

**PRELUDE:** Prelude

John Ireland

## **PENITENTIAL ORDER**

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*(The peoples' responses are in bold)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** O Lord hear my pray'r (WLP 827)

Jacques Bershire

*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 alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 43:16-21

*Reader* A reading from Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

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

**RESPONSE:** Psalm 126, *In convertendo*

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- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of / Zion, \*  
then were we like those who / dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with / laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of / joy.
- 3 Then they said among the / nations, \*  
"The LORD has done great things for / them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for / us, \*  
and we are glad in- / deed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O / LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the / Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with / tears \*  
will reap with songs of / joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the / seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their / sheaves.

**SECOND READING:** Philippians 3:4b-14

*Reader* A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by

becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

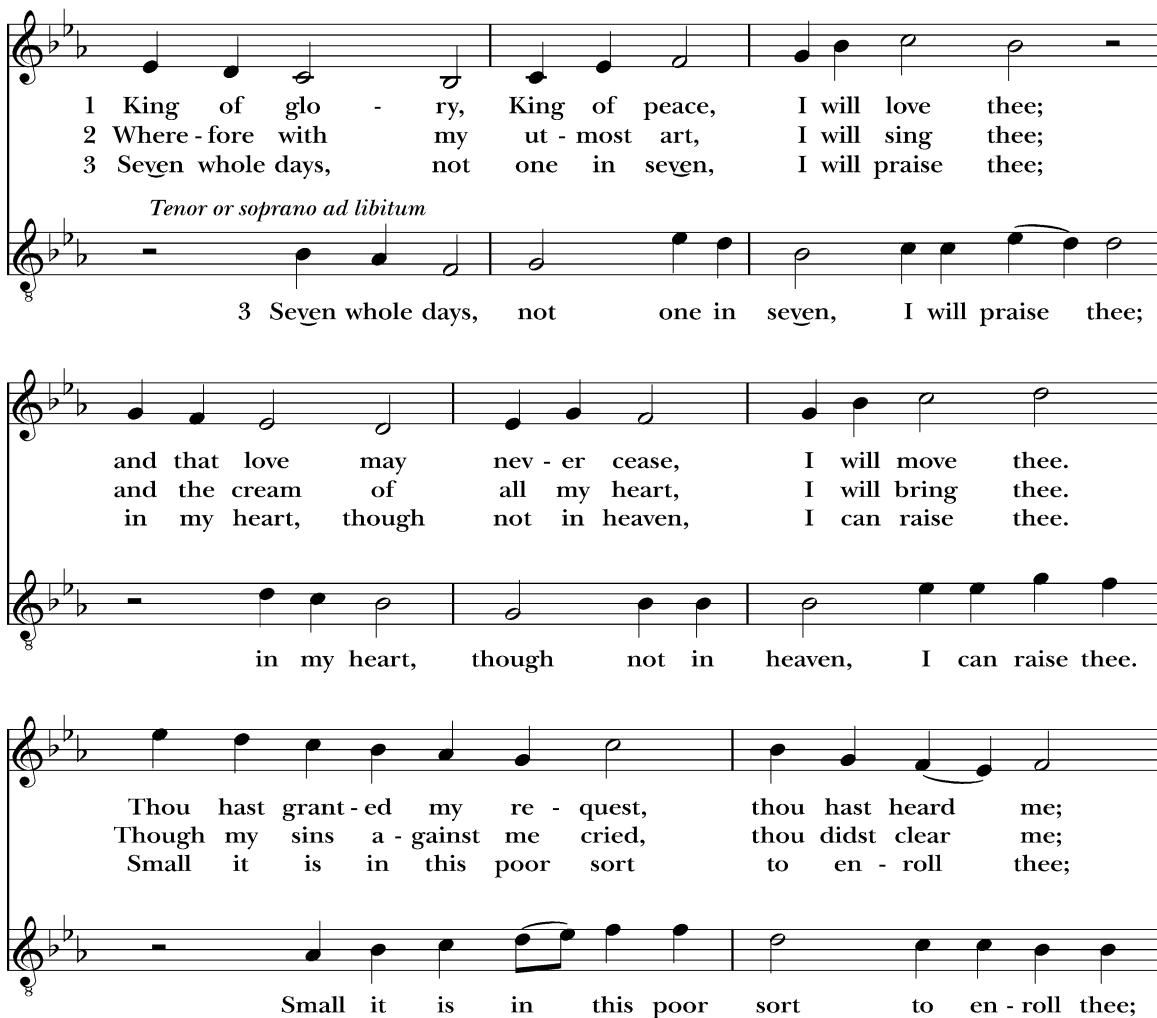
Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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

**HYMN 382: King of glory, King of peace**



1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;  
2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;  
3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

*Tenor or soprano ad libitum*

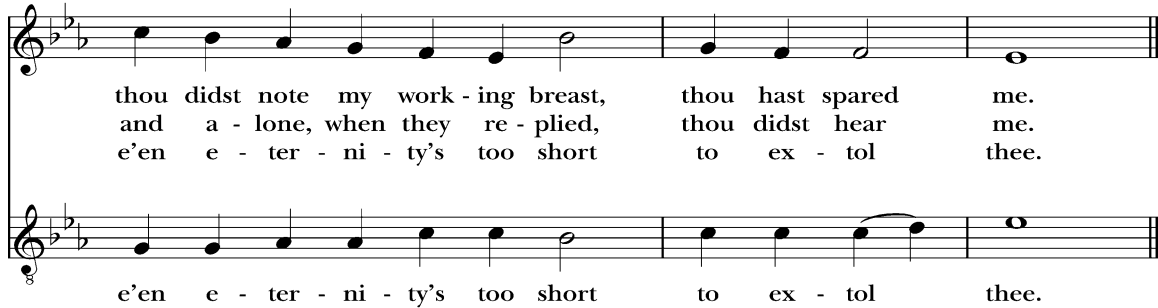
3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.  
and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.  
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

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Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;  
Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;  
Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

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thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.  
and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.  
e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

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### THE GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

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

**People** **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

**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 Diocese of Ezo including Bishop Isaac and Mama Nora, the Scouts, the Recovery Community of St. Francis, and the Search Committee for a new Director of Family Ministries. We give thanks for our Sunday Lenten formation series and Sasha Beresovsky & the Paragon Philharmonia Piano Quintet. 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, United States federal workers and veterans, people of Holy Family Church and Mills River, NC, 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: James, 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, 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:** Forty Days as and Forty Nights

Allen Koepke

*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.

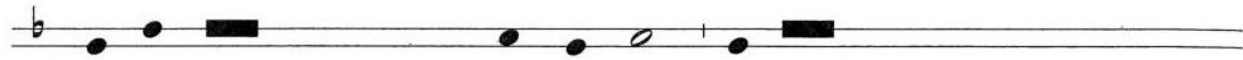
*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

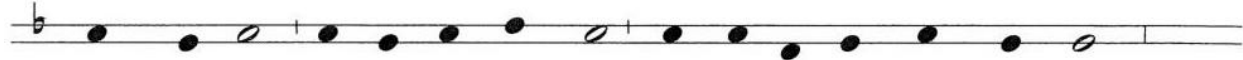
*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider



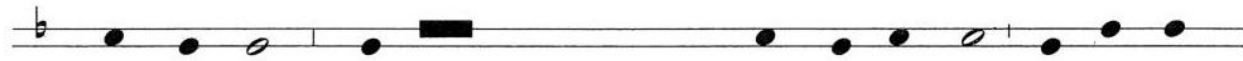
It is right and a good and joy - ful thing, al - ways and everywhere to give



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:

**SANCTUS, S 124**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

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.

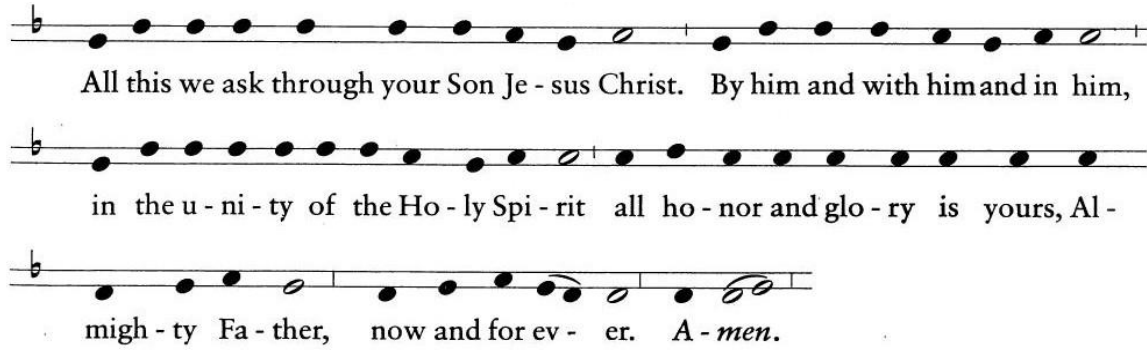
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup of 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.



All this we ask through your Son Je - sus Christ. By him and with him and in him,  
in the u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spi - rit all ho - nor and glo - ry is yours, Al -  
migh - ty Fa - ther, now and for ev - er. A - men.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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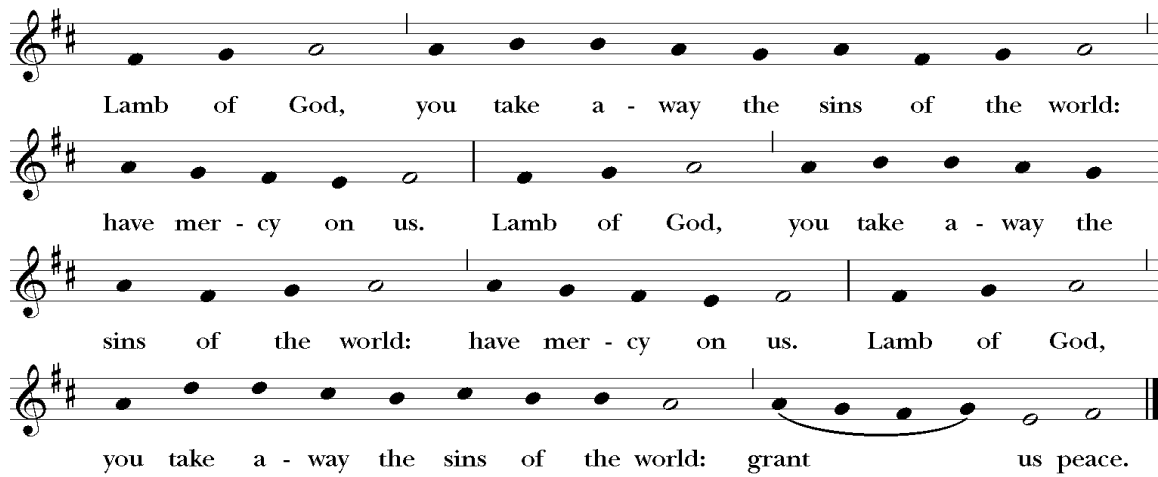
*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-lowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heav-en  
Give us this day our dai - ly bread, And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who tres-pass a-gainst us. And lead us not in - to  
temp-tation, but de-liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glo - ry. For ev - er and ev - er, A - men.

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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 458: My song is love unknown

1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love  
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but  
\*3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -  
\*4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He  
\*5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a

1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O  
2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But  
3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then  
4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet  
5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet

1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.  
3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.  
5 stead - fast he to suf - fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt.  
Music: *Love Unknown*, John Ireland (1879-1962)

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*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.**



Post Communion, HYMN 690: Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932).

## 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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