

# The Sermon on the Plain: Blessings and Woes

Luke 6:17-26

## Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

**Christ the King Lutheran Church**

Great Falls, Virginia

February 16, 2025

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*Our vision is to be a vibrant community of Jesus' disciples,  
empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring God's grace into our world.*

*ELW* refers to Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red hymnal in the pew. *ACS* refers to All Creation Sings. *GS2* refers to Global Songs 2. *HFW* refers to Hymns for Worship compiled by Augsburg Fortress.

A: indicates Assisting Minister; P: indicates Presiding Minister; R: indicates Reader;  
**C: indicates Congregation.**

At places where the ✝ appears, it is customary to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism. The Congregation responds with the words in **bold type**.

Should you need to use an enlarged print order of service, complete with Bible readings and hymns, you will find several in red binders located on the usher's table at the back of the sanctuary.

#### **A few notes about worship:**

- **We are glad to have children in worship.** We also know that children sometimes need to move and express themselves in ways that the service (and the pews) don't accommodate. There is a family break room/nursery available with toys, a rocking chair, changing table, and other items. It is staffed during Sunday School and the 11:00 worship service, but you are free to use it as needed.

To find the family break room, turn left in the foyer and go past the doors leading to the parking lot. It's the first door on the left down the hall.

- The 11:00 worship service is streamed live on Facebook. The camera angles are set so that worshipers' faces are never seen on camera (the camera may occasionally pick up the back of the heads of those sitting in the front rows); only those leading worship from the chancel, lectern, piano, and organ are ever shown fully or face-on.

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## Announcements

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### Today's Agency Visit: Temple Talks and Adult Forum \_\_\_\_\_ Salvation Army's DC Grate Patrol

Today we welcome Tanya Thomas, the Salvation Army's Potomac Division Social Service Manager for Washington DC Emergency Services. She will address the Adult Forum via Zoom to discuss the Salvation Army's DC Grate Patrol mission for the homeless of DC. She manages and runs the Grate Patrol, which uses community volunteers to help feed the homeless living on the streets of DC. CtK's Service Team and youth groups have participated annually for many years in this mission. CtK youth participants will relate their past experiences with the Grate Patrol at temple talks today during both services. For more information, visit [www.salvationarmy.org](http://www.salvationarmy.org).

### Ash Wednesday, March 5 \_\_\_\_\_ "Ashes to Go" at Katie's Coffee House: 7:30 a.m.-Noon CtK's Ash Wednesday Service: 7:30 p.m.

Christ the King and other Great Falls Area Ministry churches will again offer ashes and prayers on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, 7:30 a.m. until noon outside of Katie's Coffee House/The Old Brogue in Great Falls Village. Everyone is welcome to stop by for the imposition of ashes and a prayer to mark the beginning of Lent. If you are interested in participating in this practice, please let Pastor Hank or other members of the Witness Committee know. Even joining us outside on the sidewalk for a half-hour can serve as a blessing to you and the people who are being served.

Ashes also will be imposed on foreheads of worshippers at Christ the King's traditional Ash Wednesday evening service, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. this year.

Welcome!



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Christ the King Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Metro DC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

#### MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to know more about Christ the King or are interested in living out your discipleship as a member of this community, please contact the church office at (703)759-6068.

If you would like to be on our email list to receive our weekly newsletter, please contact the church office at (703)759-6068 or visit our website: [gflutheran.org](http://gflutheran.org).

### How are you involved in charities and agencies...local or worldwide?

**During this season at Christ the King** we have been hearing from some of the agencies and charities supported by our community: Olive Oil Ministry, The Lamb Center, Hearts for Heroes, The Shepherd's Center, the Rwamagana Leaders' School, and others! These are only some of the agencies we partner with and support.

- Some we support through donations of money;
- Some we support by gathering goods and sharing;
- Some we support through hands-on work.

As a community we also support you in your support for NGOs, charities, agencies, and institutions. If you're willing, would you share the names of charitable and issues-oriented organizations where you either volunteer, make financial contributions, or otherwise support?

Watch your March 7 E-blast...Pastor Langknecht will share what we've learned about ourselves.

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## Today's Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of the birthday of Melinda McGowan's late mother, Phyllis Shafer, on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Altar Flowers: Schedule Yours for 2025

Altar flowers in honor, memory, or celebration of a loved one and/or event are available for purchase for \$60. Please sign up for flowers on the poster in the church lobby at least one Sunday in advance to allow time for us to order them. Dedications for the announcement sheet need to be emailed to either Karen or Kim no later than Tuesday of the week the flowers will be displayed.

## Upcoming Agency Visits: Temple Talks & Adult Forum

February 23: Cornerstones

March 2: A Simple Gesture/Cool Green Bag

## Prayers for the Congregation

Karen Magley asks for prayers of healing as she recovers from surgery and faces a follow-up surgery next month. **Bill Hiatt** asks for prayers for his brother Rex who is battling cancer. **Vivienne Wardian** asks for prayers of healing. *Please take a moment to review the prayer requests and notify Kim ([comms@gflutheran.org](mailto:comms@gflutheran.org)) or Karen ([admin@gflutheran.org](mailto:admin@gflutheran.org)) if there are names that should be removed.*

### CHRIST THE KING & KING'S KIDS PRESCHOOL STAFF

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### At CTK This Week

February 16—February 23

#### Sunday, February 16

##### Bring Your Child to Worship

8:30 a.m.—In-person Worship

9:45 a.m.—Adult Forum, In-person & [Zoom](#)

11:00 a.m.—In-person Worship

([streaming available on Facebook Live](#))

7:00 p.m.—AA

#### Tuesday, February 18

7:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast, la Madeleine

7:30 p.m.—Council Meeting, In-person & Zoom

#### Wednesday, February 19

9:30 a.m.—Journey Women's Bible Study

7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal

#### Saturday, February 22

3:00 p.m.—Youth Work & Play

7:00 p.m.—AA

#### Sunday, February 23

8:30 a.m.—In-person Worship

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

9:45 a.m.—Adult Forum, In-person & [Zoom](#)

11:00 a.m.—In-person Worship

([streaming available on Facebook Live](#))

7:00 p.m.—AA

See the full  
CTK calendar:



## How are you involved in charities and agencies...local or worldwide?

**NAME** (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**I have invested time, expertise, and/or money to these issues, causes, and ministries:**

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# REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

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Being different, letting our words and actions speak about a different kind of lifestyle than the one we see pushed at us on tv and the movies will, in the end, have its rewards.

## Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### PRELUDE

*Please stand as you are able.*

### GATHERING HYMN: ELW 717 Let Justice Flow like Streams

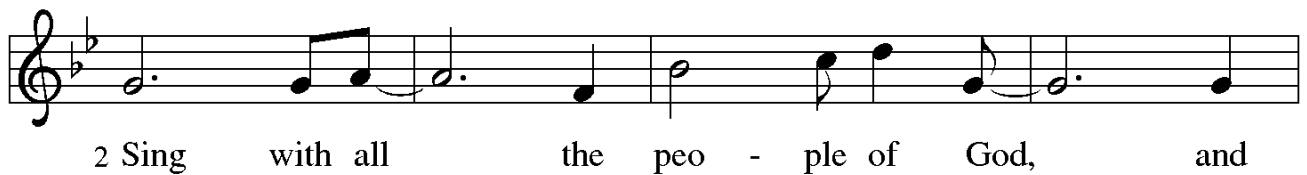
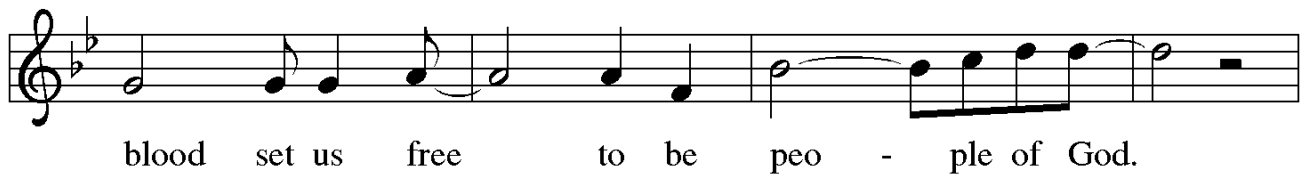
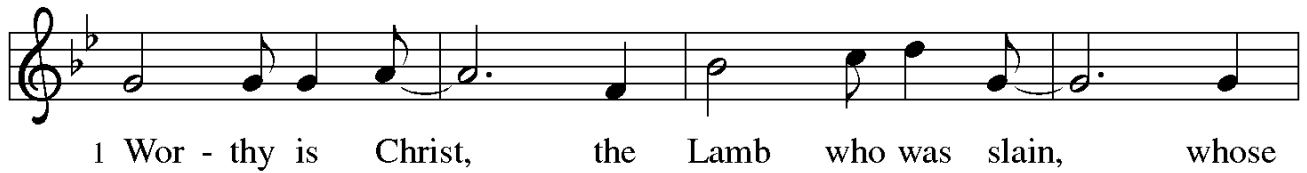
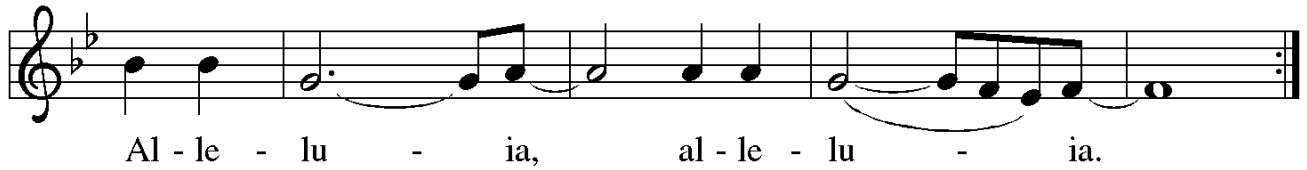
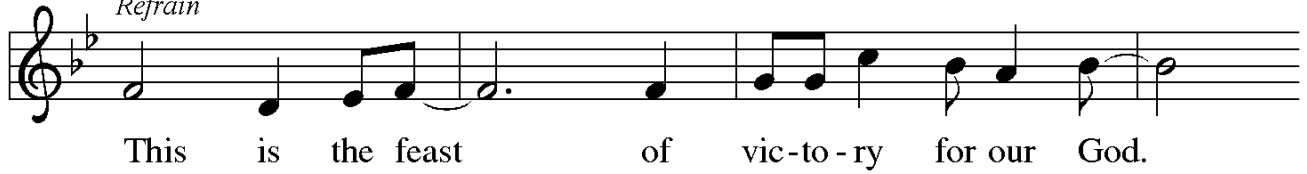
1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

### GREETING

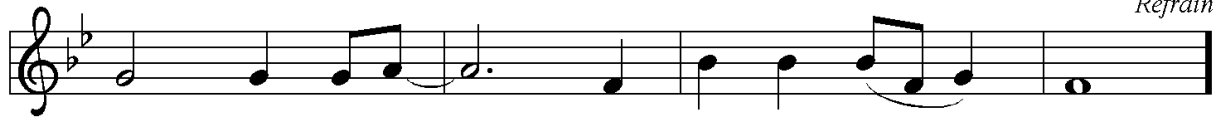
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*Refrain*



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



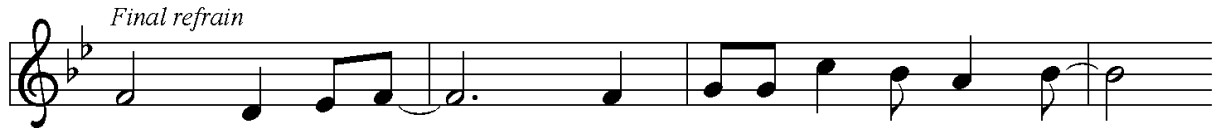
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



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



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. *Final refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AGENCY TEMPLE TALK: Grate Patrol (Salvation Army)

## CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

R: A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup> The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse – who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup> I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

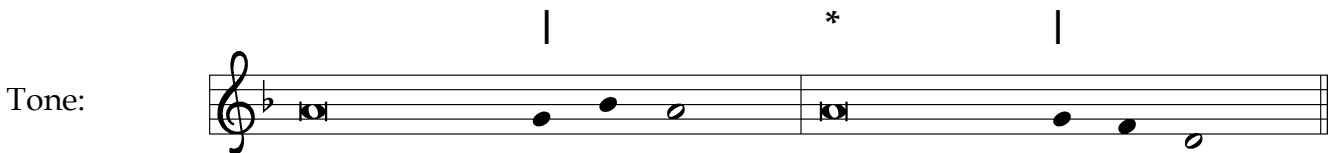
The word of the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 1

*sung responsively*

*The Reader (R) sings the regular text; the Congregation (C) sings the **bold text**.*



They are like trees plant-ed by streams of wa - ter.

R: <sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,

\* nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

C: <sup>2</sup> **Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,**

**and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night. R**

R: <sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;

\* everything they | do shall prosper.

C: <sup>4</sup> **It is not so | with the wicked;**

\* **they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**



R: <sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,  
\* nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

C: <sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,**  
\* **but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed. R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

R: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup>and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup>If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

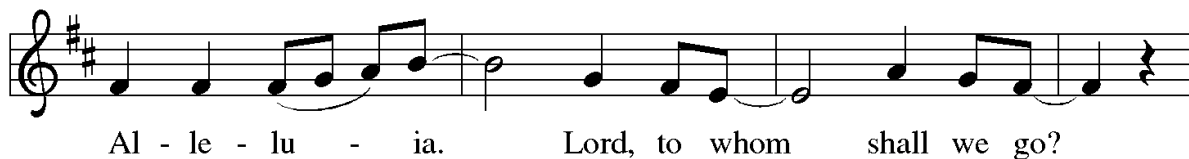
<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The word of the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia

*ELW page 171*



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: **Glory to you, O LORD.**

P: <sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

The gospel of the LORD.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 726 Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

## APOSTLES' CREED

*said in unison*

**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

A: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Blessed is your church transformed by your Spirit. Give us courage to proclaim to all people the promises made true in the death and resurrection of Christ. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Blessed is creation. As earth experiences destruction from harmful practices and climate change, give us courage to help bring about its restoration. Encourage those who work in forestry to be a voice for the hidden places of creation and provide skills for its conservation. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Blessed are the nations. We pray for presidents, prime ministers, and leaders of nations. Grant that their courage will not run dry in the face of challenge, but that they will delight in the fountain of your righteousness. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Blessed are those in need. Give to all facing illness wise and caring doctors, nurses, and therapists. Draw close to those who feel far from you or who are suffering in any way. Provide an extra measure of your grace and love. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Blessed is this congregation. Like a tree planted by streams of water, we are nourished by faith in you. Provide courage in times that feel dry, trusting that you sustain us in many ways. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Blessed are those saints who now rest in your peace. Through lives of both sorrow and joy, challenge and triumph, they provide witness of faith in all times. May their lives be a witness to the living. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**C: Amen.**

## GREETING OF PEACE

*Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying Peace be with you as you shake hands or embrace.*

*Please be seated following the sharing of the peace.*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

# Meal

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERING

*During the offering, plates will be passed along the pews in which to place your offering. Make checks payable to "Christ the King Lutheran Church". Contributions go toward the ministries and programs of Christ the King Lutheran Church.*

## OFFERING AND REGATHERING SONG: Lamb of God

*ELW page 174*

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.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C: Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

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 our thanks and praise.**

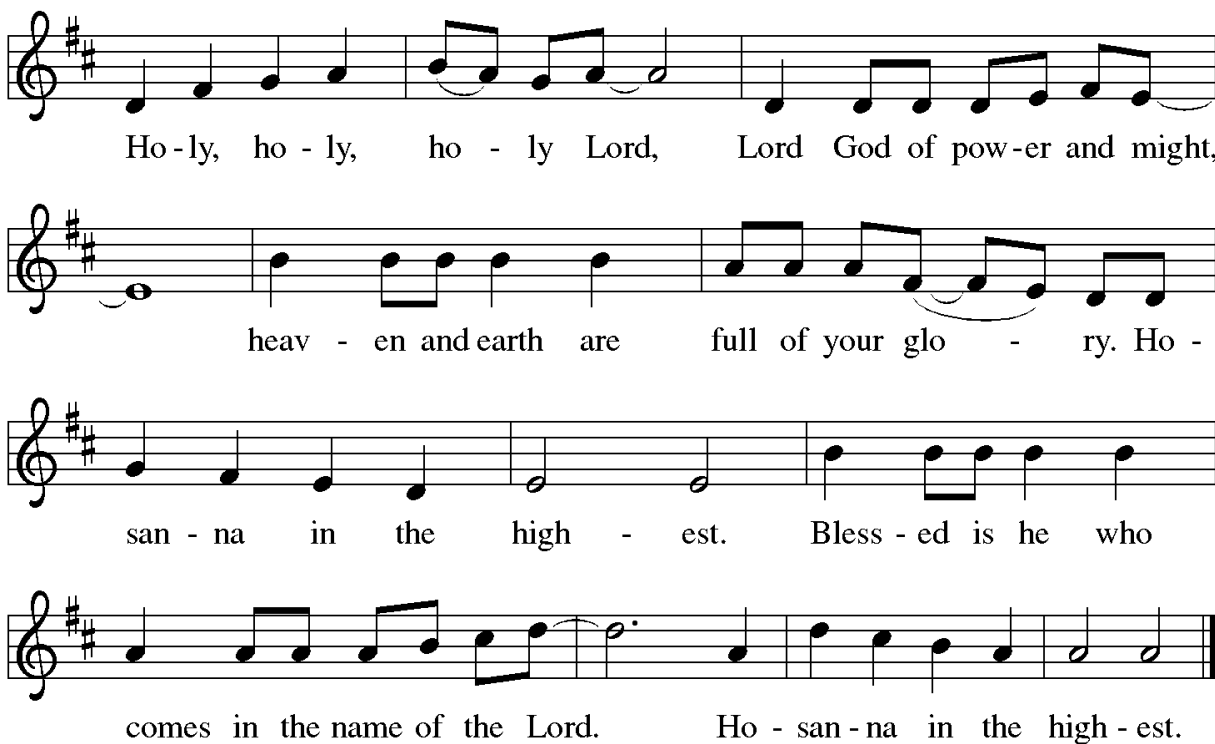
## PREFACE

P: 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 to us 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

*ELW page 173*



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en 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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**C: We praise you, O God.**

P: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**C: We bless you, O God.**

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**C: We thank you, O God.**

P: 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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**C: Amen**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

#### DISTRIBUTION WITH MUSICAL OFFERING

*Instructions for communion distribution will be given at this time.*

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. Those who have not received instruction or who wish not to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Sending \_\_\_\_\_

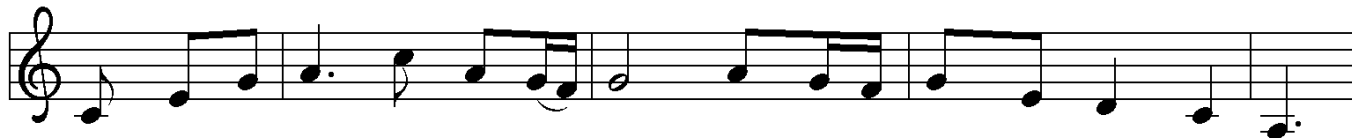
*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

#### BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 711 O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de - vor the small;



guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self - ish schemes.  
as beasts and cat - tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease,  
Then en - e - mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord;



till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.  
the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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