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11:00 AM - November 15, 2026, Christ the King Sunday
Traditional Worship Service

Holy Communion Setting 5

INTRODUCTION

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Voluntary in D Major* **George Bert**
Larghetto - Fugue

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS **ELW p. 94**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
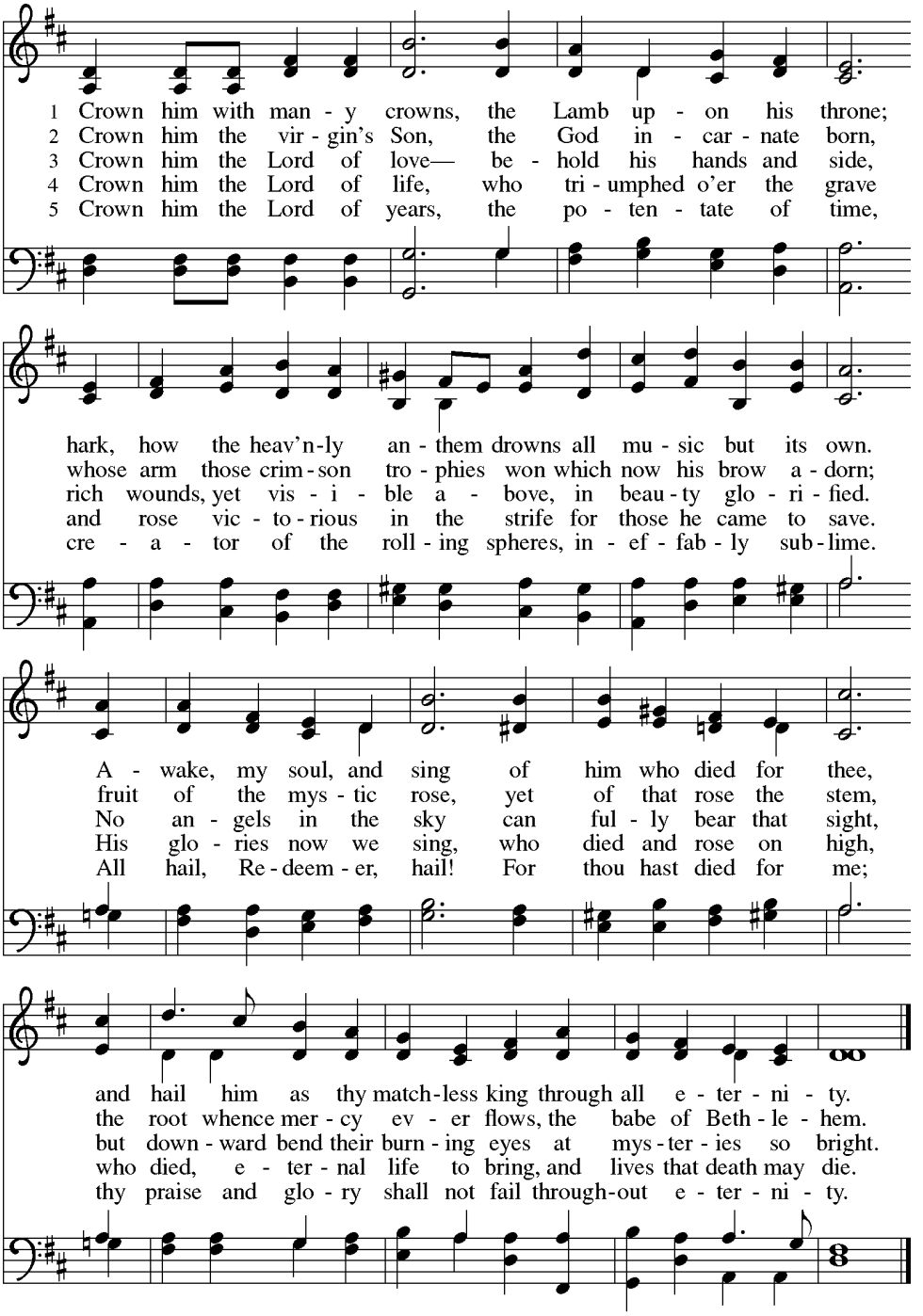
God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

HYMN 855 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* **DIADEMATA**

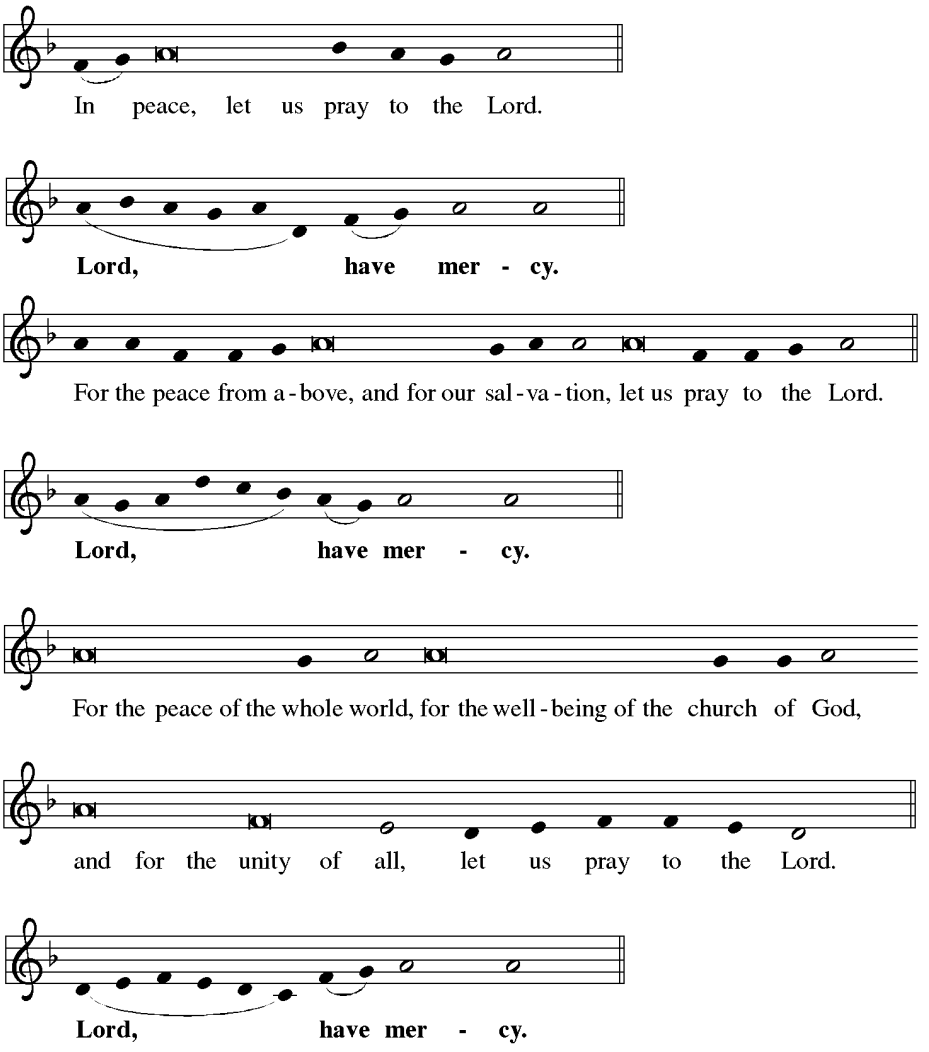


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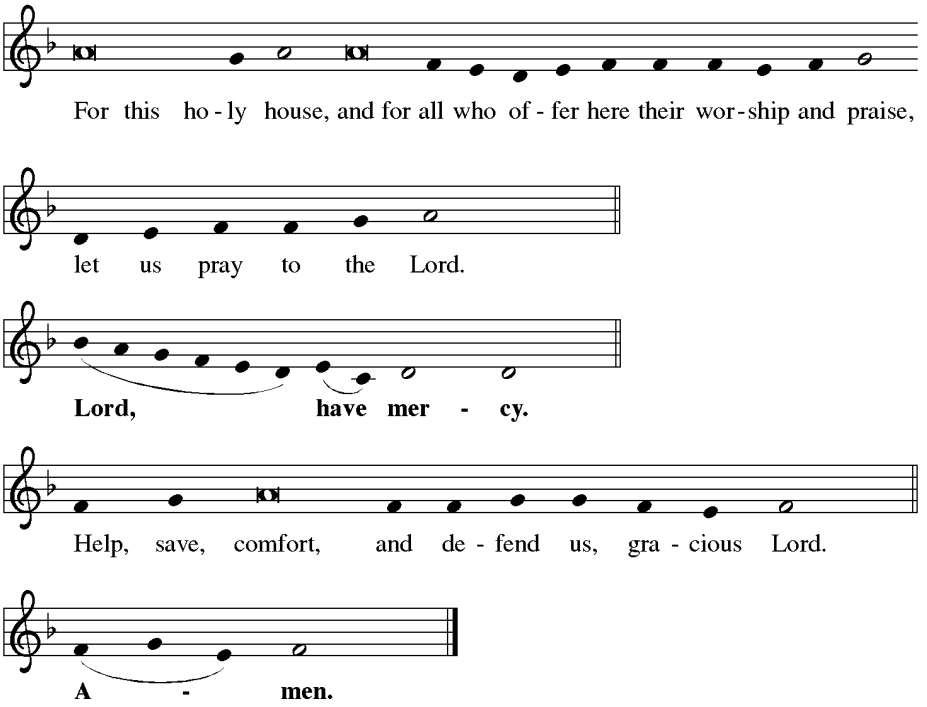
GREETING **ELW p. 156**

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.

KYRIE **ELW p. 156**

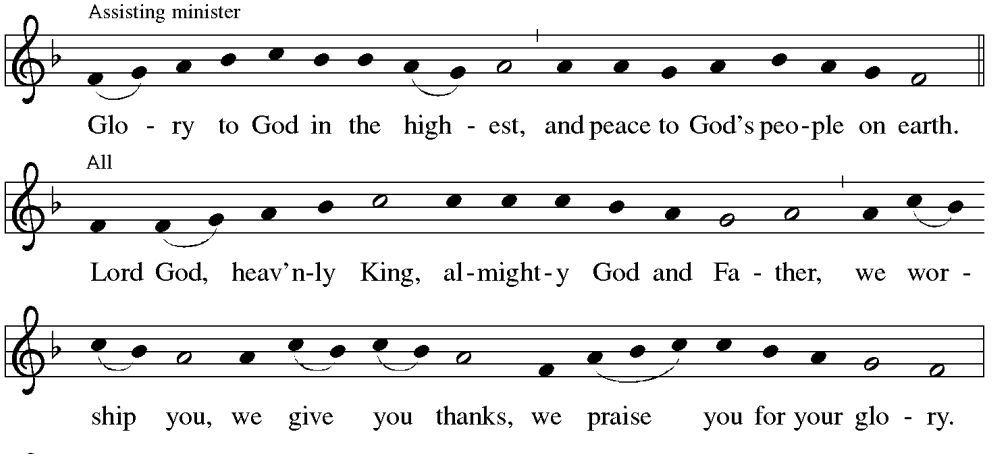


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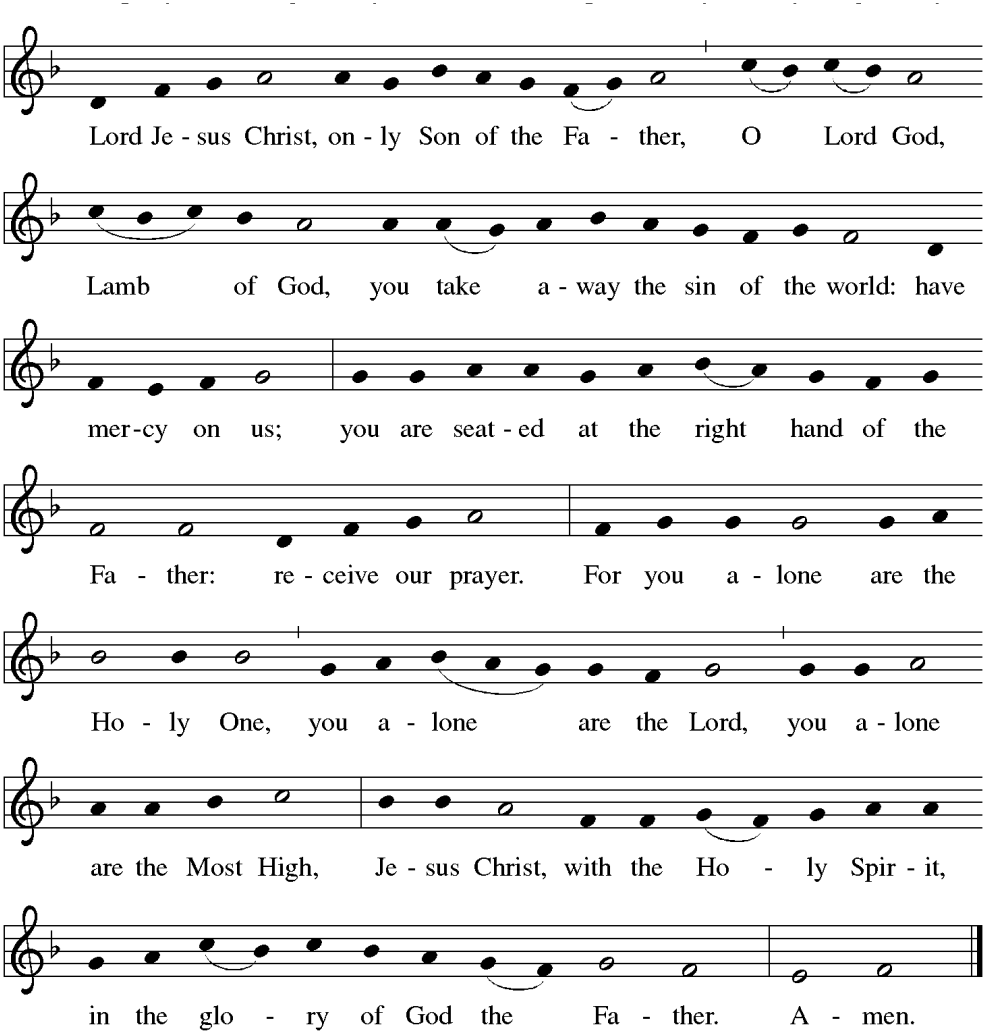


CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY **ELW p. 159**

Let us pray.

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

A reading from Ezekiel.

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

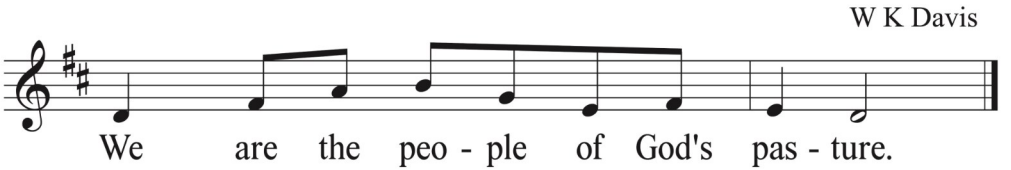
[11] Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. [12] As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. [13] I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. [14] I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. [15] I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. [16] I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

[20] Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. [21] Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, [22] I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

[23] I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95:1-7a



1 Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms. **R**
3 For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
4 In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours. **R**
5 The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
6 Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord our maker. **R**
7a For the Lord is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. **R**

SECOND READING **Ephesians 1:15-23**

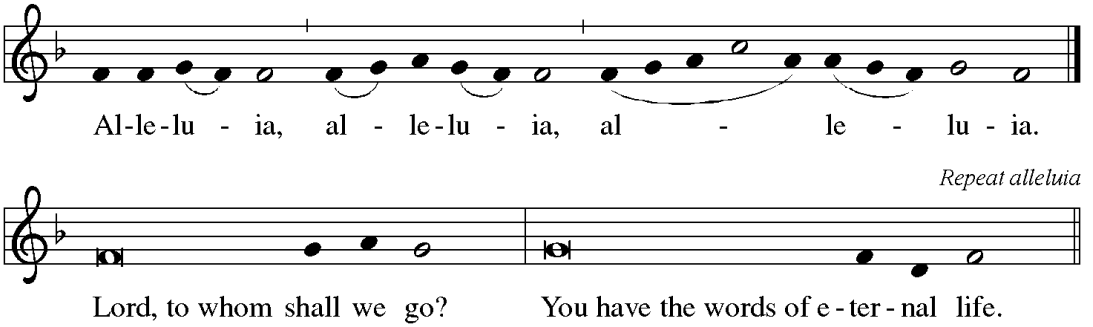
A reading from Ephesians.

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this
reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God
of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as
you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive
what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance
among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe,
according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he
raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all
rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in
this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him
the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in
all.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **ELW p. 160**



GOSPEL **Matthew 25:31-46**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.
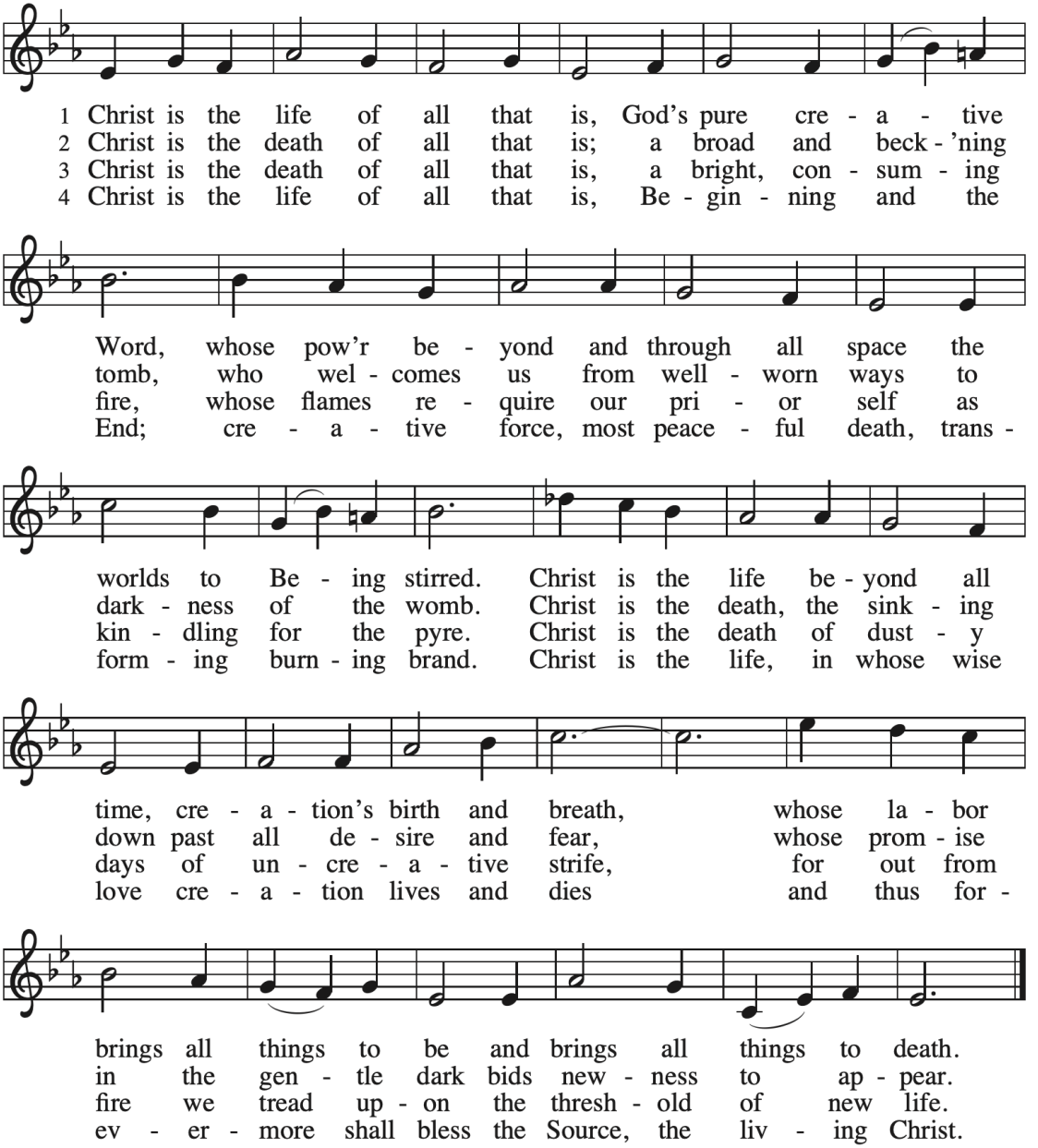
Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON **Pastor Pat Riddle**

HYMN ACS 927 *Christ Is the Life* **COE FEN**



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APOSTLES' CREED **ELW p. 160**

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

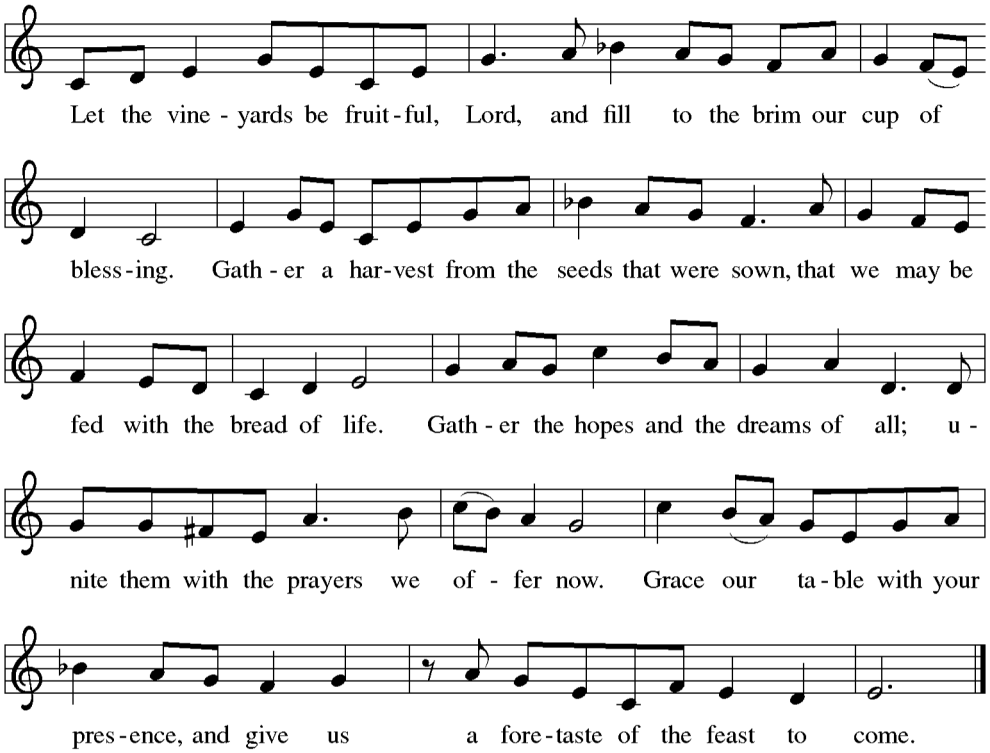
God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *He is Lord of All* **Benjamin Harlan**

OFFERTORY HYMN 182 *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful* **Richard W. Hillert**



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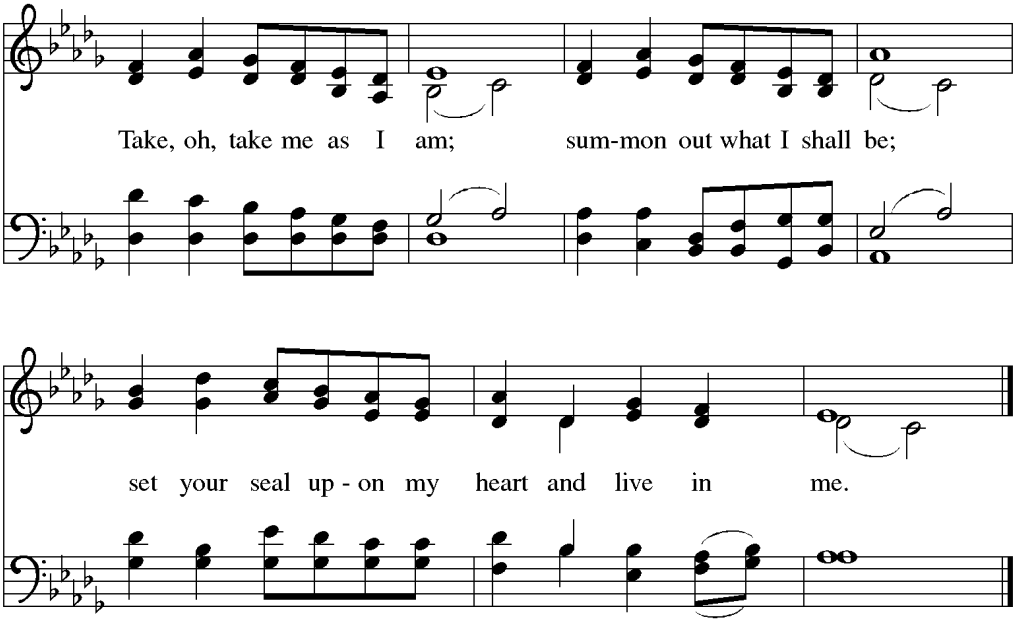
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 814 *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am* **TAKE ME AS I AM**



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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE **ELW p. 162**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

HYMN 814 *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am* **TAKE ME AS I AM**

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

HYMN 814 *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am* **TAKE ME AS I AM**

LORD'S PRAYER **ELW p. 163**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

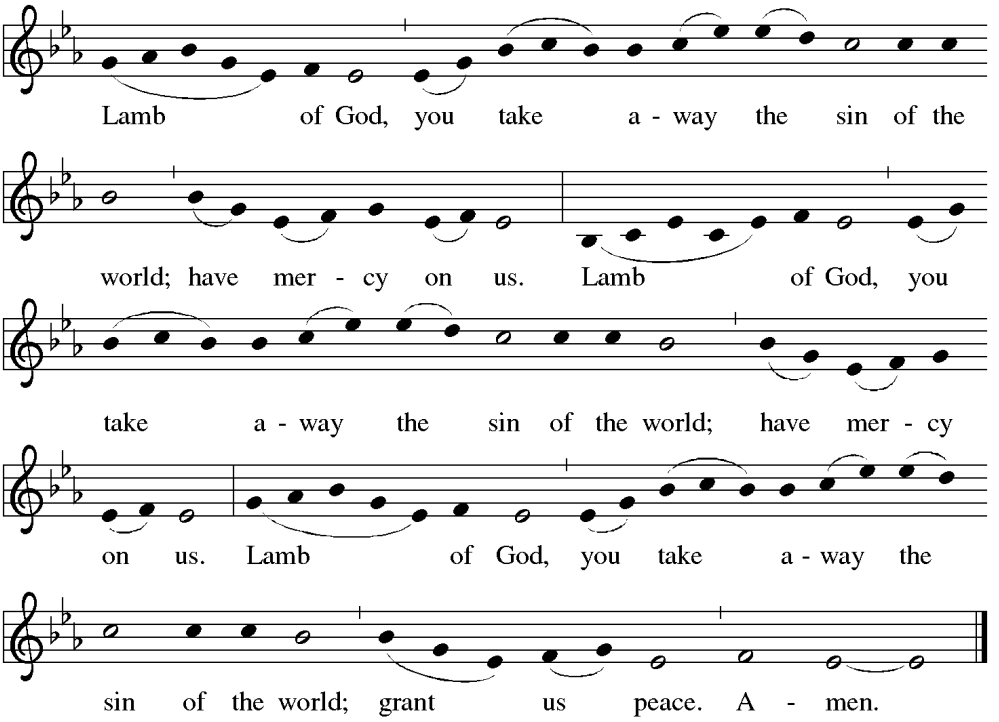
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.
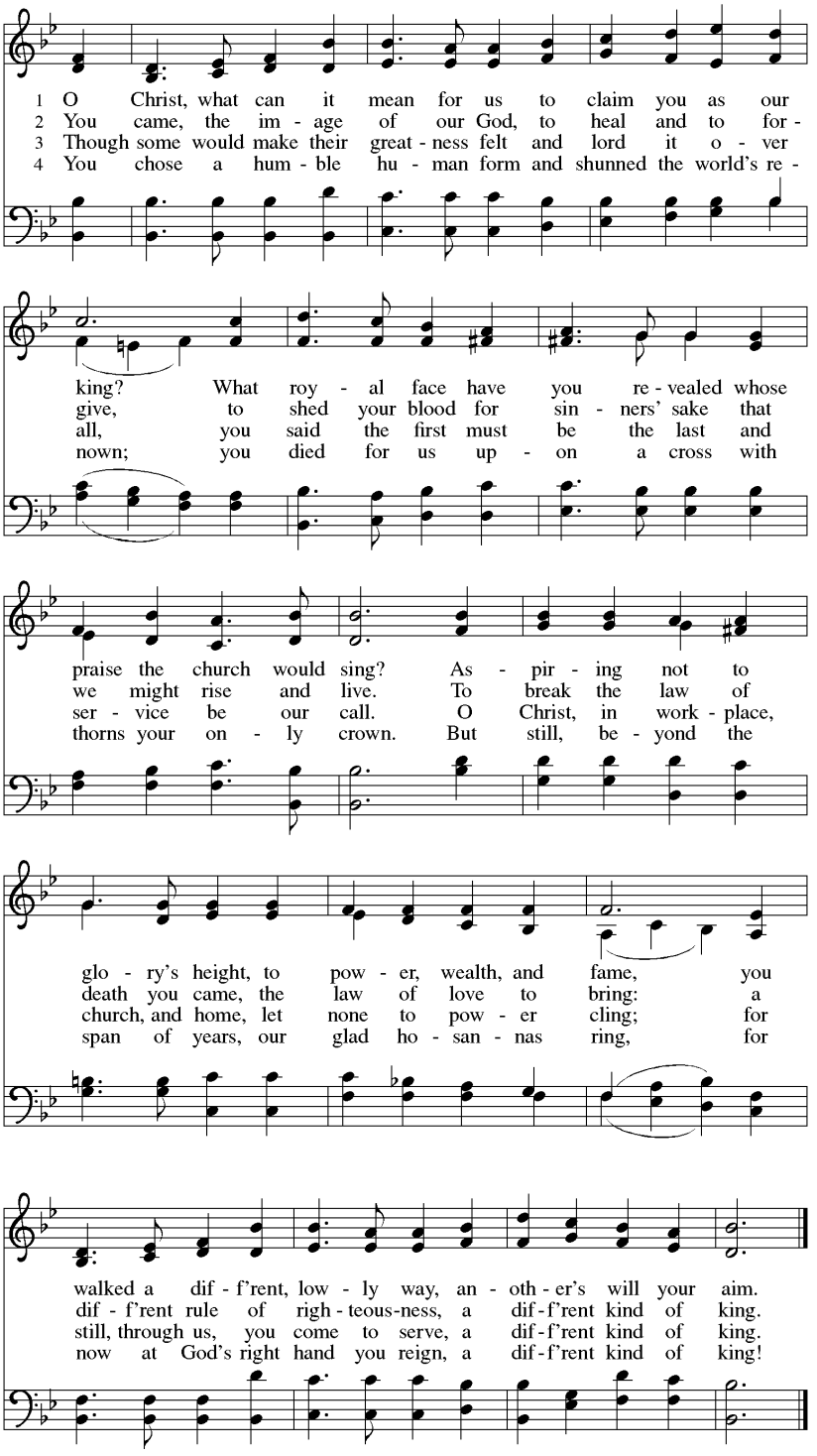
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI **ELW p. 164**
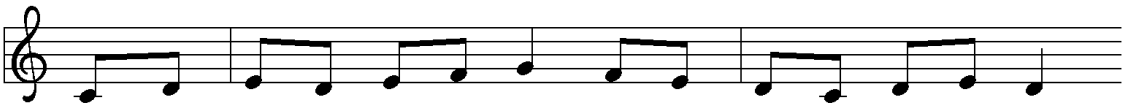


HYMN 431 *O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us* **ALL SAINTS NEW**
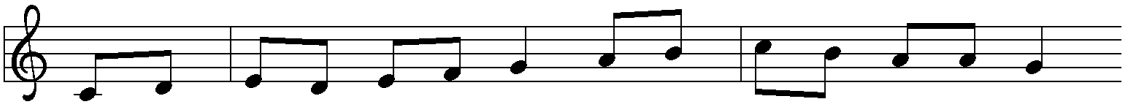


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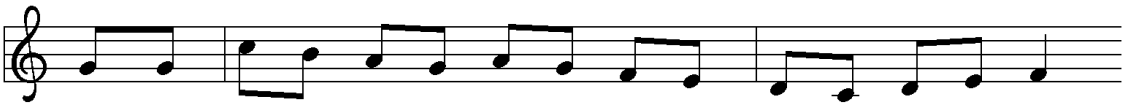
HYMN 826 *Thine the Amen* **THINE**
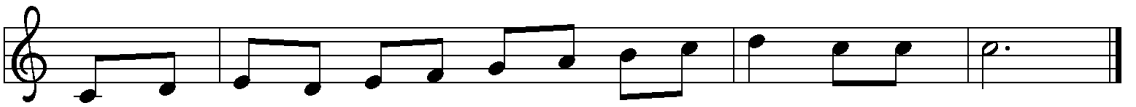


1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION **ELW p. 164**

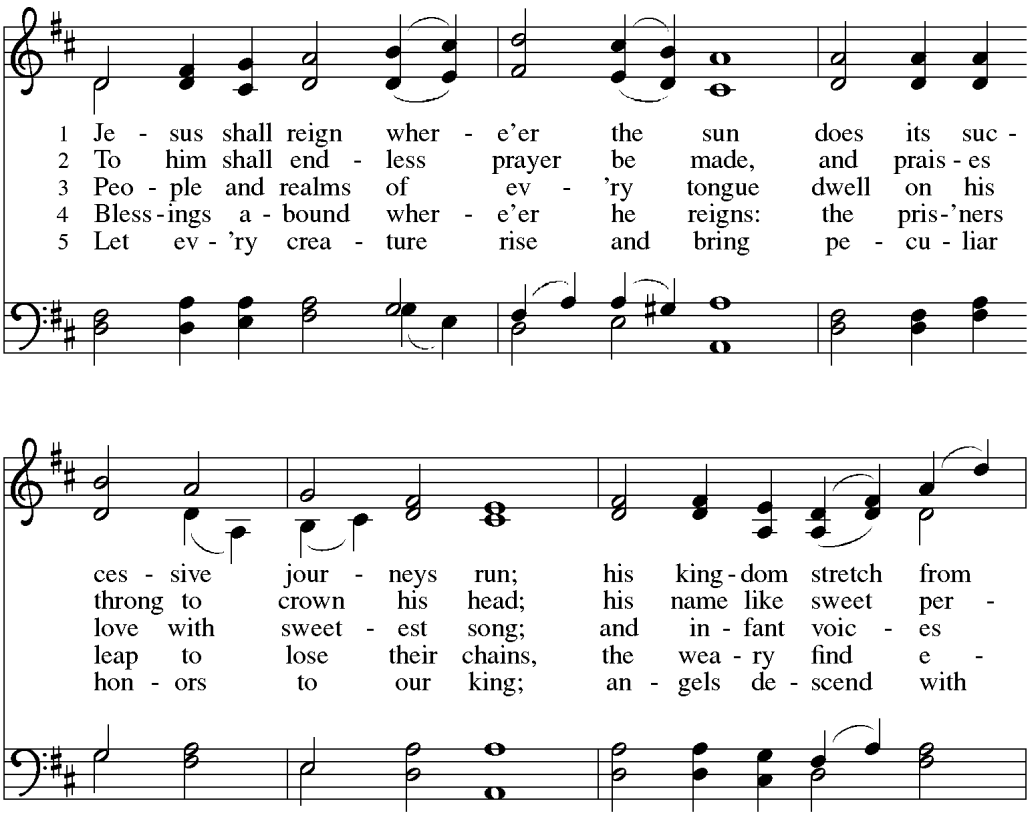
Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**
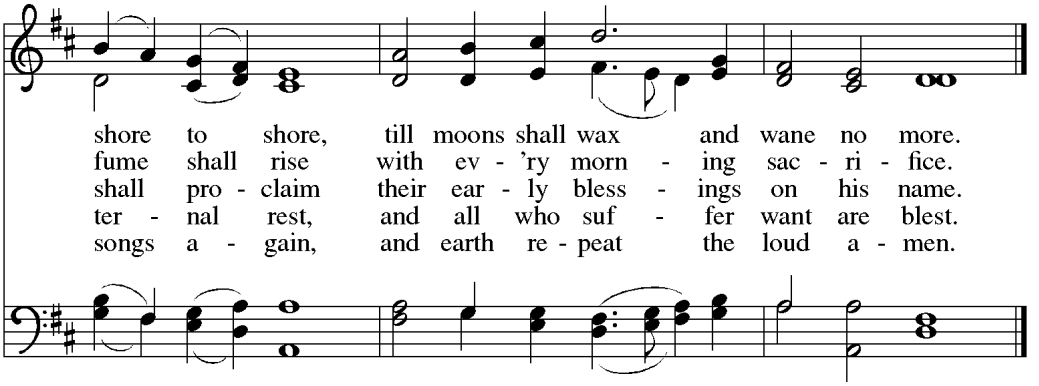
BLESSING **ELW p. 164**

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN 434 *Jesus Shall Reign* **DUKE STREET**



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Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

DISMISSAL **ELW p. 164**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* **David N. Johnson**

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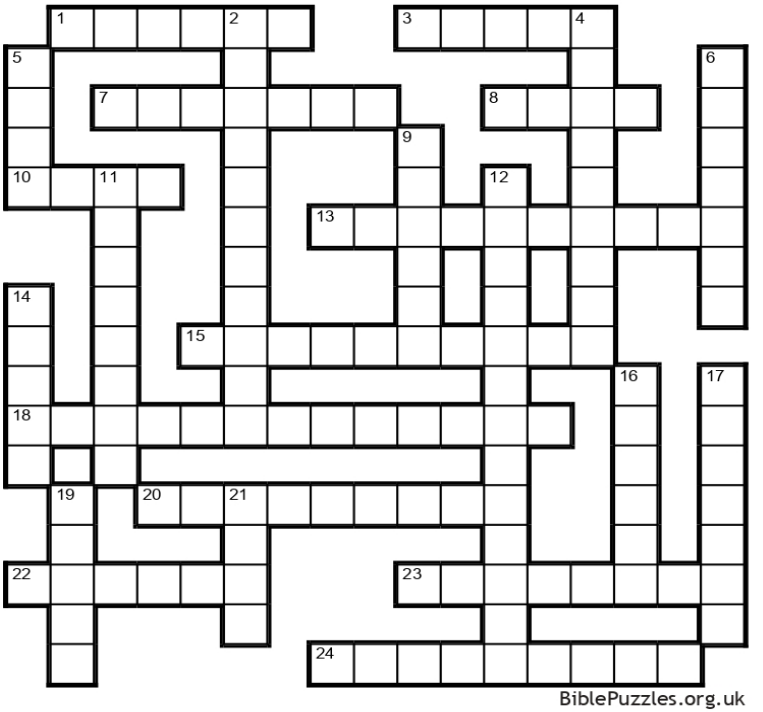


The altar flowers are given to the Amazing Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Ellen (Mickey) Geiger's 89th birthday today, November 15th, by John, Carol and Bruce, Michael and Shawna, and Scott and Victoria.
Rest in Peace and know we love you very much.

The Bulletin Covers are given in loving memory of
Mary Ellen (Mickey) Geiger on her 89th birthday, today, by her great-grandchildren: Lucas, Ashlynn, Caroline and Carson.



The Sermon on the Mount



Across

1 Not to be put under a bushel. (6)

3 Let yours shine before men! (5)

7 Moth and rust will do this to your earthly store. (7)

8 If you do this, you will find. (4)

10 These should not be done in view of men. (4)

13 The eight sayings by Christ at the beginning of his sermon. (10)

15 They sound trumpets in the streets when they are being charitable. (10)

18 The peacemakers will be called this. (8,2,3)

20 They were with Jesus when he gave the sermon. (9)

22 You can't serve God and this. (6)

23 Fellow believers. (8)

24 The earth is this to God. (9)

Down

2 Jesus gave this as example of how to commuicate with God. (5,6)

4 Don't lay these upon the earth. (9)

5 Whoever says this to his brother shall be in danger of the council. (4)

6 Those who are given happiness and good fortune. (7)

9 When engaging in this, you should enter into your closet and shut the door. (6)

11 Where the sermon was given. (8)

12 You should search for this first, before worrying about food and clothing. (13)

14 What you should do to your eye if it offends. (5)

16 They which do this shall be filled. (6)

17 The hypocrites disfigured their faces while doing this. (7)

19 If you are forced to go a mile with someone, this is how far you should go. (5)

21 The foolish man built his house on this. (4)

Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

Lord Teach Us To Pray:

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Blake White, Paul Dufries, Roxanne Rich, Emma Chandler, Grayson Elledge, Jenny Osterhaus, Clay Crawford, Peter Crawford, Emily Richardson, Barbara Popkowski, Georgia Popkowski, Caroline Osterhaus, Frazier Redmond, Jimmy Williams.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Linda Price, James Campbell, Jeanie Jacobs, Rue Jeffcoat, Kim Pittman, Mary Davis, Michael Gayden, Dora Miller, Annie Ruth Addy, Bruce Busbee, Ruth Goldsmith, Fred Vallejo, Amy Oliver, Liliana Stork

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Michael Bradshaw, Hoa O'Kelley, Sally Kleber, Paul Jacobs, Rachel Bundrick, Karen Holton, Sandra Baker, Paul & Carolyn Dufries, John Conrad, Bruce Merchant, Judy Jordan, Alice Pollock, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Paul Addy, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

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