

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ocean City, New Jersey

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Order of Worship – Sunday – 9:30 am

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

Musical setting by Marty Haugen

PRELUDE (*stand*)

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

(kneel if able)

Merciful God,

YOU FREE US TO LOVE OTHERS, BUT WE NEGLECT OUR NEIGHBORS AND FOLLOW OUR OWN WAY. YOU LEAD US BY THE SPIRIT OF JOY AND PEACE, BUT WE TURN AWAY FROM THE ABUNDANT LIFE YOU OFFER. YOU SURROUND US WITH PATIENCE, KINDNESS, AND GENEROSITY, BUT WE GROW WEARY IN DOING WHAT IS RIGHT. IN YOUR MERCY, FORGIVE US. DO NOT GIVE UP ON US. HEAL US, BREAK OUR BONDS, AND SHOW US THE PATH OF LIFE. AMEN.

Silence is kept for reflection.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, and your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

AMEN.

ENTRANCE HYMN

GREETING

The grace of God our Father, the love of Jesus our Savior, and the power and presence of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

KYRIE

In peace, in peace,

Assistant *Congregation (REFRAIN)*

Let us pray — to the Lord, have mer - cy,

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have

mer - cy. —

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the... (*REFRAIN*)

For Your people here, who have come to give You praise, for the strength to live Your Word, let us pray to the... (*REFRAIN*)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, — O God.

Congregation:

A - - - men.

NOW THE FEAST

Congregation:

(REFRAIN)

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for - ev -
er - more!

1.

Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, _____ whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us (REFRAIN) to be one great
peo - ple of God. _____

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
 might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
 for - ev - er.
 For God has come to dwell with us,
 to make us peo - ple of God; to make
 all things new. (REFRAIN)

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you. **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (sit)

Celebrate

FIRST READING

Celebrate

SECOND READING

Celebrate

GOSPEL VERSE (*stand*)

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

GOSPEL

Celebrate

The Gospel of our Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

(*sit*)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

APOSTLES' CREED *(stand)*

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,
CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.
I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY SON, OUR
LORD,
WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,
BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY,
SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,
WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED;
HE DESCENDED TO THE DEAD.
ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN;
HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN,
HE IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER.
AND HE WILL COME TO JUDGE
THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.
I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,
THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH,
THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS,
THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS,
THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY,
AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Celebrate

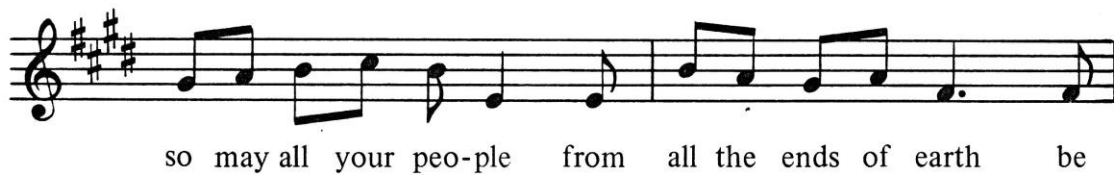
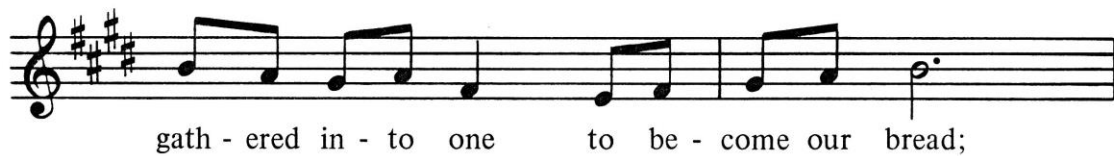
(sit)

CHOIR ANTHEM

OFFERING

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT (stand)

Congregation:



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Creator God,

**IN YOUR WISDOM YOU BRING FORTH ALL THAT IS GOOD,
AND THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL. STRENGTHEN US AT
YOUR TABLE WITH THESE GIFTS OF THE EARTH AND OUR
LABOR, THAT WE MAY WORK FOR THE GOOD OF ALL;
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR. AMEN.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (indicated by two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is divided into two parts: 'Presider' for the first two measures and 'Congregation' for the remaining four measures. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words spanning across measure boundaries. The score ends with a double bar line on the fifth staff.

Presider *Congregation*

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 God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is our duty and delight... we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might;— Heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the

One who comes in your name.— Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy...even as we cry:

Presider



A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A -

Congregation



men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord



Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

Send now, we pray, Your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.

Presider



A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A -

Congregation



men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly



Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, _____ in the

u-ni-ty_ of the Spir-it _____ all glo-ry and hon-or is

yours, O God, now and for-ev-er, _____

A - - - men. _____

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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

Congregation:

1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us,
2. Lamb of God, you are the bread of life for us
all have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us,
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
mer-cy on us.
take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

All are welcome at the Lord's table, trusting that Jesus Christ is truly present with us in this sacrament as He promised.

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.

AMEN.

THANKS BE TO YOU

Congregation:

The musical score is written on ten staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some lines having two parts (1. and 2.) for different verses. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy,
2. From of old you loved and sought us,
Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Truth and jus - tice
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -
mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.
3. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy, Thanks be to you for -
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
Thanks be to you for - ev - er, Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Mothering God,

**YOU GATHERED US TO YOUR TABLE, AND WE DRANK
DEEPLY OF YOUR GRACE. SEND US OUT BY YOUR SPIRIT
TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES AND PROCLAIM
YOUR LOVE IN JESUS' NAME.**

AMEN.

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

THANKS BE TO GOD.



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