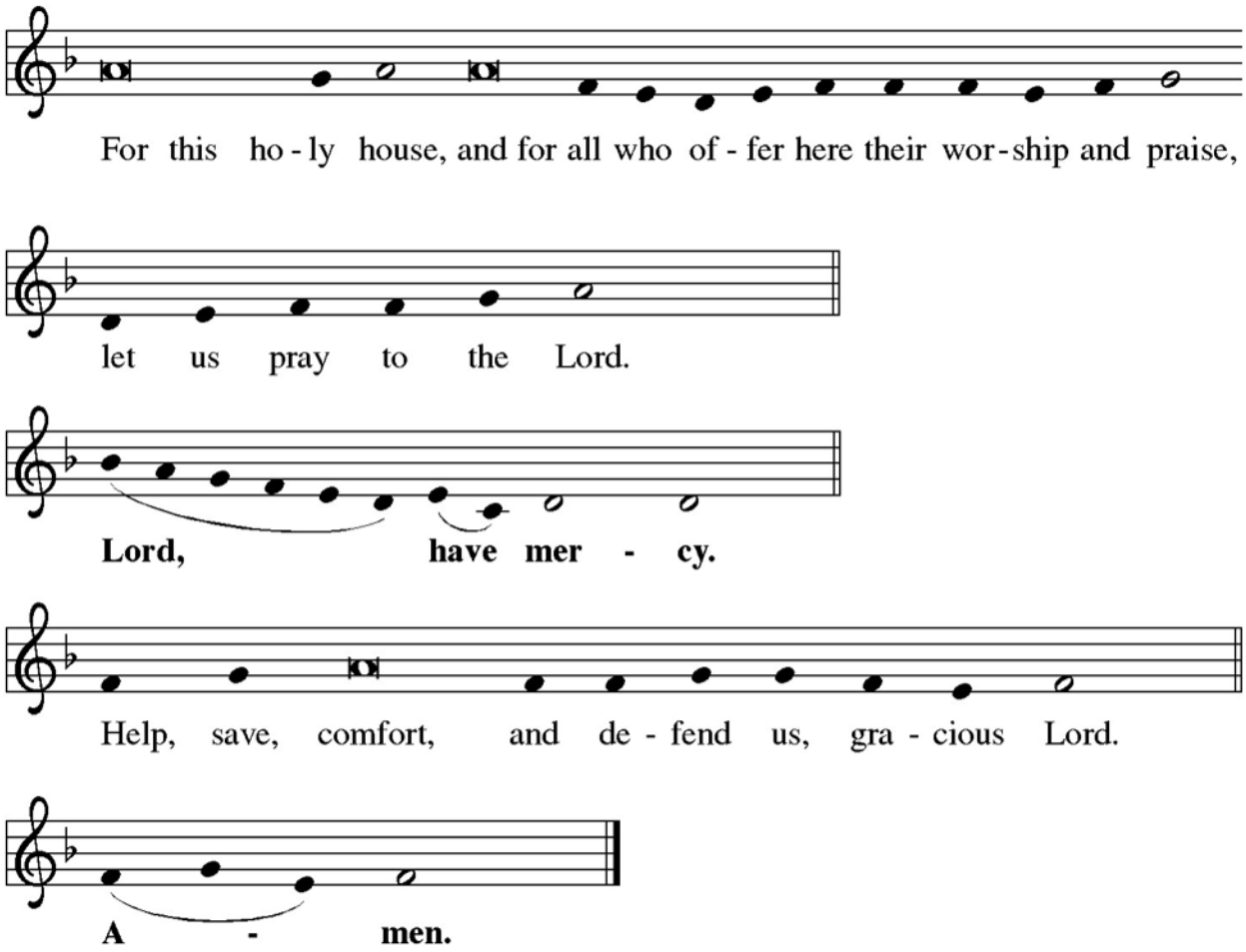

For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.


Lord, have mer - cy.

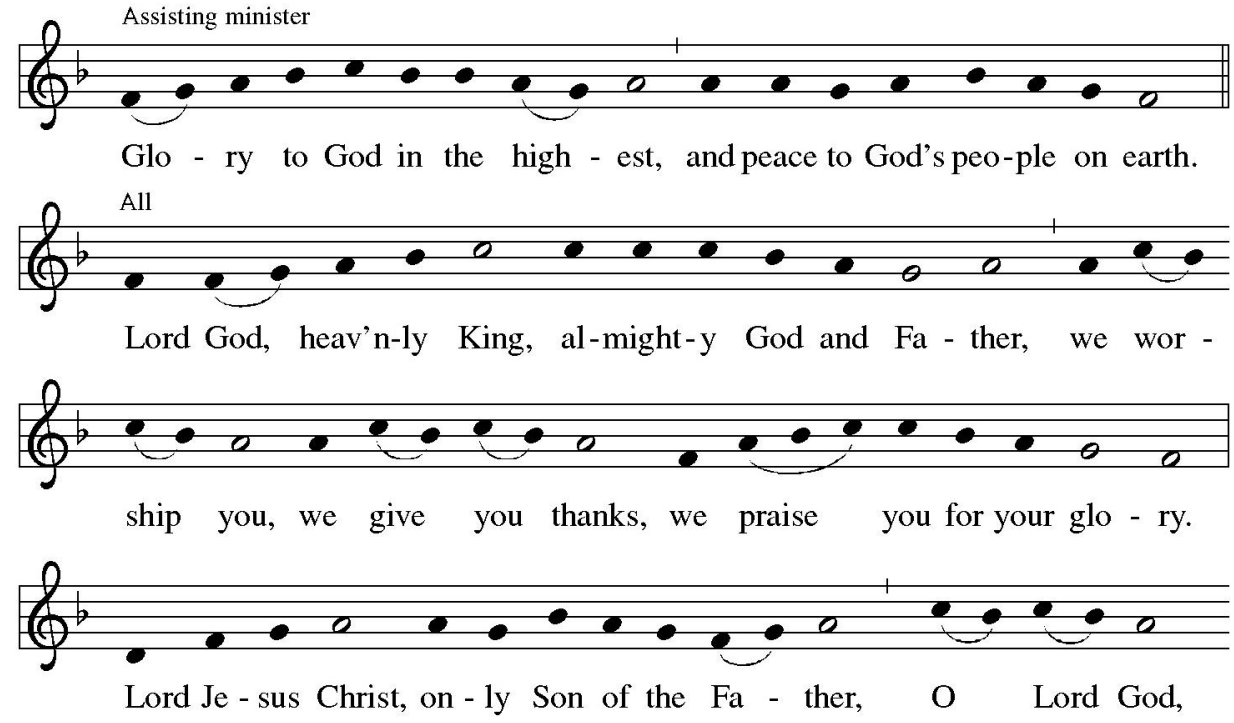

For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.


Lord, have mer - cy.

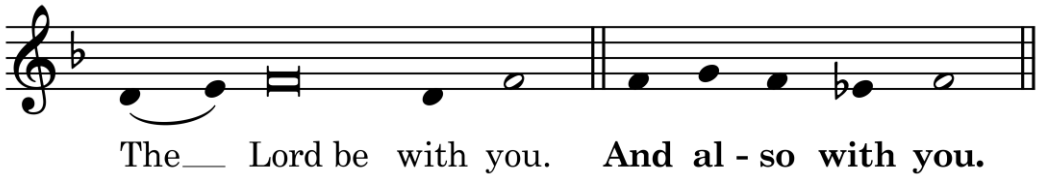

For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
A - men.

Gloria


Assisting minister
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
All
Lord God, heav'n-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, O Lord God,



Prayer of the Day



Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

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First Reading Amos 5:18-24

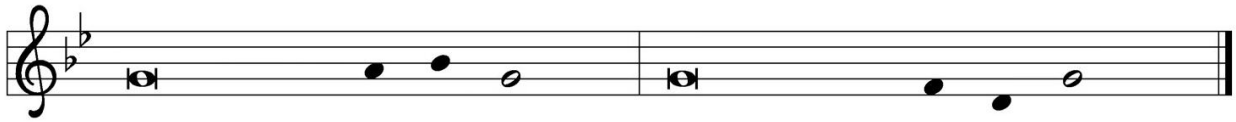
Let justice roll down like waters

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God, word of life. or The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70

Sung in alternation by verse



1 Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.

2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and |
be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the
LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

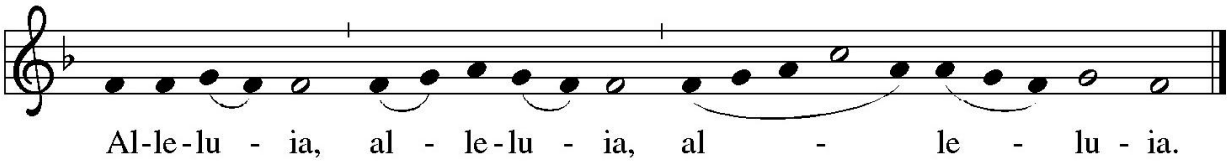
The promise of the resurrection

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about
those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have
no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so,
through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this
we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are
left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who
have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the
archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from
heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive,
who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet
the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore
encourage one another with these words.

Word of God, word of life. or The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly rises in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation



Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24:42, 44

The deacon reads the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

The story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids

The Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like
this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the
bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the
foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took
flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of
them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout,
'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those
young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the
wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise
replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better
go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to
buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him
into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other
young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied,
'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you
know neither the day nor the hour."

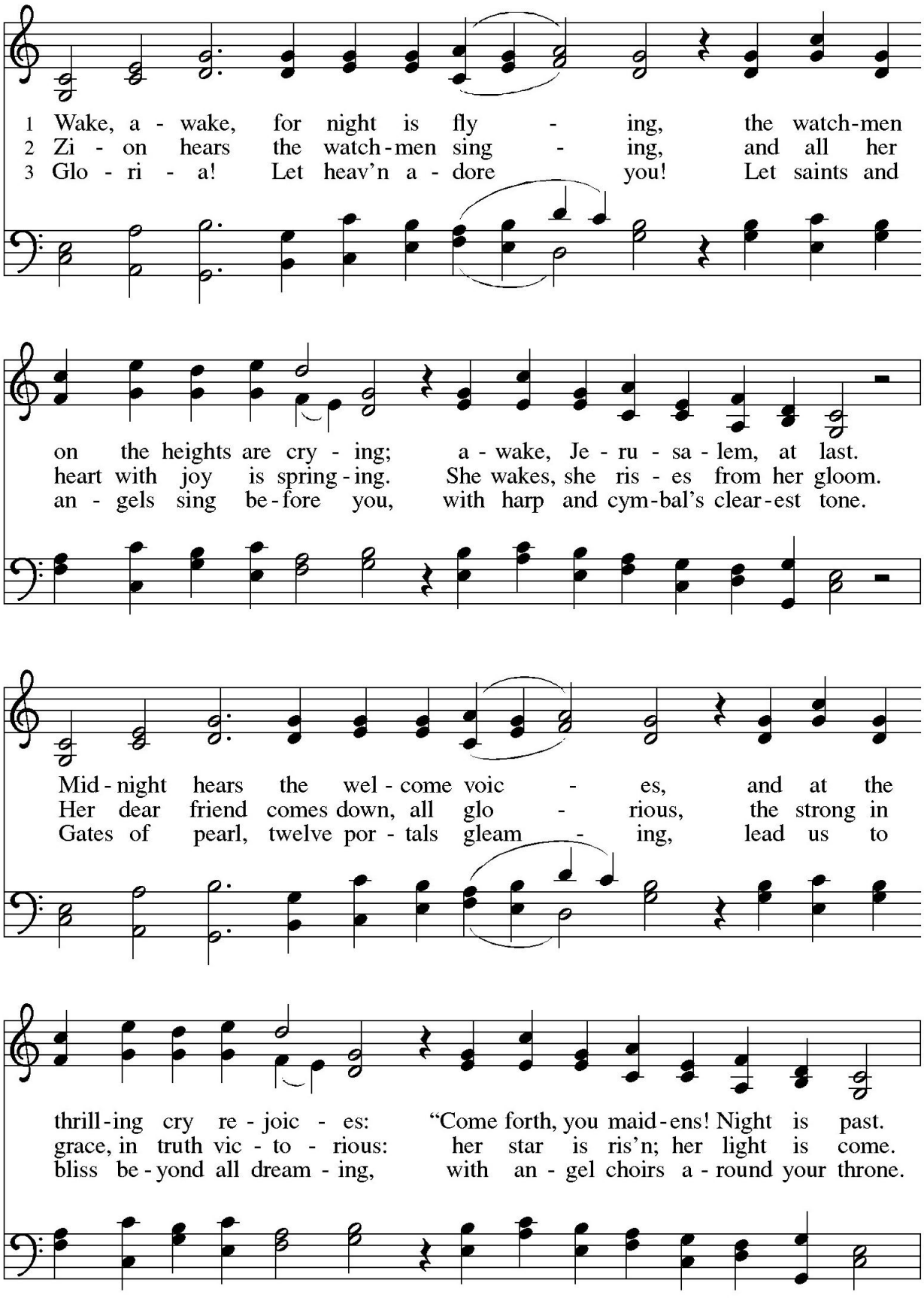
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Silence

At the conclusion of the introduction, the assembly rises in body or spirit to sing the Hymn of the Day.


1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and
on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
an - gels sing be-fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.
Mid-night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to
thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
bliss be-yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. composite
Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai
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Baptism Anniversaries and Apostles Creed

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism as we rejoice with all who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Zachary Bryant, Lexi Wolt, Annabel Thorvilson, Kirby Lesher, Linda Murray, Elliot Harlan

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.

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*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

Prayers of Intercession

Sit or kneel. Those in the Prayground are invited to light a tea light on the Prayground altar or color their prayers at this time and will be collected during the offering.

Compassionate God,
hear our prayer.

The deacon prays.

Prayer for Peace

O God,
it is your will to hold heaven and earth in a single peace.
Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of
our wraths and sorrows, and give
peace to your Church,
peace among nations,
peace in this nation,
peace in our homes, and
peace in our hearts;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Rise in body or spirit.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say:
Peace be with you.

sit

Meal

Offering

If you give through your bank or online, please place a reusable "Our Offering" card in the basket. These cards are located in front of you in the pew backs. Offerings may be mailed to the church office, 2353 Rice Blvd., Houston, TX 77005, or given through this QR Code.

Motet

Let Grief Not Overwhelm You
(Geistliches Lied, Op. 30)
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Let grief not overwhelm you, consume you.
Be quiet; trust God's intent and be content, my spirit.
Why dwell today on sorrow tomorrow?
Your Savior stands by your side, and you abide in favor.
Then go about your serving unswerving, confessing:
God holds the key to what shall be your blessing.
Amen.

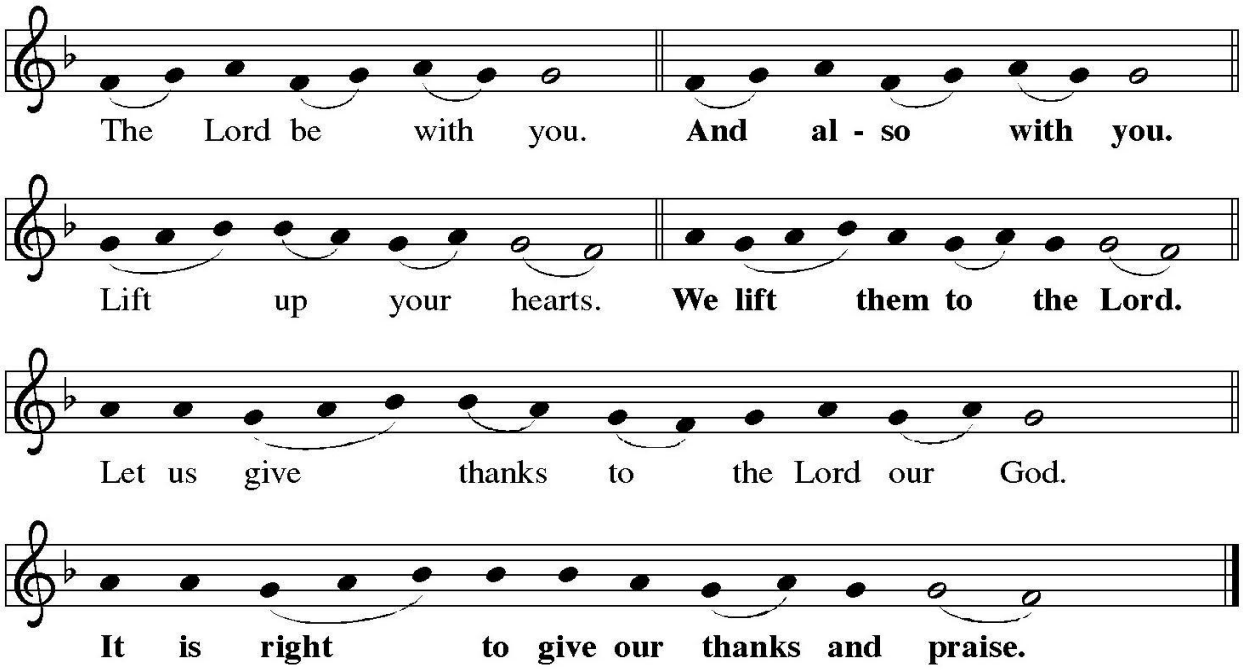
Rise in body or spirit.

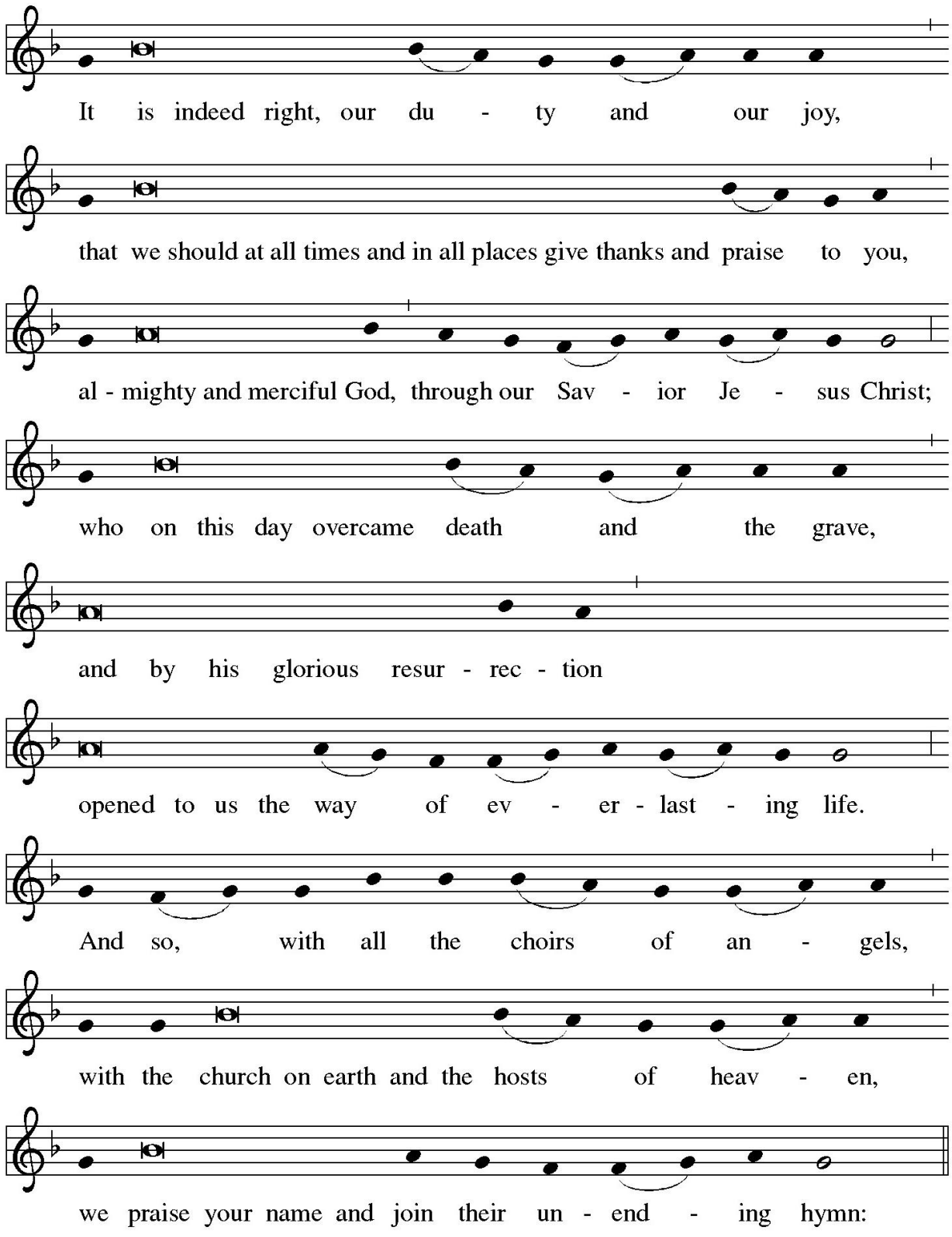
Offering Prayer

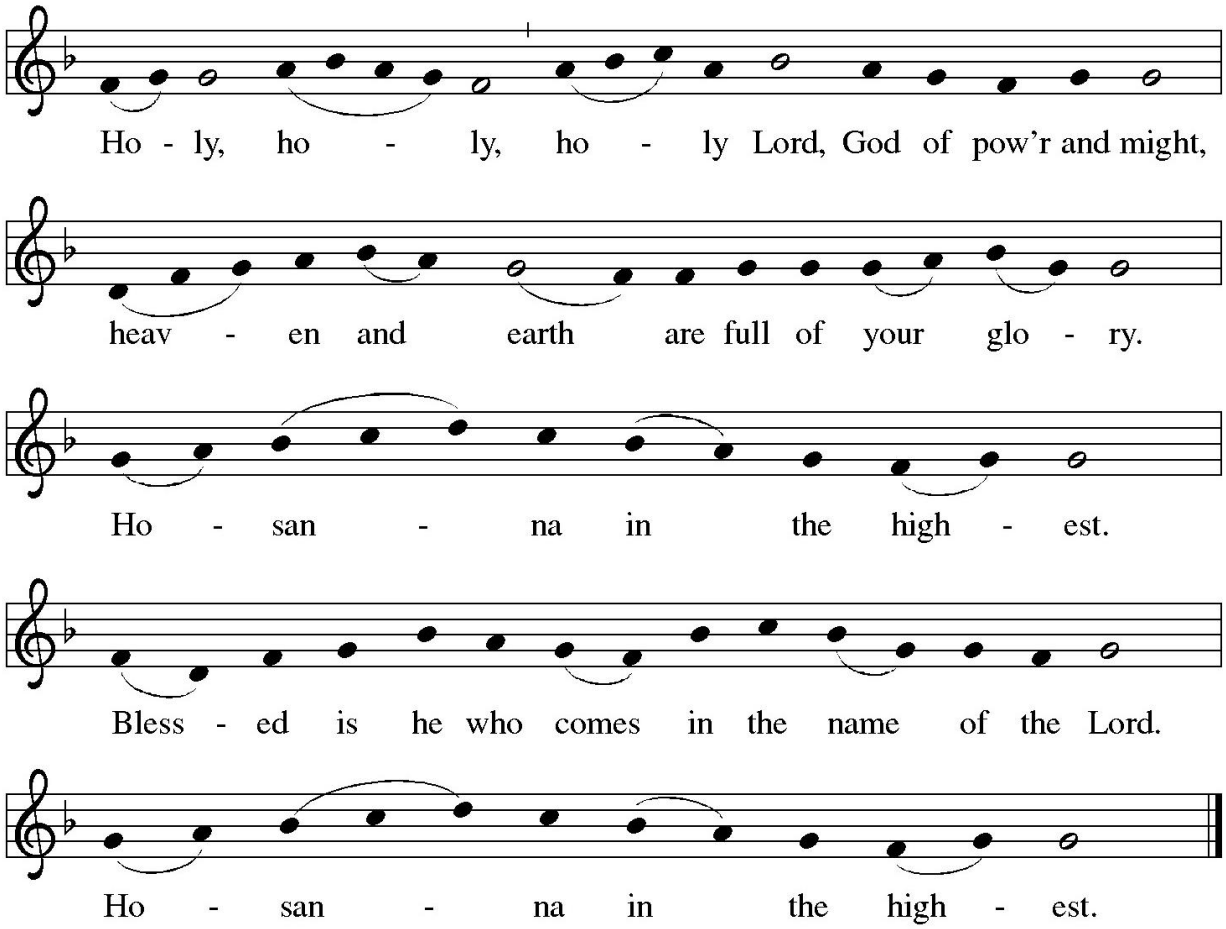
Let us pray:

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.**

Great Thanksgiving




It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:



The presiding minister continues in thanksgiving and intercession.

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness;
you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence.
We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us.
We thank you for the new world to come
and for the love that will rule all in all.
We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen,
the people of your promise:
the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land,
the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile,
and the prophets' words that will not be in vain.
In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son,
who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

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.

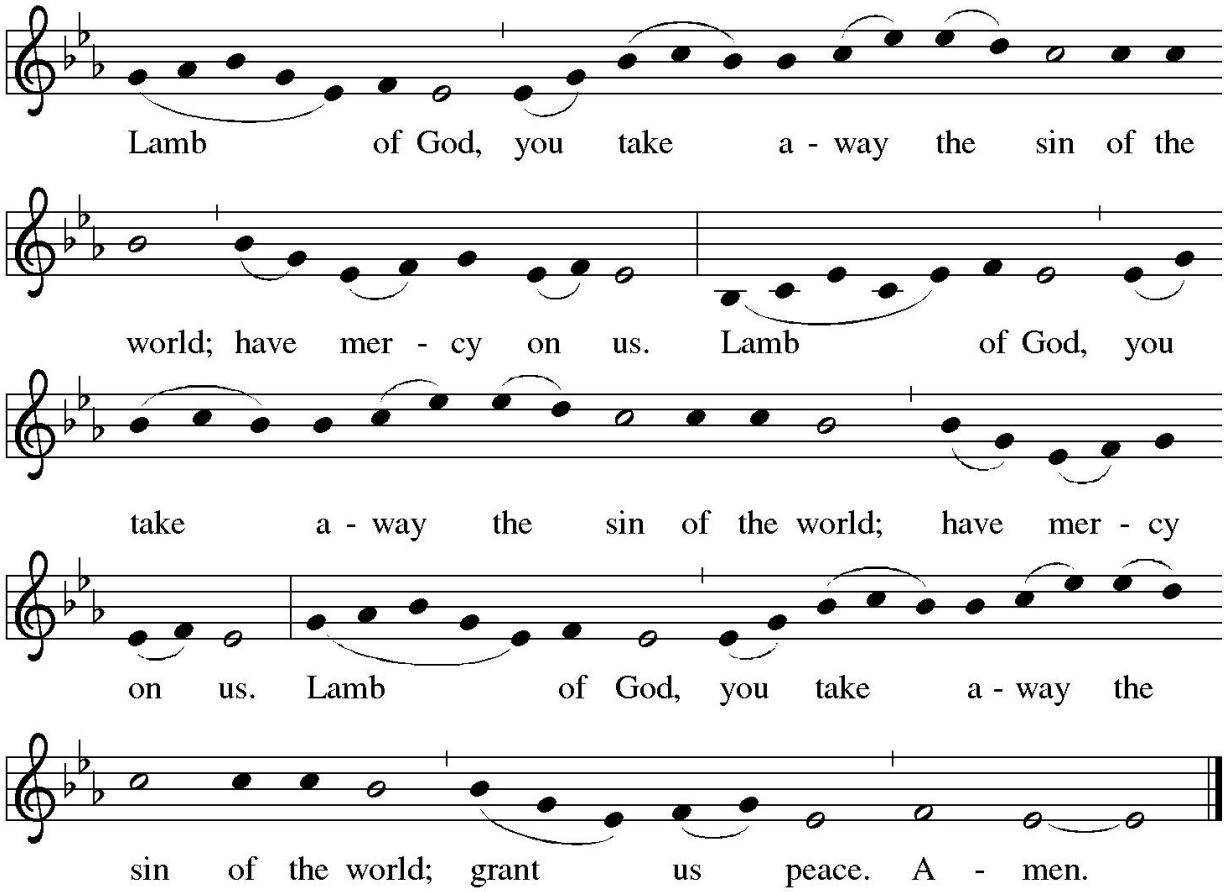
Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the incarnation of your Son:
his human birth and the covenant he made with us.
We remember the sacrifice of his life:
his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death.
But chiefly we remember his rising from the tomb,
his ascension to the seat of power,
and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit.
We cry out for the resurrection of our lives,
when Christ will come again in beauty and power
to share with us the great and promised feast.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we and all who share in this bread and cup
may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven,
and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through whom, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen**

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.



Communion

Invitation to Communion

Christ invites everyone to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You are invited to take an individual communion cup from the table at the corner of the pews and approach the altar rail from its corner. You may receive the sacrament or a blessing, kneeling or standing. Please return to the seats through the short center aisles where there are trays for used glasses. Children of all ages are invited to commune or receive a blessing.

If you do not wish to commune, please come to the altar rail with other worshipers for a blessing.


1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to
that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,
some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and
vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con-verge a -
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es

Hymn 638 *Blessed Assurance*



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

Rise in body or spirit.

Communion Blessing

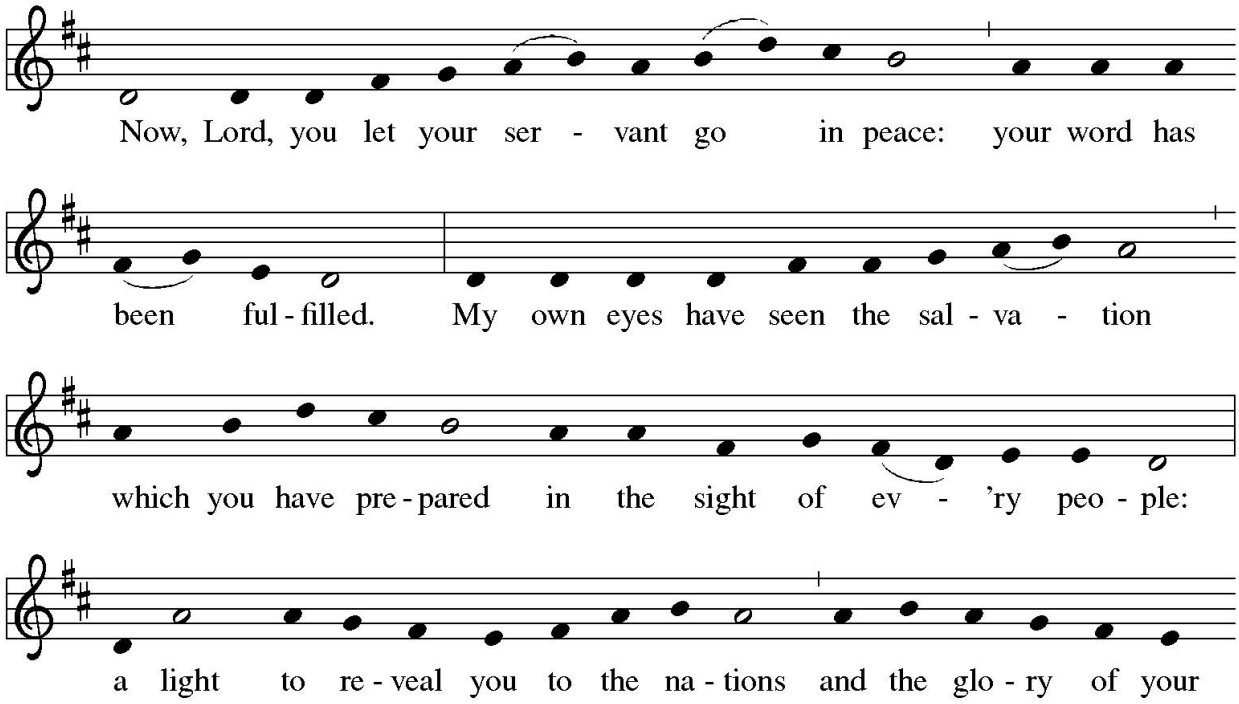
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

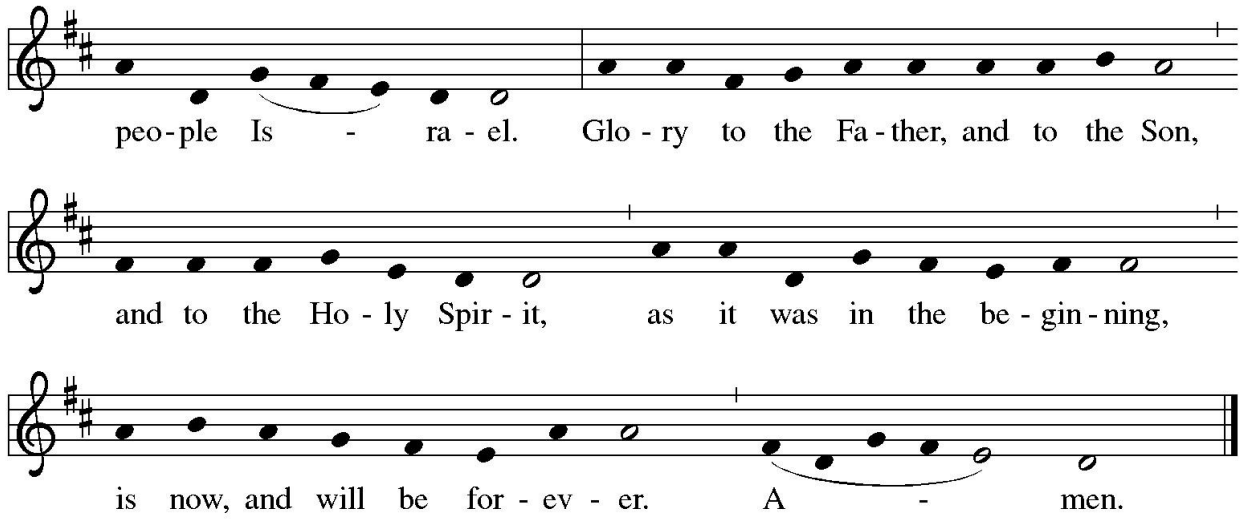
This congregation's Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) are given bread and wine from this liturgy to share with those who are hospitalized, home-bound, or otherwise unable to be present in the liturgy.

Sending of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

Post Communion Hymn 201 *Now, Lord*





Music: Plainsong, adapt. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
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Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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.
Amen.

Sending

Blessing

The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn 488 *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*



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Dismissal

Go out in joy, led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Allegro* from Sonata "San Marco," Op. 6, No. 11
Tomasi Albinoni (1671-1751)

Pealing of the Bells

Mission Offering *Festival Mission Partners*

Earliest accounts of Christian worship testify to an offering following the Eucharist designated to the poor and the alien by those able to give out of gratitude to God and generosity in imitating Christ.

Month to date contributions are: $451.60

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by DJ Fomby and Robert Hoover in remembrance of his father, William Harvey Hoover, born November 13.

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Serving

Chase Hooks.....Head Usher
Eldon Thomas.....Usher
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Martin Jones.....Associate Organist
Audrey Foster..... Trumpeter
Nicholas Ozden ..... Digital Verger
Lisa Miller.....Lay Eucharistic Minister
Peter Boecher .....Lay Eucharistic Minister
Judith Hungerford.....Lay Eucharistic Minister
Nyla Woods,..... Server
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Trish Chapman.....Assisting Minister
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The Rev. Ben Remmert..... Preacher

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Bette Bowers, Anita Bryant, Carole Derr, Camila Fantony Cervantes, Anthony Donaldson, DJ Fomby, Kerriann Haggadone, Reinetta Hansen, Maureen Lamson, Gaelyn Lesher, Peggy Mathis, Linda Marx, Marie Monroe, Mary Jane Orsburn, Jan Petner, Cynthia Rigoni, Maureen Sahaulla, Eleanor Verret, and Nyla Woods. Duties, a form of worship, include setting communion vessels, linens, and elements, arranging for the flowers, and caring for vestments and sacred objects in accordance with liturgical seasons.

Our Mission

Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church is a welcoming and inclusive community nourished by Christ in vibrant worship and committed to God's mission of love and service especially to the oppressed and to the poor.

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