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FOR JOY

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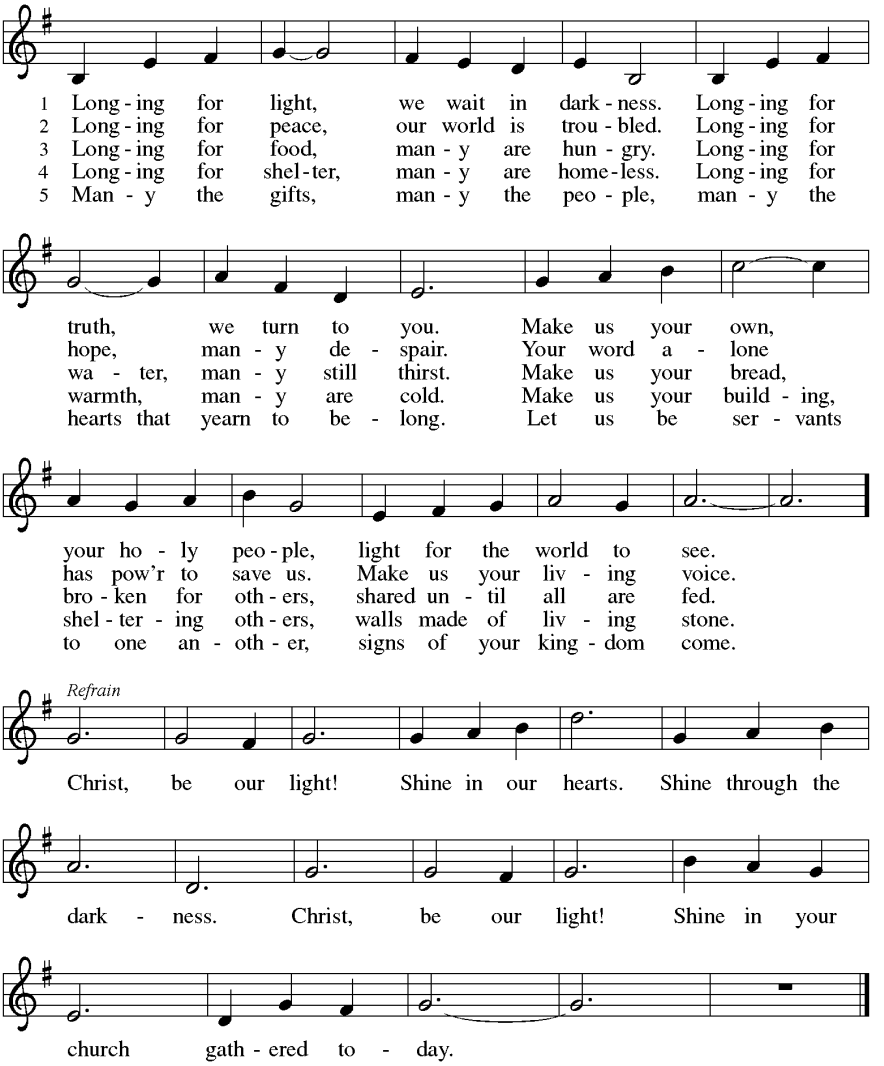
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Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.
Holy God,
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.
Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn: Christ Be Our Light (ELW 715)

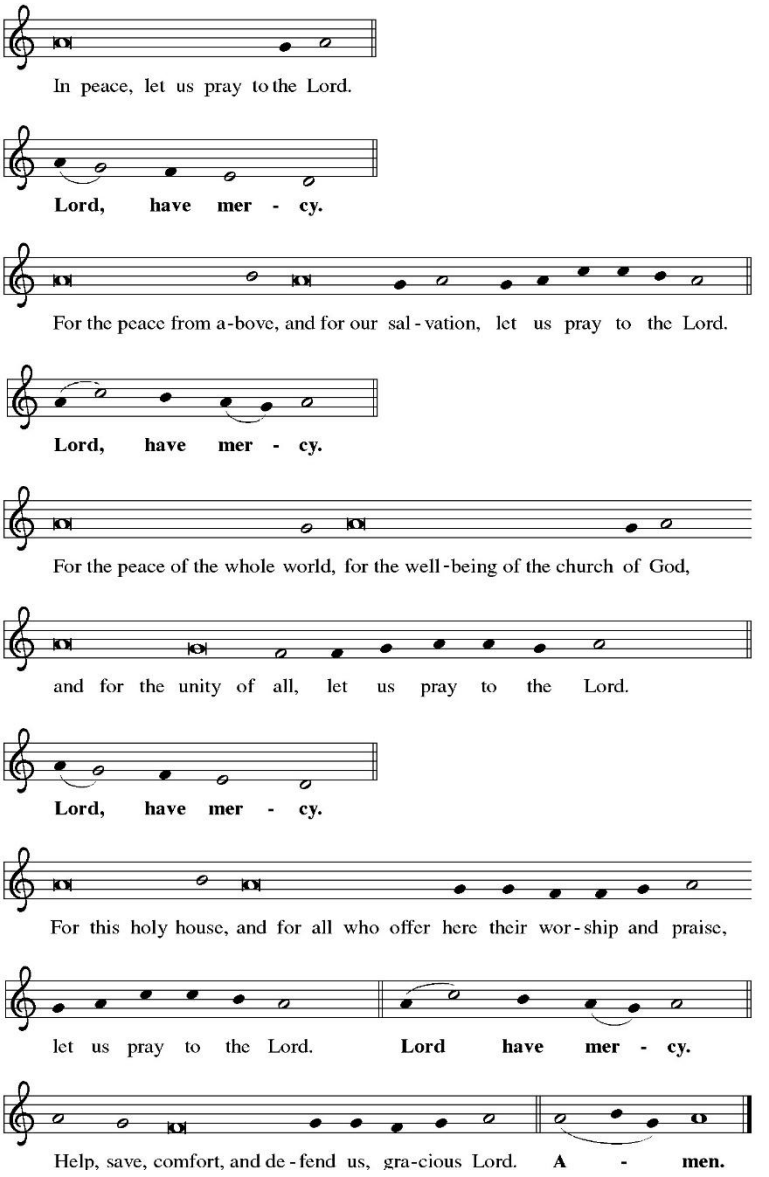


Greeting

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.

Kyrie


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, 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 holy house, and for all who offer 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.

Canticle of Praise



Prayer of the Day

Righteous God, **our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 1:26-2:3

26 Then God said, "Let us make humans[a] in our image, according to our likeness,
and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air
and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth[b] and over every
creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."
27 So God created humans[c] in his image,
in the image of God he created them;[d]
male and female he created them.
28 God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the
earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the
birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." **29** God
said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all
the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. **30** And
to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that
creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every
green plant for food." And it was so. **31** God saw everything that he had made,
and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning,
the sixth day.
2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. **2** On the
sixth[e] day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the
seventh day from all the work that he had done. **3** So God blessed the seventh
day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had
done in creation.

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

Psalm: Psalm 98

1 O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.
2 **The Lord has made known his victory;**
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.
4 **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;**
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
5 Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
6 **With trumpets and the sound of the horn**
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
7 Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
the world and those who live in it.
8 **Let the floods clap their hands;**
let the hills sing together for joy
9 at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

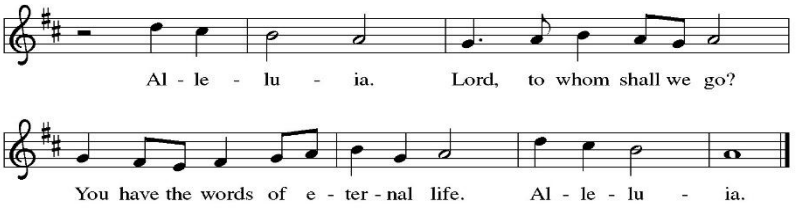
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:14-24

14 And we urge you, brothers and sisters, to admonish the idlers, encourage the
fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. 15 See that none of you
repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all.
16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for
this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not
despise prophecies, 21 but test everything; hold fast to what is good; 22 abstain
from every form of evil.

23 May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely, and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound[a] and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **24** The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

L: The Word of the Lord**.**
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; **15** to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once **16** the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. **17** In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. **18** But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. **19** After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. **20** Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' **21** His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' **22** And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' **23** His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' **24** Then the one who had received the one

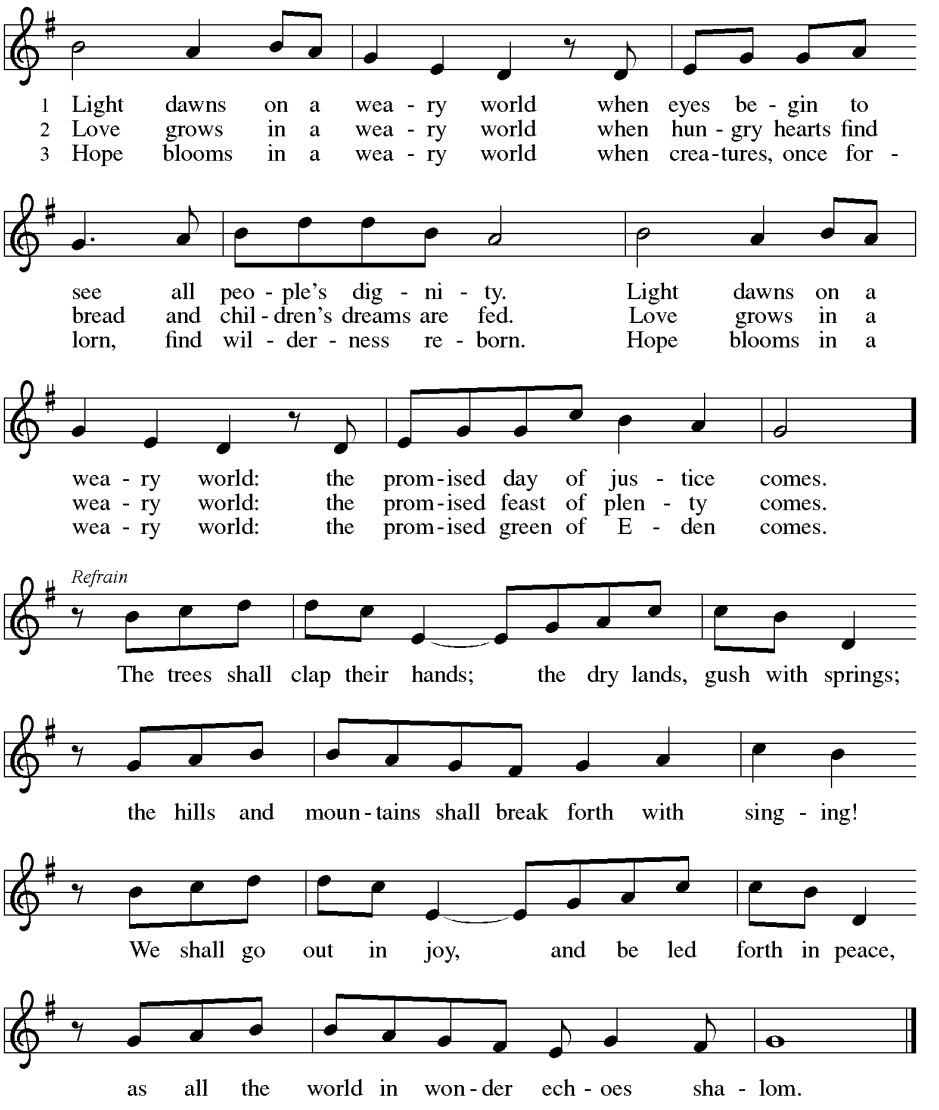
talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, **25** so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' **26** But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? **27** Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. **28** So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. **29** For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. **30** As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

P The Gospel of the Lord
C Praise to you O, Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Light Dawns on a Weary World (ELW 726)



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

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine (*especially*). Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing (*especially*). God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams (*other specific leaders or groups may be named*). Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

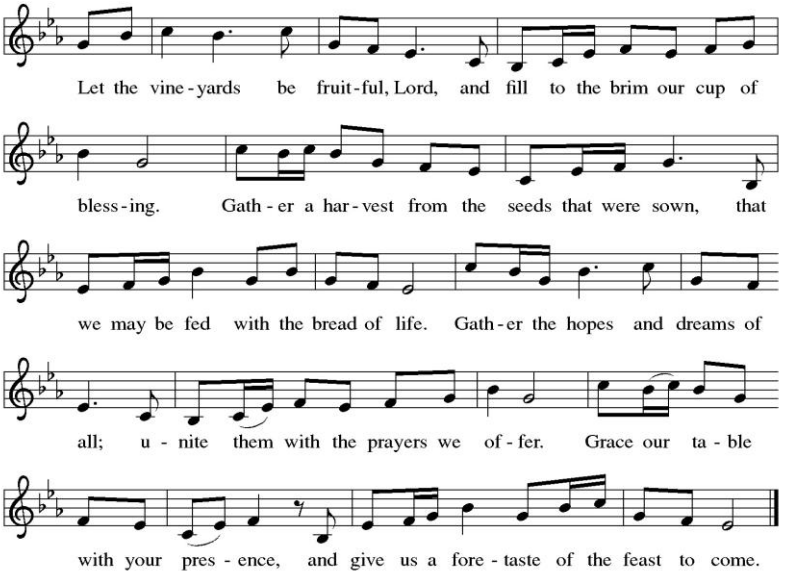
Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering

Offering: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* (ELW 184)



Offering Prayer

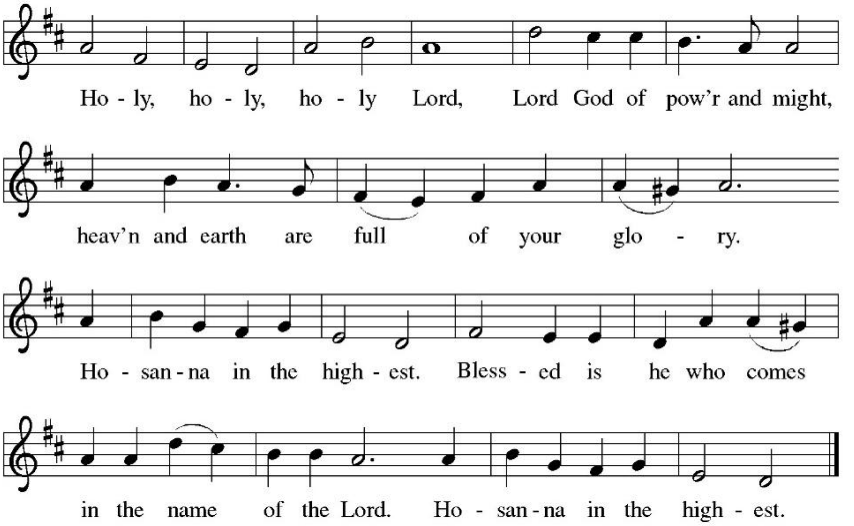
Eternal God, **our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.**
Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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.**
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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened the way of everlasting life. 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



Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

Lord's Prayer

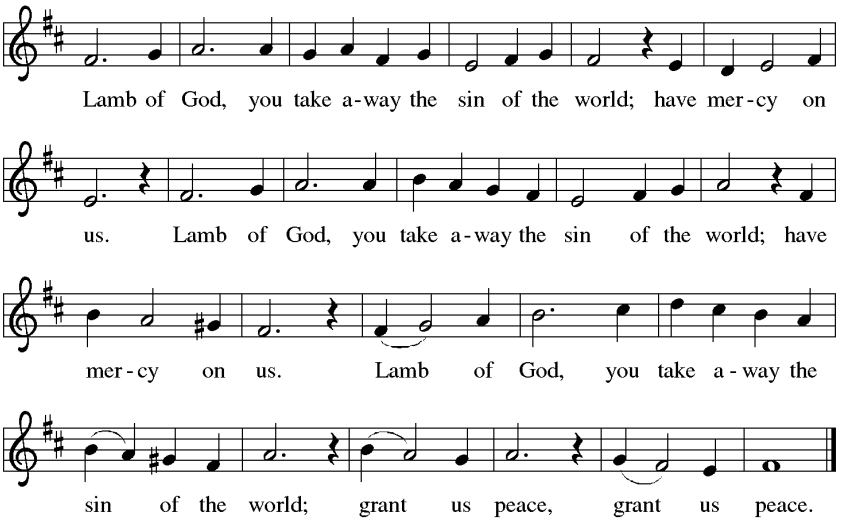
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us,

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.

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

Holy Communion

Communion Song:



Post Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

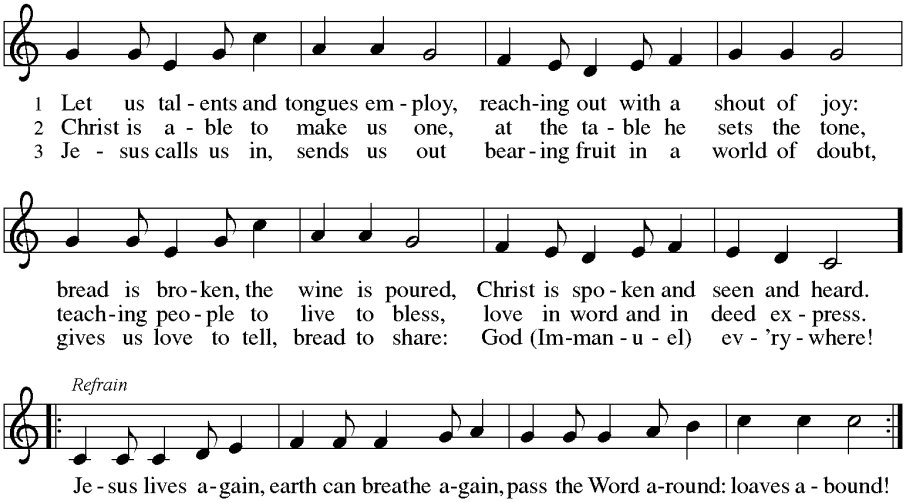
Prayer after Communion

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.**

Blessing

The holy Trinity,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

Sending Song: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (ELW 674)



Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

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Announcements

- **Bread Breakers:** Join us for lunch and fellowship on November 18th at noon!
- **Youth Led Worship -** As part of their learning in confirmation, our youth will be putting together a special worship service for Christ the King Sunday on Nov. 22. All Sunday School, high school, and confirmation students are invited to help lead worship that morning. Come join us for worship and help support our youth!
- **Congregational Meeting:** On Sunday Nov. 22 we will be having a special congregational meeting the business of this meeting will be to approve modifications to our shared ministry agreement with Immanuel in Ogden. We are looking to change to a 50/50 split of pastor's time and salary expenses. Council feels this will be more sustainable going forward with our budget. Please plan to join us that morning for this discussion. We will also elect three new council members at this special meeting.
- **Advent and Christmas Decorating:** Please stick around after worship on Nov 22 to help out and make our space ready for the holidays.
- **November Intergenerational Service Project:** Join us during fellowship on Sunday, Nov. 29 to put together holiday treat bags to be given out for kids whose families use the Perry Emergency Food Pantry.
- **Community Thanksgiving Service:** 4pm at St. Patrick's Catholic Church the Perry Ministerial Association invites you to a Community Thanksgiving Service to give thanks to God for God's abundant blessings. A special offering will be taken to support the Perry Ministerial Association's Good Samaritan Fund which helps community members in need primarily with payments toward rent or utilities.
- **Office Hours:** Pastor Kimberly is in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays. Thursdays she will be splitting her time between Immanuel and Mt. Olivet, so if you would like to see her on that day, please call ahead so she can be sure to be in town. You can call the church number (515) 465- 5298 and it will ring to Pastor's cell phone if she is not in the office.