Order of Worship
Seventh Sunday After Epiphany February 23, 2025

Prelude

Welcome *Pastor Gregory Davidson*

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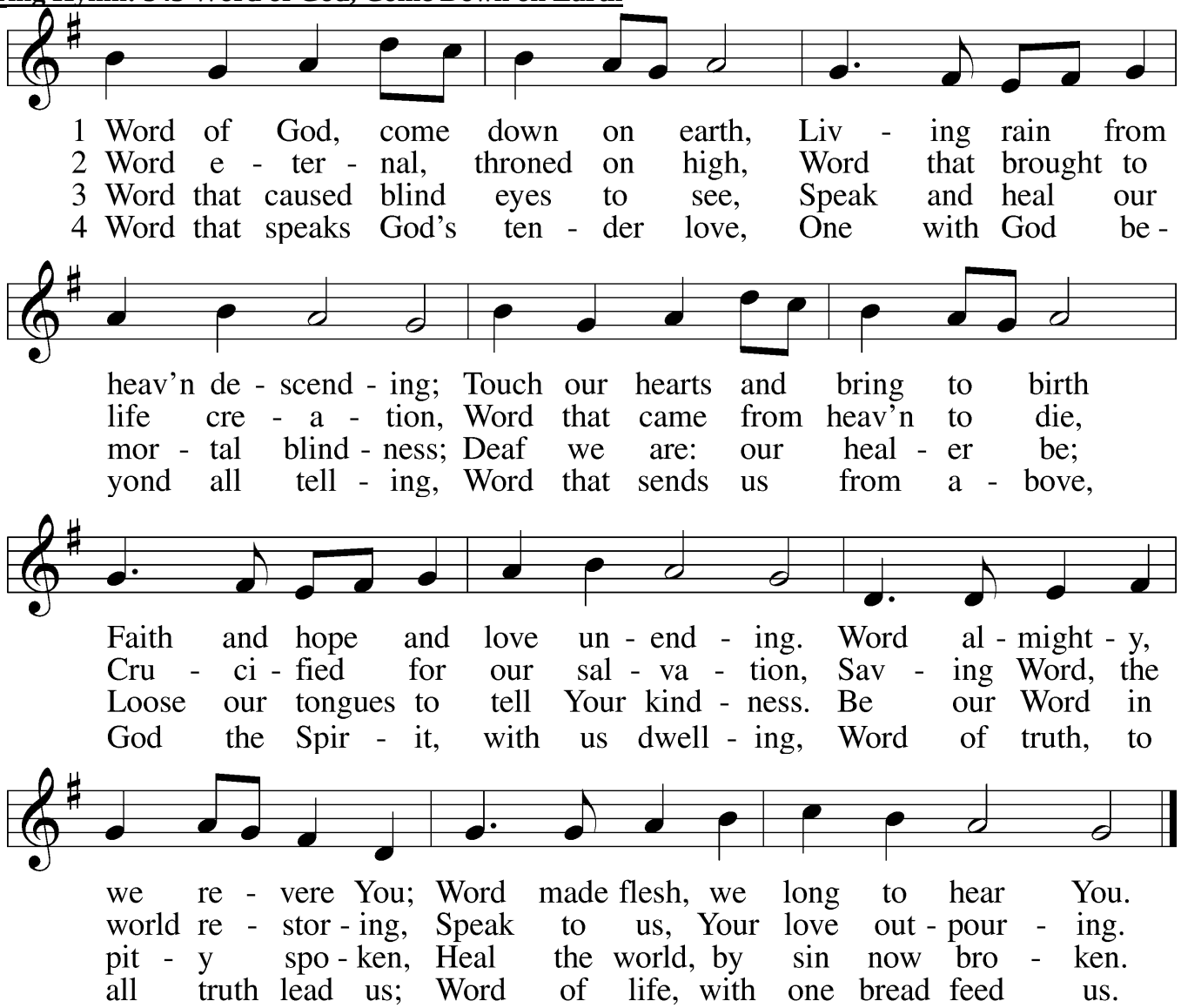
Gathering Hymn: 545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Declaration of Grace

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

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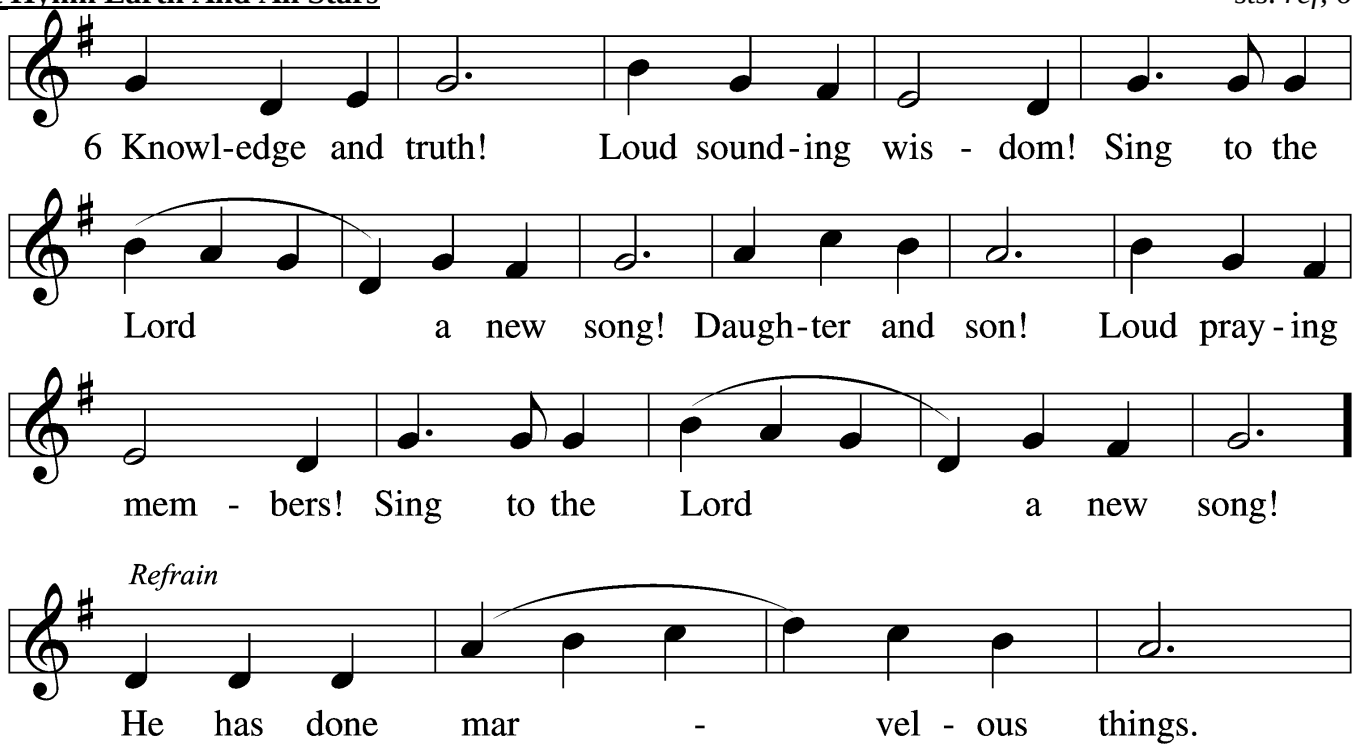
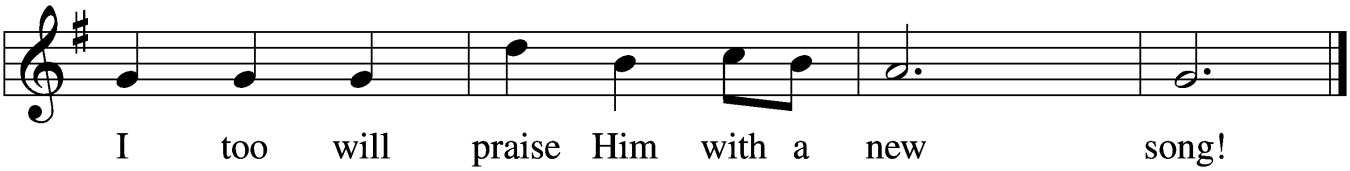
Introit Hymn Earth And All Stars *sts. ref, 6*





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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

First Reading *Genesis 45:3–15*

3 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer
him, for they were dismayed at his presence.
4So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am
your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5And now do not be distressed or angry with
yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6For the famine has
been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor
harvest. 7And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you
many survivors. 8So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and
lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9Hurry and go up to my father and say to him,
'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. 10You
shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's
children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. 11There I will provide for you, for there are
yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to
poverty.' 12And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that
speaks to you. 13You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry
and bring my father down here." 14Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and
Benjamin wept upon his neck. 15And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his
brothers talked with him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalm 103:1–13*

1Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
2Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
3who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,
[4]who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
[5]who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

[6]The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.
[7]He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
[8]The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
[9]He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
[10]He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
[11]For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
[12]as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
[13]As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42*

[21]For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22]For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23]But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. [24]Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [25]For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [26]The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

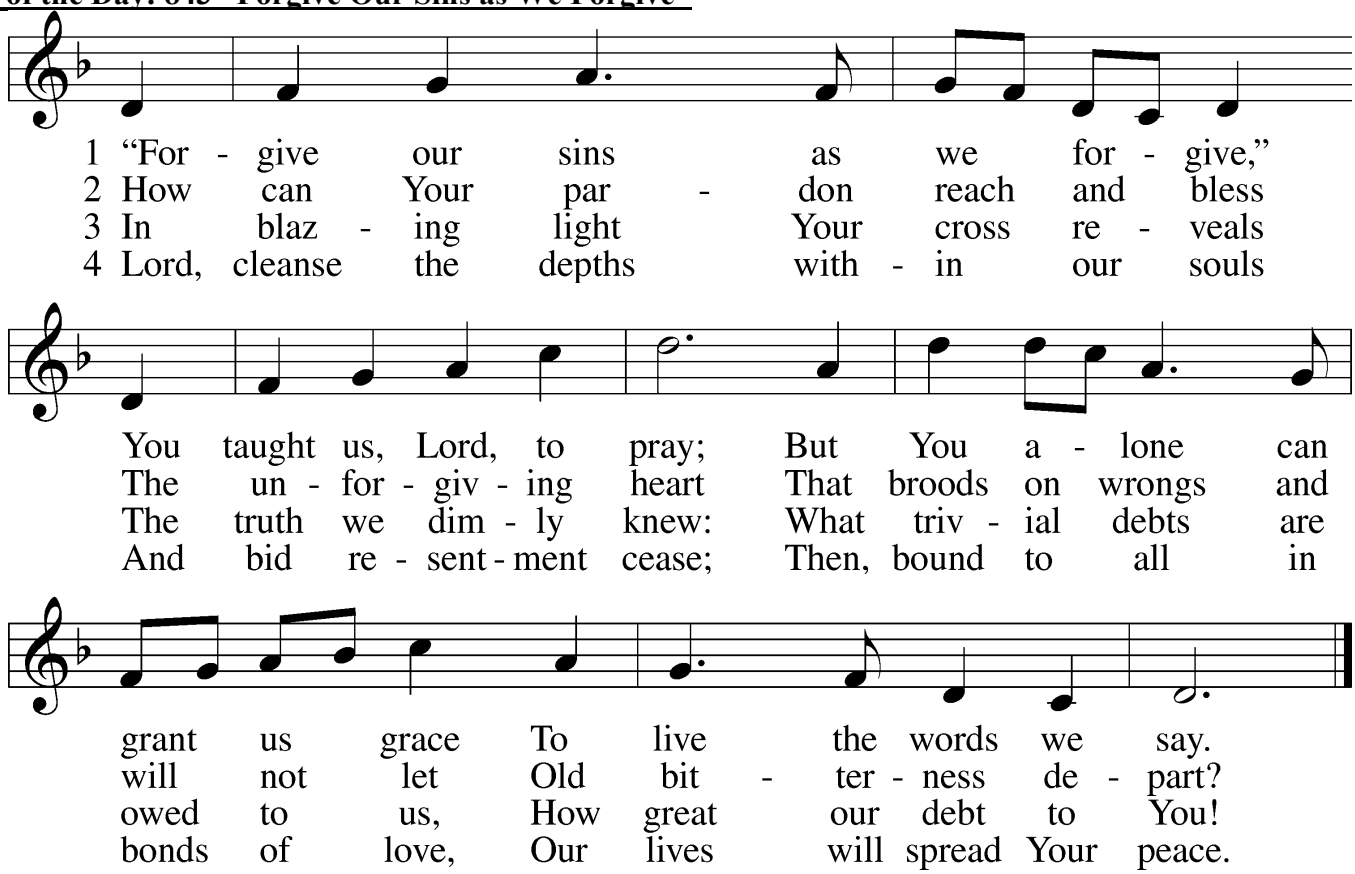
[30]Why am I in danger every hour? [31]I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! [32]What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." [33]Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." [34]Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

[35]But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" [36]You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. [37]And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. [38]But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. [39]For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. [40]There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. [41]There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

[42]So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day: 843 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"



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Holy Gospel *Luke 6:27–38*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[27][Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, [28]bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. [29]To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. [30]Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. [31]And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

[32]"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. [33]And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. [34]And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. [35]But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. [36]Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

[37]"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; [38]give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please Be Seated

Children First *God Sent Joseph*

Sermon *In Adam, All Die*

Please Stand as you are able

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Exchange of Peace **Peace be with you-and also with you**

Please Be Seated

Offering

Offertory Hymn Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

△ 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

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Preface

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying

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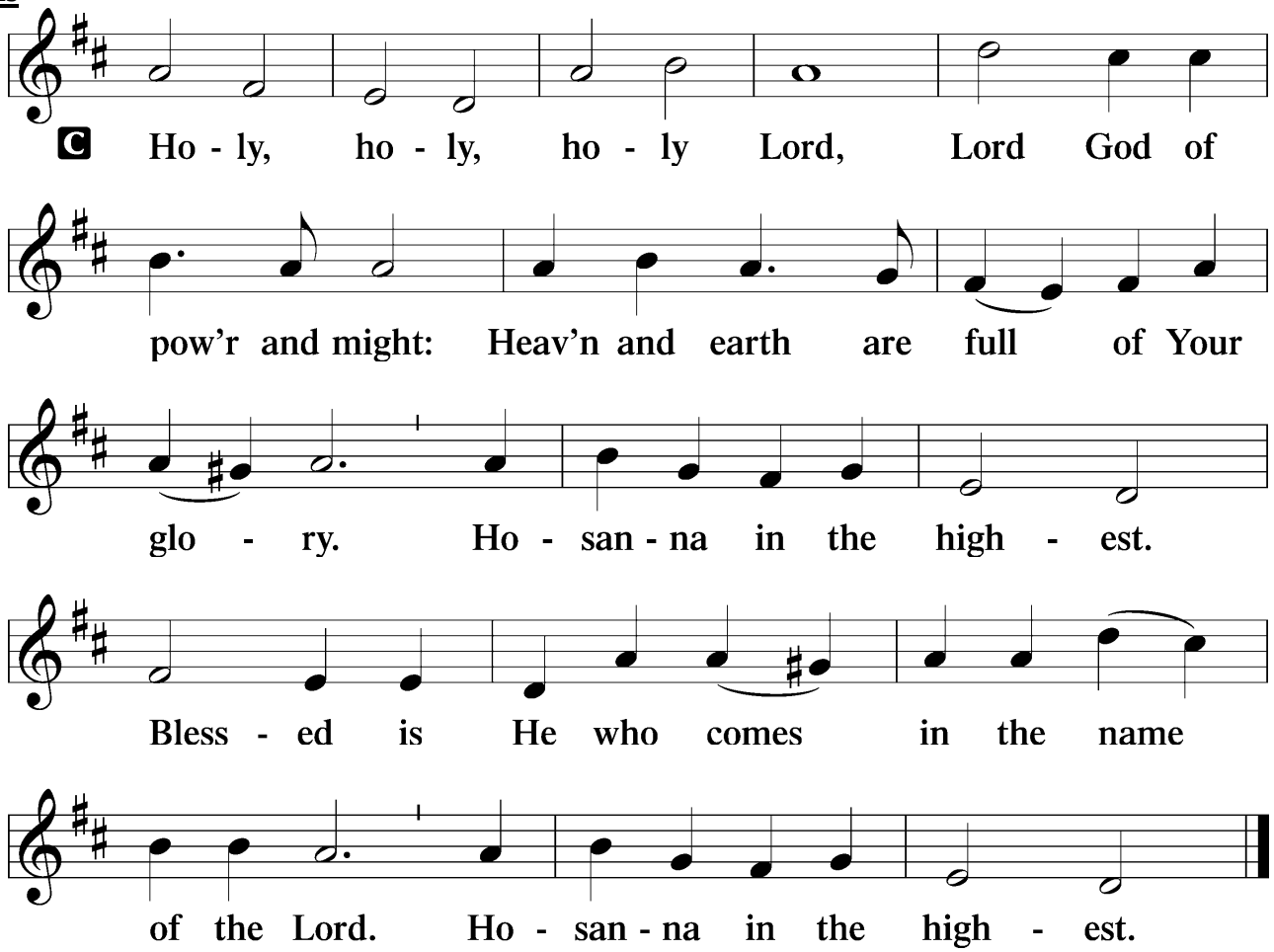

Prayer of Thanksgiving

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Lord's Prayer

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 Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

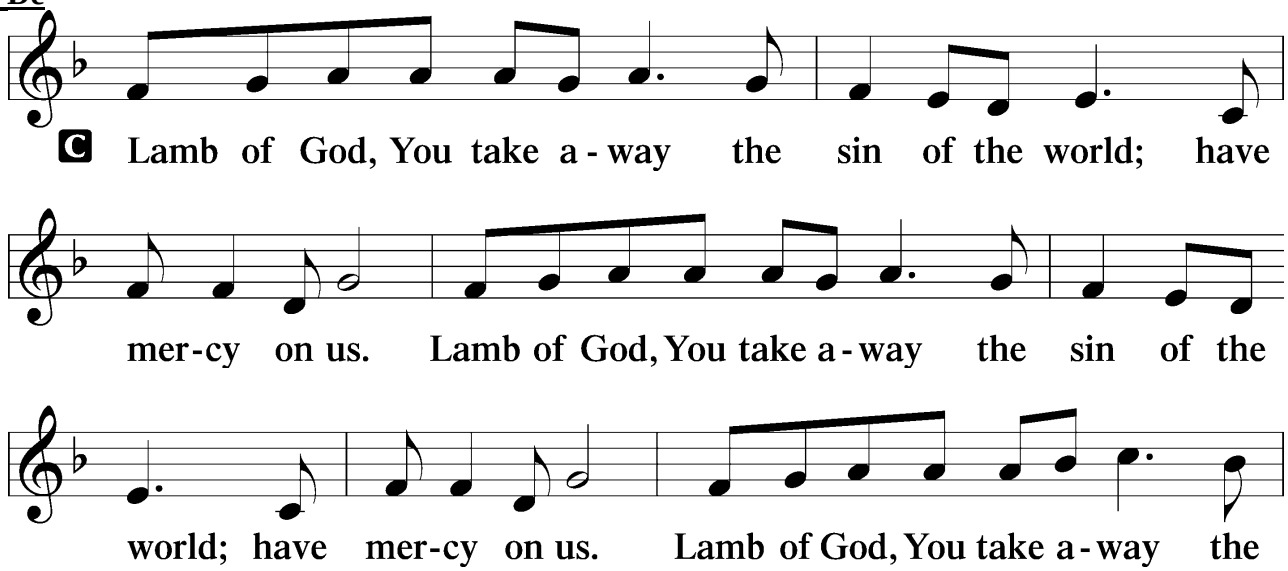
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

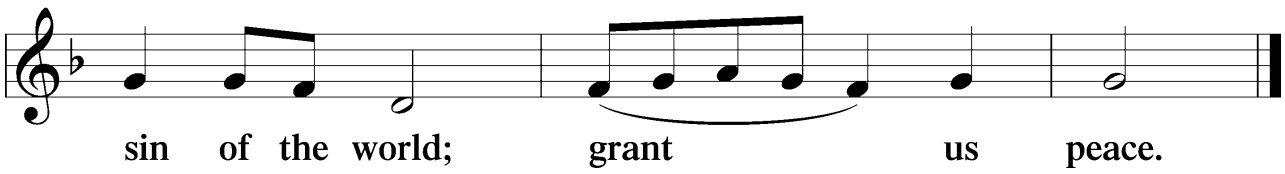
The Great Doxology

P Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

C **Amen.**

Agnus De





Distribution

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table, for He said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

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Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

C **Amen.**

Post Communion Hymn Thank The Lord And Sing His Praise *See presentation screen*

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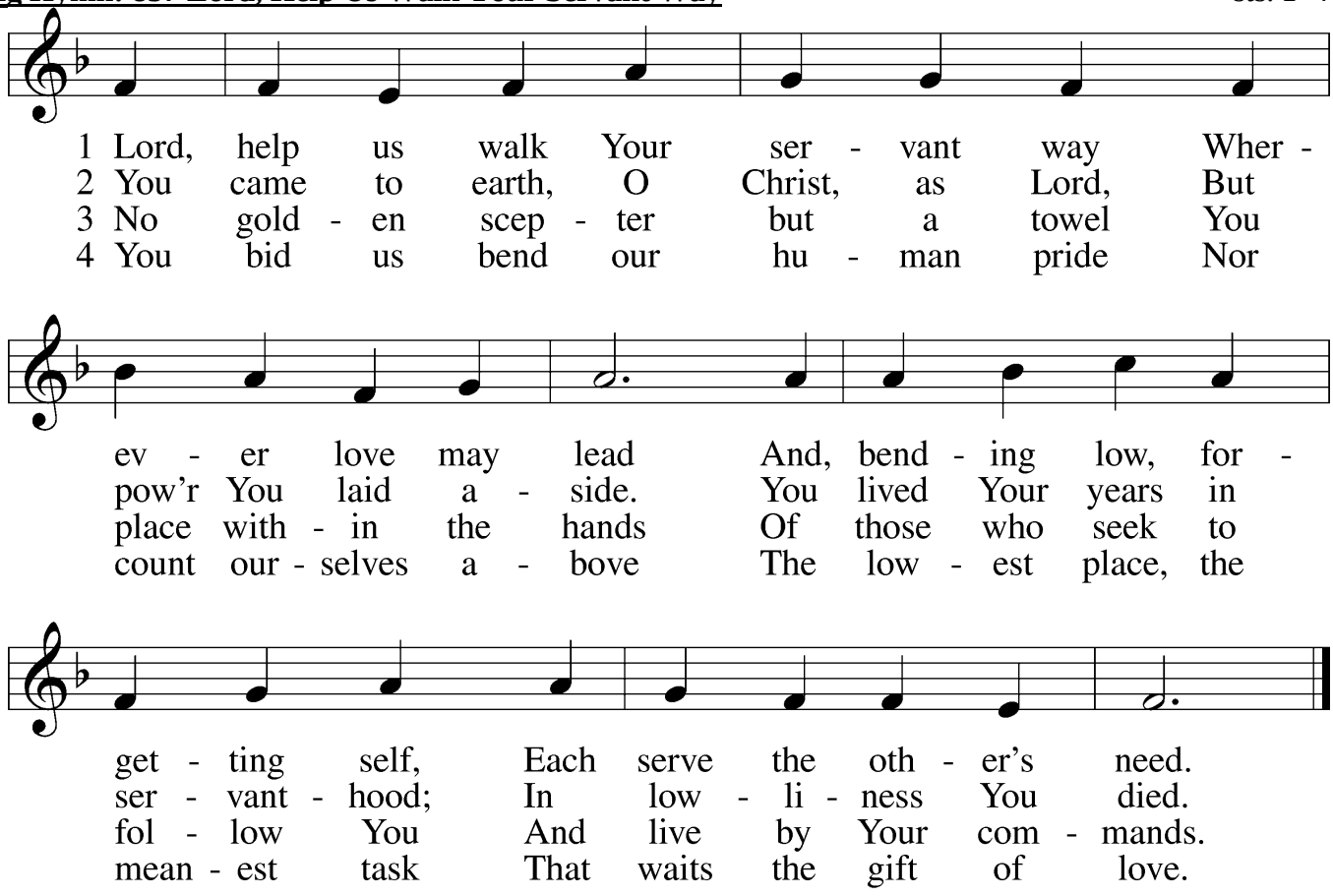
Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: 857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way *sts. 1–4*



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P Go In Peace Serving The Lord
C Thanks Be Thanks be to God

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Pray for The AMR Congregation of the Week- Trinity Lutheran Church-Clarks Summit, PA

Loving God, we pray for those who are grieving. Surround them in Your love and comfort and let them feel Your presence in their time of need. May they find rest in Your embrace, and strength in Your promise. Amen

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Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37-38 ESV

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