

epiphany



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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP HOLY COMMUNION ELW, SETTING THREE

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **AMEN.**

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely. (*kneel if able*)

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

YOU CALL US TO LIFE IN COMMUNITY, BUT WE HAVE SERVED OUR OWN INTERESTS AT THE EXPENSE OF OUR NEIGHBORS. WE HAVE SOWN DECEIT WHERE HONESTY WAS NEEDED. WE SAY THE RIGHT WORDS, BUT OUR HEARTS ARE FAR FROM YOU. TURN US TO SEEK YOUR FACE. KNIT US TOGETHER AND GIVE US THE MIND OF CHRIST, THAT WE MAY DO JUSTICE, LOVE MERCY, AND WALK HUMBLY WITH YOU, OUR GOD. **AMEN.**

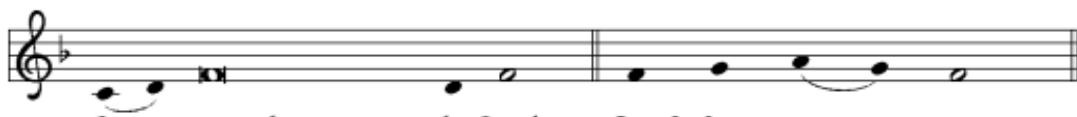
The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in  Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **AMEN.** (*stand*)

ENTRANCE HYMN

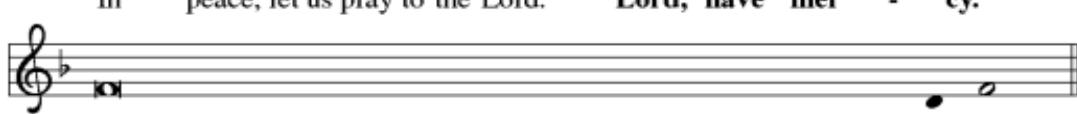
GREETING

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.**

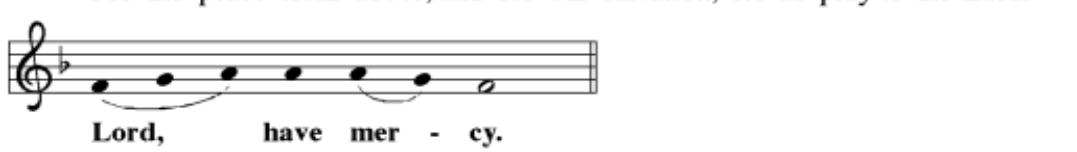
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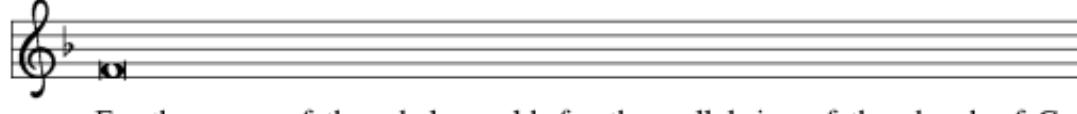
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord**, have mer - cy.



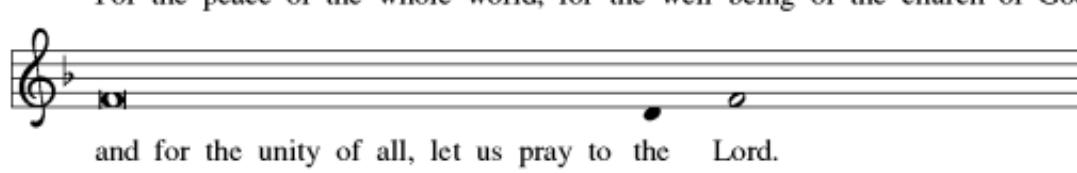
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



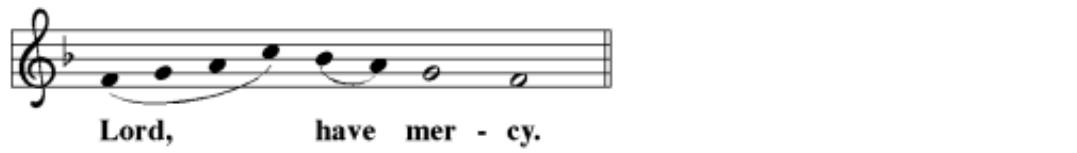
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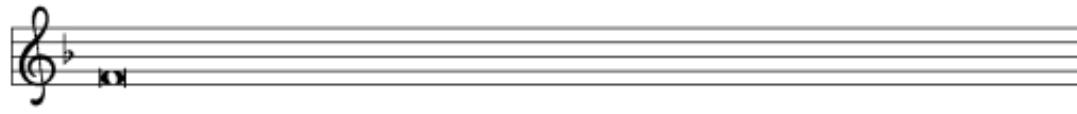
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



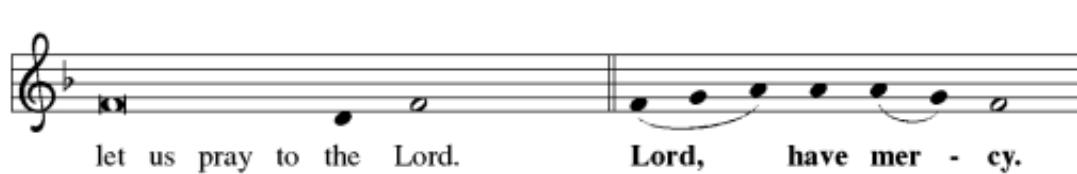
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



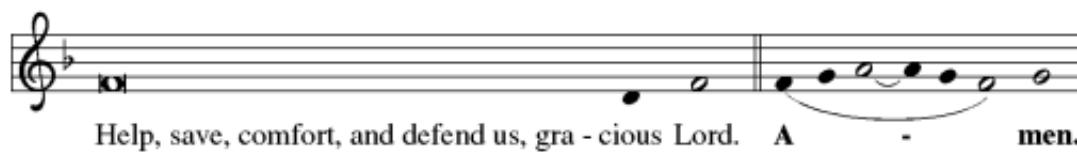
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 people on earth.

All



Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,



we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.



Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;



you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.



For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,



you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,



in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(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 majesty,

NO EYE HAS SEEN, NO EAR HAS HEARD WHAT YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE YOU, YET IN THIS MEAL YOU REVEAL THE WIDENESS OF YOUR MERCY. USE WHAT WE HAVE GATHERED TO FEED US WITH THE REIGN OF GOD COME NEAR, JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND LORD. 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

In the night in which he was betrayed...

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

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Come to the table; taste and see.

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)

Radiant God,

WE HAVE SEEN YOUR GLORY IN THE FACE OF JESUS CHRIST. IN THE SACREMENT OF HIS BODY AND BLOOD YOU HAVE DRAWN US TO YOUR HEART. SEND US FROM THIS TABLE WITH DELIGHT, THAT OUR LIVES MAY REFLECT THE BEAUTY OF YOUR LOVE, AND BEAR WITNESS TO ALL WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND LORD. AMEN.

BLESSING

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise  bless you now and forever. **AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do Justice. Love Mercy.

THANKS BE TO GOD.