

MEDITATION (a time to prepare your hearts for worship)

PRELUDE “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
arr. Diane Bish

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SILENCE—Prayer for World Peace

GATHERING

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

HYMN 665 “Rise, Shine You People!”

APOSTOLIC GREETING

C: And also with you.

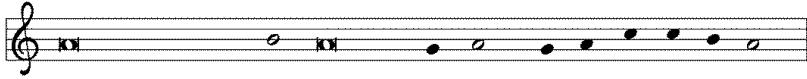
KYRIE [*Congregation sings responses*]



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



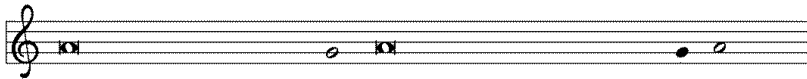
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

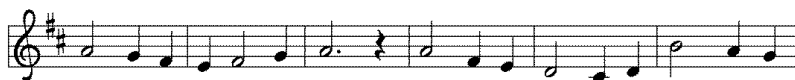
“This Is the Feast”



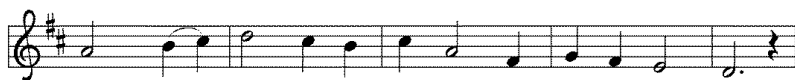
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



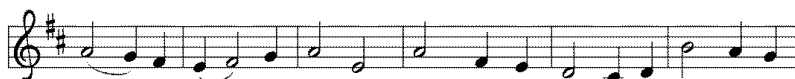
strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 65:1-9

¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.

²I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

⁴who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."
These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.

⁶See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps
⁷their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.

⁸Thus says the LORD:
As the wine is found in the cluster,

and they say, “Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,”
so I will do for my servants’ sake,
and not destroy them all.
⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

Word of God, Word of Life,
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 22:19-28

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.
²⁰**Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.**
²¹Save me from the lion’s mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.
²²**I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**
²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob’s line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.
²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD’s face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**
²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live
forever!**
²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

SECOND READING: GALATIANS 3:23-29

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

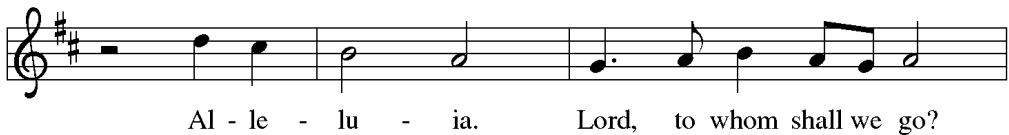
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Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Children are welcome to bring coins for the piggy bank to help support Jasmin Ibisate, a girl from the Philippines through Compassion, International.)

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: LUKE 8:26-39

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the eighth chapter, verses 26-39.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Way Over Yonder”
Jocelyn Jones, soloist

-Carole King

SERMON

SONG 638 “Blessed Assurance”

CREED

Let us confess our faith in 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
as 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

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY 473 “Holy, Holy, Holy” [*Congregation Sings*]



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

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VOLUNTARY “Morning Has Broken” arr. L. Smith

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

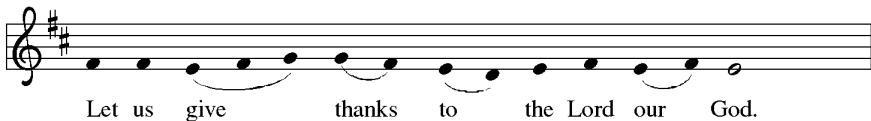
GREAT THANKSGIVING [*Congregation sings responses*]



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

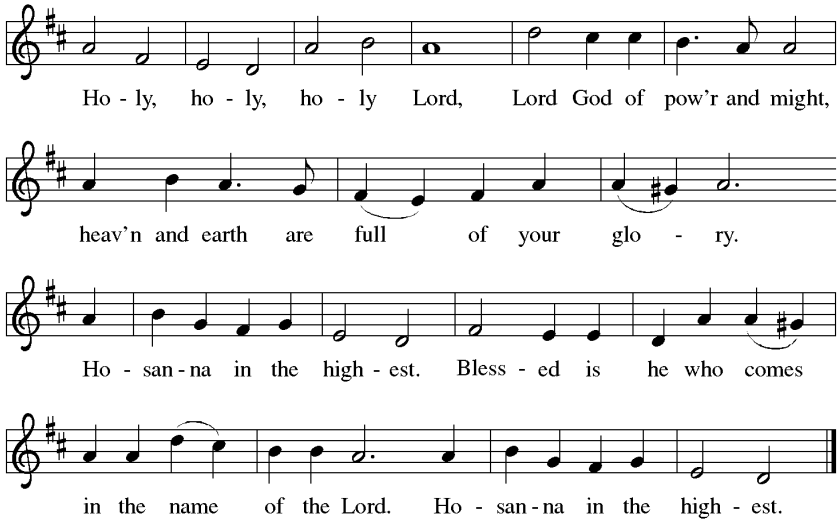


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SONG “Holy, Holy, Holy” [*Congregation sings*]



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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

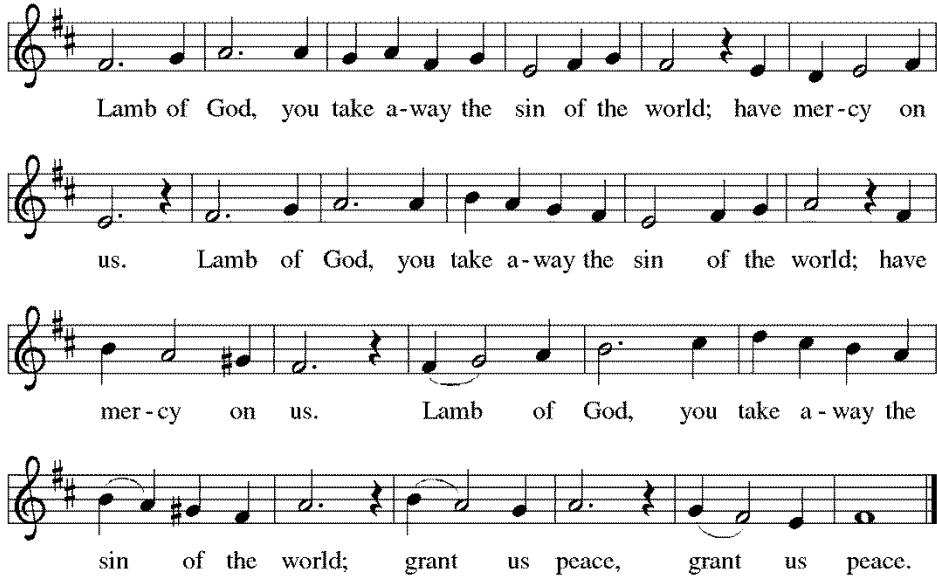
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

COMMUNION

SONG "Lamb of God" [*Congregation sings*]



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.

"Let Us Break Bread Together" (v. 1) Public Domain

1. **Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.**

Refrain

**When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

"I Am the Bread of Life" (v.1)

1. **"I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger,
And who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."**

Refrain

**"And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day."**

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“There’s Something about That Name”

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; there's just something about that name!
Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain;
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all Heaven and earth proclaim:
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
But there's something about that name!**

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

C: Amen.

*Home Communion givers should come up to the altar to stand
on the side where the statue of Jesus is located.*

SENDING OF COMMUNION

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

People of Good Hope, **we are grounded in faith, gathered in love, and sent
with a purpose; so that others may gain the Kingdom!**

HYMN 886 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

SENDING

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“The Rejoicing”

-Charles Callahan