

# St Mark Lutheran Church

## Service of Holy Communion



*Welcome to this divine service of worship!*

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**Bold font indicates portions of the liturgy shared by the congregation.**

*The obelisk ( † ) invites the congregation to stand as it is able.*

*The double obelisk ( ‡ ) invites the congregation to kneel or sit as it is able.*

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May 31, 2026: Festival of the Holy Trinity

9:00am & 11:00am

**Prelude:** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Piet Post*

### Preparation for Worship

**God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### †Thanksgiving for Baptism

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,  
but you have received a spirit of adoption.

**When we cry, “Abba! Father!”**

**it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit  
that we are children of God.**

And if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—  
if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

**Thanks be to God.**

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death.

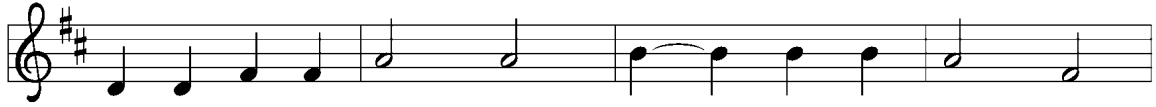
We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,

so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,  
we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his,  
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

**Amen.**

†Hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty*

*Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826*  
*Tune: NICAEA, J B Dykes, 1823-1876*



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

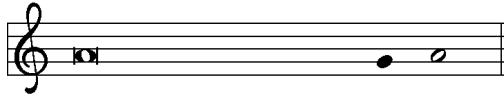


God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

†Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

†Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



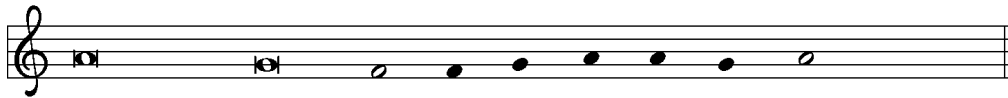
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



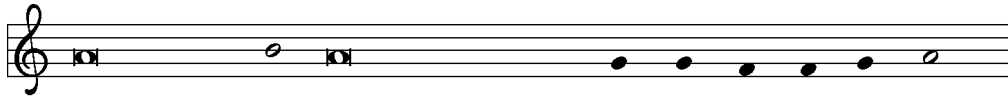
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

*Assisting minister*



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

*All*



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.

*Refrain*



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.

*Final refrain*

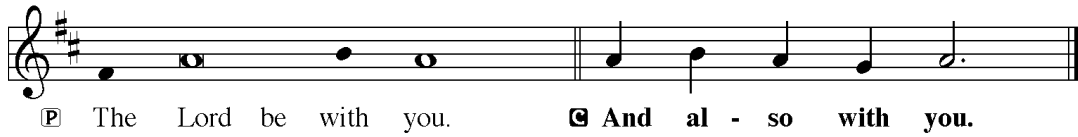


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## †Salutation & Prayer of the Day



Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace, by the confession of your true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and, in the power of your divine majesty, to worship the unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your eternal glory — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading: *Genesis 1:1—2:4a*

A reading from Genesis:

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.

God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind 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, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 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.”

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. 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.

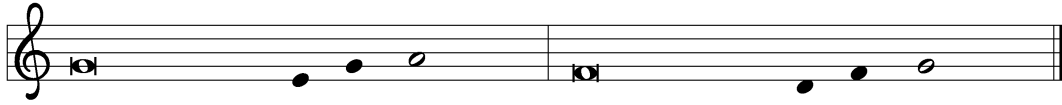
God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody: *Psalm 8***



O | LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—  
you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.

**When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,  
what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,  
human beings that you should | care for them?**

Yet you have made them little less | than divine;  
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;  
you have put all things un- | der their feet:  
all | flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts | of the field,  
the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**  
O | LORD our Lord,  
**how majestic is your name in | all the earth!**

**Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 13:11-13***

A reading from Second Corinthians:

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

†Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

†Gospel: *Matthew 28:16-20*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

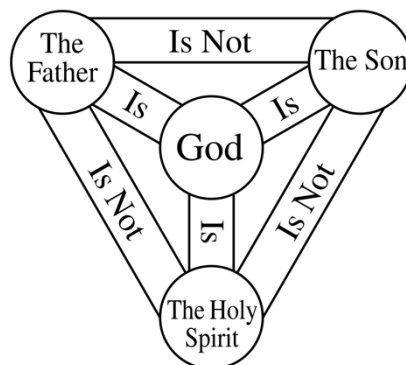
The gospel of the Lord.

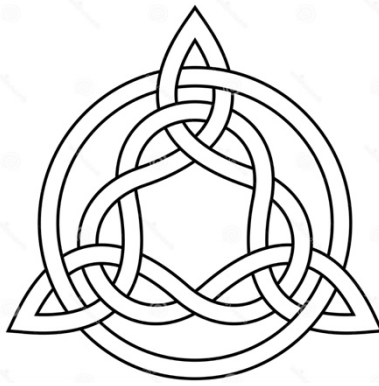


Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

*Pastor Joel Neubauer*





†Hymn: **Father Most Holy**

Text: Latin hymn, 10<sup>th</sup> cent; tr Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936

Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, Paris Antiphoner, 1681

1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our  
2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en; good - ness un -  
3 Mak - er of all things, all thy crea - tures praise thee; all for thy  
4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to thee be glo - ry, one in three

Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,  
bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, light of the an - gels,  
wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; now, as we al - so  
per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,

ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, light nev - er wan - ing.  
joy of those for - sak - en, hope of all liv - ing.  
wor - ship thee de - vout - ly, hear thou our voic - es.  
praise thee and a - dore thee, now and for - ev - er.

Rite of Confirmation (9:00am)

†*from the Athanasian Creed* (11:00am)

Now this is the catholic faith:

We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity,  
neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.  
For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.

**But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,  
equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.  
What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.**

Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit.  
The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite.  
Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit:  
and yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal;  
as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings,  
but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

**Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit:  
and yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.**

Thus the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God:  
and yet there are not three gods, but one God.

**Thus the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord:  
and yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.**

As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,  
so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

**The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;  
the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father;  
the Spirit was neither made nor created,  
but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.**

Thus there is one Father, not three fathers;  
one Son, not three sons;  
one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

**And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other;  
but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal;  
and so we must worship the Trinity in unity  
the one God in three persons. Amen.**

## ‡Prayers of Intercession

*Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.*

Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue to form the church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creator and Redeemer, nature reveals your glory; you call us to pray for stewards of your authority. Restore your creation and lead us in peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustainer, you are mindful of us in our needs. Be gentle with all whom we remember aloud on our lips and silently in our hearts including.... God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for young lives. Confirm them in your love and grace. We also thank you for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises. Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Trusting your faithfulness, we commend our prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.*

## †Peace and Offering Prayer

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Our offering is given for the mission of the church, and caring for those in need. Offerings may be shared in the plates at the doors of the sanctuary or online by using this QR code with your smart device. As partners in ministry, we thank God for our shared commitment!*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of

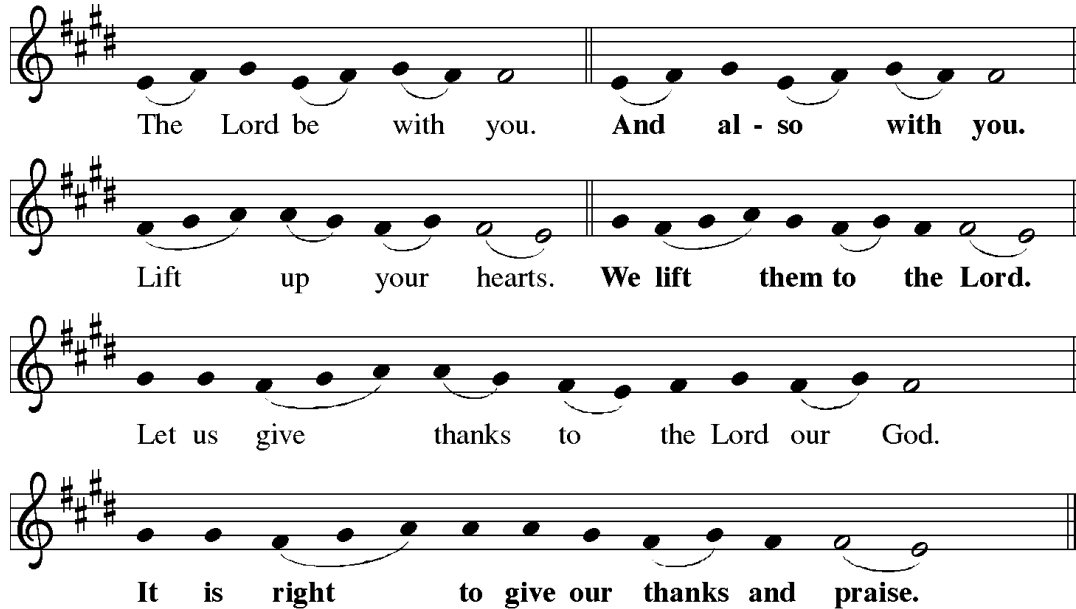


all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



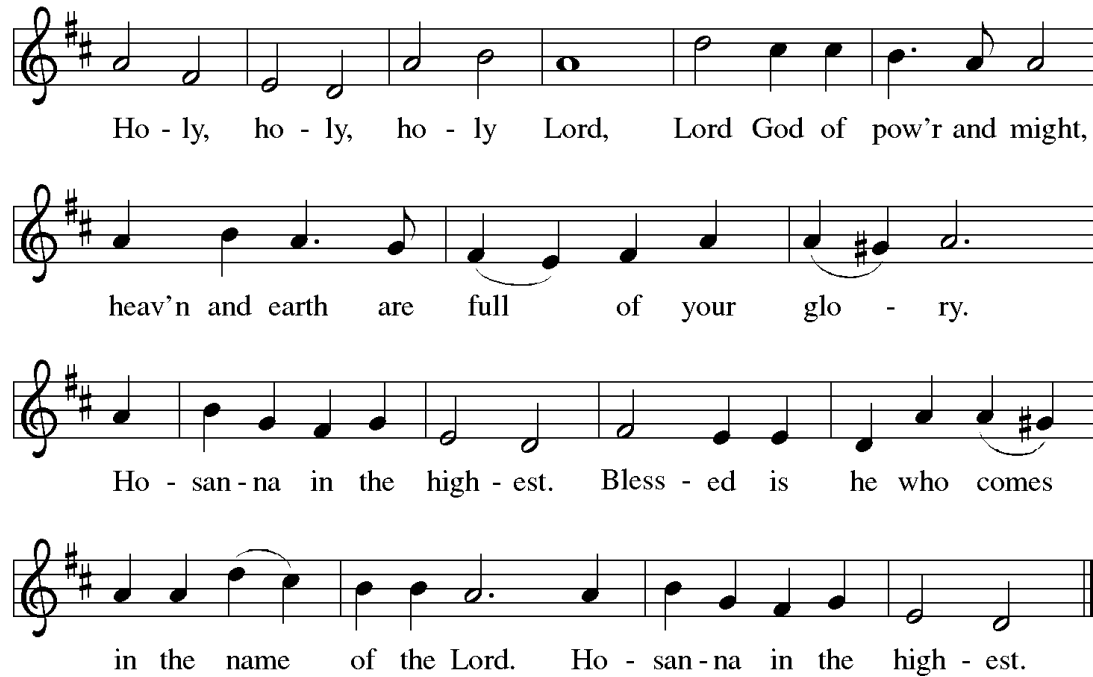
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

†Great Thanksgiving (*Dialogue, Preface, Sanctus, Eucharistic and Lord's Prayers*)



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.**

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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. 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:



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.

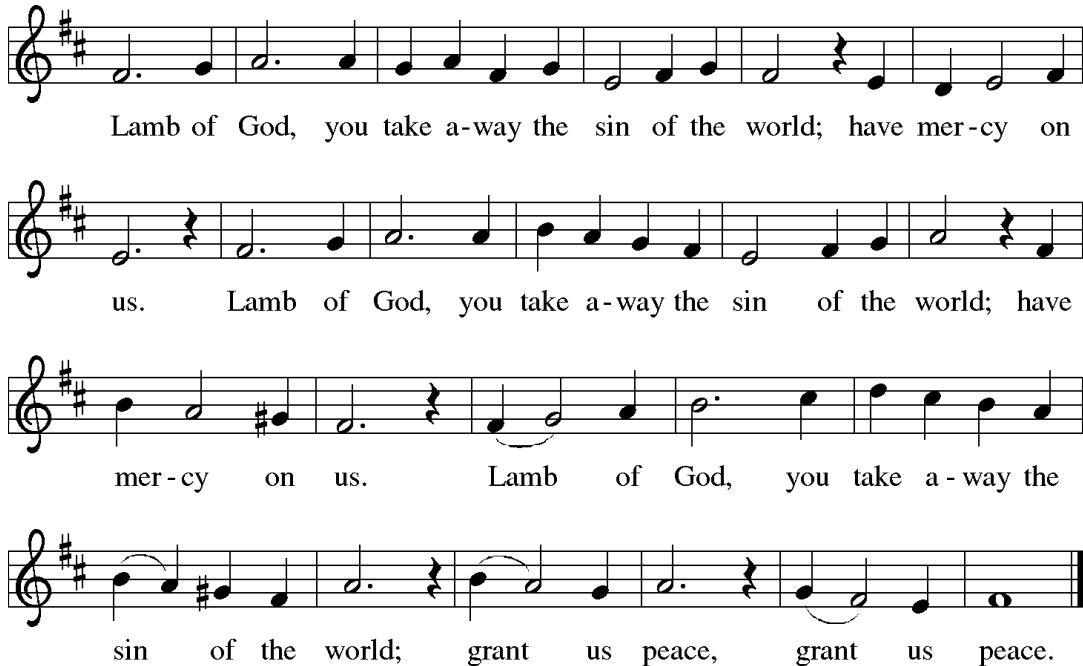
Holy One — ancient, eternal and immanent — you are with us  
in the love you have promised for your children;  
in the grace that embraces us in Jesus;  
in the friendship of your Sacred Spirit’s breath within us all.  
We thank you, God Emmanuel.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
gave thanks, broke it and gave it for them to eat, 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 them to drink, saying,  
“Take and drink, this cup is the new testament in my blood,  
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering Christ Jesus’ life, death, resurrection and ascension,  
we trust our God is with us always; we will never be abandoned.  
Breathe your Holy Spirit, Holy One, on us and on these gifts of bread and wine  
that we may receive Jesus’ body and blood in, with and under them;  
grace us to hold you as you are holding us.  
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all honor and glory is yours, Our Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, in your holy Church both now and forever. **Amen.**

†Invitation to Communion & Agnus Dei

Taste and see that the Lord is good. **Thanks be to God.**



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.

**Communion** — *please see back cover for a note on receiving Holy Communion.*

**Communion Music:** *According to Thy Gracious Word*

*W A Mozart, arr Mark Schweiser*

**†Post Communion Blessing & Nunc Dimittis**

The body & blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you & keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the

na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,

and will be for - ev - er. A - men

**†Benediction**

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD smile on you and be gracious unto you;  
the LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

†Hymn: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

Text: Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900

Tune: GROSSER GOTT, Vienna, 1774



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

†Dismissal — *from Romans 12:1-2*

I urge you, kindred, by God's mercies: Be not conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Toccata in Seven*

John Rutter

## A Note on Receiving Holy Communion

*Believing in the real presence of Christ, we practice eucharistic hospitality. We invite all baptized Christians to receive Christ's body and blood; all are welcome to receive God's blessing. We trust "a person who has faith in these words, 'given for you' and 'shed for you for the forgiveness of sin,' is really worthy and well prepared" to receive this sacrament.*

*We share Christ's body and blood in bread and wine. After washing hands, our pastor dips the host in the cup to offer the bread and wine together; for the host without wine, please ask the pastor or lay a hand on your chest. Christ is fully present in each of the elements.*

*Communicants come forward to the feast in continuous procession. Christ is for you.*

## PJ's reflection on the Gospel

The first time Peter doubted it was dark  
and Peter feared that Jesus was a ghost  
when Peter lacked the faith to disembark  
his little boat— so far from Canaan's coast—  
and hover-walk upon the water like  
the master-maker of the universe  
approaching him in Jesus. Now they hike  
together up a mountain; and the curse  
of sinking into death has come and gone;  
and Christ is not a ghost but rises flesh,  
our face in Father-Son-and-Spirit's dawn;  
still Peter worships while his doubts stay fresh;  
and Jesus says Remember I am with  
you always. Let Christ be enough for faith.

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