

PRELUDE: Ave verum corpus

Mozart, arr. Franz Liszt

PENITENTIAL ORDER

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(The peoples' responses are in bold)

CALL TO WORSHIP: When Jesus wept the falling tear

Trad. American

The people, standing as able, as the Altar party enters in silence

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People His mercy endures forever. Amen.

The people, kneeling as able

THE DECALOGUE: CONTEMPORARY

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Presider Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Presider Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider Honor your father and your mother.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider You shall not commit murder.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider You shall not commit adultery.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider You shall not steal.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider You shall not be a false witness.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The people, standing as able

KYRIE, WLP 839: Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mer - cy.____

Lord, have mer - cy.____ Christ, have

mer - cy.____ Christ, have mer - cy.____

____ Lord, have mer - cy.____

Lord, have mer - cy.____

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people, seated, as able, through the Second Reading

FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-15

Reader A reading from Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sung in unison, beginning after the asterisk in the first verse

RESPONSE: Psalm 63:1-8, *Deus, Deus meus*

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- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I / seek you; *
 my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
 as in a barren and dry land where there is no / water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy / place, *
 that I might behold your power and your / glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life it- / self; *
 my lips shall give you / praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I / live *
 and lift up my hands in your / Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and / fatness, *
 and my mouth praises you with joyful / lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my / bed, *
 and meditate on you in the night / watches.
- 7 For you have been my / helper, *
 and under the shadow of your wings I will re- / joice.
- 8 My soul / clings to you; *
 your right hand holds me / fast.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Reader A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

The people, standing as able through the end of the Gospel Reading

HYMN 635: If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Unison or harmony



1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt. Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621-1681).

THE GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people, seated

THE SERMON: The Rev. E. Weston Mathews

The people, standing as able

THE NICENE CREED *(In unison)*

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, *[low bow]* Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven *[low bow]*:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man. *[Stand erect]*
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection *[Sign of the cross]* of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People *That we all may be one.*

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Glenn our Governor, Gerry our Representative, Tim and Mark our Senators, Donald our President, the justices and judges of the federal courts, Richard our delegate, Jennifer our Senator to the state legislature, and the justices and judges of the commonwealth courts.

People *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Leader We pray for the St. Francis Creche School, the Scouts, the Recovery Community of St. Francis, and the Search Committee for a new Director of Family Ministries. We give thanks for the Via Crucis Concert and the ministry of our Choir. We pray also for Franciscans who are currently preparing for Holy Baptism, Confirmation, Reception into The Episcopal Church, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;

People *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Open the hands of your people to reach out in love to those around the world who are in fear

for their lives, who face turbulent conditions caused by us and by nature, and whose daily lives are made difficult by their circumstances: people in the United States of America, people of Holy Family Church and Mills River, NC, people of the Ezo Diocese, Afghanistan, China, Gaza, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, the Palestinian Authority, Qatar, Russia, Ukraine, and the West Bank.

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader We ask you to care for: Vicky, Holly, Nan, Marlene, Betty, Dana, Luke, David, Barbara & Bill, Jeff Sr., Hugh Sr., Cathy, Lawrence, David, Jon, Jessica, Paula, Clara Sue, Grace, Debra, Taylor, Kelly & Alex, Hilary, and Dut. We pray also for Mel Diaz & Lillian Moring as they prepare for Holy Matrimony.

People *Hear our prayer.*

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Presider O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people, standing as able

THE PEACE

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Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*Eucharist is an ongoing participation in and renewal of our Baptism. Come forward at the invitation of the ushers to share in this sacrament. For those not wishing to partake in this sacrament, we invite you to come forward for a blessing, by kneeling, folding your arms across your chest. **Gluten free host is available. Signify your desire for this form of bread by placing your right-hand palm down on top of your left.***

The people, seated, the alms plates are passed by the usher.

OFFERTORY, Anthem: Passion Chorale

Arr. Franz Liszt

O head, full of wounds and blood, Full of pain and full of scorn, O head, bound up for mockery, With a crown of thorns. O head, once so beautifully grace, With the highest honor and adornment, Yet now so rudely cursed: Let me greet you!

The people, standing as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant *People*

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

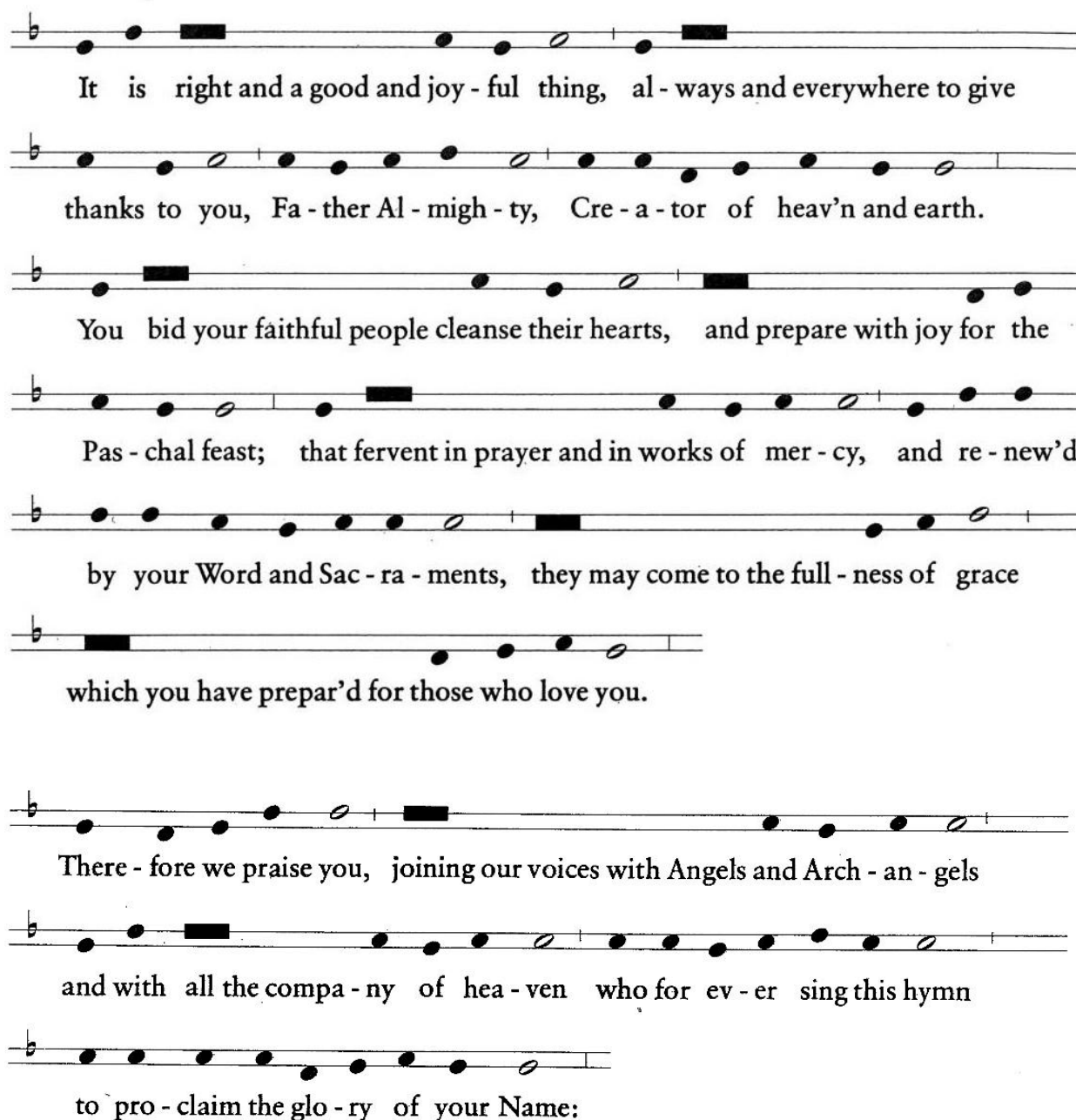
Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider

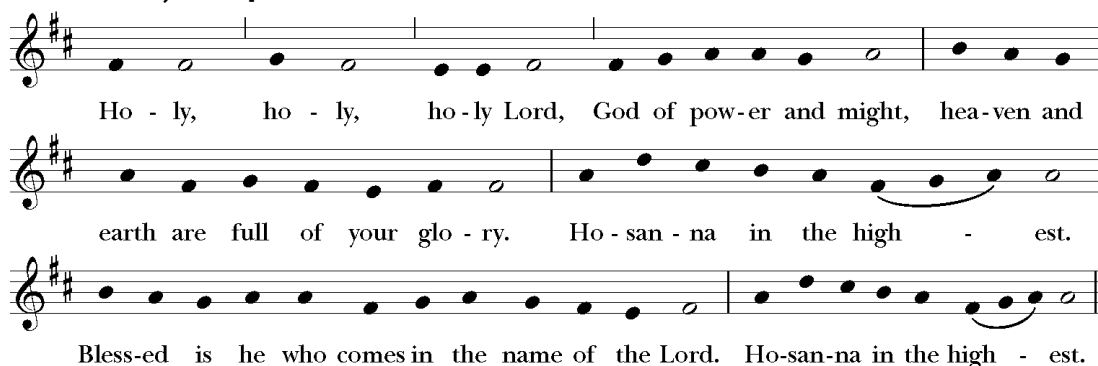


It is right and a good and joy - ful thing, al - ways and everywhere to give
thanks to you, Fa - ther Al - migh - ty, Cre - a - tor of heav'n and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the
Pas - chal feast; that fervent in prayer and in works of mer - cy, and re - new'd
by your Word and Sac - ra - ments, they may come to the full - ness of grace
which you have prepar'd for those who love you.

There - fore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Arch - an - gels
and with all the compa - ny of hea - ven who for ev - er sing this hymn
to pro - claim the glo - ry of your Name:

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Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

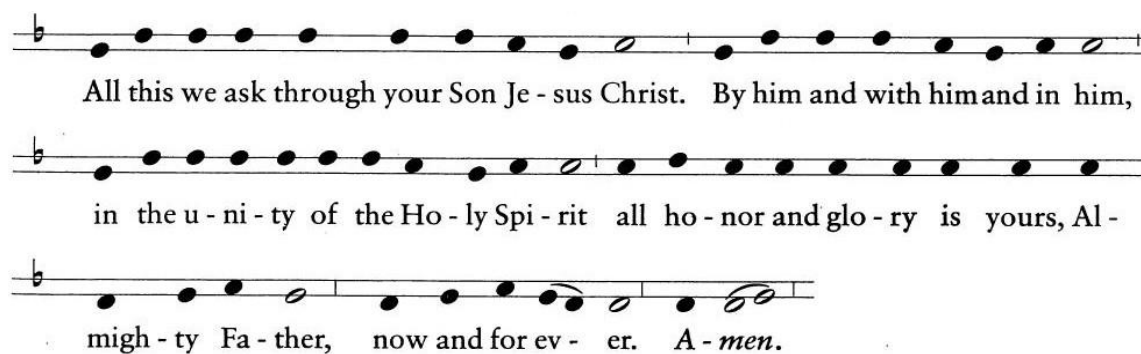
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

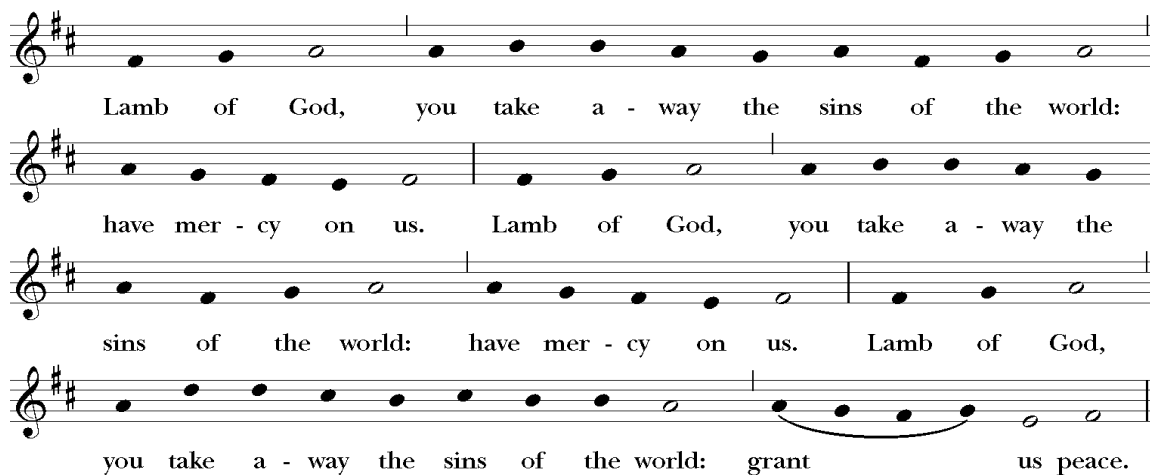
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Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD, S 161 Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

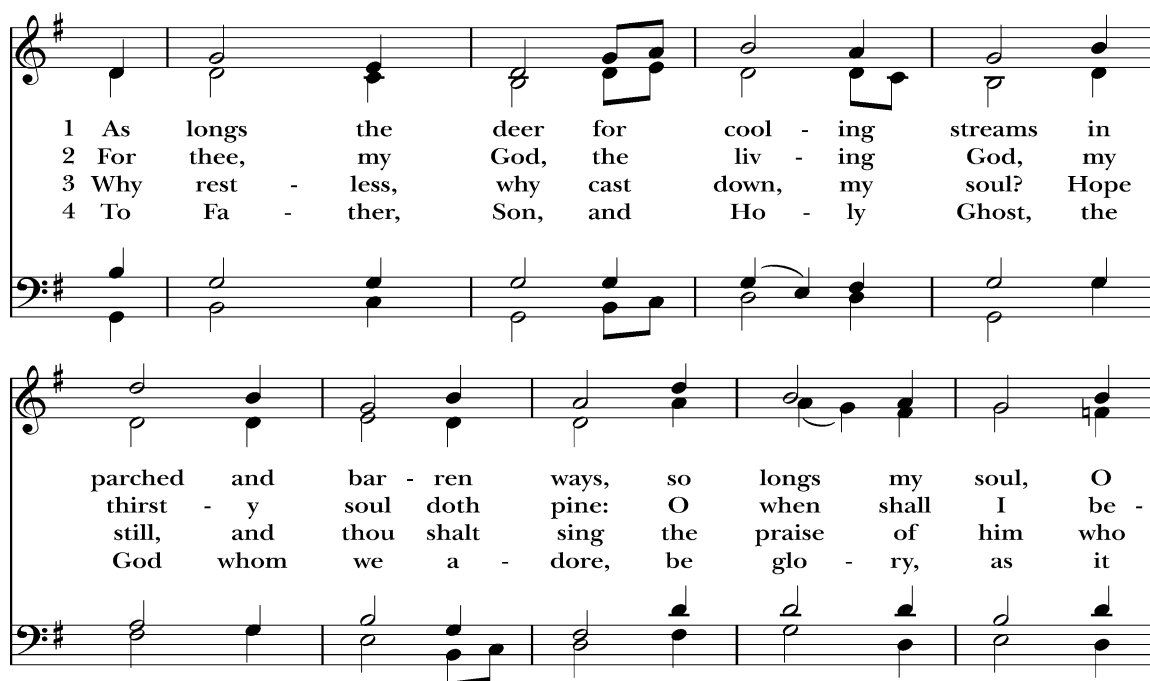
COMMUNION INVITATION

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Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are. Become what you receive.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants.

HYMN 658: As longs the deer for cooling stream



1 As longs the deer for cool - ing streams in
2 For thee, my God, the liv - ing God, my
3 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope
4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the
parched and bar - ren ways, so longs my soul, O
thirst - y soul doth pine: O when shall I be -
still, and thou shalt sing the praise of him who
God whom we a - dore, be glo - ry, as it



Words: New Version of the Psalms of David, 1696, alt.; para. of Psalm 42:1-7. Music: *Martyrdom*, melody and bass Hugh Wilson (1764-1824); adapt. and harm. Robert Smith (1780-1829).

The people, standing as able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Presider Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Paraphrase of Henri-Frédéric Amiel

Presider Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who are traveling the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

POSTCOMMUNION, HYMN 473: Lift high the cross

Descant



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.




till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.



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DISMISSAL

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Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

*During the season of Lent there is no postlude.
You are invited to depart worship in silence during this season.*

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