

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

INVOCATION (*stand*)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

(kneel if able)

Merciful God,

WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED. WE HAVE HURT OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE SQUANDERED YOUR BLESSINGS. WE HAVE HOARDED YOUR BOUNTY. IN THE NAME OF JESUS, FORGIVE US AND GRANT US YOUR MERCY.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED. WE HAVE FAILED TO BE HONEST. WE HAVE LACKED THE COURAGE TO SPEAK. WE HAVE SPOKEN FALSELY. IN THE NAME OF JESUS, FORGIVE US AND GRANT US YOUR MERCY.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ.

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 -

1. er - more!

Now is the feast of the Lamb once

slain, _____ whose blood has freed and u -

(REFRAIN)

nit - ed us 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*)



GOSPEL

Celebrate

The Gospel of our Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

(sit)

SERMON

MUSICAL OFFERING

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.**

PRAVERS OF INTERCESSION

Celebrate

(sit)

CHOIR ANTHEM

OFFERING

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT (stand)

Congregation:

(REPEAT)

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;

so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be

gath-ered in - to one in you.

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst, —
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky,

YOU ARE THE GIVER OF ALL GOOD THINGS. SUSTAIN US WITH THESE GIFTS OF YOUR CREATION, AND MULTIPLY YOUR GRACIOUSNESS IN US, THAT THE WORLD MAY BE FED WITH YOUR LOVE, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND LORD. AMEN.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider *Congregation*

The Lord be with you. And also 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, Lord Je - sus. A -

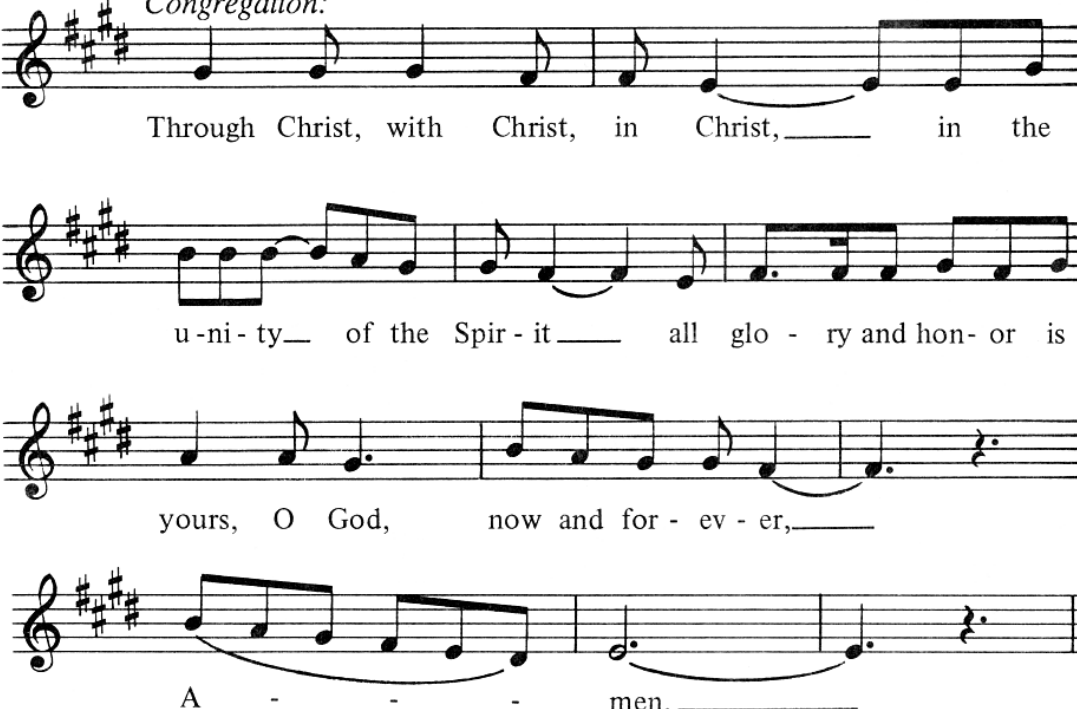
Congregation

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

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

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

LAMB OF GOD

Congregation:



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
2. Lamb of God, you are the bread of life for us

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on 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.

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

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✠ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

AMEN.

THANKS BE TO YOU

Congregation:

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

We thank you, generous God,

FOR THE REFRESHMENT WE HAVE RECEIVED AT YOUR BANQUET TABLE. SEND US NOW TO SPREAD YOUR GENEROSITY INTO ALL THE WORLD, THROUGH THE ONE WHO IS OUR DEAREST TREASURE, JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND LORD.

AMEN.

BENEDICTION

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever.

AMEN.



CLOSING HYMN

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

THANKS BE TO GOD.



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