

A HELPFUL VISION

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

Hospitality is one of those concepts that is difficult to define but easily perceived when experienced. Several biblical writers encourage the people of God to be hospitable, including Paul as he writes to his young follower Timothy; likewise, Peter in his First Epistle, and also the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews who counsels: “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares” (HEBREWS 13:2). Viewing people attending worship who are not known to us personally as “angels in disguise” may give us a right perspective as we interact with them and make them welcome in our midst. “Seek to show hospitality,” Paul writes in his Letter to the Romans (ROMANS 12:13). His directive is for us to heed as much as it was for his original readers in Rome.

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

788 *Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness*



1 For - give us, Lord, for shal - low thank - ful - ness,
2 Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and grace,
4 Teach us, O Lord, true thank - ful - ness di - vine,
6 O - pen our eyes to see Your love's in - tent,



For dull con - tent with warmth and shel - tered care,
For life and vi - sion, for a pur - pose clear,
That gives as Christ gave, nev - er count - ing cost,
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height;



For songs of praise for food and har - vest press,
For Christ Your Son, and for each hu - man face
That knows no bar - ri - er of "yours" and "mine,"
May thank - ful - ness be days in ser - vice spent,



While of Your rich - er gifts we're un - a - ware:
That shows Your mes - sage ev - er new and near.
As - sured that on - ly what's with - held is lost.
Re - flec - tion of Christ's life and love and light.

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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.

🕯️ OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 90:1, 12; 86:11–12; 119:159–160

P Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

C Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

P Consider how I love Your precepts! Give me life according to Your steadfast love.

C The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your just and righteous decrees endures forever.

P Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

C I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.

🕯️ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on “Confession” in the Small Catechism by Dr. Martin Luther instructs us with these words:

C Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

P Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore 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 119:73–75, 77; antiphon: v. 76

- P** Let Your steadfast love comfort me according to Your promise to Your servant.
C **Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn Your commandments.**
- P** Those who fear You shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in Your word.
C **I know, O LORD, that Your just decrees are righteous, and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.**
- P** Let Your mercy come to me, that I may live; for Your law is my delight.
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** Let Your steadfast love comfort me according to Your promise to Your servant.

KYRIE

Mark 10:47

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- 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.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. Remember us, O Lord, not for what we deserve, but because You have begun Your good work in us. As You have called us to Your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 6:1–7

L The Old Testament Reading is from Amos, chapter 6.

¹“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! ²Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, ³O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? ⁴“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, ⁶who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 146

C Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! *I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.*

M Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

W *Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.*

M The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

W *The Lord watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.*

C The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD! 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.

GRADUAL

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

L He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 3:1–13

L The Epistle is from 1 Timothy, chapter 3.

¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and

in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house – ²⁸for I have five brothers – so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

U HYMN OF THE DAY

688 “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake



1 “Come, fol - low Me,” the Sav - ior spake, “All in My
 2 “I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
 4 “I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
 soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
 In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
 well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.
 of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal.”
 bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

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SERMON

📌 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: For pastors, missionaries, teachers, and all who proclaim Your Word, O Lord, by Your almighty power and unsearchable wisdom break and hinder all the counsels of those who hate Your Word and who, by corrupt teaching, would destroy it. Enlighten them with the knowledge of Your glory that they may know the riches of Your heavenly grace and, in peace and righteousness, serve You, the only true God; let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For Your Church, to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation. We pray especially for blessings on the ministry of Faith Lutheran Church, Homer, and for Zion Lutheran Church, Anchorage, as they begin the call process; let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those who grieve [especially . . .], that they find hope in the resurrection, which brings us eternal life and defeats the enemy of death, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those who govern in this nation and throughout the world, that their tongues would be kept from lying and slander. Defeat the plans of all those who would stir up violence and strife, destroy the weapons of those who delight in war and bloodshed, and according to Your will, end all conflict in the world. We especially pray that Russia and Ukraine put aside their differences and strife, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those who struggle with spiritual oppression, grant courage that Your children may confess Your saving name in the face of any opposition from a world hostile to the Gospel. Help them to remember Your faithful people who sacrificed much and even faced death rather than dishonor You when called upon to deny the faith. By Your Spirit, strengthen them to be faithful and to confess You boldly, knowing that You will confess Your own before the Father in heaven, with whom You and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, now and forever; let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those who have wandered from the Church, and for those who are outspoken enemies of the Church, that their hearts would be softened and they would hear Holy Spirit call them by the Gospel so that they would be gathered into Your flock, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .], that God would grant them healing and strengthen their faith according to His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Lord, we offer all these prayers, knowing that You hear us and bless us with what we need.

C Amen.

OFFERING

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+ SACRAMENT +

Ⓜ PREFACE

Ⓜ The Lord be with you.

Ⓜ And also with you.

Ⓜ Lift up your hearts.

Ⓜ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓜ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

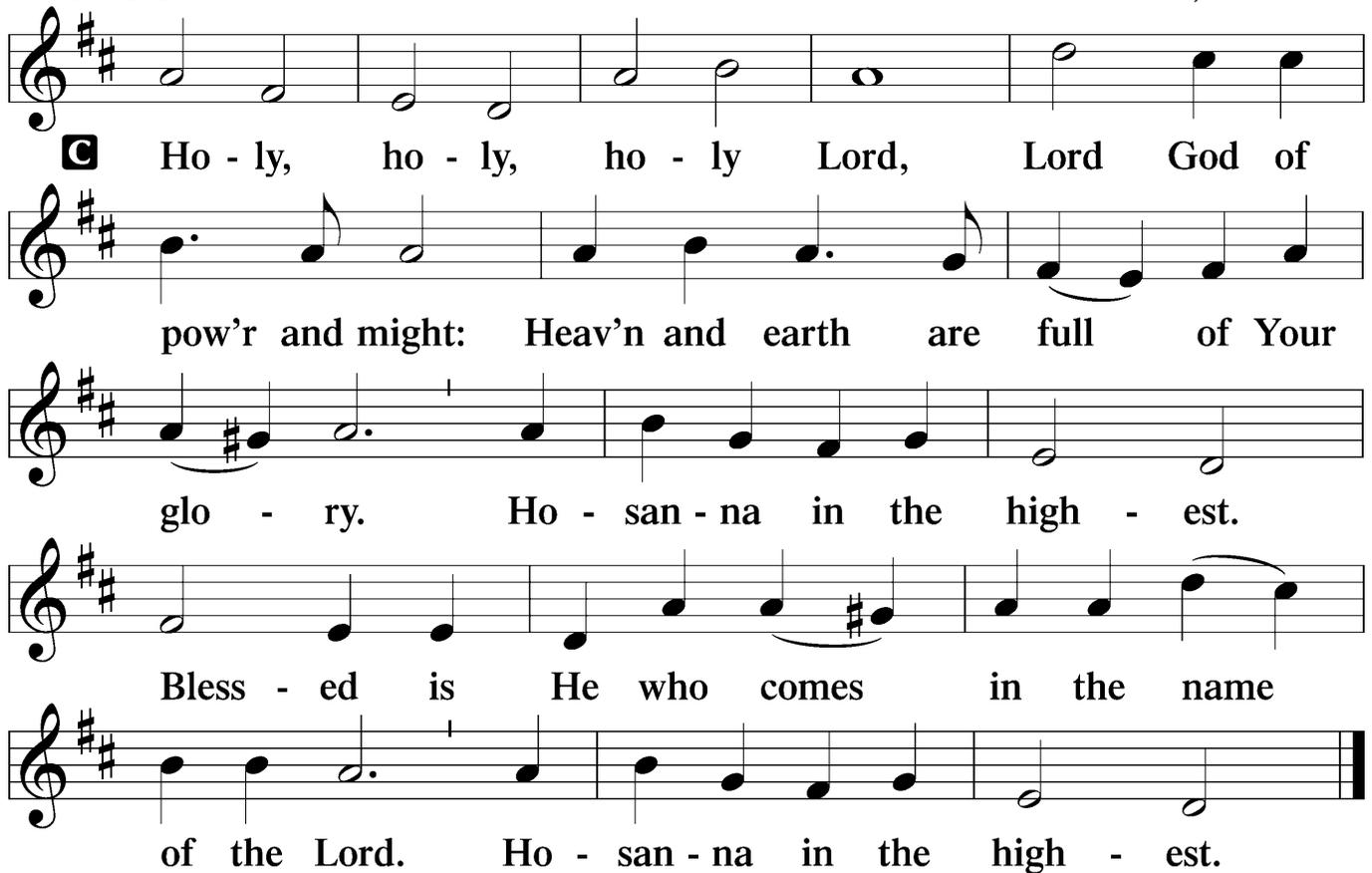
Ⓜ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Ⓜ It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You continually strengthen us with Your abiding presence and promise to direct and receive our prayers and petitions. Continue to bless Your people in Your Holy Church that we may know the truth that is found in Christ alone. Unite our praises with those of all the faithful and join them with the unending praise of the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven.

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ⓜ 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have showed Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His Holy Supper You reveal Your sacred presence among us and number us with Your saints. Grant that we may receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood as we gather at His command.

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 \dagger 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 \dagger 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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling



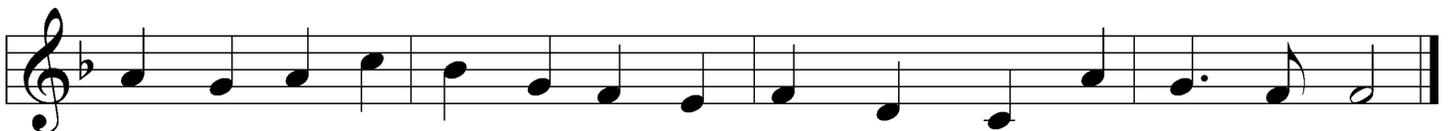
1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
2 Some take up His task in morn - ing, To their Lord re - spond - ing soon;
3 For as rain and snow from heav - en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,
4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com - ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
Some are called in heat of mid - day, Oth - ers late in af - ter - noon;
Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;
When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de - scend.



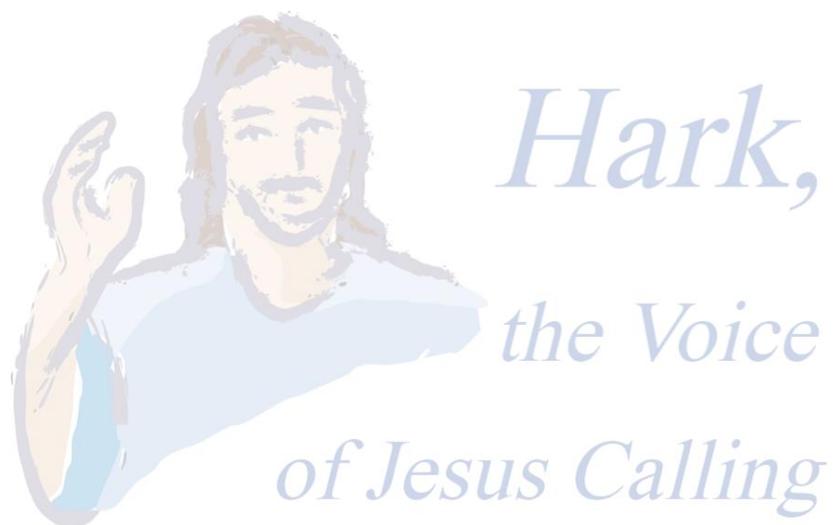
Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,
So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—
Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields.
Nev - er void to Him re - turn - ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.
Then the souls His grace has gar - nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

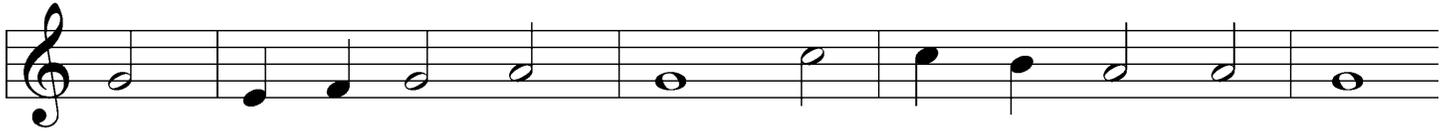
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649 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
 And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.
 And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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695 *Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels*



1 Not for tongues of heav - en's an - gels, Not for wis - dom to dis -
 2 Love is hum - ble, love is gen - tle, Love is ten - der, true, and
 3 Nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er self - ish, Love will not re - joice in
 4 In the day this world is fad - ing Faith and hope will play their



cern, Not for faith that mas - ters moun - tains, For this
 kind; Love is gra - cious, ev - er pa - tient, Gen - er -
 wrong; Nev - er boast - ful nor re - sent - ful, Love be -
 part; But when Christ is seen in glo - ry Love shall



bet - ter gift we yearn: May love be ours, O Lord.
 ous of heart and mind: May love be ours, O Lord.
 lieves and suf - fers long: May love be ours, O Lord.
 reign in ev - 'ry heart: May love be ours, O Lord.

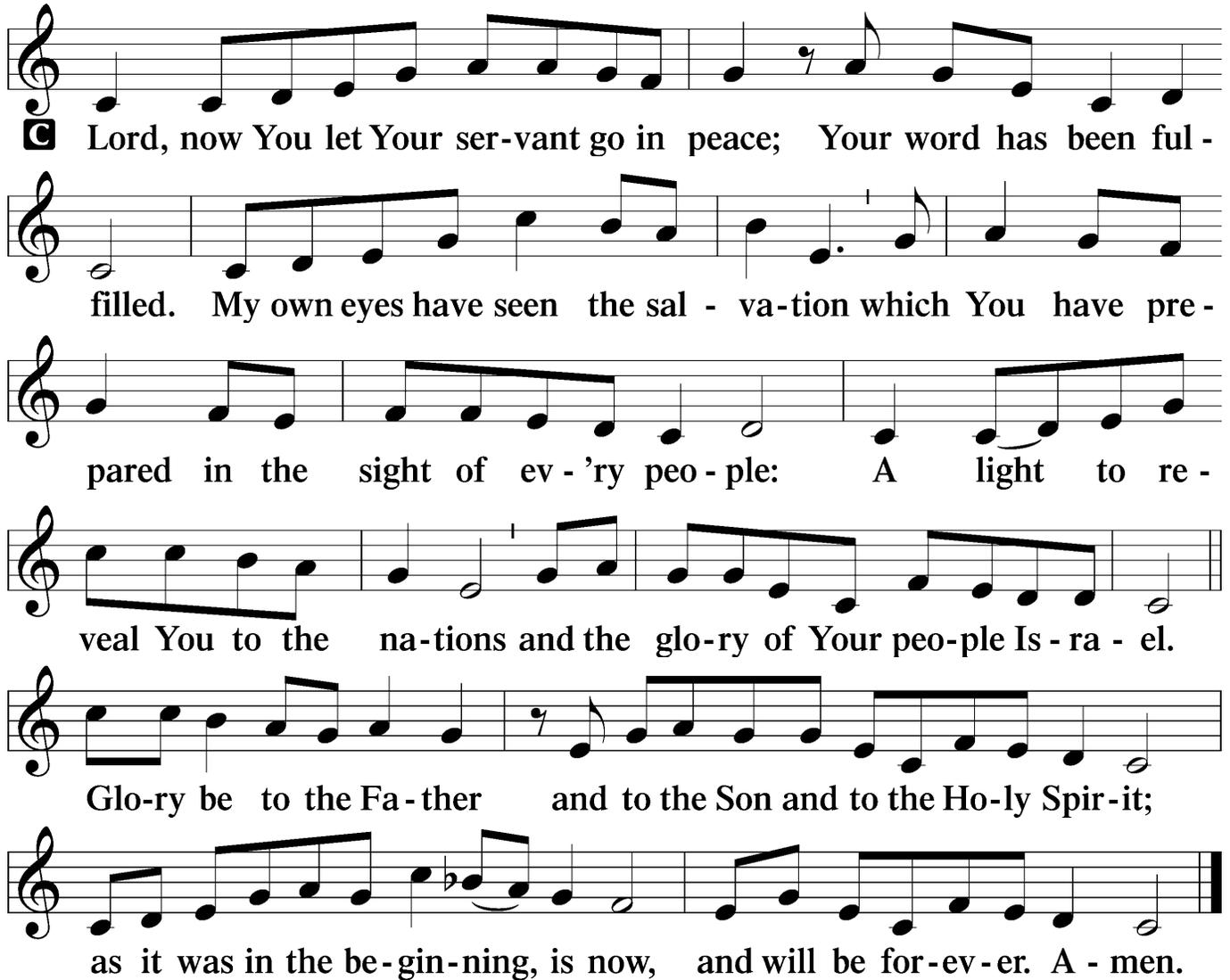
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♩ NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29–32



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be 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.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for having fed us with Your life-giving food. Strengthen us through the same to make our good confession, fighting the good fight of the faith. Finally, grant us a portion with the saints in light eternal. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our everlasting High Priest, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

G Amen.

♩ 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

664 *Fight the Good Fight*



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less
4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -
mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing
not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.
you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!



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