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Ash Wednesday

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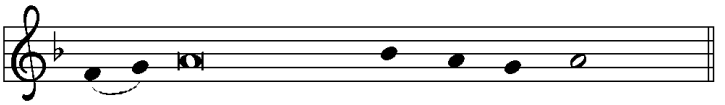
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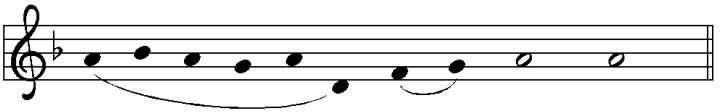
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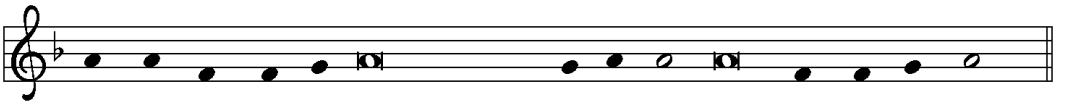
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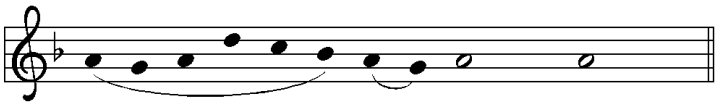
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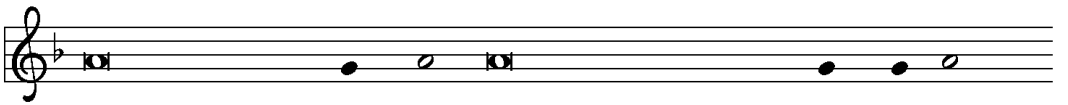
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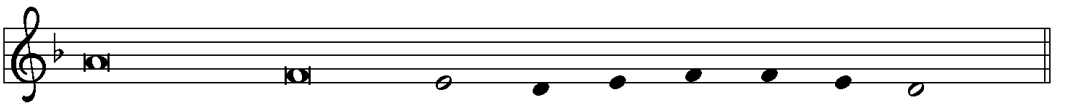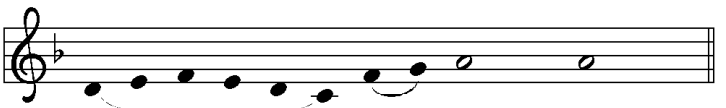






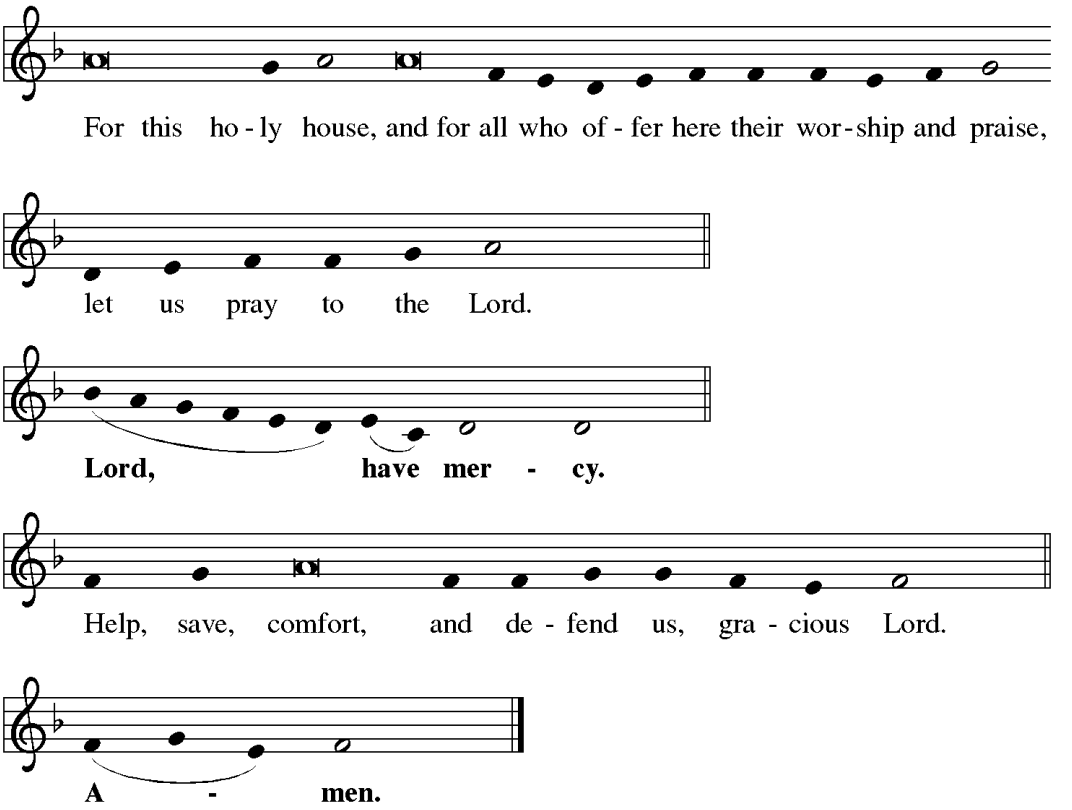








Kyrie Continued...



Greeting

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

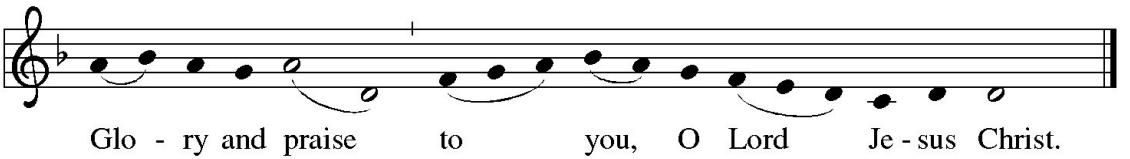
First Reading — Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near—a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation — Setting 5



Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.
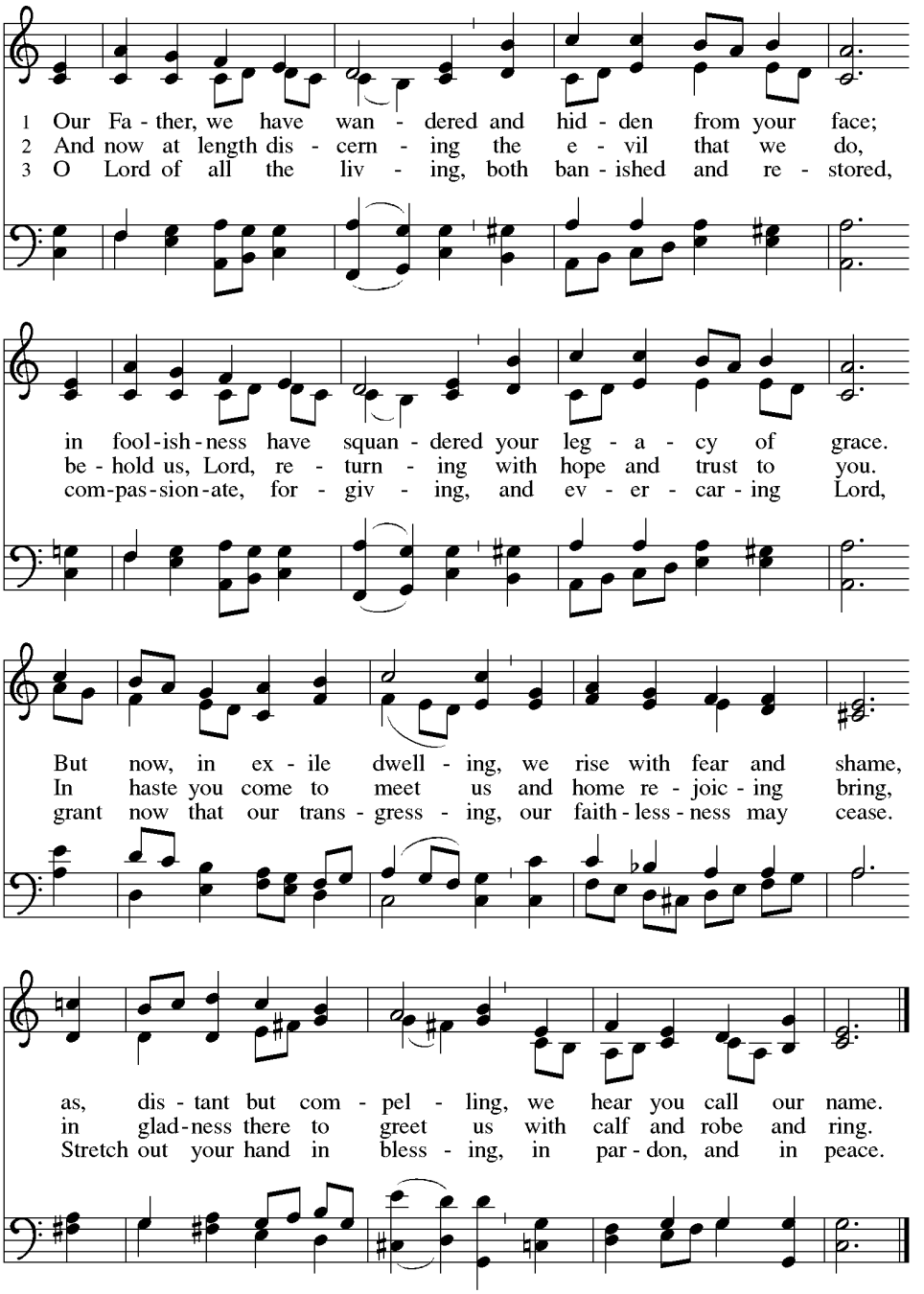
The Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Repeat

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW #606 "*Our Father We Have Wandered*"



P: Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Confession of Sin

A: Most holy and merciful God,

C: We confess to you and to one another,
And before the whole company of heaven,
That we have sinned by our fault,
By our own fault,
By our own most grievous fault,
In thought, word, and deed,
By what we have done and by what we have left undone.

A: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

A: We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.
C: Have mercy on us, O God.

A: Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.
C: Have mercy on us, O God.

A: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.
C: Have mercy on us, O God.

A: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.
C: Have mercy on us, O God.

A: Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.
C: Have mercy on us, O God.

A: Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.
C: Have mercy on us, O God.

A: Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.
C: Have mercy on us, O God.

A: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.
C: Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

Psalm 90 chanted by choir

Imposition of Ashes

You are invited to come to the altar for the imposition of ashes—a remembrance of your baptism into Christ and a sign of your journey of faith in Lent.

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth.
May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us
that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Worshippers step forward to receive ashes.

P: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
C: that we may show forth your glory in the world.

P: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,
C: bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

P: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
C: Amen.



Apostle's Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 Thanksgiving

A: Let us pray,
Mighty and loving God, you make us your children through your word of promise in the water of baptism. For Jesus, the Word of life, we thank you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You wash us from sin and make us clean and new. For the peace of forgiveness, we praise you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send us your Holy Spirit to guide us and teach us. For all the gifts of the Spirit, we thank you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You nourish us with your word and welcome us to your table. For all the ways you care for us, we praise you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You call us to tell others about Jesus. For willingness to show Jesus by what we say and do, we pray to you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send us to help other people and to work for what is right. For strength to follow Jesus, we pray to you.
C: Hear us, O God.



The Peace

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

C: And also with you.

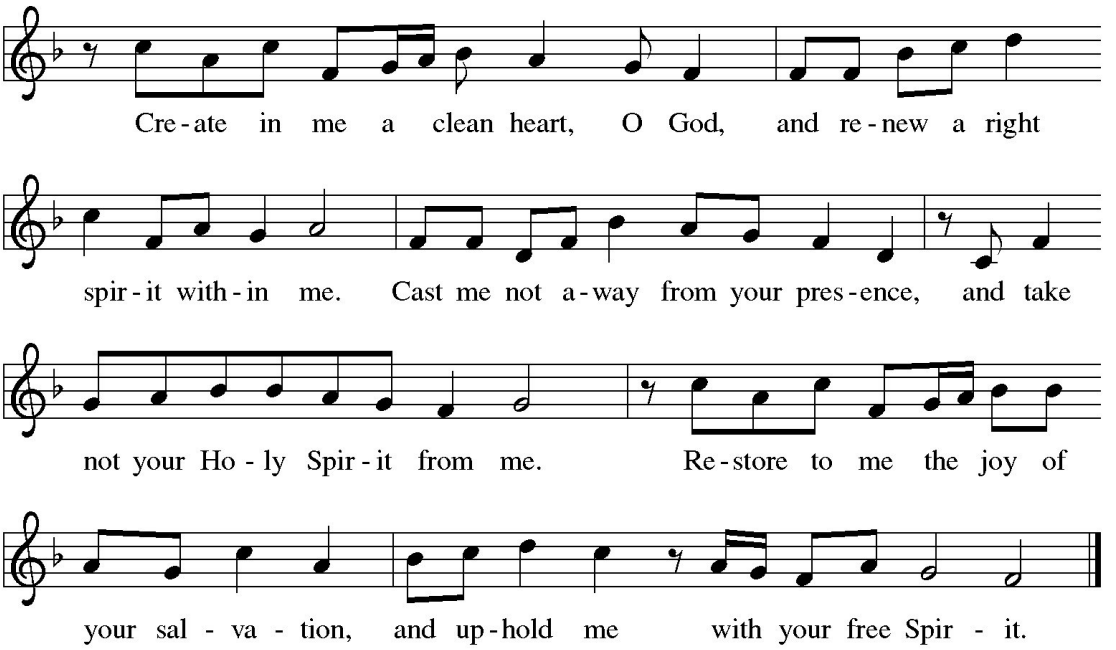
You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.

The Offering

We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude as we prepare for communion.

Thank you for supporting our ministries with our financial gifts. Scan the QR code to the left to easily make a one-time gift or establish a recurring gift.

Offertory Hymn — ELW #186 "*Create in Me a Clean Heart*"



Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray,
Merciful Father
C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us -- ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

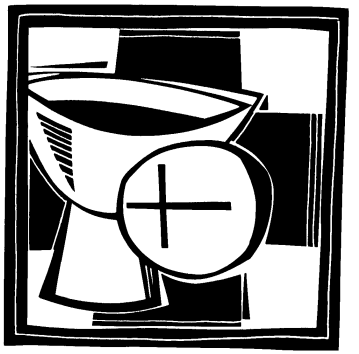
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

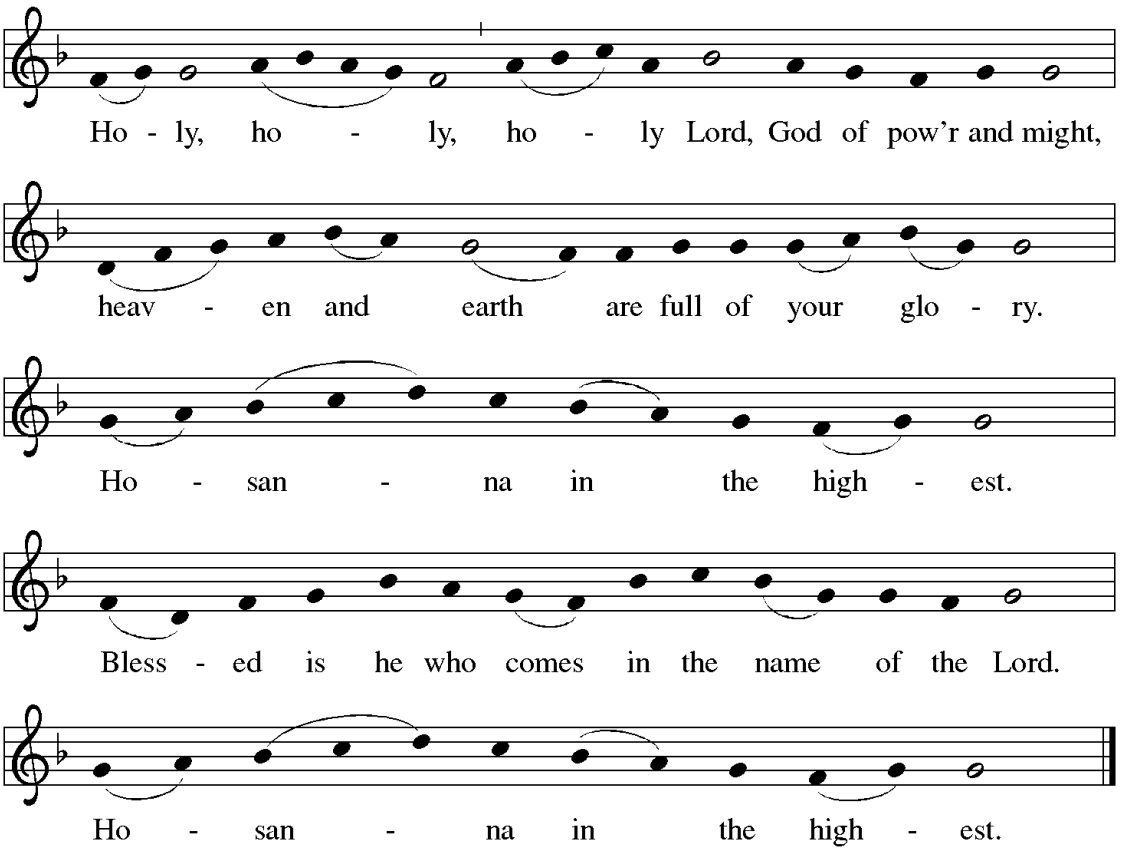
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

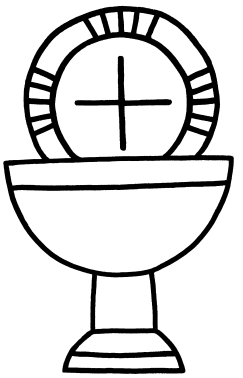
Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should and at all times…….. we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Sanctus


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.



P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
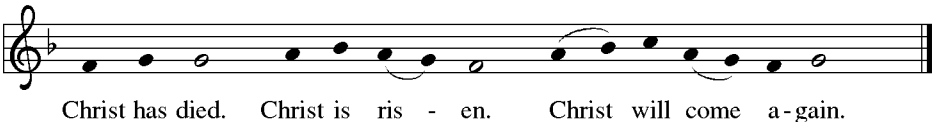
P: Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

P: 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.

P: 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: With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C:



P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

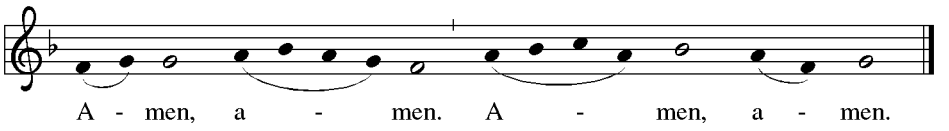
C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

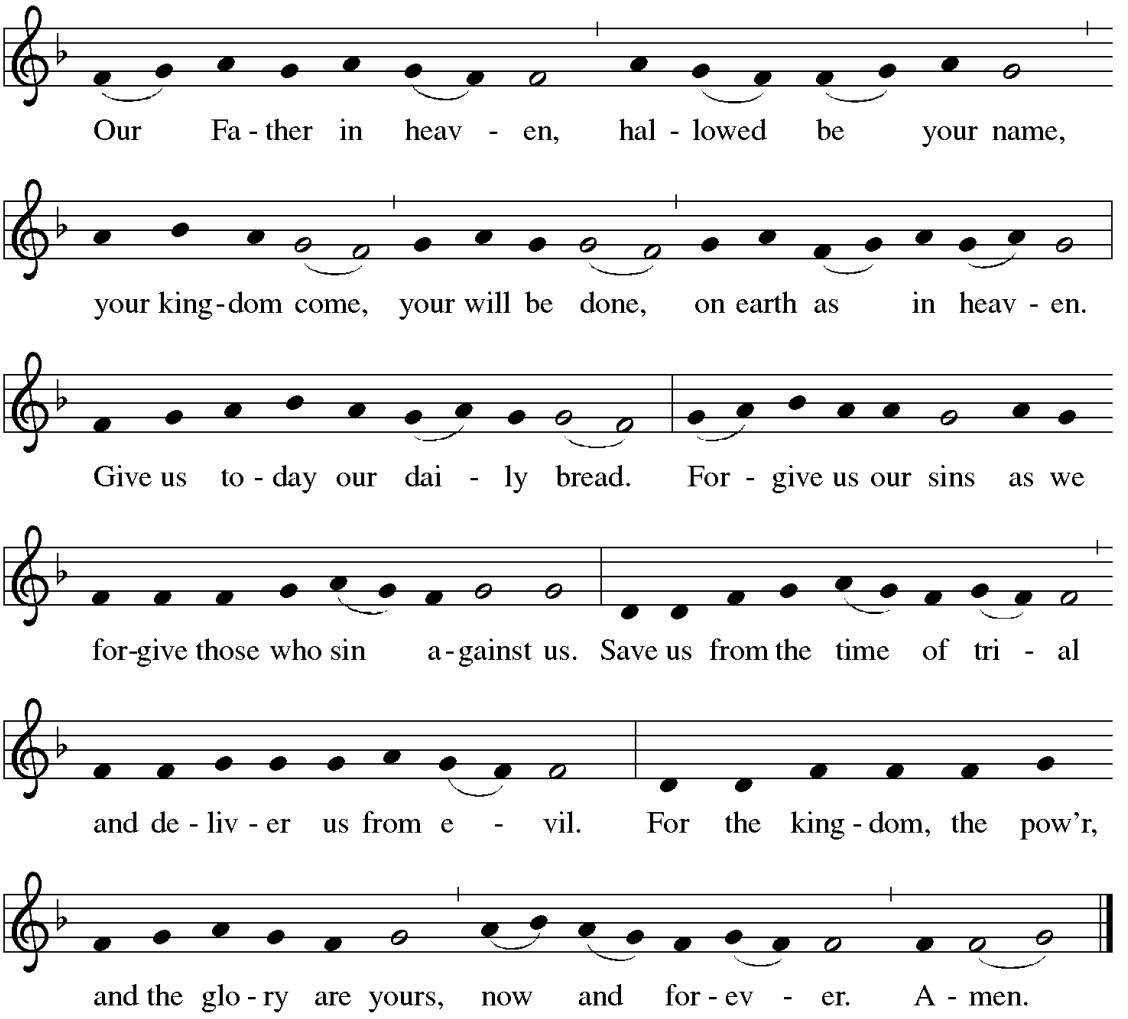
P: With the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

C:





The Lord's Prayer

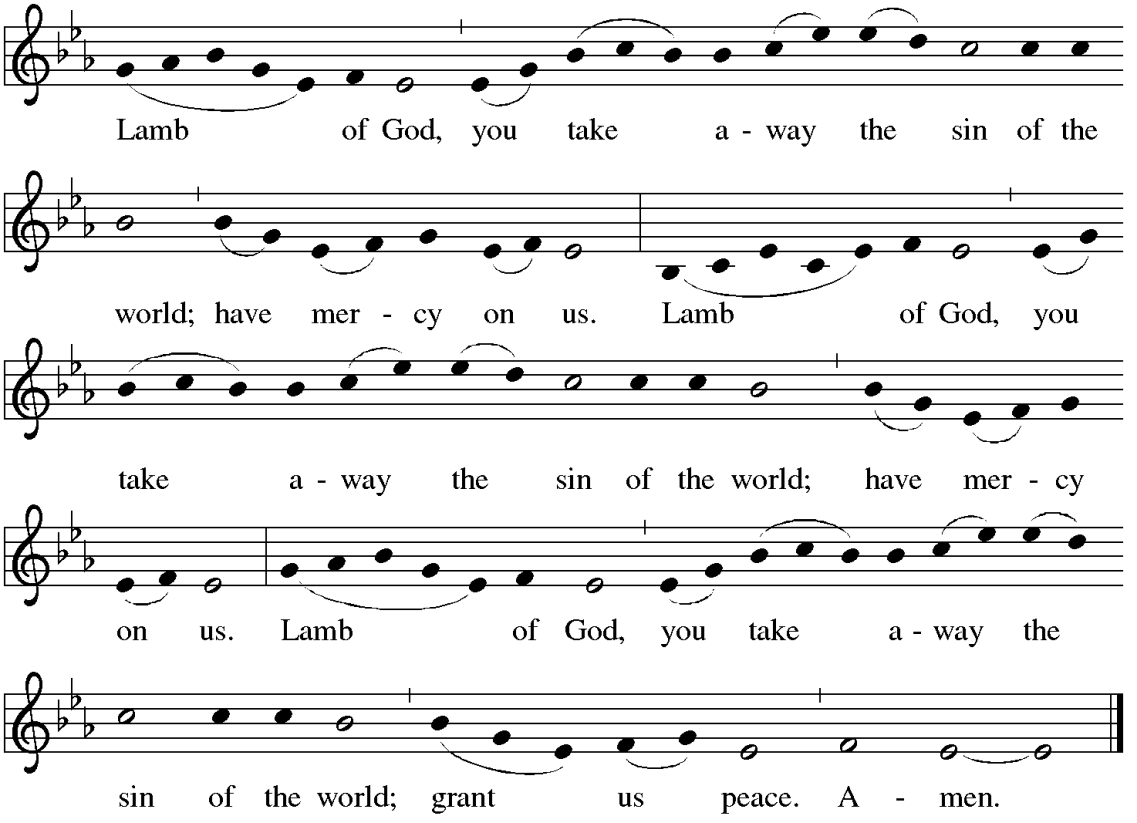


Communion Invitation

We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.

Communion Hymn "*Lamb of God*"



Communion Anthem "*Have Mercy Upon Me O God*"

Post Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer
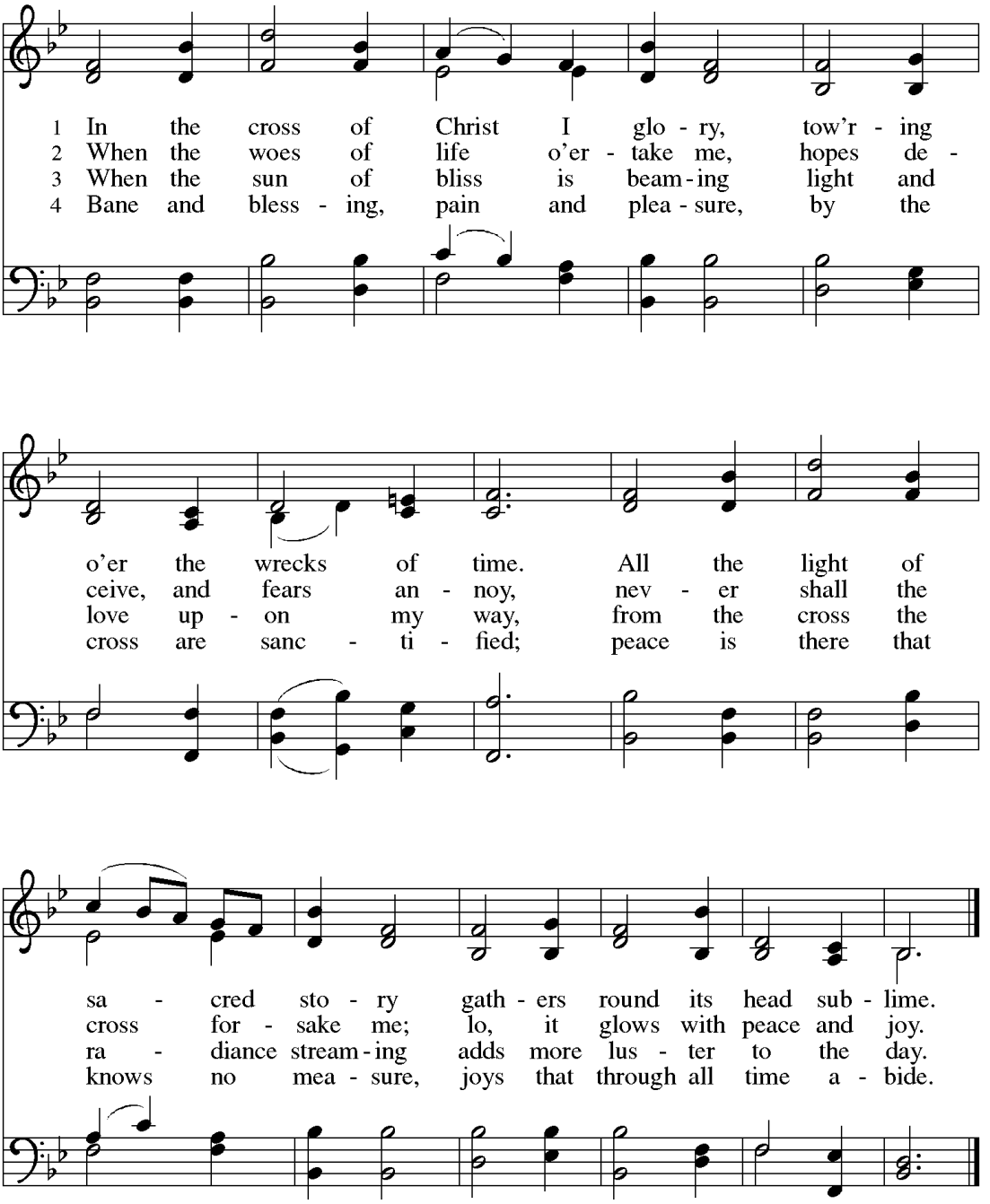
A: Let us pray.

A: Merciful God,
accompany our journey through these 40 days.
Renew us in the gift of baptism,
that we may provide for those who are poor,
pray for those in need,
fast from self-indulgence,
and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



Closing Hymn ELW #324 "*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*"



Dismissal

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
C: Thanks be to God.

A: Go in peace. Remember your baptism.
C: Thanks be to God.

Today's celebrants:
Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook
Deacon: Christina Formeller
Lector: Marne Turner
Greeter: TBD
Song Leaders: Jade Dasha, Avery Sujkowski
Choir members: Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck
Organist & Choir Director: Luke Duroc-Danner

Announcements

Lenten worship is held each Sunday at 10am and available both in-person and via livestream. Sunday School is also held each week during the season of Lent following the Children's Message in each service.

Adult Study is each Sunday during Lent at 9am in the church office. You may also participate via Zoom.

We are collecting both monetary donations and needed hygienic items for our new neighbors. You can put all items in the Almsgiving bowl in the back of the sanctuary.

Call to MINDFULNESS

Ash Wednesday Service

March 5th at 7pm; includes the Imposition of Ashes

You are invited take up a call of mindfulness over the 40 days of Lent by committing to our threefold Lenten discipline

Lenten Devotion

Daily Devotional Scripture & Reflection sent to your inbox and posted online

Weekly vespers with scripture & music
(Wednesdays at 7pm)

Lenten Reflection

Sunday School every week with a special Lenten project

Adult Study
Sundays at 9am

Lenten Giving

Weekly Lenten Almsgiving Offering to support our new neighbors and children at Concordia Place

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Upcoming Events

March 9th: Executive Team meeting at 11am in church office

'Second Sundays' concert at 12pm: Andrew Marlin, bassoon

March 28th: 'Chicago!' with Lakeshore Brass

March 30th: Council meeting following worship

April 13th: Palm Sunday Worship at 10am

April 20th: Easter Sunday Worship at 10am

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1) Mobile: Text 'Concordia' to 73256 and follow the link or scan the QR code here
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Opening Hymn **ELW #320 "*The Glory of These Forty Days*"**

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543
Outside USA: Text from *The English Hymnal,* © Oxford University Press 1906. All rights reserved.

Hymn of the Day **ELW #606 "*Our Father, We Have Wandered*"**

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006
Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750
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Offertory Hymn **ELW #186 "*Create in Me a Clean Heart*"**

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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Closing Hymn **ELW #324 "*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*"**

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872
Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

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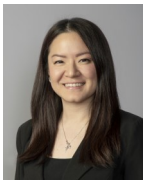
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