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PRAYER LIST

Cecil Berry (friend of Gretchen Walker); Family of Michael Black (nephew of Patsy Black); Patsy Black; Caroline Bost; Patrick Bryn (son of Kirby & Sondra Bryn); Angie Buchanan; Mike & Debbie Cagle (friends of Robert & Debbie Davis); Noah Clifton; Karey Conrad (friend of Dee Pieschel); Jennifer Cook (friend of Fonda Shumate); Catherine Durst (daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges); Nadine Filipak (friend of Al & Dee Pieschel); Phyllis Freeman (Mother of Fonda Shumate); Ed Frost (friend of the Marlow's); Jeff Gilbert; Tom Grady; Ryan Hardister (son of Bill & Reggie Hardister); Harriett Huss Hodge; Maureen Hollmeyer; Hunter Huss; Dale Johnson (Friend of Dale Merrell); Mary Frances Johnson (cousin of Francie Davis); Karen Johnston (friend of Judy Benz); Mary Anne Lanahan (Aunt of Francie Davis); Ruth Lawler (friend of Dee & Al Pieschel); John Ledford (brother of Deb Black); Family of Don Matkins (brother-in-law of Margaret Garrison); Barbara Merrell; Deb & Roger Myers (friends of Deb Black); Dave Olsen (friend of Patsy Black); Stan Parnell (friend of Rob & Debbie Davis); Becky Phillips; Al Pieschel; Lori Pittard; Tom Ridenhour; Lori Ruff (mother of Christine Ruff); Ruby Tyer (niece of Beth Huss' friend); Jesse Woodard (son-in-law of Beth Huss).

ANIMAL SHELTER SUPPLY DRIVE 🍇

Throughout March, St. James Social Ministry Committee is collecting supplies for the Cabarrus County Animal Shelter. Needed items: paper towels, blankets (not stuffed or quilted), canned chicken breast, Dawn dish soap, and liquid Tide detergent.

Please place donations on the counter under the animal shelter board in the portico.

To assist in your offering
Secure Online Giving



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Thank you for supporting St. James!

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026**

**The Holy Communion
10:00am**



**St. James Lutheran Church
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Concord, North Carolina 28026
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www.sjnc.net
Rev. William C. Ridenhour, Pastor**

We're Over-Flowing with News ...

So, our normal welcome page is greatly reduced. Welcome to St. James! We're glad that you are here. **Restrooms** are located on the first and second floor of the Education Building. A **nursery** is available for children up to and including five years of age on the first floor of the education building. An usher will be happy to help you find them. If you're visiting or if you have been here for 99 years (and are willing to do so), please sign a pew pad.

Lent and the Kyrie

NOTE: During the five Sundays in Lent, the choir will sing five different settings of the Kyrie, a most ancient form of prayer. The Lenten season emphasizes repentance and prayer in preparation for Easter and the Kyrie is an essential reminder of our need for God's mercy and grace. As the choir sings this liturgical act of humility, we confess our frailty and grow in anticipation of God's mighty act of resurrection at Easter.

The choir will "pray" through the voices of: Louis Vierne, whose French cathedral sound carries deep yearning; W. A. Mozart, whose Classical style holds clarity, sincerity and elegant simplicity in perfect balance; Franz Schubert, whose gentle melodies and lyric warmth invite quiet reflection; Maurice Duruflé, who draws on Gregorian chant and cloaks it in shimmering harmonies; and McClure, whose modern setting reminds us that the Church's oldest plea still speaks today.

Try the Choir — You Might Be Surprised

Many people assume you must be "really talented" to join a choir. In our church, we believe something simpler: if you have a willing heart and a desire to contribute, you belong here. The Parish Choir and Bell Choir do more than rehearse—they build community, support one another, and help lead the congregation in worship. You don't need prior choir experience, and you don't need to be able to "read every note." You will be welcomed by friendly members who will help you get oriented, answer questions, and make sure you feel at home from your very first rehearsal. Come explore—there is truly a place for everyone. To learn more, speak with any choir member, or contact Dr. Kevin Estes (kevin@sjnc.net). For Bell Choir details, please contact Brad Davis (cbdsax@gmail.com).

Let us know you visited!



Scan to connect!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

March 16 – Tony Eury, Dee Pieschel
March 20 – Ann Gillon, John Marlow

CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 15	9:00am	Adult Sunday School
	9:00am	Choir
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship
Mon., March 16	10:30am	Quilting
Thurs., March 19	6:30pm	Choir
Saturday, March 21	8:30am	Leah's Hope Trailer
Sunday, March 22	9:00am	Adult Sunday School
	9:00am	Choir
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship

MY FATHER'S HOUSE MINISTRY NEEDS

St. James will provide meals for My Father's House Ministry on March 23 & 24. If you can bring a side dish, fruit, dessert, rolls, or tutoring snacks, please contact Martha Matthews (704-787-2180).

Meals: Ham (Mon.) | Chicken Strips (Tues.). Headcount will be provided for planning.

SONSHINE BACKPACK

We're continuing our quarterly partnership with Sunshine Backpacks to provide weekend food for local children in need.

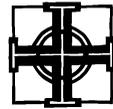
Requested items: shelf-stable milk, cereal/oatmeal, mac & cheese, canned pasta/soup/veggies/fruit, granola bars, juice, popcorn, pudding.

Please place donations on the back kitchen counter by Sunday, March 29.

EASTER GIFTS AVAILABLE NOW

Easter flowers are available for purchase. Scan code or complete and return the order form in the bulletin. Cost: \$25 | Deadline: March 29.





St James Lutheran Church:
Growing in Christ through Worship, Learning, Fellowship and Service.

THE HOLY COMMUNION



Welcome

Prelude

Meditation Religieuse

Henri Mulet

Please stand.

THE INVOCATION

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

THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. 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 In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. In his living water God makes us his children and bestows on us his Holy Spirit. Refreshed and renewed we rest in his peace and rise to serve him.

C Amen

THE ENTRANCE HYMN: #400 God Whose Almighty Word

When not printed, hymn harmonies may be found in the green LBW hymnal.



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Lord, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 wis - dom, love, might! Bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



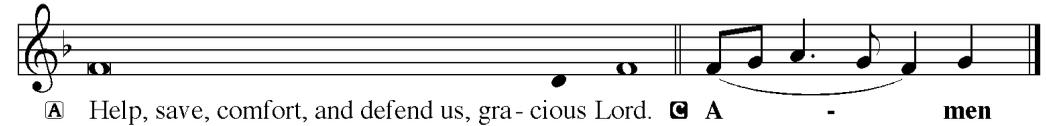
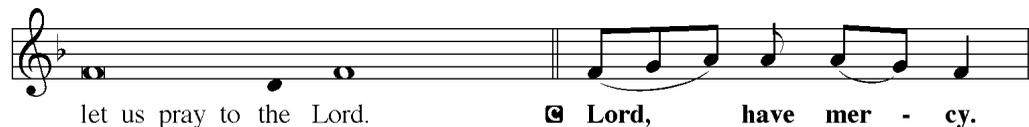
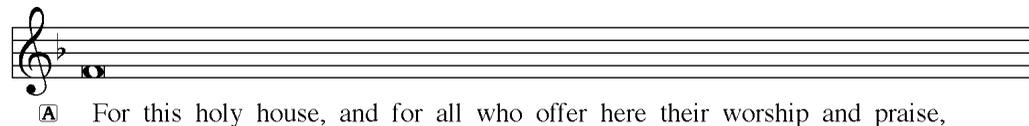
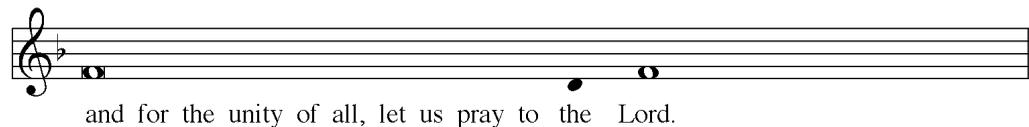
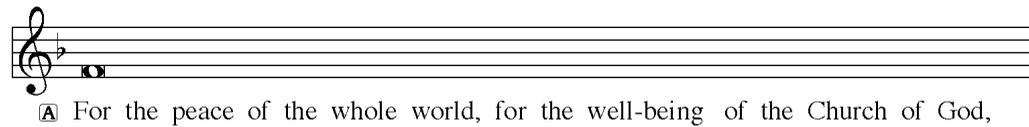
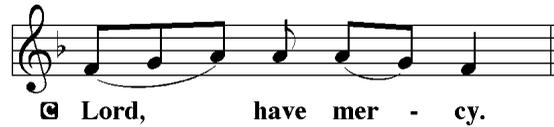
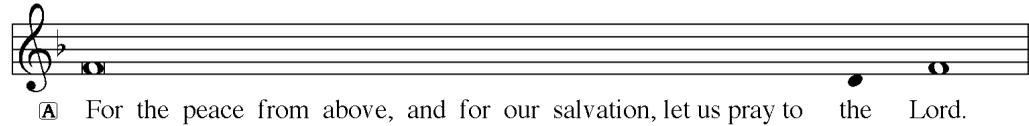
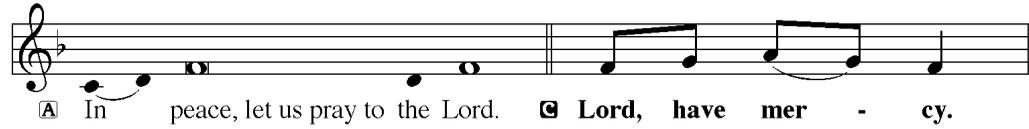
gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray,
 in - ly blind: oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light!
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide,

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 KYRIE



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you

C **And also with you.**

P God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; 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.

THE FIRST READING: I Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' ²Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord."' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' ⁴Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' ⁵He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' ⁷But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before

Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The Lord has not chosen any of these.’ ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all your sons here?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.’ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.’ ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, ‘Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.’ ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

THE SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— ⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

‘Sleeper, awake!
 Rise from the dead,
 and Christ will shine on you.’

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

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
 mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 9th chapter.
 C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ ³ Jesus answered, ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.’ ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷ saying to him, ‘Go, wash in the pool of Siloam’ (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, ‘Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?’ ⁹ Some were saying, ‘It is he.’ Others were saying, ‘No, but it is someone like him.’ He kept saying, ‘I am the man.’ ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, ‘Then how were your eyes opened?’ ¹¹ He answered, ‘The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, “Go to Siloam and wash.” Then I went and washed and received my sight.’ ¹² They said to him, ‘Where is he?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, ‘He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.’ ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, ‘This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.’ But others said, ‘How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?’ And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, ‘What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.’ He said, ‘He is a prophet.’

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, ‘Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?’ ²⁰ His parents answered, ‘We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask

him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.’ ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, ‘He is of age; ask him.’

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, ‘Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.’ ²⁵ He answered, ‘I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.’ ²⁶ They said to him, ‘What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?’ ²⁷ He answered them, ‘I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?’ ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, ‘You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.’ ³⁰ The man answered, ‘Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.’ ³⁴ They answered him, ‘You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?’ And they drove him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ ³⁶ He answered, ‘And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.’ ³⁷ Jesus said to him, ‘You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.’ ³⁸ He said, ‘Lord, I believe.’ And he worshipped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, ‘I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.’ ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, ‘Surely we are not blind, are we?’ ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, ‘If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, “We see”, your sin remains.

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

Please sit.

THE SERMON

Pastor Bill Ridenhour

Please stand.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: #3448 Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his
kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
With the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please kneel or sit as able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Let us lift our hearts and voices to the Lord in prayer, that he would be merciful
to his people.

Father, thank you for the light of sun, moon, stars, streetlights, candles, and
lamps. Thank you for these “created lights” that bear witness to the true and
uncreated Light, your Son, Jesus Christ. Lead us, even when eyes fail and
earthly lights grow dim, to his kindly light, which no darkness can overcome.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heal the blindness of your Church. Give it eyes to see its own sin, and to
repent. Give it eyes to see the world’s sins, and to offer your forgiveness to any
who will receive it. Give it eyes to see the plight of all who are afflicted by sin,
death, and the devil, and to proclaim your redemption, given through the
Passion of your dear Son. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heal the blindness of those who hate the followers of Jesus, and of all who turn
a blind eye to their plight. Grant that the words and actions of all who suffer on
account of Christ may inspire their enemies to repent and believe in you. Lord,
in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heal any spiritual blindness in this congregation. Give us eyes to see Jesus in
one another. For his sake, help us love even people we don’t yet like. Give us
eyes to see new opportunities for serving you. As we become braver in sharing
our faith, make us lamps shining with Jesus’ love for everyone we encounter.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heal the blindness of the nations, and all who are in positions of authority.
Give them eyes to seek your will, and hearts and hands to do it. Give them eyes
to see injustice, deceit and cruelty, and the strength and courage to combat
them. Make each of us into children of your light, living in faith toward you
and with fervent love toward one another. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our
prayer.**

As your dear Son healed the man born blind, we pray that he would also bring
healing, light, hope, and faith to everyone who suffers from any affliction. Lift
them up from pain, sorrow, fear, or grief. And give them the joy of your saving
help, now and always. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you, dear Father, for receiving into your greater light and into your
eternal life, our beloved dead. Deal mercifully with those shadowed by grief.
We pray: Lord, let us receive our sight, so that day by day, we see you more
clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly. Lead us, with all who
have redeemed by the merits of your Son, to heaven, there to gaze on his fair
beauty forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you desire not the death of sinners, but
rather that they should turn from their evil way and live: Graciously turn us
from those punishments which we by our sins have deserved, and grant us
grace evermore to serve you in holiness and pureness of living; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

Please stand.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please sit.

THE ANTHEM

Kyrie (from Requiem, Op. 9)

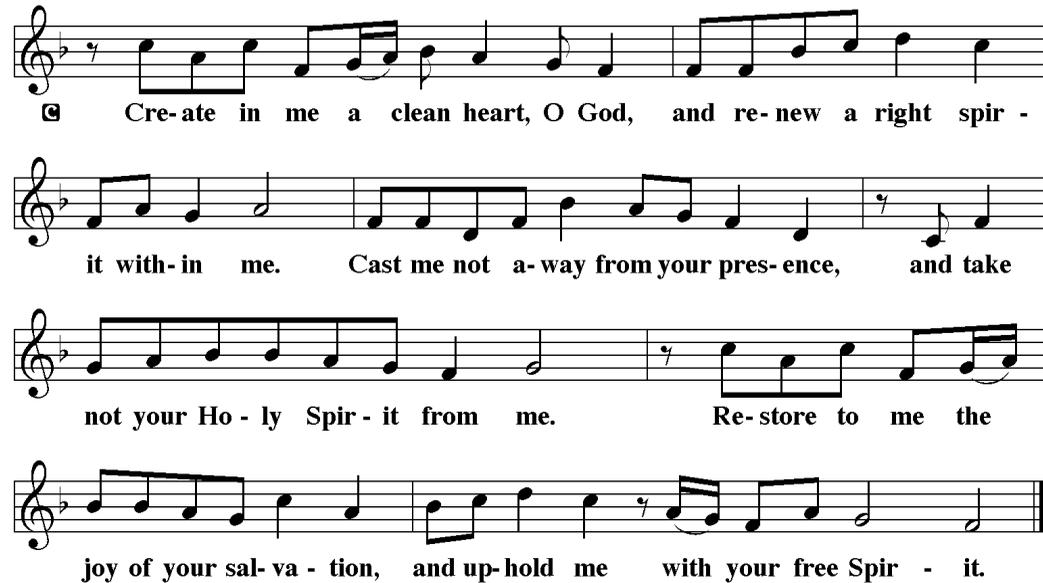
Maurice Duruflé

*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.*

THE OFFERING

Please stand.

THE OFFERTORY



☩ Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our
selves, 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.**

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.

You bid your people cleanse their hearts

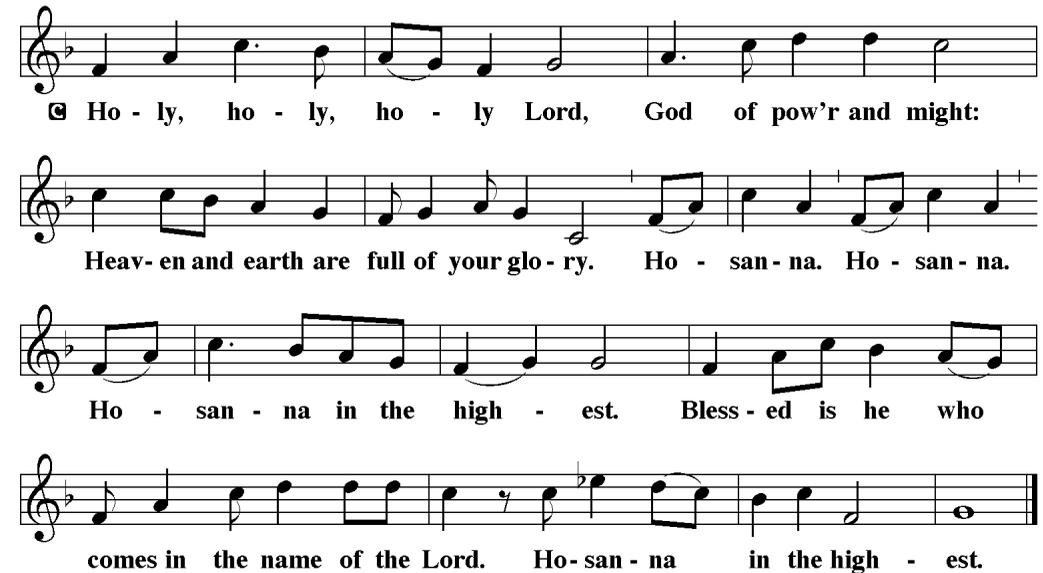
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast.

Renew our zeal in faith and life,

and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God.

And so, 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, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
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, almighty and merciful God;
you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving Passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine; that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, 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.**



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.

Please sit.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

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Jesus bids all the baptized to feast at his table. For those unable to partake of wine, white grape juice is available. If you wish for the pastor to bring communion to you. 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**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray,

A Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his through the same Jesus Christ our Lord

C **Amen**

Silence for reflection.



THE BENEDICTION

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

C **Amen**

THE SENDING HYMN: #97 Christ the Life of all the Living

Please see next page.



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

THE DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Sortie

Renaud



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