

epiphany



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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

HOLY COMMUNION SETTING THREE

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **AMEN.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin. *(kneel if able)*

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

YOU SPEAK BLESSING AND COMPASSION INTO THE WORLD. FORGIVE US FOR THE WAYS WE ACT WITH JUDGEMENT, CRUELTY, OR INDIFFERENCE. WE IGNORE THE NEEDS OF OUR NEIGHBORS; WE RESIST YOUR CALL TO OPPOSE INJUSTICE; WE GIVE INTO SCARCITY AND FEAR; WE ASSUME THE WORST ABOUT ONE ANOTHER. CLEANSE US FROM OUR FAULTS AND RELEASE US FROM THEIR GRASP. SHOW US YOUR LOVING KINDNESS. RESTORE OUR HEARTS AND REPAIR YOUR WORLD, THAT WE MAY LIVE IN CHRIST'S WAYS. AMEN.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In †Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **AMEN.** *(stand)*

ENTRANCE HYMN

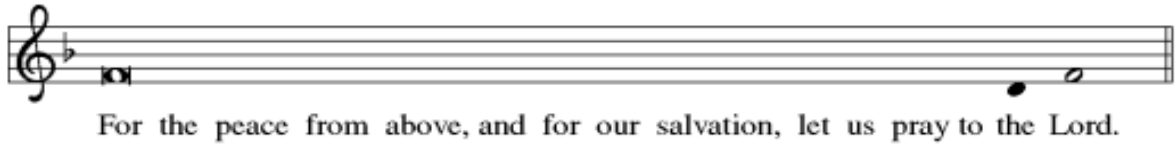
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

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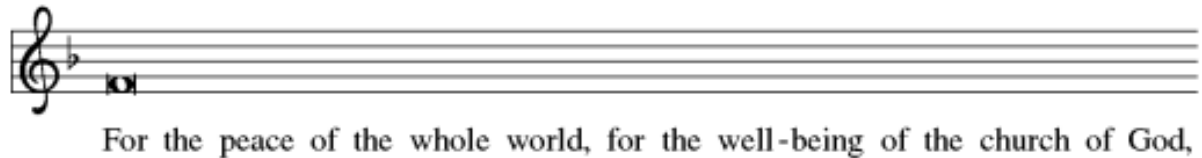
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



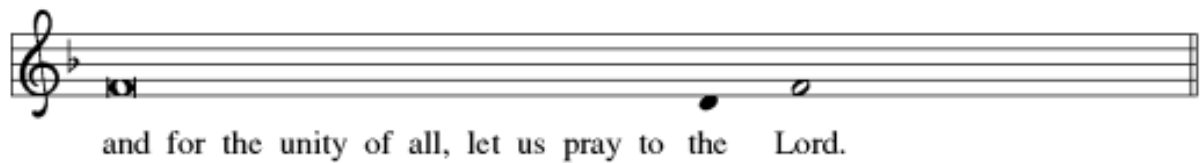
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



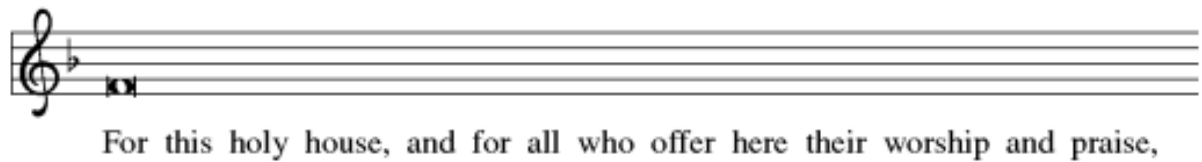
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrate

(sit)

FIRST READING

Celebrate

SECOND READING

Celebrate

(stand)

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL *(sit)*

Celebrate

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

APOSTLE'S 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 (*stand*)

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS Hymn #884 – The Doxology

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace,

YOUR LOVE REACHES TO THE HEAVENS, AND YOUR ABUNDANCE TO THE DEPTHS OF
THE SEAS. BLESS WHAT WE OFFER TO YOUR SERVICE: OUR GIFTS, OUR ABILITIES, AND
OUR HEARTS. LET US OVERFLOW WITH GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY, NOW AND
ALWAYS. AMEN.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

PREFACE

It is indeed right...

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CHRIST HAS DIED! CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN!

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

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

THANKS BE TO GOD!



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.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*stand*)

Nourishing God,

AT THIS TABLE YOU HAVE REFRESHED US WITH HOLY GIFTS OF FOOD AND DRINK. STRENGTHEN US FOR SERVICE, AND SEND US OUT TO EMBODY YOUR GOOD NEWS OF LIBERATION AND HEALING FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD. IN THE NAME OF CHRIST WE PRAY, AMEN.

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

THANKS BE TO GOD.



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