

# Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 7th 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 8th 9:00 AM



## OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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We have an open table for **Holy Communion** with two options to receive communion:

- 1) Come forward, at the direction of the ushers, to receive communion by **Intinction**. You will receive a wafer (gluten free available) and then dip it either in the wine (red) or grape juice (white).  
  
Children and others not wishing to receive communion may come forward with their hands folded to receive a blessing. Otherwise, come forward with you palms open to receive a wafer.
- 2) Stay in your pew and use the **self-contained communion cups** (wafer on the top and grape juice on the bottom). These are located in the rear of the sanctuary as you walk in.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Prelude

## Welcome, Announcements & Call to Worship

### GATHERING

#### Gathering Song: "Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"

ELW 777

*please stand as you are able*



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-ers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev-ers bur-dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re - pen-tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."  
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."  
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."  
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

#### *Refrain*



Je - sus, ev - er - flow-ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

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| <p>5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;<br/>I would be your trusted friend.<br/>Come and seek the gift I offer,<br/>come, your open hands extend." <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;<br/>lonely ways no longer roam.<br/>Come and take the gift I offer,<br/>let me make in you my home." <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939

Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

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## **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**C Amen.**

L Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L Gracious God,

**C Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

L For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

**C Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

L For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

**C Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

L For failing to recognize your coming reign,  
and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**C Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

L For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,  
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**C Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

L For disregarding voices from the margin,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

**C Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

L For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

**C Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

L God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

**C Amen.**

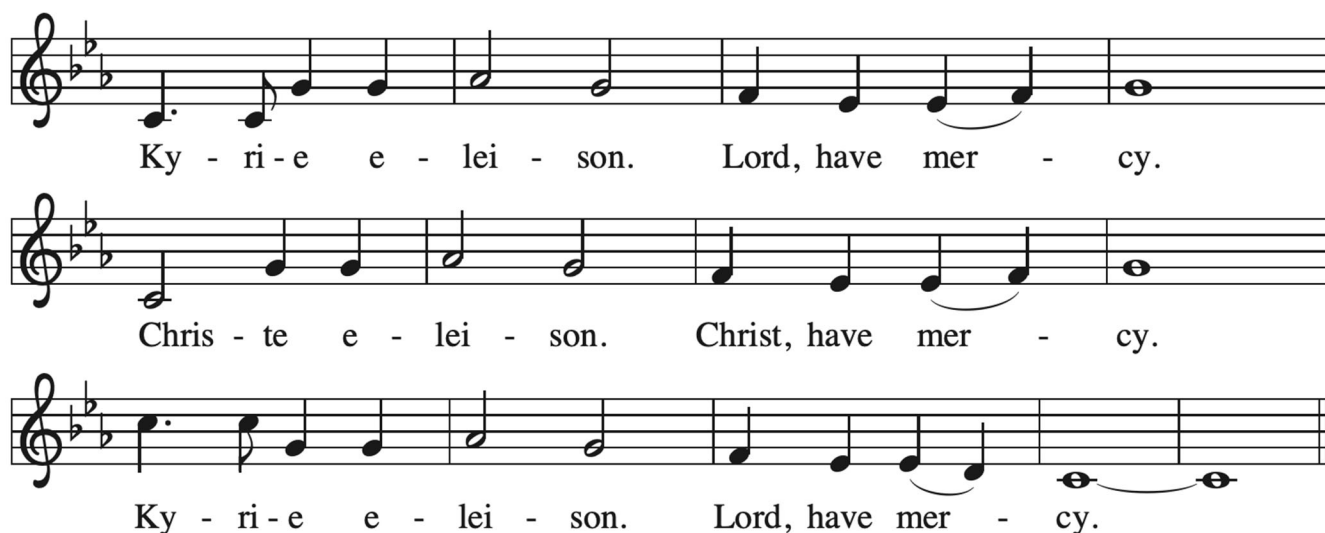
## Greeting

L 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.

## Kyrie

ACS Setting 12



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## Prayer of the Day

C Merciful God,  
the fountain of living water,  
you quench our thirst and wash away our sin.  
Give us this water always.  
Bring us to drink from the well  
that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

*you may be seated*

## Special Music: "As the Deer"

Choir (Sunday)

Words & Music by Martin Nystrom  
Arranged by Douglas E. Wagner

## WORD

### First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup> From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 95

*Congregation reads the bold verses*

- <sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup> **Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**
- <sup>3</sup> For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup> **Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**
- <sup>7</sup> For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture  
and the sheep of God’s hand. Oh, that today you would hear God’s voice!
- <sup>8</sup> **“Harden not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

- <sup>9</sup> There your ancestors tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.  
<sup>10</sup> **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,**  
**‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.’**  
<sup>11</sup> Indeed I swore in my anger,  
‘They shall never come to my rest.’ ”

## Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
<sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast  
in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our  
afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces  
character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because  
God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given  
to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed,  
rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person  
someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we  
still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely, therefore, since we have now  
been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For  
if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much  
more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> But more than that,  
we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now  
received reconciliation.

R Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

*please stand as you are able*



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.

## Gospel: John 4:5-42

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 4th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup> [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is



gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

P The Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to you, O Christ. *you may be seated*

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

Rev. Keith Sorlie (Saturday) Rev. Jon Strasman (Sunday)

### Hymn of the Day: "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

ELW 335

*please stand as you are able*



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.

# Apostles' Creed

**C 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 the People

**L** Hear us, O God,                      **C** Your mercy is great.

L Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**C Amen.**

# Peace

L The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*you may be seated*

# MEAL

## The Offering

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## Offering Song: "Now Is the Time of Grace"

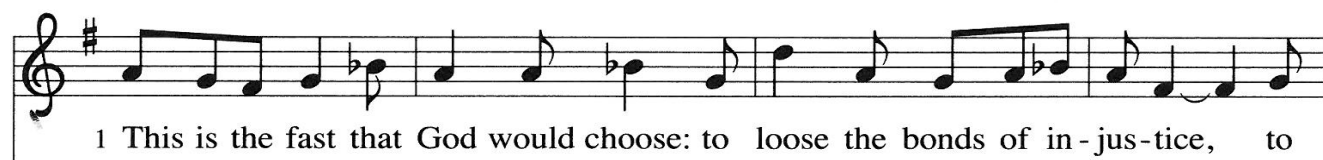
### *Refrain*



Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va - tion.

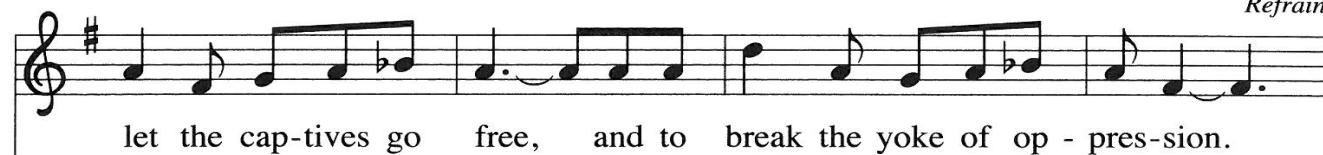


Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in-vi - ta - tion.



1 This is the fast that God would choose: to loose the bonds of in - jus - tice, to

### *Refrain*

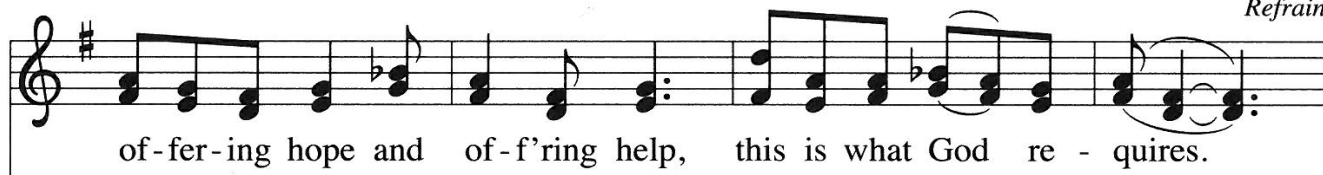


let the cap - tives go free, and to break the yoke of op - pres - sion.

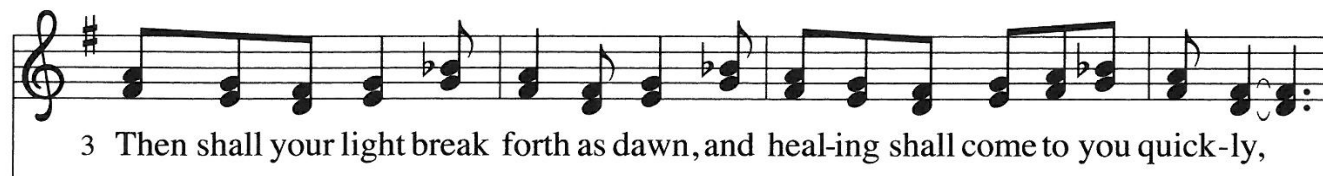


2 Shar - ing your bread with the hun - gry and wel - com - ing home - less in,

### *Refrain*

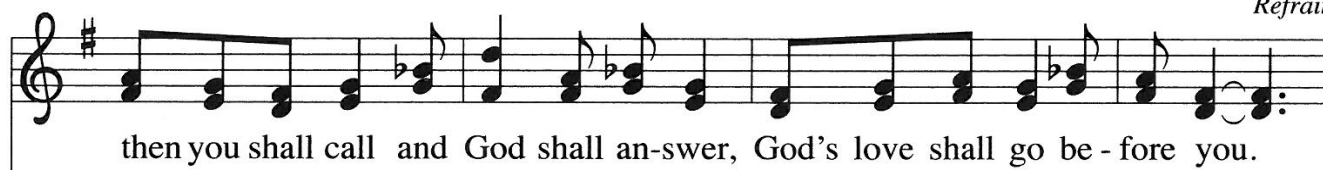


of - fer - ing hope and of - f'ring help, this is what God re - quires.



3 Then shall your light break forth as dawn, and heal - ing shall come to you quick - ly,

### *Refrain*



then you shall call and God shall an - swer, God's love shall go be - fore you.

## Offering Prayer

*please stand as you are able*

**C** O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation.  
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty.  
Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your  
Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.  
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Great Thanksgiving

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

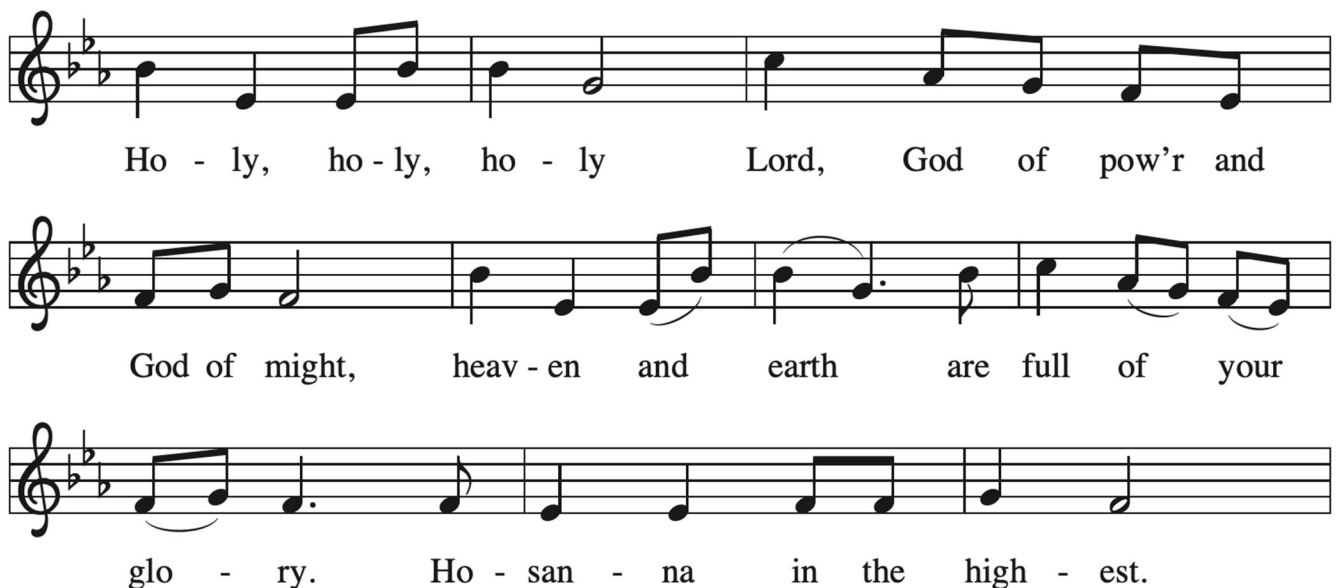
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

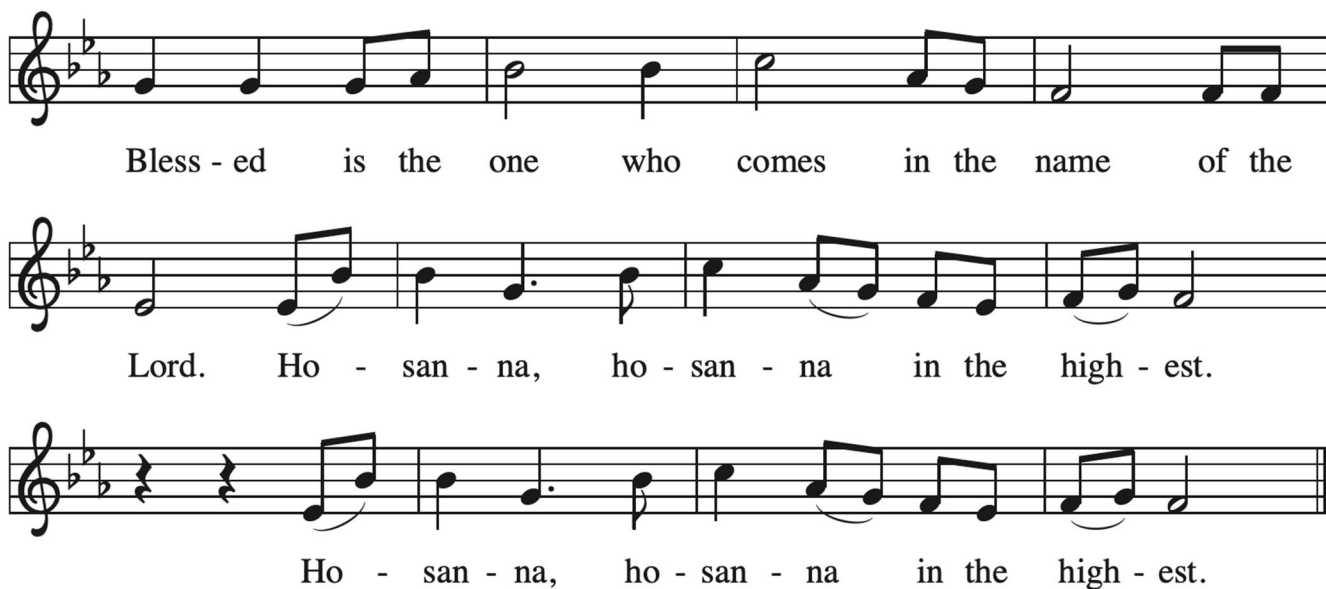
**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus  
Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the  
paschal feast, that, renewed in the 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:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

ACS Setting 12



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



## Thanksgiving at the Table

P 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.

## The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

P Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

## Communion

*you may be seated*

### Communion Song: "Lamb of God"

ACS Setting 12

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.

### Communion Song: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

ELW 623

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,  
let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help-less, look to thee for grace;  
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

*song continues on next page*



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778  
Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

## Communion Song: “Come, Let Us Eat”

ELW 491

### Table Blessing

*please stand as you are able*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you always in God’s grace.

C Amen

### Prayer after Communion

C God of our salvation,  
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,  
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.  
Through the body and blood of your Son,  
may we become Christ’s body in the world,  
bearing witness to your love for all creation,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## SENDING

### Blessing

P Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
bless you now and always.

C Amen.

## Sending Song: "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

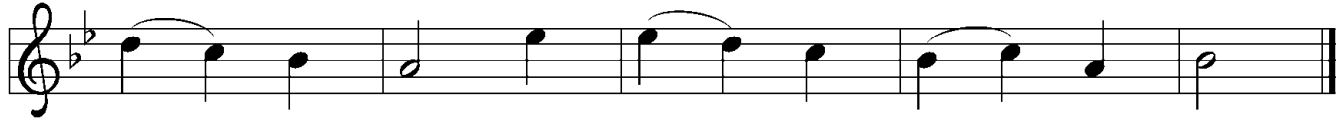
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1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to  
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our  
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
chang-ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you  
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.  
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.  
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.  
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C** Thanks be to God.