

## CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, February 11</b>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	9:15 am	Parish Choir
	9:30 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Family Event (Fellowship Hall) (following Worship)
<b>Monday, February 12</b>	10:30 am	Quilting Group
	6:30 pm	Scouts
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
<b>Tuesday, February 13</b>	12:00 noon	Lively Leisure's
	6:00 pm	Congregation Council
<b>Wednesday, February 14</b>	12:00 noon	Ash Wednesday Service
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
	8:00 pm	Parish Choir
<b>Thursday, February 15</b>	6:00 pm	Handbells
<b>Saturday, February 17</b>	8:30 am	Leah's Hope Trailer
<b>Sunday, February 18</b>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	9:15 am	Parish Choir
	9:30 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship

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## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 11, 2024

THE HOLY COMMUNION

TEN O'CLOCK



ST JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Welcome!

*St. James is a house of prayer where all people can come to know the compassionate heart of Jesus. We are a community of Christians where you can belong before you believe. At St. James the beauty of ancient worship and traditional spiritual practices transform contemporary lives. Join us as together we discover the sacred in the heart of our city. Our worship includes ancient and contemporary symbols and practices along with preaching and music to inspire you to follow Jesus in your daily life. We welcome both the spiritual seeker and seasoned disciple to find their home in God with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home or just exploring the life of faith, we hope you will walk with us on that journey of discovery.*

**Newcomers and visitors**, we hope that you will feel at home in this place and in this liturgy. Ushers are available in the Narthex during the liturgy should you have any questions or concerns. Please be sure and sign the guestbook located in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor or to an usher so that we can extend to you a warm welcome.

**Although there are customary postures** (such as standing and kneeling) in Lutheran worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.

**Children are most welcome in worship** at Saint James Church. For those who desire it, nursery care is provided on the first floor of the Education Building (ages 0-up to and including ages 5)

**First Aid Kits and the Automatic External Defibrillators (AED)** are located outside the church office door, immediately behind the Sanctuary, at the bottom of the stairs in the Portico area and in the Narthex. Fire extinguishers are located in the Sacristy and in the Narthex.

**If you are interested in membership** to this parish or desire a call from the Pastor, please indicate this to an usher or to the Pastor.

**Restrooms are available** on the first and second floors of the Education Building. **Pew Pads** are on the end of each pew (*near center aisle*), please sign and pass so that we have a record of your attendance and communion.

### **St. James Lutheran Church Facebook and Instagram groups**

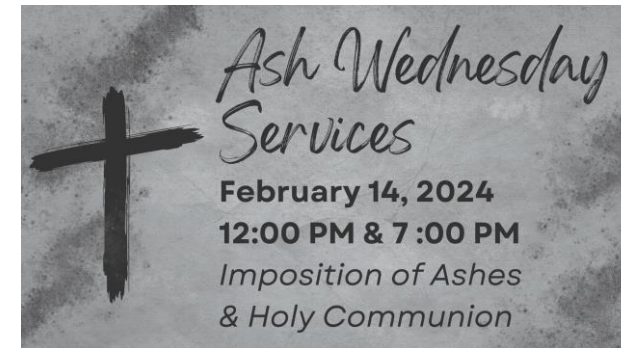
Send Joseph Beasley any pictures and/or articles you would like to have posted at [joseph.f.beasley@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.f.beasley@gmail.com) @stjamesnc

## **YOUR SCOUTS AND YOUR COMMUNITY THANKS YOU...**

Our Scouts collected and delivered 4500 pounds of food and wishes to thank everyone that donated and participated. The food collected through the scouting program will go a long way to help meet the ever-growing needs of food insecurities for so many families in our community. Thank you! Thank you! *The need is real and donations year-round to CCM are appreciated, and monetary donations go directly to food purchase.*

### **FEBRUARY FAMILY EVENT – Sunday, February 11 @ 11:15 a.m.**

Join us after church for food and fun! We will plant bulbs and make cards to share with our shut-ins. The event will be held in the Fellowship Hall.



### **MEAL PACKING EVENT – FEBRUARY 24**

St. James will be participating in a meal packing event with Lifeline Christian Mission from 10 a.m. – approximately 11:30 a.m. on February 24. We are projecting to have around 60 people and should package around 10,600 meals. Save the date on your calendar and make plans now to come and pack – all ages welcome! A Sign-Up Sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Portico area – please sign up if you are interested in helping and list the number in your family/group. The address of Lifeline Christian Mission is 325 McGill Avenue, NW, Suite 175, Concord. Please park in the lot to the right at you enter Gibson Mill – enter under the green awning, just to the right of the City Club through the double glass doors. They are located in the mall area, down the hall to the LEFT – across from the Iron Axe.

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

**Lector/Intercessor:** Kim Haberman

**Communion Assistant:** Kim Haberman

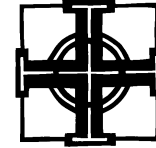
**Acolyte/Crucifer:** John Meadows

**Ushers:** Mark Murphy, Jimmy Harris, Jeff Jones, Jeff Gilbert,  
Chip Popovici, Phil Tesh

**Videographer:** Annette Propst

**Greeter:** Gretchen Walker

**Building Supervisors:** Kenny and Annette Propst



**THE SEASON AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Sunday, February 25, 2024 @ 9:50am**

**Reception of Annual Report and Election of Nominating Committee**

**Gathering**



**WEDNESDAYS IN LENT**

**Begin February 21**

**5:30ish – 7ish**

**Plans still developing. Light meal / Study / Prayer Office**

**CHIMES OF THE TRINITY AND WELCOME**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*Chaconne in d minor*

Johann Pachelbel

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers today are given by Jo Eng  
to the Glory of God and in honor of Pastor Bill.

*Please stand.*

**PRAYER LIST**

Tom Grady; Tom Ridenhour; Noah Clifton;

Linda and Paul Jones (family members of Barbara & Dale Merrell);

Susan Tadlock (friend of Deb Black); and Diane Mullinax (friend of Debbie Wilkinson)

**THE INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

**Feb 11** Natalie Jones

**Feb 15**

Lori Pittard

**Feb 12** Jean Beasley

**Feb 16**

Stephanie Matthews

**Feb 13** Wade Bestler

**Feb 17**

Jason Matthews

Jeff Carpenter

Elias Rutemiller

Jacob Rinker

**THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Please sit or kneel as able.*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,  
**C** **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

**P** 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.

**C Amen**

## THE DISMISSAL

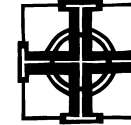
**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Voluntary**

*Trumpet Tune in D*

Henry Purcell



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THE SENDING HYMN #518 *Beautiful Savior*

Schoenster Herr Jesu

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

THE ENTRANCE HYMN #549 *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* Praise, My Soul

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.  
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore - bears in dis - tress.  
 3 Ten - der - ly he shields and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.  
 4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, who be - hold him face to face.

Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing.  
 Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
 In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
 Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; all who dwell in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

THE APOSTOLIC 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.

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



**B** 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

## THE BENEDICTION

**P** Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen

## THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

♩ Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the

na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,

and will be for - ev - er. A - men

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of Glory, in this sacrament you unite us in the body of your Son. May we who have been guests at this table grow in love for one another, that through us your light may shine in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray . . . Almighty God, on the mountain you showed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the king in all his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

*Please sit.*

## Word



## THE FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and

to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” <sup>10</sup>He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

### THE SECOND READING: II Corinthians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*Please stand.*

### THE 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.

*unable to partake of wine, white grape juice is available. If you are unable to come to the altar, the pastor will bring communion to you at your seat. Please advise an usher.*

*Please stand.*

### THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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





**Q** 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 sit.*

### THE DISTRIBUTION

Q: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

A: Instituted by Christ himself, it is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, given to us Christians to eat and to drink.

Q: What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?

A: We are told in the words “for you” and “for the forgiveness of sins.” By these words the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament, for where there is forgiveness of sins, there are also life and salvation.

*-Luther’s Small Catechism Part V*

*Jesus bids all the baptized to feast at his table. Please come by way of the center aisle and return by the side aisle. If you need help figuring out where to and when to go, an usher or fellow worshiper will help you. At one time we too were confused. For those*

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.



**Q** Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*The reading concludes, “The Gospel of the Lord.”*



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

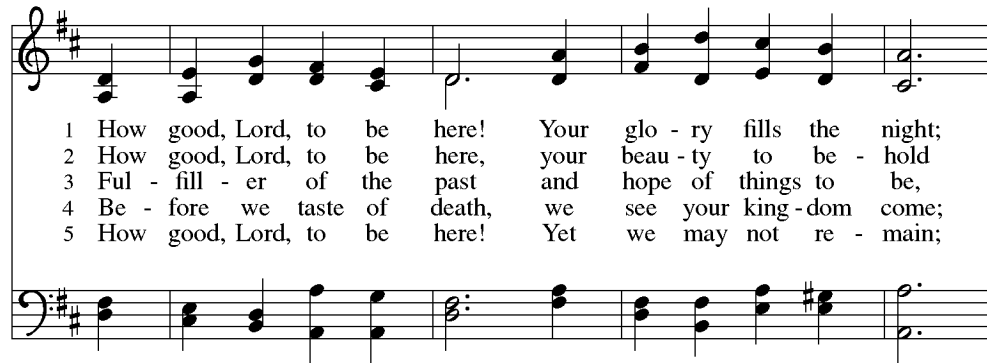
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### THE SERMON

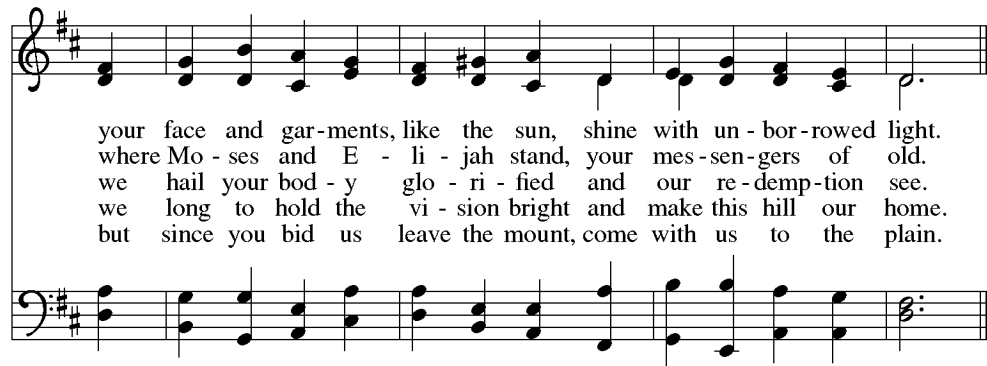
*Please stand.*

THE HYMN OF THE DAY #89 *How Good, Lord, To Be Here*

Potsdam



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

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

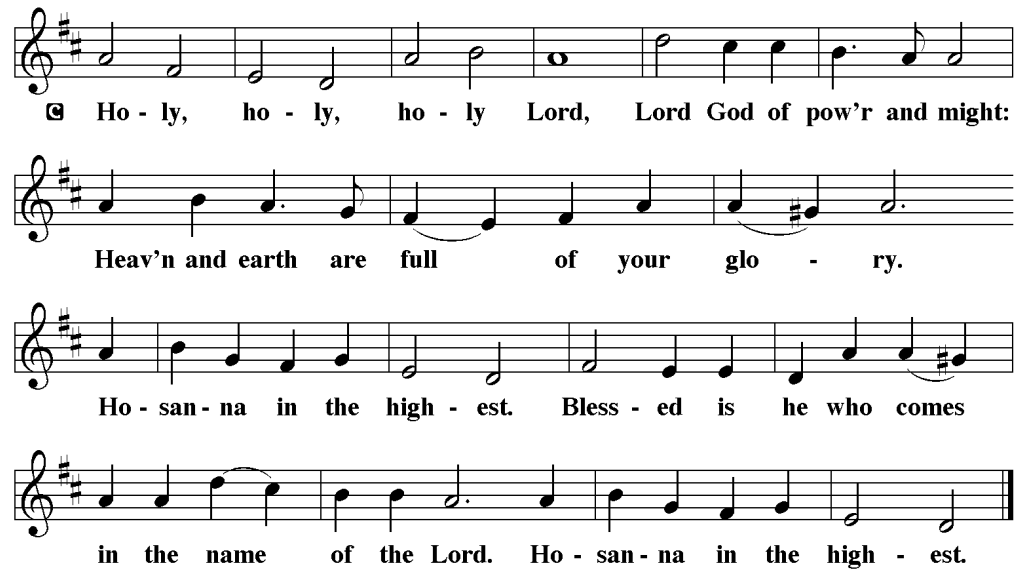
C Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

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 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, 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, 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 Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

**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.**

#### THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

C **That we all may be one.**

A Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

C **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

A We pray for all bishops, pastors, and deacons;

C **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

A We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

C **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

A Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

C **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

A Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

C **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

A Give to the departed eternal rest.

**C** Let light perpetual shine upon them.

**A** We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**C** **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

**A** Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*A brief silence for reflection.*

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

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

**C** **And also with you.**

*Please sit.*

**THE ANTHEM** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

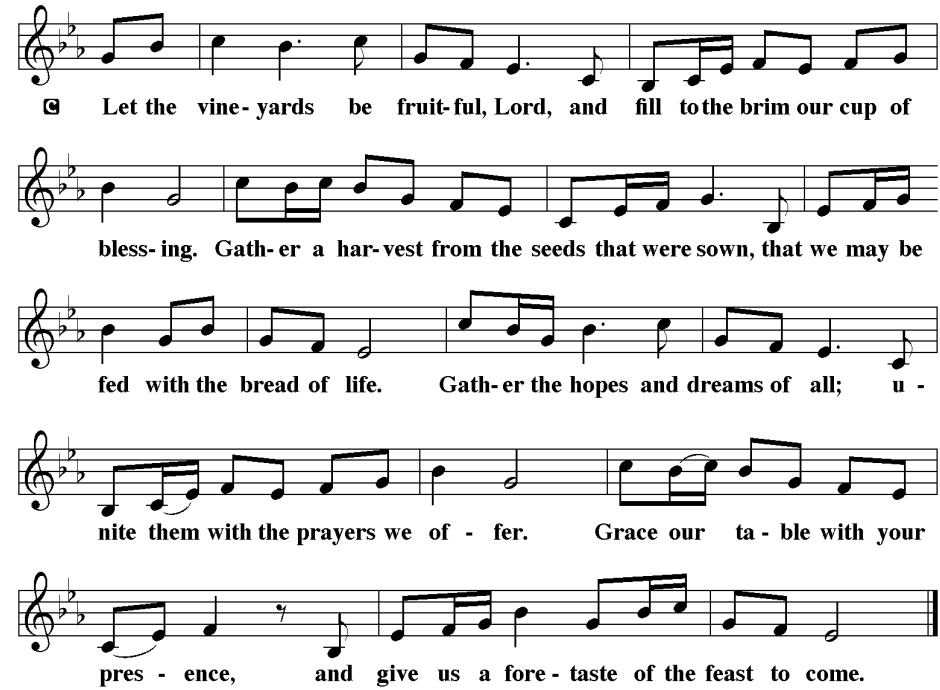
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#### THE OFFERING



*Please stand.*

#### THE OFFERTORY CANTICLE

Musical notation for the Offertory Canticle, consisting of five staves of music in a single system. The music is in a minor key and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. 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." The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical staves.

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

#### THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.

**A** 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 COMMUNION RITE

**P** The Lord be with you .

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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