

PRELUDE

GREETING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

There is one body and one Spirit, one Hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Amen.

It is in your Son Jesus, O LORD, that we hear the word of truth, the saving good news, and are sealed in the Holy Spirit.

He is our peace.

Please help us to confess the ways in which we need your reconciliation, redemption, forgiveness, and love.

Here among us there are steep walls of division. Look! Bitterness, wrath, anger, wrangling, slander, and malice. We are puffed-up and hurried, hostile and inhospitable. We see our siblings as strangers and our neighbors as other.

But, you are our peace. In your flesh you are making all one. You break down every wall of hostility. In you there is humility, gentleness, patience, and ongoing mutual love. May it be so among us.

Beloved in Christ,

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, live in love, as Christ loves us.

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another.

For, I assure you God in Christ Jesus has forgiven you.

Amen.

HYMN

LBW#175 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

Verses 1 & 4

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -

ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:
glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:
pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!
per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!

"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs
Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the

pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:
Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:
strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:
Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:

"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
“You that are simple, turn in here!”
To those without sense she says,
“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34

Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**
Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you reverence for the Lord.
**Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**
Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
**Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.**

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 6th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 6:51-58

[Jesus said,] “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.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 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. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY LBW#307 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"
Verses 1 & 4



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

**On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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**

THE PRAYERS

A Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God of wisdom, enlighten your church. Guide theologians, biblical scholars, authors, and seminary professors as they seek greater knowledge and invite others into deeper understanding. Teach us to ask faithful questions and open our minds to new ideas. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of creation, mend the earth. Cool warming oceans and preserve melting ice caps. Increase our awareness of changing climate patterns and reveal new approaches to the ecological challenges we face. Shield those in the path of hurricanes or tropical storms. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all nations, direct our leaders. Grant them courage to lay aside political grudges and renew their determination to address difficult conflicts. Guide them in the work of reconciliation. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of compassion, tend to the wounded. Rescue those tormented by mental illness or mired in addiction. Ease the anxiety of those struggling with dementia. Come quickly to help all who are grieving and all those who suffer (especially).
God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of beauty, inspire artists. Bless those whose visual and musical gifts enliven this assembly. Bless the creative work of poets, hymnwriters, composers, painters, sculptors, and others that enrich our worship and daily life. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of resurrection, bring us to new life. Give us the living bread from heaven through which we abide in your love, and on the last day raise us with Mary, mother of Jesus, and all the saints to eternal life. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

P We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING

A Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

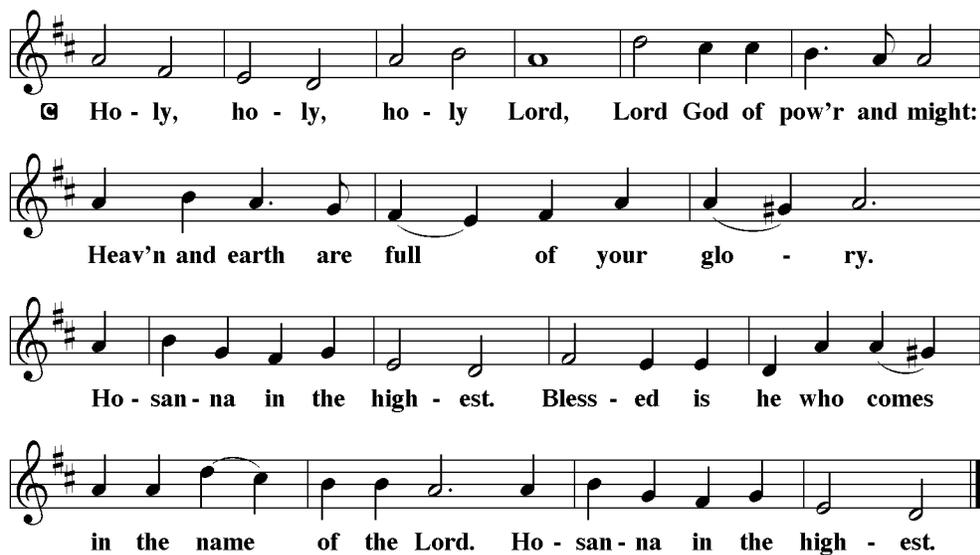
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of our gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Blessed are you, O God,
for you have sent us the Bread of Life,
so that we shall never hunger nor thirst.

You give life to the world.

And we join with it in your unending hymn:



♩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Praise to you for creating all that is, seen and unseen, for sustaining the universe, for providing for your world.

Praise to you for breaking bread with Sarah and Abraham, for freeing your people from Egypt and providing them manna from heaven on their journey home, and for offering wine without cost and bread that surely satisfies.

Praise to you for Jesus, your dear son:

Who fed the multitudes, and supped with sinners and sellouts,
who is the Bread of Life,

who offers his blood and body as bread and wine for the life of the world.

Jesus, whose words are Spirit and Life.

On the night in which he was handed over,

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 in the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Empowered 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.

P Send now we pray, your Holy Spirit upon these common elements, bread and wine, that they might be for us the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation.

Jesus said:

It is I; do not be afraid.

The Body of Christ, given for you.

The Blood of Christ, shed for you.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have given to us true food and true drink. In your mercy, abide in us as Jesus abides in you, that life in you shall overflow to your whole beloved world, in Jesus name.

Amen.

BLESSING

I pray that God strengthens your spirit.

That Christ dwells in your heart through faith, planting you in his love.

That the Holy Spirit fills you with the fullness of God.

In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN

LBW#549 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Verses 1 & 4



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis - tress.
3 Tend - er - ly he shields and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.
4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, who be - hold him face to face.



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing.
Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live in love.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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