

Refugees welcome?

'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'

Tijuana



Greece



Ukraine

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16th Sunday after Pentecost



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Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 60 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

Introduction

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

Welcome to Worship

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

***All* Amen.**

P Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness

***All* we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**

We have harmed your good creation.

We have failed to do justice,

love kindness,

and walk humbly with you.

Turn us in a new direction.

Show us the path that leads to life.

Be our refuge and strength on the journey,

through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

P Beloved of God:
your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole.

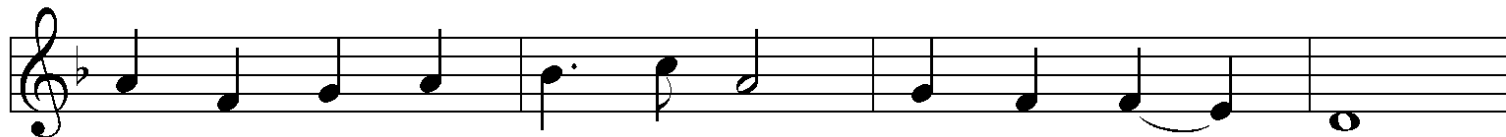
God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love

through the power of the Holy Spirit.

***All* Amen.**

Kyrie



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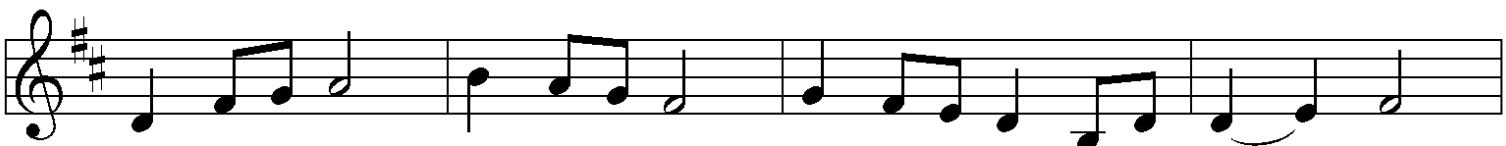


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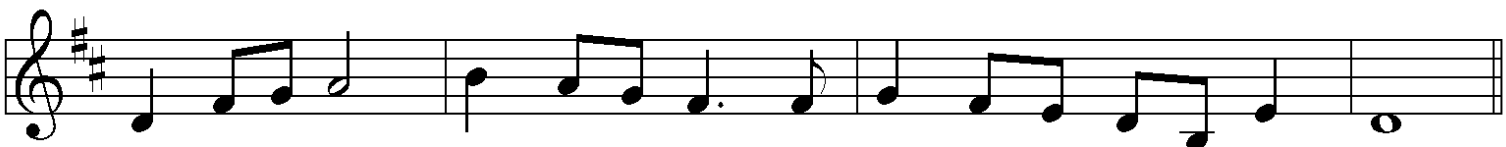


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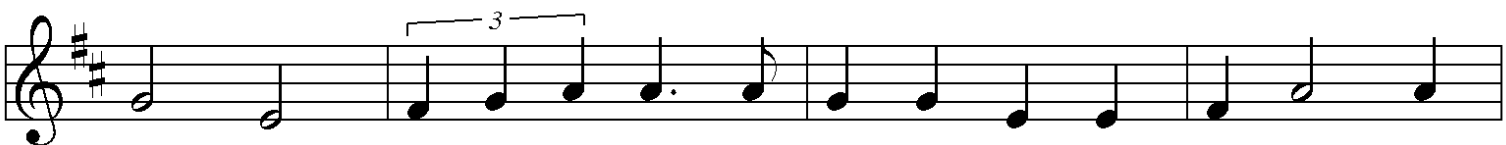
Opening Song of Praise



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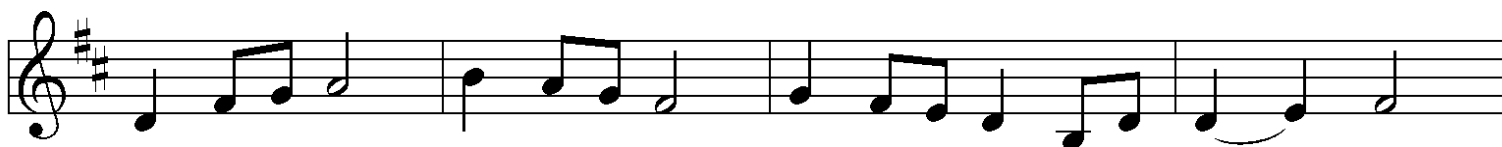
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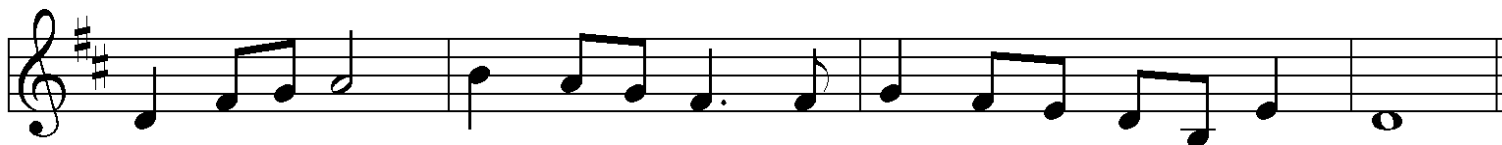
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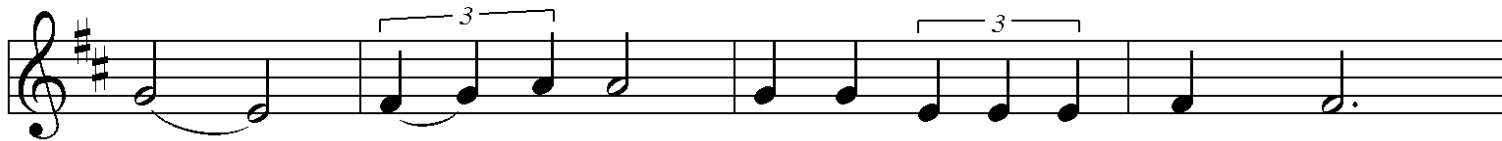
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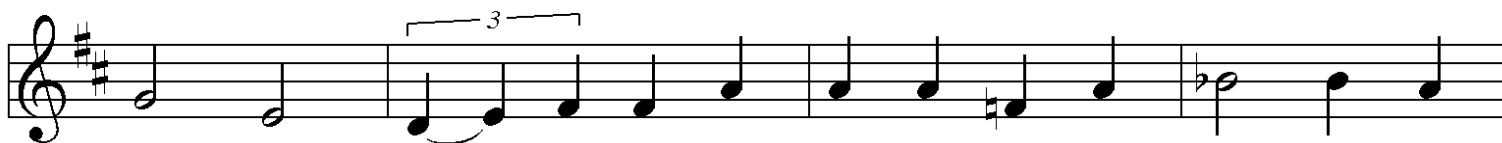
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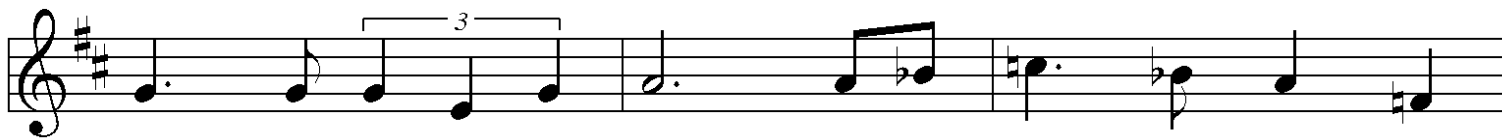
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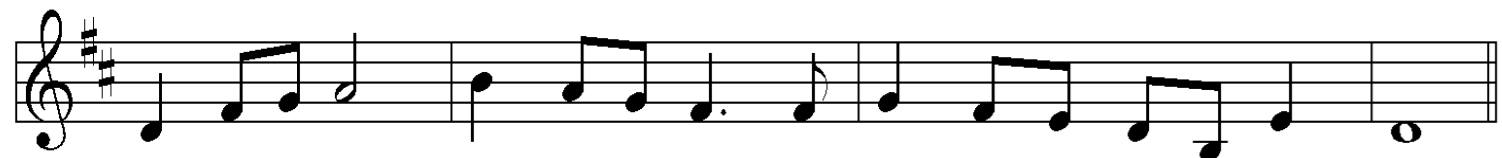
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☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



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Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world.

All Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

A Reading from Amos, the 6th chapter

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

^{1a} Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

⁴ Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall;

⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;

⁶ who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

L The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from 1 Timothy, the 6th chapter

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold

of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

1 Timothy 6:6-19

L The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

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Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

Luke 16:19-31

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell

Verses



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man-y the gifts, — man-y the peo-ple, man-y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone —
3. wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants



1. your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see. *(to verse 2)*
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice. *(to refrain)*
3. bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed. *(to verse 4)*
4. shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone. *(to refrain)*
5. to one an-oth-er, mak-ing your king-dom come. *(to refrain)*

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

*Baptism of
Shelie Dawn Ingram and Ada Ingram*

Presentation

P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsor: I present Shelie Dawn Ingram to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Sponsor: I present Ada Ingram to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P Shelie and Ada, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

The Promises

P Cindy and James, as Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Shelie and Ada in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

P People of God, do you promise to support Shelie and Ada and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

Response: We do.

Profession of Faith

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All 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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All 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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

P The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P For you, dear friends, the Spirit of God moved over the waters at creation, and the Lord God made covenants with his people.

It was for you
that the Word of God became flesh and lived among us,
full of grace and truth.

For you, Shelie and Ada, Jesus Christ suffered death -
crying out at the end,
"It is finished!"

For you,
Christ triumphed over death,
rose in newness of life,
and ascended to rule over all.

All of this was done for you, and so the promise of the gospel is fulfilled:
"We love because God first loved us."

All Amen.

Baptism

P Shelie Dawn Ingram, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

P Ada Ingram, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

At the altar

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you
give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise
them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized:

P Sustain Shelie, Ada with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom
and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of
knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence,
both now and forever.

All Amen.

Anointing with oil, making the sign of the cross:

P Shelie, Ada, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit
and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All Amen.

A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized.

P Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works
and glorify your father in heaven.

Welcome

P Let us welcome Shelie and Ada.

All We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share; join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.



Prayers of Intercession

L As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

Lord, lis - ten to Your chil - dren pray - ing. Lord, send Your Spir - it in this
place; Lord, lis - ten to Your chil - dren pray - ing, send us
love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: God of grace, All: You hear our prayer.

Passing of the Peace

P Christ become peace with you.

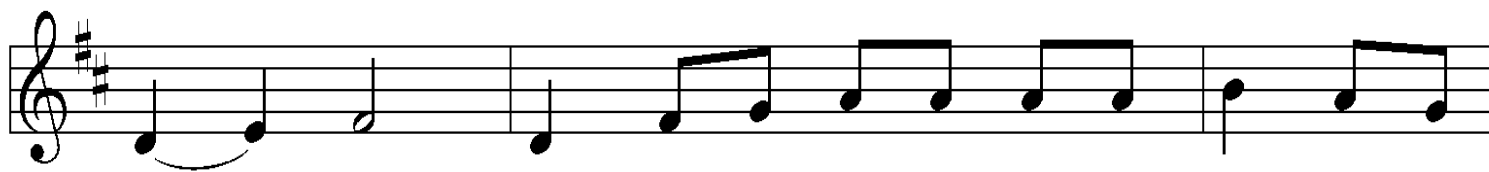
All And also with you.

Offering

You may be Seated



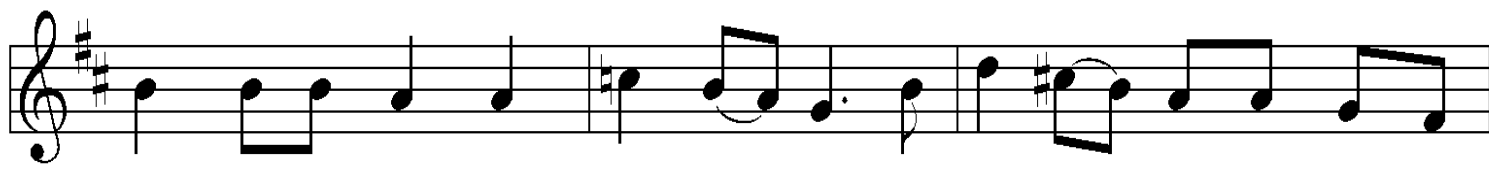
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



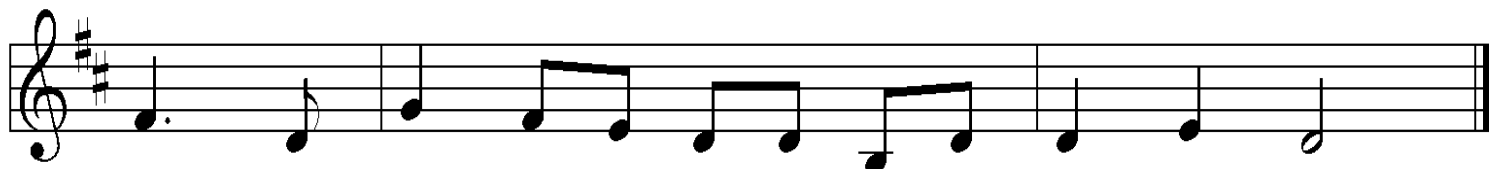
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



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



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



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

Offertory Prayer

P Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

All Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P 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 rose beyond the bounds of death and, [on this day,] as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

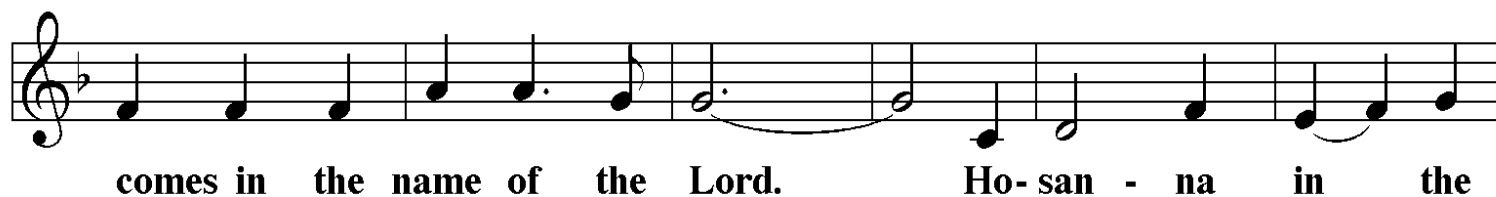




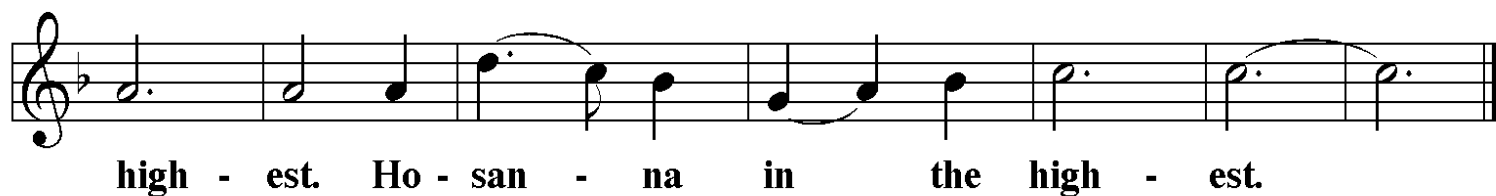
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

P Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

All 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.

The Invitation

P Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.
All are welcome.

shed for you and
for all people
for the forgiveness of sin



All are Welcome!

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the
cups in the center contain white grape juice.

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
 2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
 4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your
 Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring
 It is in par - don - ing that we are



love; where there is in - ju -
 hope; where there is dark - ness,
 par - doned, in giv - ing of our -

last time to Coda ⊕



ry, your par - don, Lord; and
 on - ly light; and
 selves that we re -



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er



seek so much to be con - soled as to con -

sole, to be un - der - stood

as to un - der - stand, to be

D.C. (stanza 4) al coda

loved as to love with all my soul.

Coda

ceive and in dy - ing that we're

born to e - ter - nal life.

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I Love You Lord

Words and Music by
Laurie Klein

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to

wor - ship You, O my soul, re - jice! Take

joy, my King, in what You hear: May it be a

sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

***All* Amen**

P Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.

***All* 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.

*Please be seated for
Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements*

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

***All* Amen.**

Sending Song

I'll Fly Away

Words and Music by
Albert E. Brumley



1. Some glad morn - ing when this life is o'er, I'll fly a - way.
2. When the shad - ows of this life have grown, I'll fly a - way.
3. Just a few more wea - ry days and then I'll fly a - way.



To a home on God's ce - les - tial shore, I'll fly a - way.
Like a bird from pris - on bars has flown, I'll fly a - way.
To a land where joys shall nev - er end, I'll fly a - way.



I'll fly a - way, O glo - ry; I'll fly a - way.



When I die, hal - le - lu - jah, by and by, I'll fly a - way.

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Dismissal

P Be alert. Continue strong in the faith. Have courage and be strong.
Do everything in love.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

All Thanks be to God.

Readings for next Sunday,
October 2nd

First Reading:

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm:

Psalm 37:1-9

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Gospel:

Luke 17:5-10

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