

# July 24, 2022 7th Sunday after Pentecost



## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

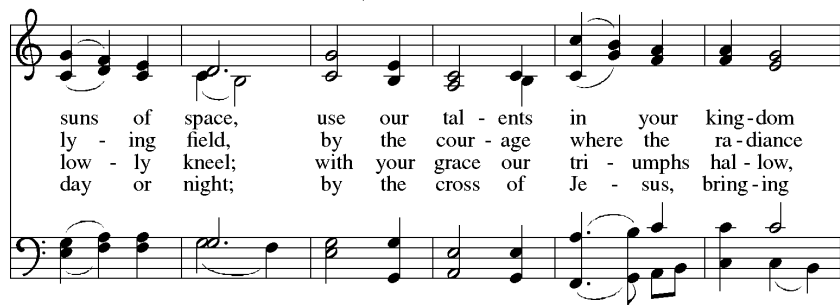
Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

# Entrance Hymn:


## Lord of Light



1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and  
2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -  
3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may  
4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom  
ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance  
low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,  
day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -  
of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -  
with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions  
peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.  
ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:  
from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:  
pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

*Refrain*



Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

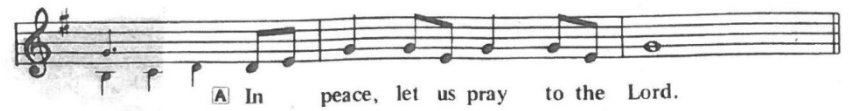
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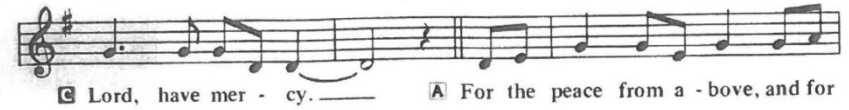
# GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

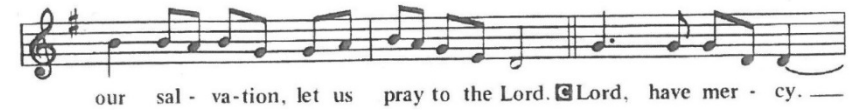
## KYRIE (Cornell Setting)



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy. — **A** For the peace from a - bove, and for



our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy. —



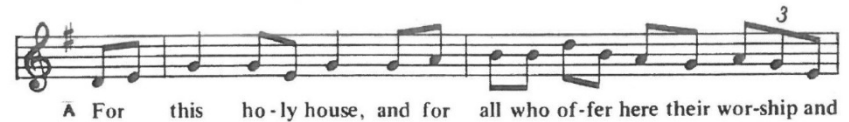
\* **A** For the peace of the whole world, for the



well - be - ing of the Church of God, — and for the un - i - ty of



all, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy. —



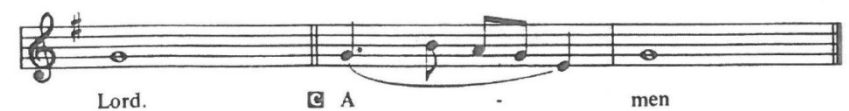
**A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy. —



**A** Help, save, com - fort and de - fend us, gra - cious



Lord. **C** A - men

# HYMN OF PRAISE – “Glory to God”



## PRAYER OF THE DAY



Musical notation for the second part of the prayer. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody in the treble staff is: Eb4 (quarter), Ab4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). Above the treble staff, the notes Eb, Ab, Bb, F, and G are written above the first five notes respectively. Below the grand staff, the lyrics "And al - so with you." are written, with a square box containing a 'C' above the word "And".

Let us Pray.....Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE WORD

### First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 138** (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**<sup>2</sup>I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

**<sup>4</sup>All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways of the LORD,  
that great is the glory of the LORD.

**<sup>6</sup>The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

**<sup>8</sup>You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

**Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-15[16-19]**

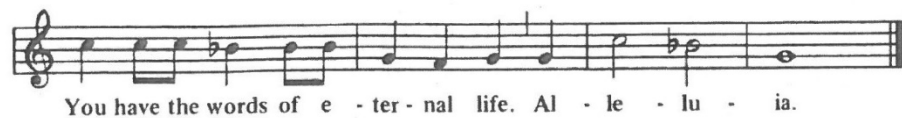
<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [

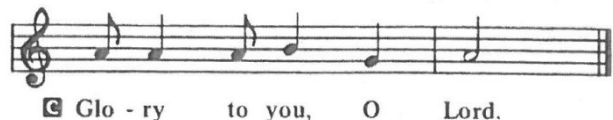
<sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 11th Chapter.



### **Gospel: Luke 11:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."<sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins,

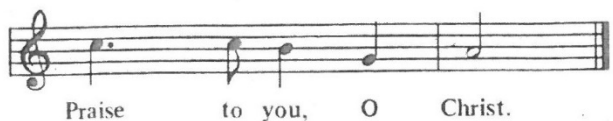
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

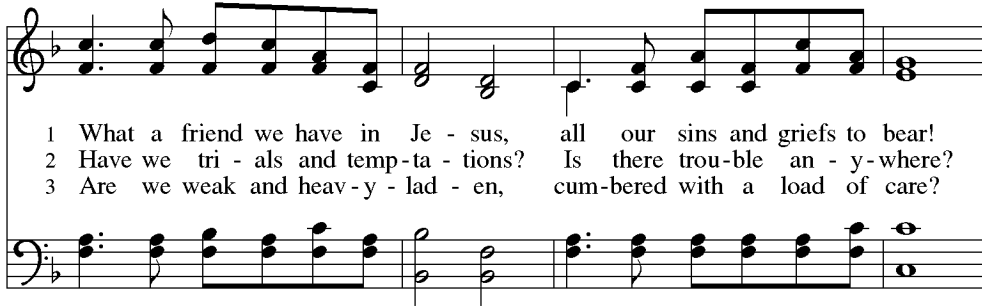
The Gospel of the Lord.



# SERMON – REV. RICK NEU

## HYMN OF THE DAY

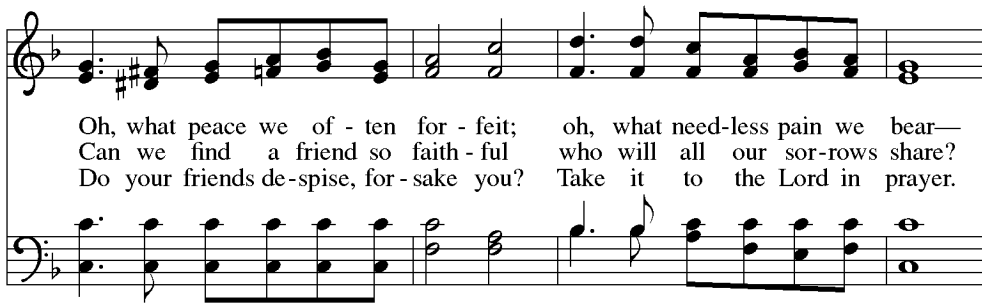
### What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?  
Do your friends de-spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.



## CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Lord in your Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources and strengthen those who defend them. Lord in your Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Lord in your Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer. Lord in your Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Lord in your Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Lord in your Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

## **CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST**

### **PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **OFFERTORY**

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN: LET THE VINEYARDS**



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord,



and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath-er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and



give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

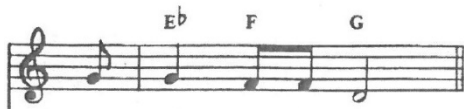
### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us Pray. Blessed are you, **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

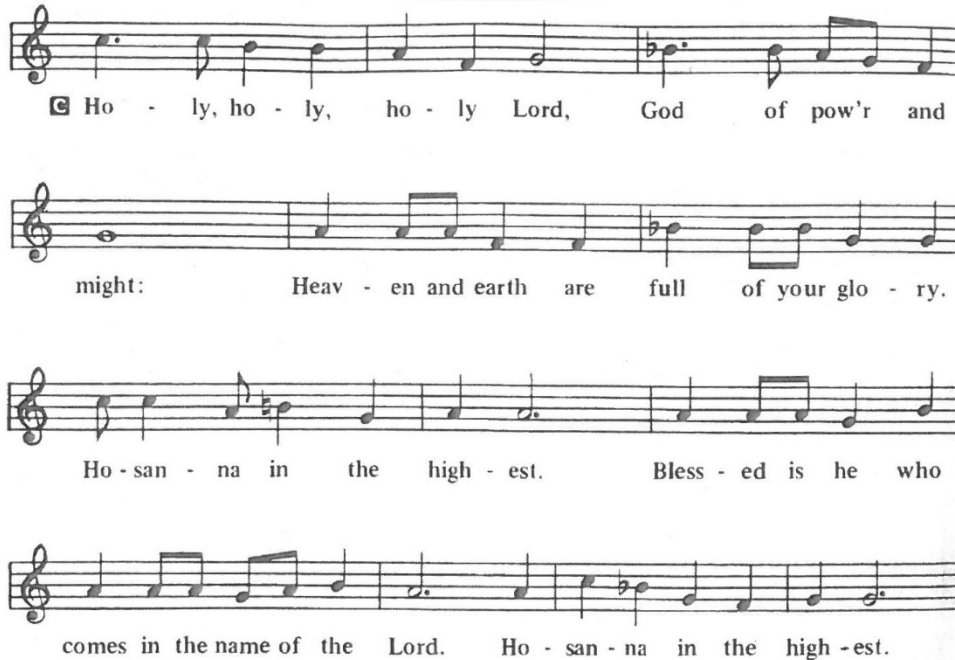


**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.



## PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
might: Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

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

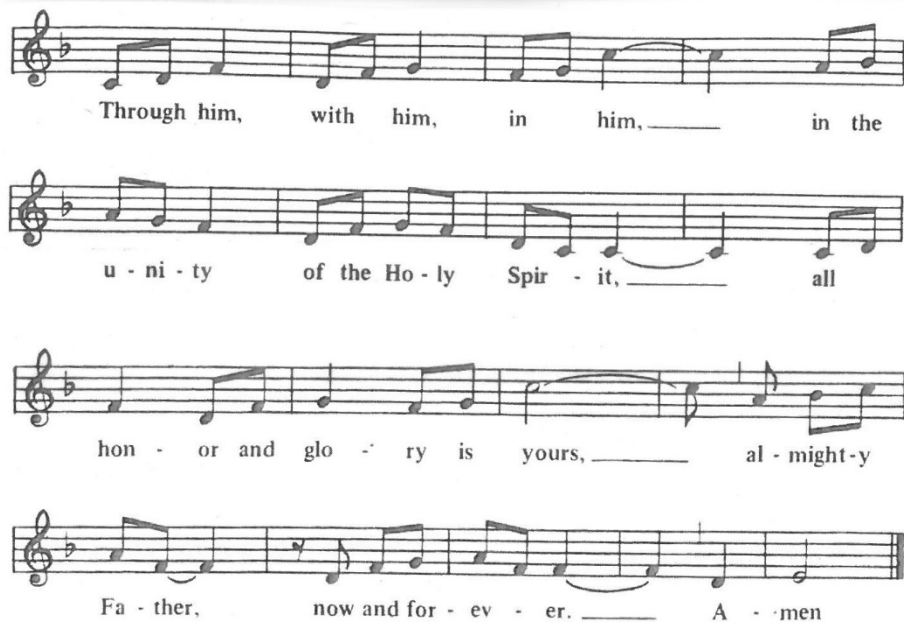
Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

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

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servant of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



Through him, with him, in him, \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spir - it, \_\_\_\_\_ all  
hon - or and glo - ry is yours, \_\_\_\_\_ al - might - y  
Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_ A - men

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## FRACTION

### LAMB OF GOD



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant \_\_\_\_\_ us  
peace, grant \_\_\_\_\_ us peace.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

### COMMUNION

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

### TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen**

### POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (*NEXT PAGE*):



A Thank the Lord, thank the Lord, thank the Lord and  
sing his praise. C Thank the Lord and sing his praise;  
tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name. He re-calls his  
prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us Pray...Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

**BLESSING (To be said after the closing hymn)**

The God of peace,  
Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.  
**Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

### To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray



1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray  
2 O sweet - est Love, your grace on us be - stow;  
3 Tran - scen - dent com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,  
4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;



most of all for faith up - on our way,  
set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow,  
help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed,  
teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right,



that he may de - fend us when life is end - ing  
that with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er,  
that we may not fal - ter, nor cour - age fail us  
that we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us,



and from ex - ile home we are wend - ing.  
ev - 'ry strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er.  
when the foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!  
till to our true home he has brought us.

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
**Thanks be to God.**