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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 6, 2024



Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

WELCOME TO ALL WHO HAVE COME TO WORSHIP THE LORD TODAY.

Guests—please take a moment to fill out a guest card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We would like to acknowledge your time with us and extend a friendly hand of hospitality.

*Please **turn all cell phones off** or on vibrate before the worship service begins.*

**Stand as you are able, in body or spirit.*

*The responses of the people are printed in **bold**.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION

We gather in the name of the Father, the †Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

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

Kneel or sit.

Time for reflection and self-examination.

Holy and gracious God, **we confess that we have sinned against you. Some of our sin we know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which we are ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ we ask for forgiveness. Deliver and restore us, that we may know peace.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

*GATHERING HYMN

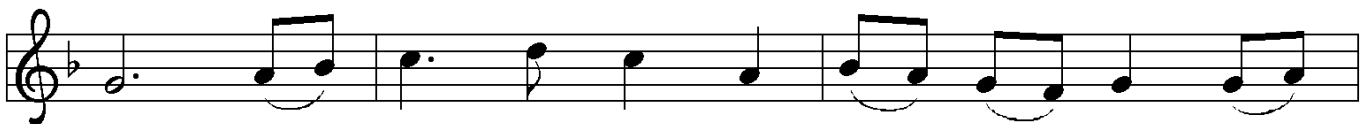
All Are Welcome

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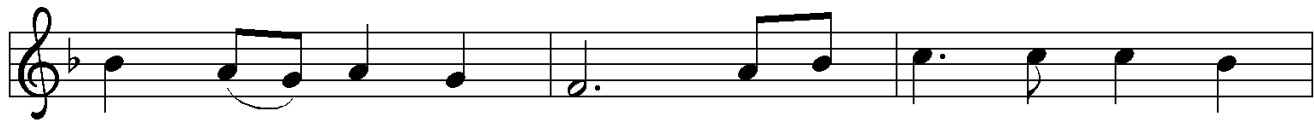
(Stanzas 1, 2 & 5)



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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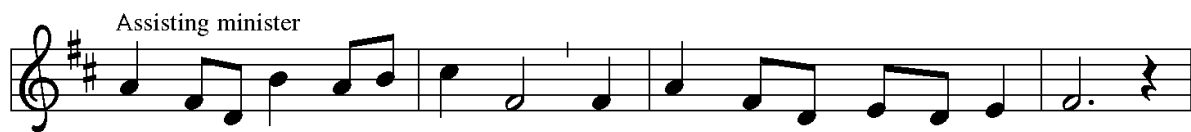
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*GREETING

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.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.



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



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

WORD

FIRST READING

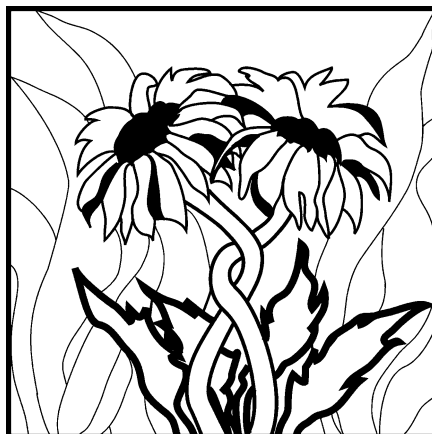
GENESIS 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

A reading from Genesis:

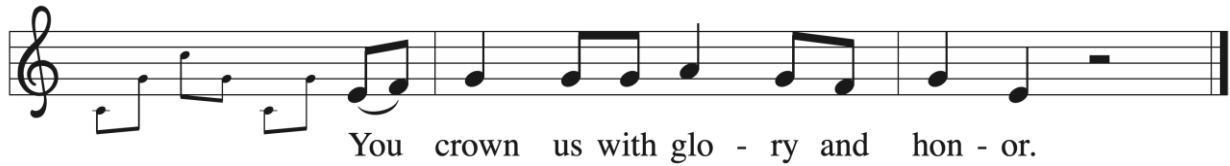
¹⁸The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

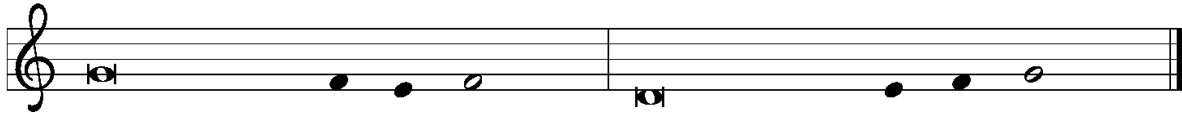


The refrain is sung by all at the beginning of the Psalm and then at each R.

Refrain



Tone



- ¹O | Lord our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—
- ²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants
 and children;
 you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and
 avenger.**
- ³When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
- ⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,
 human beings that you should | care for them? R**
- ⁵Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
 with glory and hon- | or you crown them.
- ⁶**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
 you have put all things un- | der their feet:**
- ⁷all | flocks and cattle,
 even the wild beasts | of the field,
- ⁸**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
 and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**
- ⁹O | Lord our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in | all the earth! **R**

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

A reading from Hebrews:

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet.” Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

*GOSPEL READING

MARK 10:2-16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God’s surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” ¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.

¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” ¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

*HYMN OF THE DAY

O Father, by Whose Name

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1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name all par - ent - hood is known,
 2 O Christ, your - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, bind our hearts in u - ni - ty

in love di - vine you claim each fam - 'ly as your own.
 with heart still un - de - filed to full a - dult - hood come:
 and teach us how to find the love from self set free;

Bless moth - ers, fa - thers, guard - ing well, with con - stant love as
 our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place that they may all be -
 in all our hearts such love in - crease that ev - 'ry home, by

sen - ti - nel, the homes in which your peo - ple dwell.
 hold your face and, know - ing you, may grow in grace.
 this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.

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 Music: RHOSYMEDRE, John D. Edwards, 1806–1885
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*APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess what we believe:

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 THE PEOPLE

The assisting minister prays the petition. The congregation responds to the petitions that end "Lord in your mercy with: "hear our prayer." and those that end "O, God, we give you thanks" with: "Thanks be to God" The prayers conclude with the pastoral petition followed by a congregational "Amen."

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O, God, we give you thanks. **Thanks be to God.**

Into your hands... Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

MEAL

*THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also, with you.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Song of Joy

Allen Pote
(b. 1945)

*SUNG OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful



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.

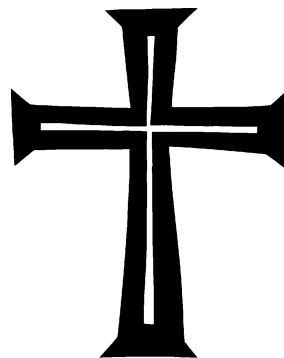
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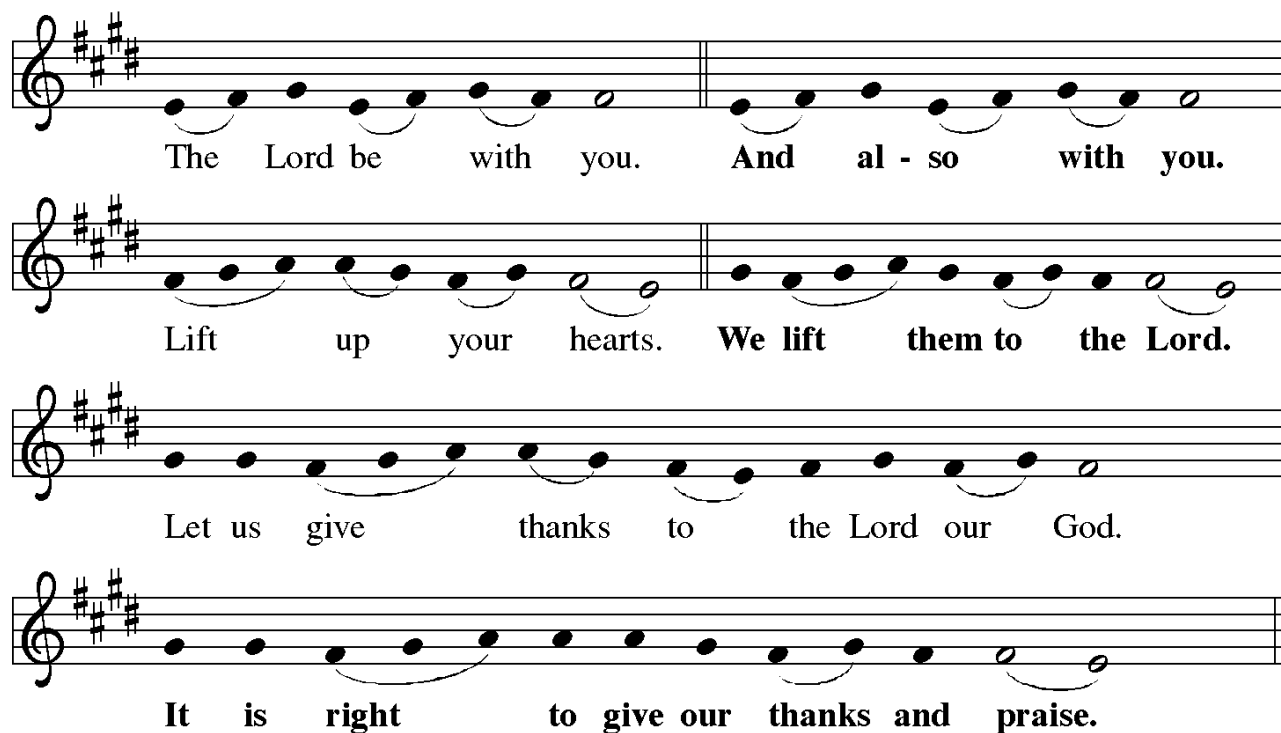
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*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, **source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**



*PREFACE DIALOGUE



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

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

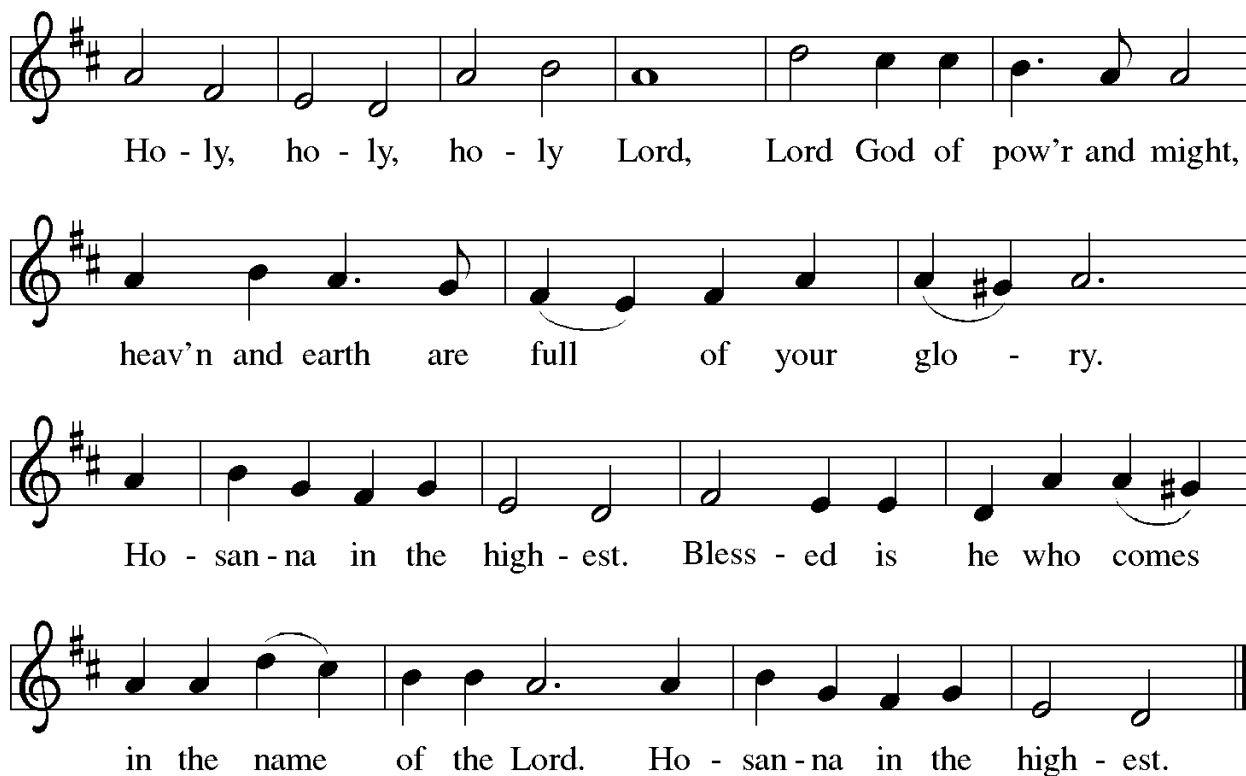
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed ... unending hymn:

*SANCTUS

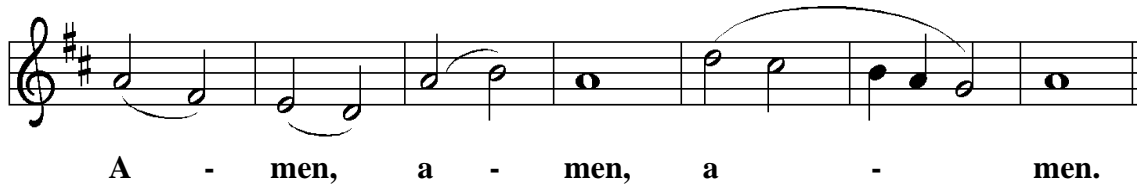


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God... now and forever.



*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

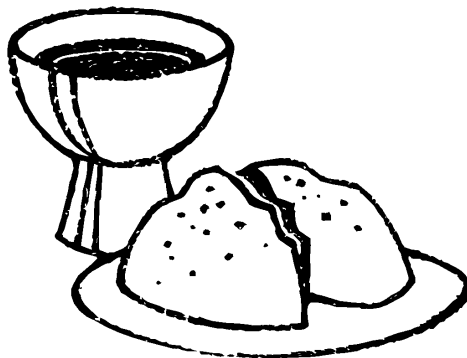
*COMMUNION INVITATION

Our Lord Jesus says, "Whoever comes to me shall not hunger and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

Lord, give us this bread always.

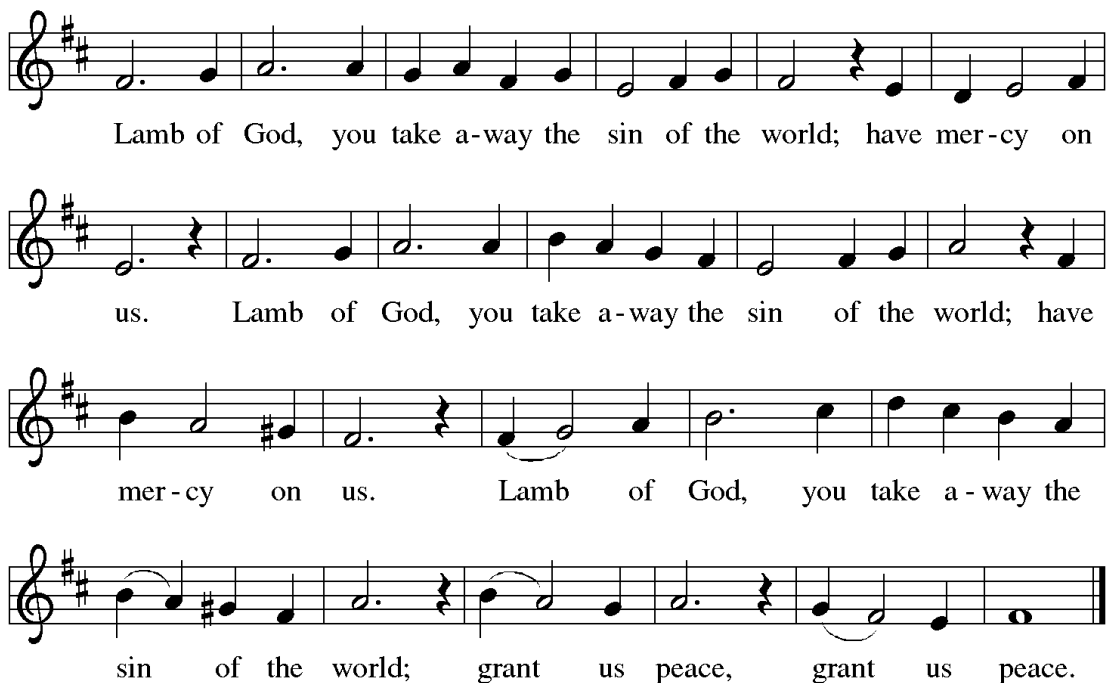
ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

*All are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. Inform the pastor if you need a **gluten-free host**. Grape juice is available in the center rings of the wine tray. Children or adults who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament today may come forward and receive a blessing. Please indicate you would like a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest in the form of an X.*



COMMUNION HYMNS

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.

Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue

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1 Al-though I speak with an-gel's tongue, my faith, my
2 For love is pa-tient, love is kind, and nev-er
3 For now we peer at dark-ened glass; our vi-sions
4 The gifts are man-y, the Bod-y one, and in-to
knowl-edge all sur-pass, but have no love, my gifts are
vain with boast-ing pride; love bears all things, all things en-
end; our tongues all cease. In part we know, in part now
one are all bap-tized. Be-lov-ed, share one heart, one
vain as clang-ing gong or blar-ing brass.
dures. All things must end; love will a-bide.
see: then we will see love face to face.
mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

Text: Andrew Donaldson, b. 1951
Music: O WALY WALY, English traditional
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PRAYER IN THE ABSENCE OF COMMUNION

For those on zoom or not receiving the sacrament.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the cup of salvation. I believe that you are truly present in the sacrament of Holy Communion. I am baptized into your death and resurrection. I seek you daily and worship and adore you. Since I cannot receive you in the eucharistic bread and wine, I pray that you continue to come into my heart and soul, as you always have, through Confession and Forgiveness, through the proclamation of your holy Word, and through the prayers of your people; that I may remain united to you by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you and be nourished by your abundant grace. Be for me the manna in my wilderness, the bread of angels for my very human journey through time, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and solace in the hour of my death. I pray all this, trusting that you are my life, my peace, and my everlasting joy. Amen

*SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

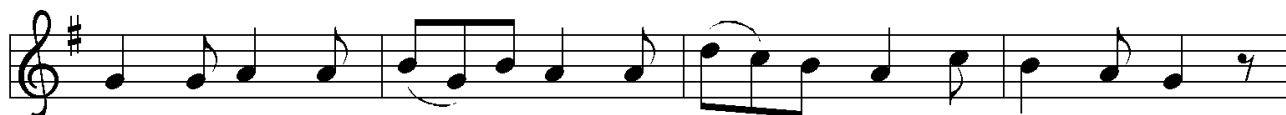
The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raised



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

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*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Blessing

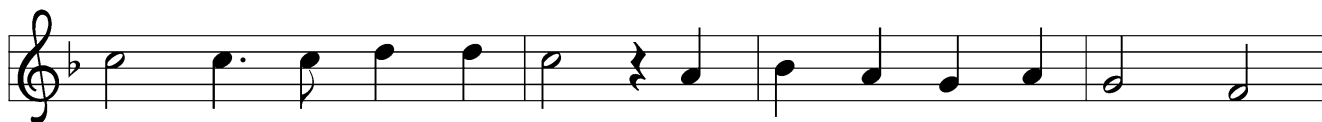
God all mighty, God most merciful Father, † Son and Holy Spirit bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

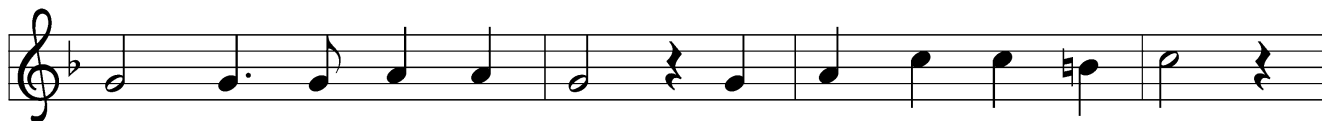
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1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Dave Taylor
in celebration of Karen's birthday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Please join us for Bible Study this evening at 6:00pm** in the church lounge. For more information, contact Jan Frick.
- We are once again collecting non-perishable food items **for Thrivent's Feed Northeast Challenge**. Please bring non-perishable food items to put in the bins in the narthex. We will also be **collecting food outside Stop & Shop on Saturday, October 19**. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex if you are able to help out that day.
- **Carol's Closet needs the following items:** Fall & Winter coats for men and women, Fall & Winter shirts and sweaters for men and women. There are donation bins in the St. Mark coat closet.
- **The next Lunch Bunch will be 12:30pm on Thursday, October 17:** Sadler's Ordinary, 61 N. Main Street, Marlborough, CT. Please **contact Elaine by October 11** if you plan to attend: 860-432-4488 or eauger0311@gmail.com.
- **The mowing team this week is Ron K. & Al M.**
- **Please join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00am on Sunday, October 20 for Breakfast Church.**
- Please save the date for **Dinner Church on Wednesday, October 23 at 5:45pm.**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

Sunday, October 6	9:00am	Service of Word and Sacrament & Coffee Hour sponsored by GF & Friends
	6:00pm	Bible Study
Tuesday, October 8	9:00am	Matins via Zoom
	4:00pm	Property Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 9	7:00pm	Vespers via Zoom
Thursday, October 10	6:00pm	Executive Committee
Sunday, October 13	9:00am	Service of Word and Sacrament followed by Coffee Hour sponsored by Folk Group Friends
	6:00pm	Bible Study



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