THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — JUNE 26, 2022

GOD'S PRESENCE, PROVISION, & PURPOSE IN YOUR LIFE

WELCOME

Welcome in the name of Christ Jesus. As we worship, we pray that you will open your heart in preparation as our Savior comes to us through the word and sacraments. If you are a guest, please sign your name, address and most importantly your phone number in our Guest Book in the entrance and come and worship with us again. If we can be of assistance to you in your spiritual walk through life please let us know. We invite you to join us for refreshments after the service in the room adjoining the worship facility.

AS WE GATHER

When you feel all alone, remember this: you are not alone. First, you are not alone in feeling that way. In today's Old Testament Reading, you will see how even Elijah, the mighty prophet of God, felt all alone. "I, even I only, am left!" he exclaimed (1 Kings 19:10). That was his honest feeling; however, it wasn't true. The Lord revealed to Elijah that He had not abandoned His prophet, even reassuring Elijah of this by providing Elisha as his helper in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. God's presence and provision in Elijah's life reassured him of his divine purpose, and the same is true for you! As you will hear in today's message, it is much like King Henry V saying to recharge his discouraged army: "Once more unto the breach!" When you feel discouraged, remember that God's work in you is not finished! In Christ's victory, there is still work to do! His presence and provision, which you will receive yet again today, reassure you of this! Jesus is with you! He loves you! And He sends His Spirit into your life to give you His purpose and direction, reminding you that you belong to Him!

COMMUNION PRACTICE

Lamb of God celebrates the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff;18:15-35;26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN

721 Lead Me, Guide Me

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INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Galatians 5:1

P For freedom Christ has set us free;

C **stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.**

A moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.

P Lord God, our gracious Father,

C **we confess that we have not walked by Your Spirit. Instead of using our freedom to love our neighbors as ourselves, we have served our own selfish interests. We have chosen to live as our sinful flesh desires instead of as Your perfect law requires. Forgive us, heavenly Father, by the mercy You show us in the death and resurrection of Your Son. Fill us with the fruit of Your Spirit so that we who belong to Christ Jesus may walk in the way of love and worship. In His name we pray. Amen.**

P The Spirit of God anointed Jesus to walk in perfect obedience to the Father's commands. His death upon the cross and resurrection from the grave prove that His grace alone gives His presence, provision, and purpose to all who belong to Him by faith. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 85:8–10, 13; antiphon: v. 7

P Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.

C **Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,**

P for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

C **Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.**

P Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

C **righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

P Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,

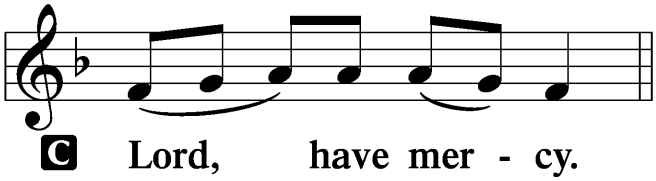
C **and grant us Your salvation.**

KYRIE

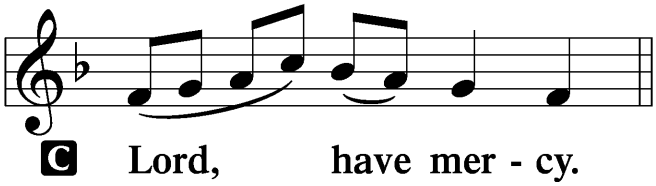
Mark 10:47

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

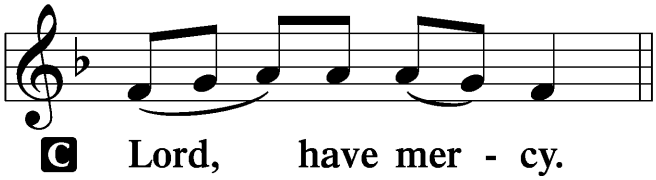
P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



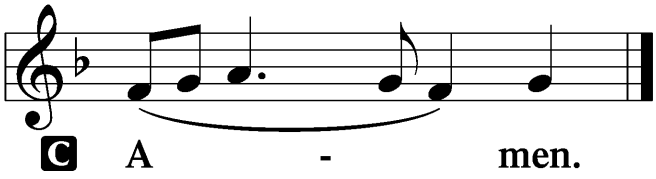
P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

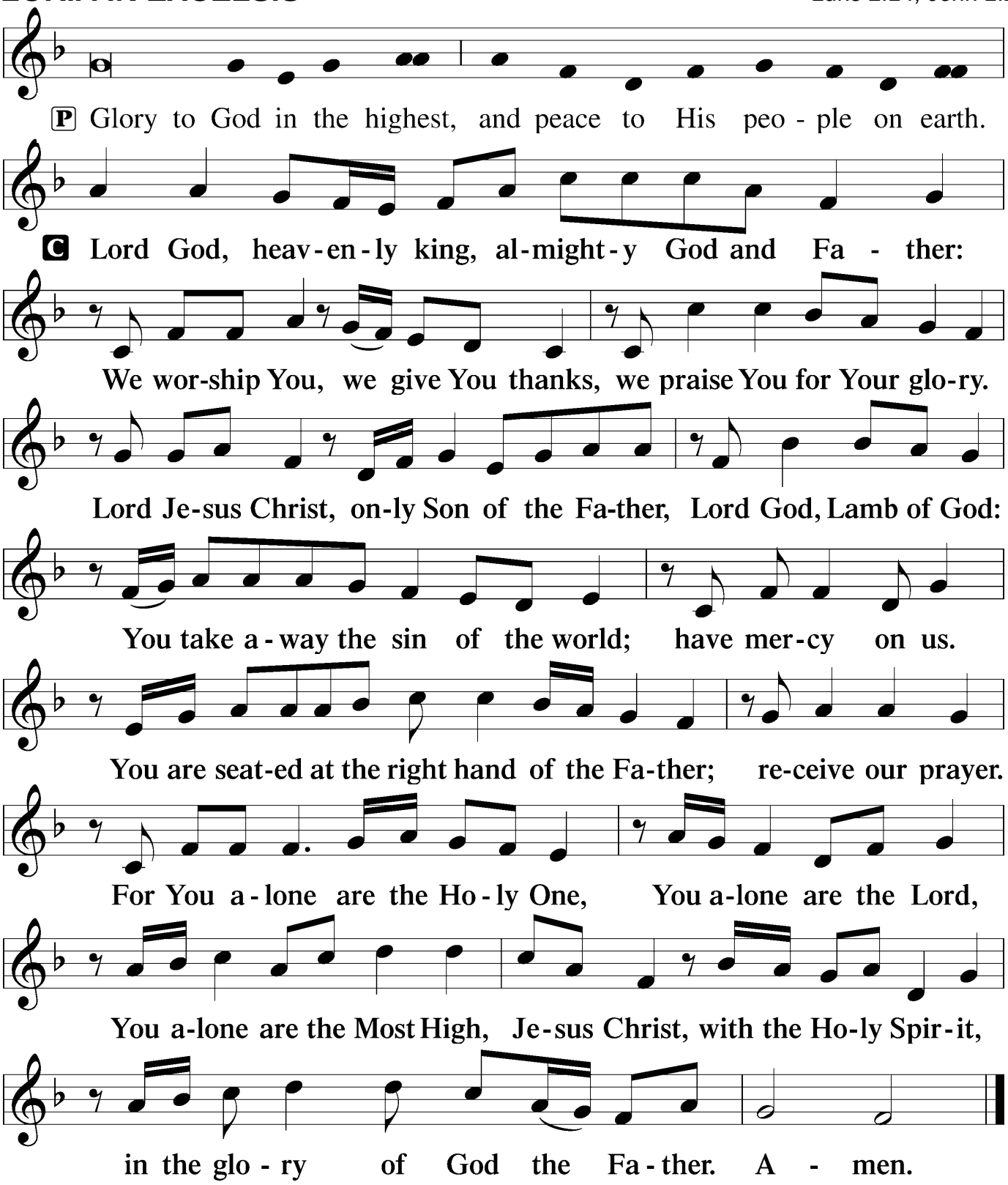


P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray: Lord of all power and might,

C **author and giver of all good things,**

P when we feel alone and as if all hope is lost,

C **remind us of the never-failing presence of Your Spirit,**

P so that we who belong to Christ Jesus

C **may know Your presence, provision, and purpose in our lives;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 19:9b–21

L The Old Testament Reading is from 1 Kings, chapter 19.

Behold, the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” [10]He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” [11]And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. [12]And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. [13]And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” [14]He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” [15]And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. [16]And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. [17]And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. [18]Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

[19]So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. [20]And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” [21]And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 16

L Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

C **I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You.”**

L As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

C **The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;**

L their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

C **The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.**

L The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

C **I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.**

L I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

C **Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.**

L For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption.

C **You make known to me the path of life;**

L in Your presence there is fullness of joy;

C **at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

EPISTLE

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

L The Epistle is from Galatians, chapter 5.

[1]For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . .

[13]For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. [14]For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." [15]But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

[16]But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. [17]For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. [18]But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. [19]Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, [20]idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, [21]envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. [22]But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23]gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. [24]And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

[25]If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

✝ VERSE

Luke 9:51

℗ Alleluia. When the days drew near for Him to be taken up,

℃ **He set His face to go to Jerusalem. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:51–62

℗ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

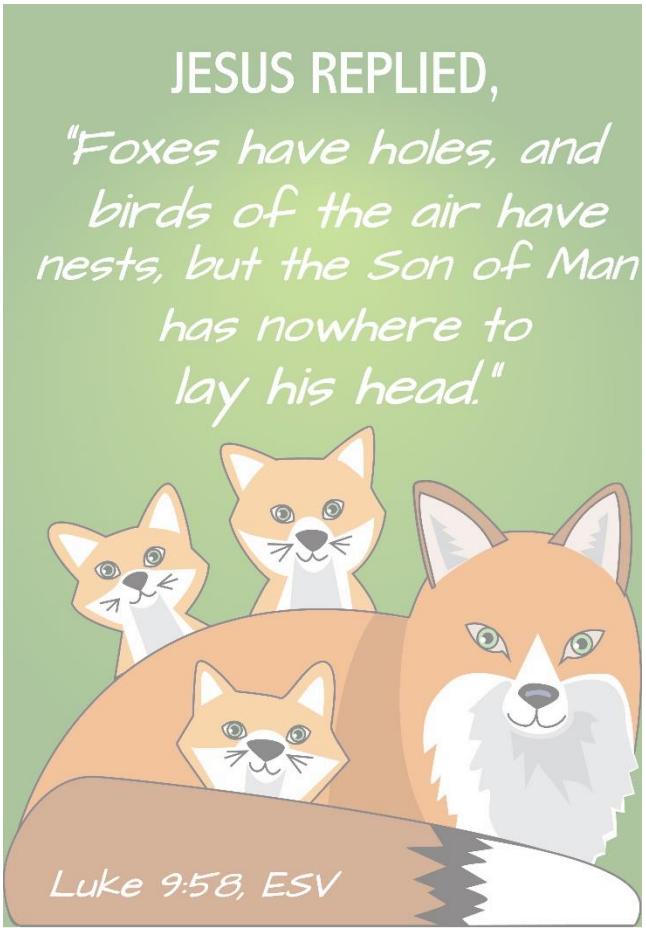
℃ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[51]When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. [52]And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. [53]But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. [54]And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” [55]But he turned and rebuked them. [56]And they went on to another village.

[57]As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” [58]And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” [59]To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” [60]And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” [61]Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” [62]Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

℃ **Praise to You, O Christ.**



HYMN OF THE DAY

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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SERMON

NICENE CREED

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✢ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have created us in Your image and called us into fellowship with Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Help us to know that You are always with us—guiding our steps, providing for our lives, hearing our prayers, and answering us in ways that are for our good and that bring glory to Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and receive our thanks for Your presence in our lives.**

P You reign over all the universe as King of kings and Lord of lords! In You, Lord Jesus, all things are held together. In You, Lord Jesus, we live and move and have our being. You provide well for all those who belong to You. Grant us hearts to receive Your Word, hands to extend Your love to others, and feet to walk by Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and receive our thanks for Your provision in our lives.**

P Holy Spirit, when we feel lost and alone, remind us of Your never-failing love. Instill in us the readiness to be led by You in the purpose that You give to all who follow Jesus Christ. Send Your Church out into every corner of the world to proclaim the Good News of life and salvation in our Savior's death and resurrection. Until the day He comes again, grant that we never grow tired of sharing the Gospel with our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and receive our thanks for Your purpose in our lives.**

P Merciful Lord, we pray Your blessing upon all who lead and govern us, for all who protect us from harm and danger, and for all who work for the well-being of our communities, our state, and our nation. Grant that Your presence and provision be known in our families and in the lives of our children. Remind those who are homebound, hospitalized, or ailing in any way that they are never alone, for You are always with them. [Grant Your healing mercies to those we name before You, especially . . .] Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your faithful hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray, ever trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

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+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

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.

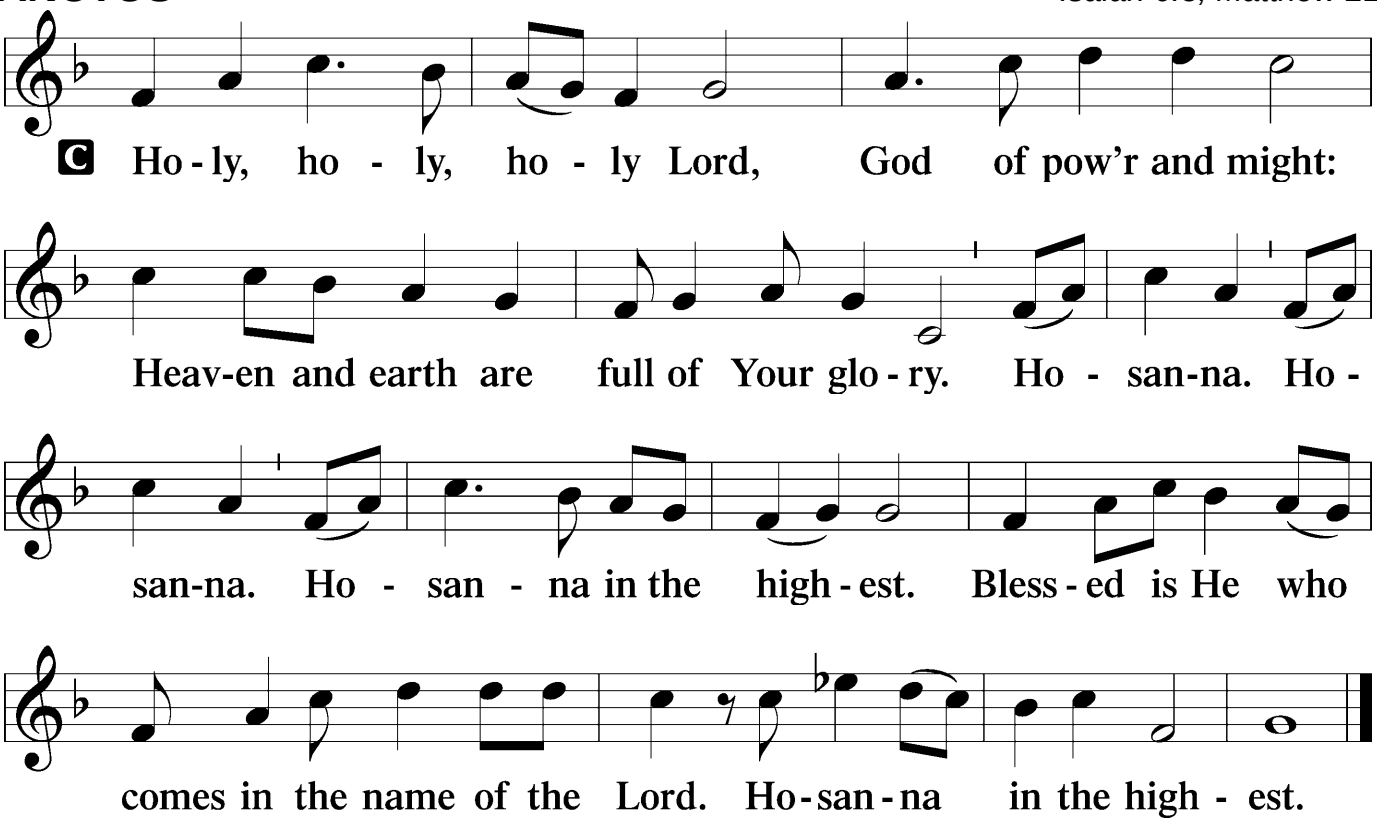
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection fulfilled the promises of Your Word, assuring us that we are never alone and have been called to those things You have prepared for those who love You. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the sacrificial death and victorious resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit so that we may know Your promises are true. Gather us together to celebrate with all Your Church the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; preserve us by Your presence in our lives. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER

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.**

PAX DOMINI

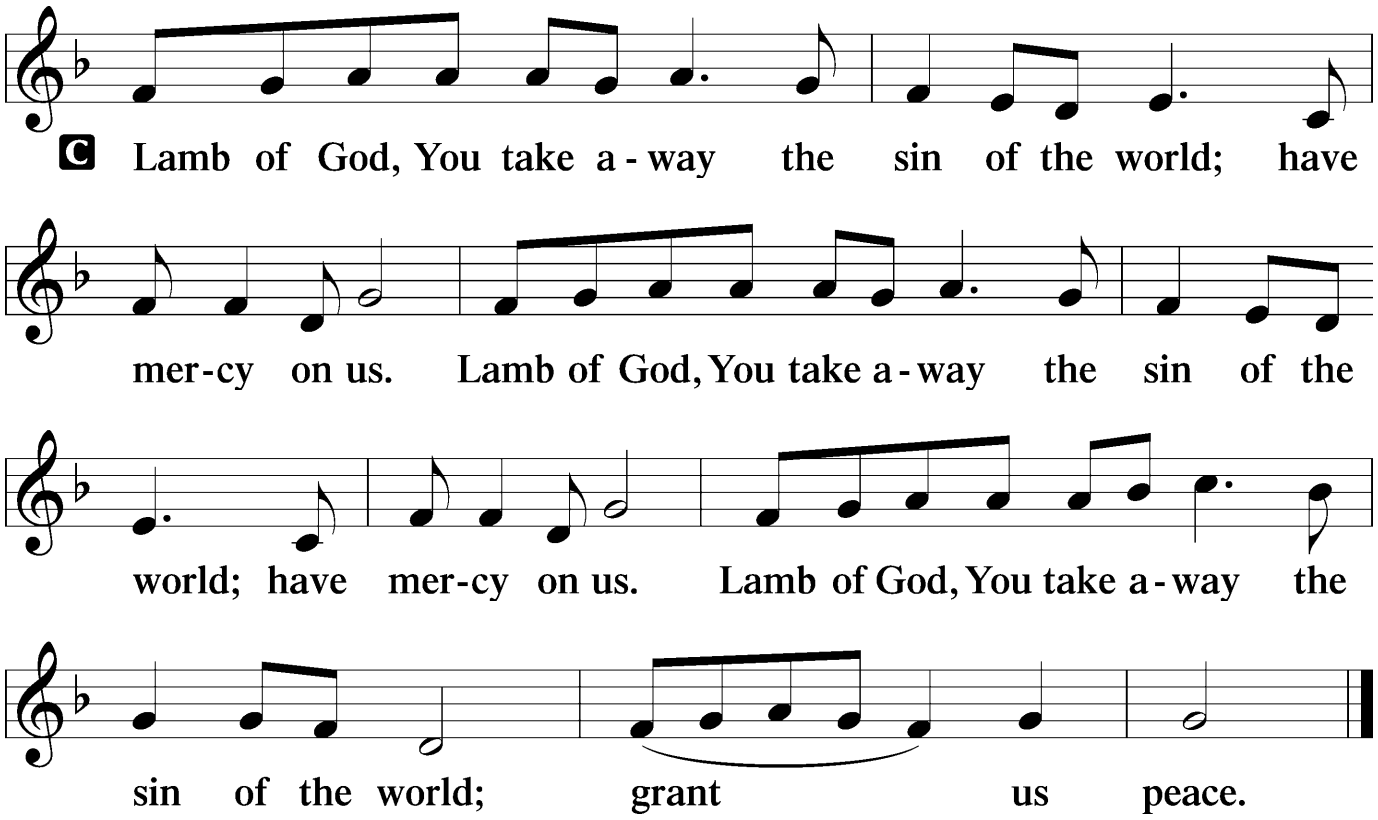
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

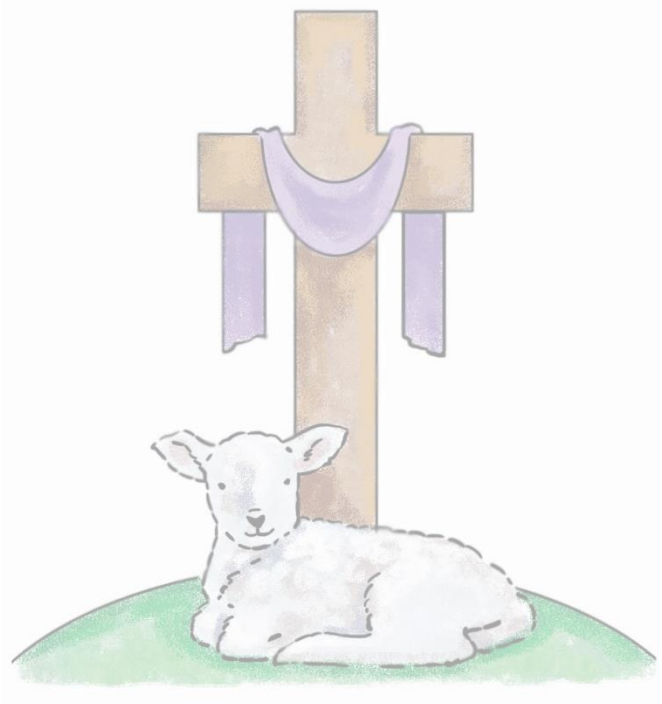
C **Amen.**

WE SHARE THE PEACE

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29





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HYMN

626 Come, Let Us Eat

Leader

1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word,

All

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
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HYMN

642 O Living Bread from Heaven

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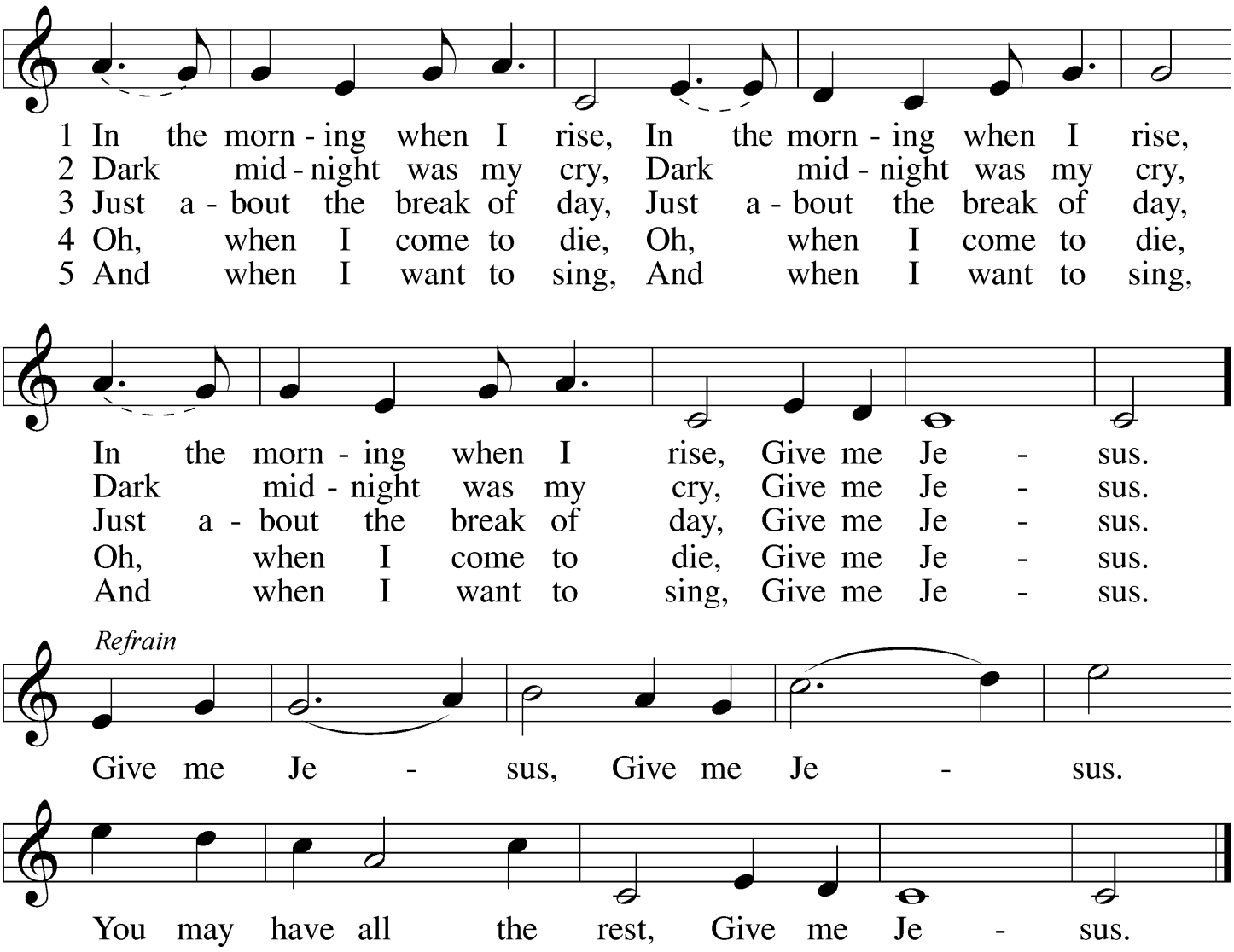
HYMN

976 Give Me Jesus



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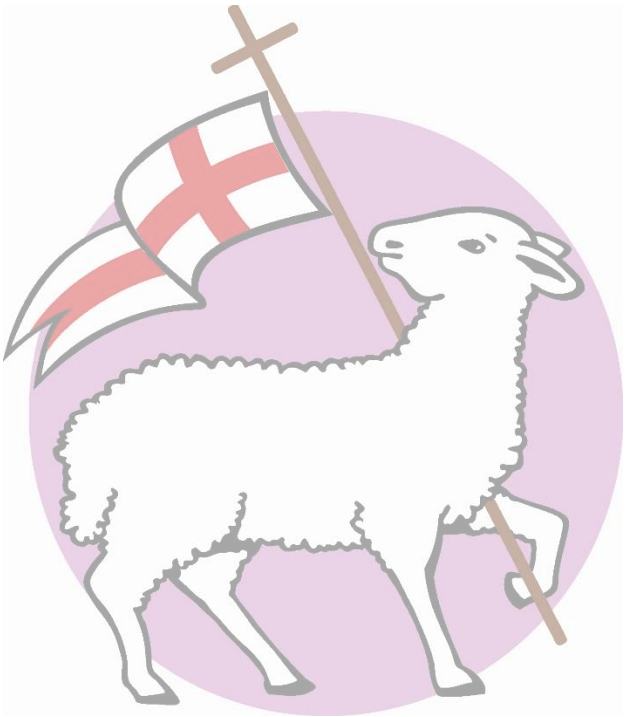


NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29–32

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this saving gift of Your Son's body and blood. Assure us through Christ's victory over death and the grave and strengthen us to do the things You have given us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING SENTENCES

Galatians 5:1, 25

P For freedom Christ has set us free;

C **stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.**

P If we live by the Spirit,

C **let us also walk by the Spirit.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAYS

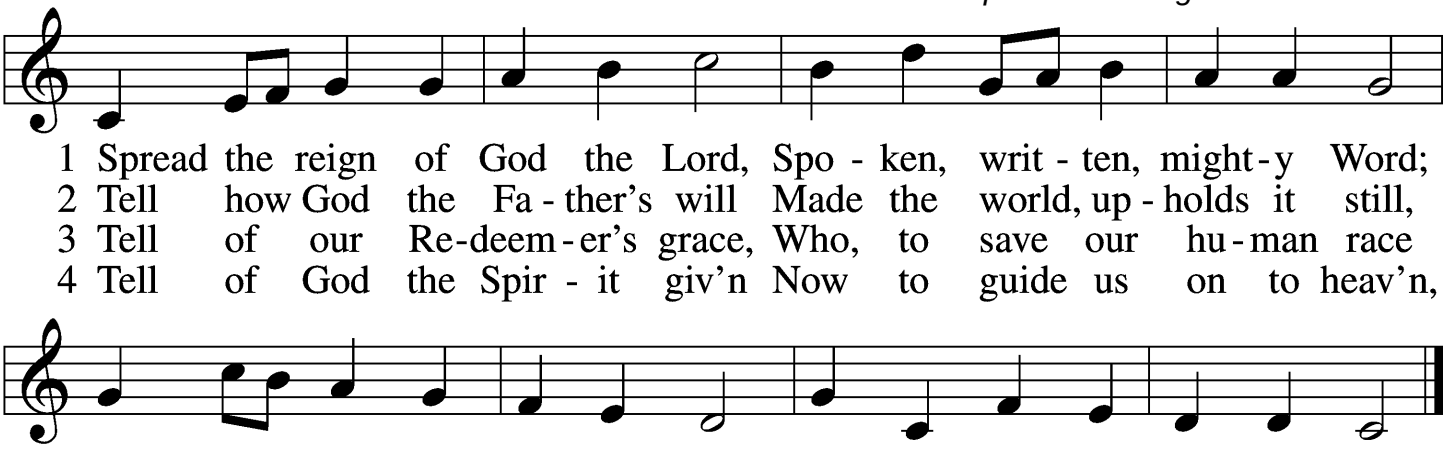
BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord



5 Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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