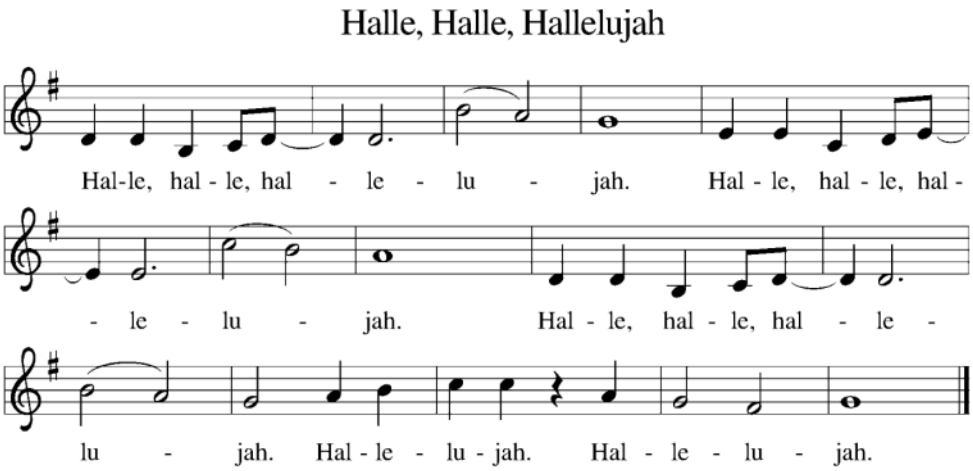
SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, 16 making the most of the time, because
the days are evil. 17 So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 Do not get drunk
with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual
songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, 20 giving thanks to God the
Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please stand in body or spirit.* "Halle, Halle, Halle" - HAL H. HOPSON

Music: Caribbean traditional

GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

The holy gospel according to John 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the
bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."
52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 53 So
Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,
you have no life in you. 54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise
them up on the last day, 55 for my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. 56 Those who eat my flesh
and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the
Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not
like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Please stand in body or spirit* ……..Hymn #468 *"Around You, O Lord Jesus"*

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of 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

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

PLEASE BE SEATED

MEAL

OFFERING ……..…….Hymn #655 *"Son of God, Eternal Savior" vs. 1, 2*

OFFERING PRAYER *Please stand in body or spirit*

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

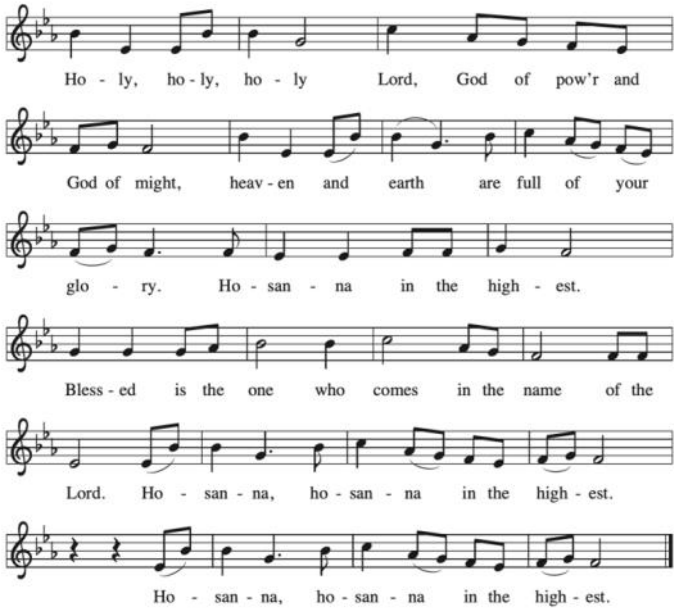
DIALOGUE

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.**

STAND

PREFACE

It is indeed right ...join their unending hymn:

ACCLAMATION AND AMEN

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