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Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Voluntary by William Boyce

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

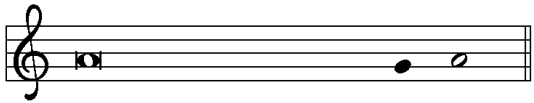
Gathering Hymn

Rise, O Sun of Righteousness (ELW 657)

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



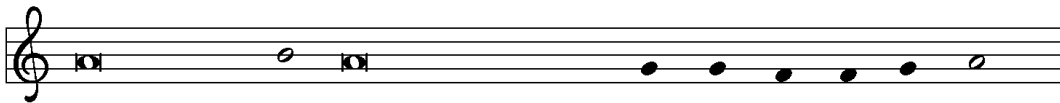
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

P: Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

L: ⁷Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O LORD, for your name's sake;
our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.

⁸O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?

⁹Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!

¹⁰Thus says the LORD concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the LORD does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?
Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace, but find no good;
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

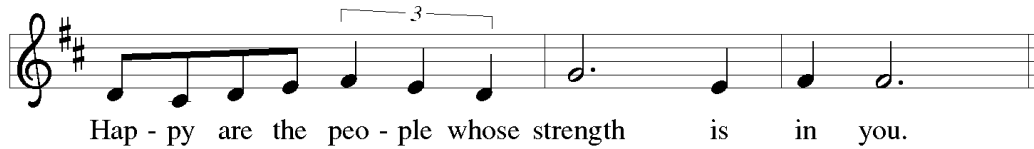
²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.

²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?
Is it not you, O LORD our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 84:1-7



Psalm 84:5
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- ¹How dear to me | is your dwelling,
O | LORD of hosts!
- ²**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts | of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living God.**
- ³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may | lay her young,
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king | and my God.
- ⁴**Happy are they who dwell | in your house!
They will always be | praising you. R**
- ⁵Happy are the people whose strength | is in you,
whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.
- ⁶**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a | place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with | pools of water.**
- ⁷They will climb from | height to height,
and the God of gods will be | seen in Zion. R

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

L: ⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.


¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!
¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Refrain:



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.


C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Refrain:



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Please be seated.

Sermon

Please stand.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**C: 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.**

Please be seated.

Prayers of Intercession

A: In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

God of mercy, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Inspire your church to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of all creation, you formed a world where even the sparrow finds a home. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Lead us to protect all living things. Hear us, O God..

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of peace, you are an ever-present help in time of trouble. Rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare (especially in Ukraine). Unite all people toward common goals of reconciliation and peace for every person. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of hope, you stand with the suffering and give strength. Comfort your people filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of restoration, you call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation a community of humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of eternal life, to you be the glory forever. We give you thanks for all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace, with special care in our hearts for Arlene Rushing, Ruth Haas, Chris Gates, Ernie Clauss, Beverly R., Lauren, Cheri and Kenny Knippa, Marvin Echte, Cheryl Miller, Malton Luddeke, Carol Wendel, Dottie Bowles, Zander Lang, Rona Stinson, the family of Manuel Tarrazo, the family of Robert Hein, Alahna Converse, and the family of Nicole Knippa. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Please stand.

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you. (*Please greet those nearest you with these or similar words: "Peace be with you."*)

Please be seated.

Offering

Offertory

If Ye Love Me by Thomas Tallis
St. John's Choir

Please stand.

Offertory Response

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW 184)

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.

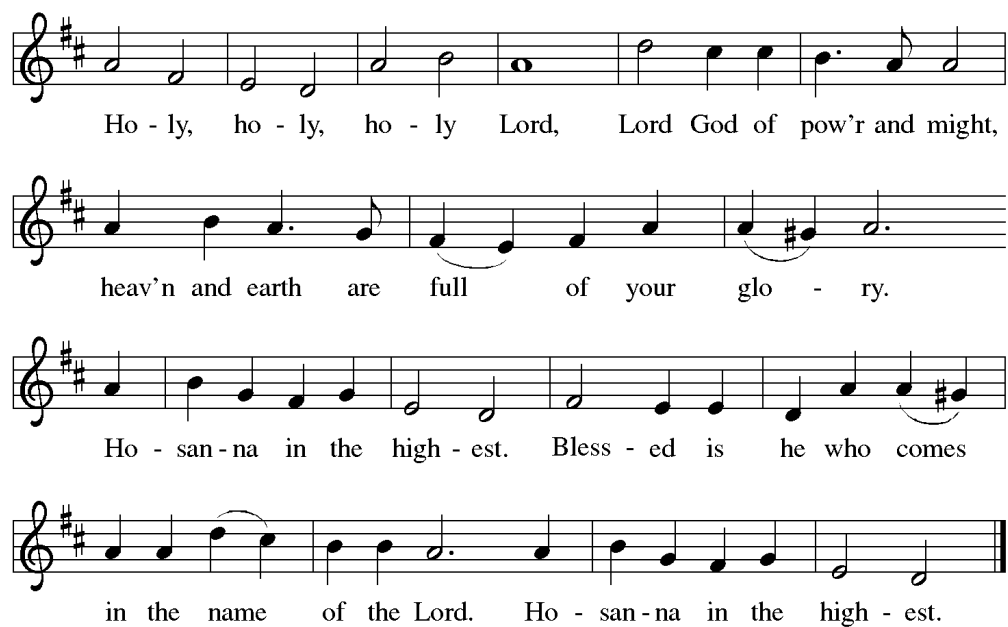
Offering Prayer

A: 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

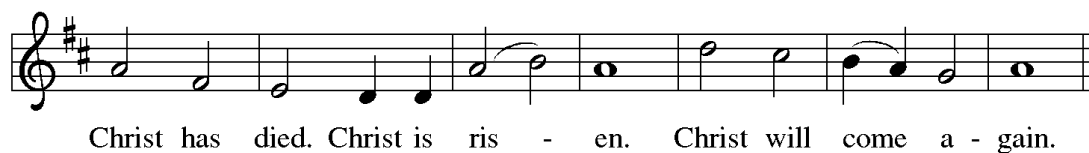
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is . . .
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

P: You are indeed holy . . .
 For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
 we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P: Remembering . . .
 To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

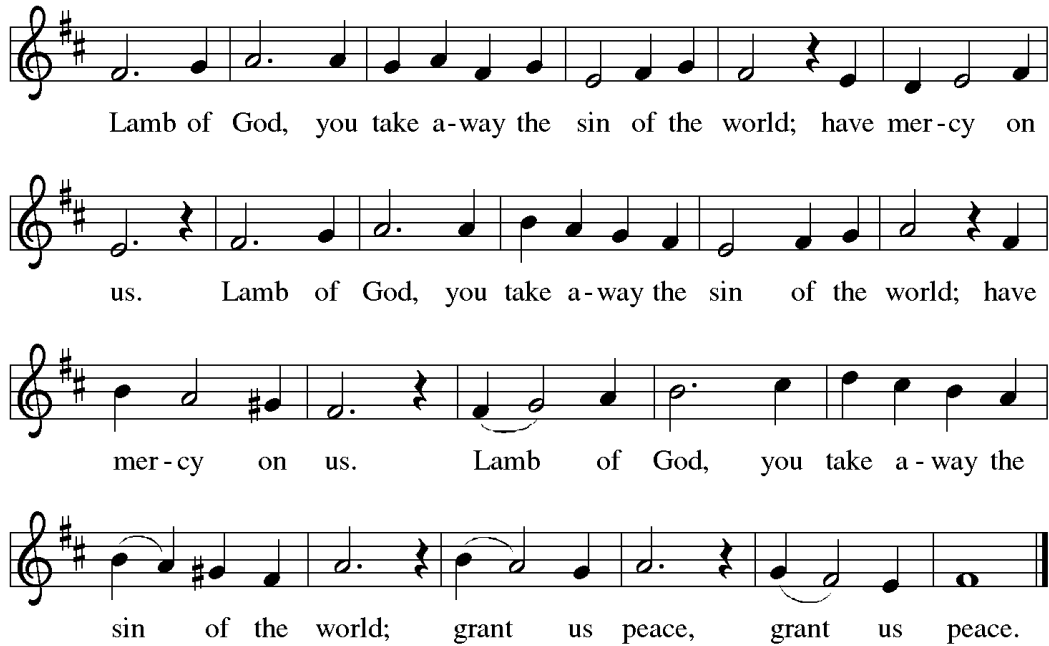
**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name.**

**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.

P: When we eat this bread we share in the body of Christ. When we drink this cup we share in the blood of Christ. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Welcome to the table of the Lord.



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.

Please be seated.

Hymns During Holy Communion

Come, Ye Disconsolate (ELW 607)

Come with Joy (ELW 482)

Holy Communion

Please stand.

Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

On Our Way Rejoicing (ELW 537)

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Voluntary by Samuel Wesley

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