

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

Blessed by the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

AMEN.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*(kneel if able)*

God, our provider,

HELP US. IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THERE IS ENOUGH TO SHARE. WE QUESTION YOUR WAYS WHEN THEY DIFFER FROM THE WAYS OF THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE. WE TURN TO OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING RATHER THAN TRUSTING IN YOU. WE TAKE OFFENSE AT YOUR TEACHINGS AND YOUR WAYS. TURN US AGAIN TO YOU. WHERE ELSE CAN WE TURN? SHARE WITH US THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE AND FEED US FOR LIFE IN THE WORLD.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

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. ———

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. The first staff is for the Assistant, and the second and third staves are for the Congregation (REFRAIN). The lyrics are: "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.

The Assistant's part is on the first staff, and the Congregation's part is on the second staff. Both are in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The Assistant's lyrics are "Help, save and de - fend us, ——— O God." and the Congregation's lyrics are "A - - - men.".

# NOW THE FEAST

*Congregation:*



(REFRAIN) Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,



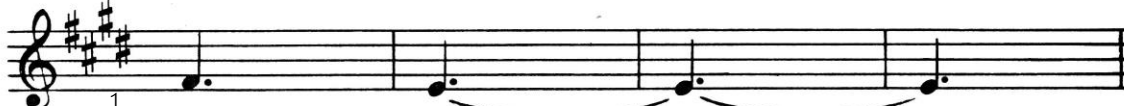
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy



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 *(REFRAIN)* has freed and u -

nit - ed us to be one great

peo - ple of God.

(REFRAIN)  
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.

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*)

Presider

*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

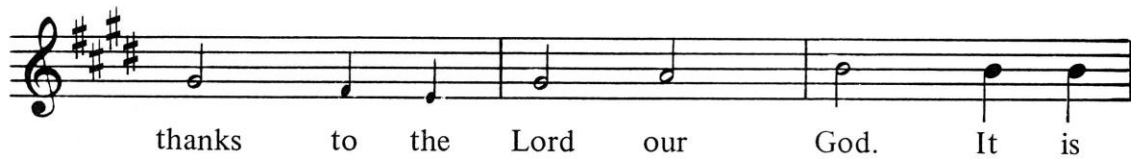
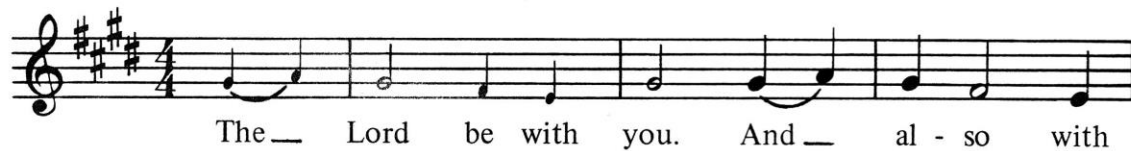
may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre-a-tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,

YOU HAVE SET THIS TABLE WITH YOUR VERY SELF, AND CALLED US TO THE FEAST OF PLENTY. GATHER WHAT HAS BEEN SOWN AMONG US, AND STRENGTHEN US IN THIS MEAL. MAKE US TO BE WHAT WE RECEIVE HERE, YOUR BODY FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD. AMEN.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



## 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*

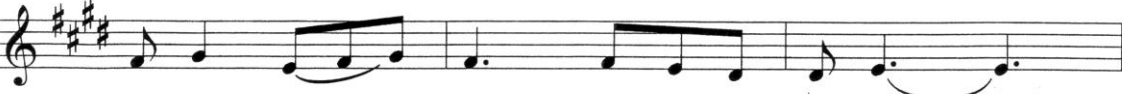


A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A -

*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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

## 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.  
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

Jesus, Bread of life,

WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM YOUR TABLE MORE THAN WE COULD EVER ASK. AS YOU HAVE NOURISHED US IN THIS MEAL, NOW STRENGTHEN US TO LOVE THE WORLD WITH YOUR OWN LIFE. IN YOUR NAME WE PRAY.

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. You are the body of Christ.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

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