



*Evangelical Lutheran  
Church of the Holy Trinity*

*Maundy Thursday*

*April 2, 2026*

*7:00 p.m.*

*Please remember to turn off your cell phone. Thank you.*

Assembly responses are in **bold type**.

**SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DAY:** This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight, we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

*Prelude*                      Praeludium in A major, BWV 536                      Johann Sebastian Bach

*Gathering*                      *The assembly stands as the ministers enter.*

Gathering Hymn

O Lord, We Praise You



1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, in thanks -  
2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en, life to  
3 Lord God, be - stow on us your grace and fa - vor, that we



giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your  
win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
fol - low Christ our Sav - ior and live to -



bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that  
love than this to you could bind us; may this feast of  
geth - er here in love and u - nion, nor re - pent this



they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 that re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest com - mu - nion. O Lord, have mer - cy!



May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our  
 Lord, your kind - ness so much did move you that your  
 Let not your good Spir - it for - sake us; by this



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead  
 blood now moves us to love you. All our debt you have paid;  
 ho - ly ban - quet re - make us. Give your church, Lord, to see



in all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 days of peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: German hymn, 15th cent., st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, sts. 2–3; tr. composite  
 Music: GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524

*The assembly remains standing as able.*

### Confession and Forgiveness

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil - all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

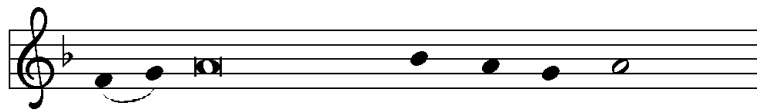
Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

*The assembly kneels, as able, or sits. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

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.**

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



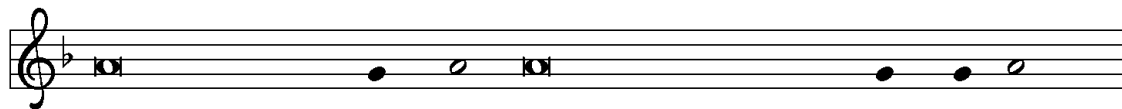
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, 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 ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

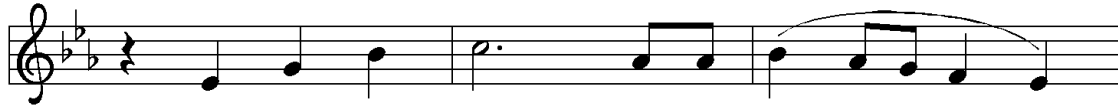
Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

*The assembly stands.*

Glory to God



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated. The congregation may come forward for the laying on of hands and individual absolution.*

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

**Amen.**

*The assembly stands as the presiding minister returns to the chancel.*

Peace

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

*The assembly greets one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying "Peace be with you; and also with you."*

*The assembly remains standing.*

Apostolic 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.**

Let us pray.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

Word

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 *Psalm will be sung responsively by verse.*

I will lift the cup of sal - va - tion and  
call on the name of the LORD.

1 I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,

**2 for the LORD has given | ear to me  
whenev- | er I called.**

12 How shall I re- | pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has | done for me?

**13 I will lift the cup | of salvation  
and call on the name | of the LORD.**

14 I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people.

**15 Precious in your | sight, O LORD,  
is the death | of your servants.**

16 O LORD, truly I | am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me | from my bonds.

**17 I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

18 I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people,

**19 in the courts of | the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem. R**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

Gospel Acclamation

*Assembly sings acclamation; choir sings verse, assembly repeats  
acclamation.*

Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

**I give you a new commandment,  
that you love one another just as I have loved you.**

Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

*The gospel is announced.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:*

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

*The assembly is seated.*

Sermon

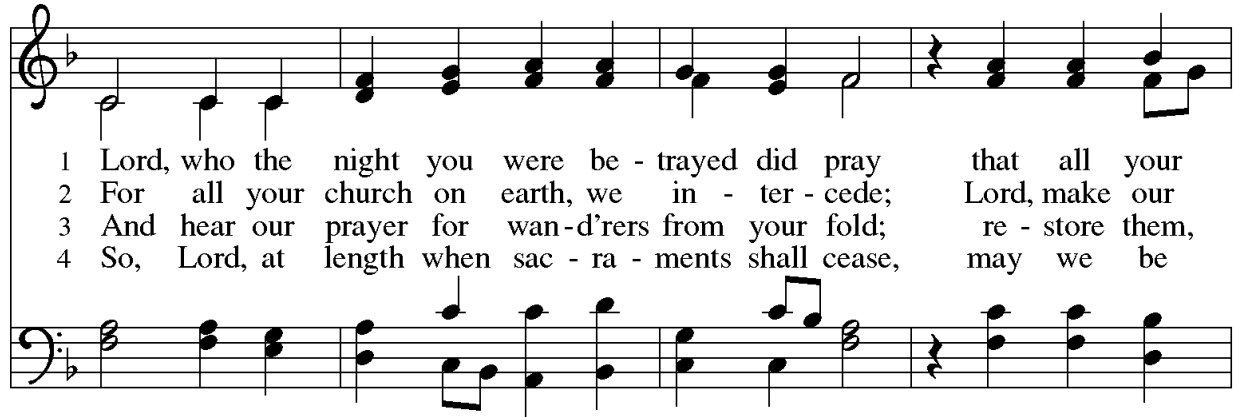
Pastor Brenda Martin

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*



Hymn

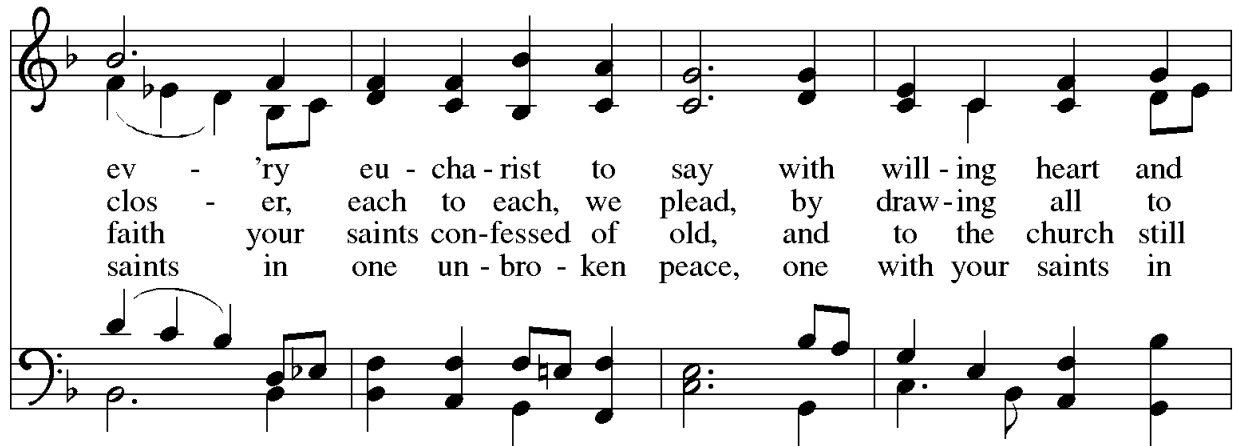
Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed



1 Lord, who the night you were be - trayed did pray that all your  
2 For all your church on earth, we in - ter - cede; Lord, make our  
3 And hear our prayer for wan-d'rers from your fold; re - store them,  
4 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease, may we be



church might be for - ev - er one: help us at  
sad di - vi - sions soon to cease; draw us all  
too, Good Shep - herd of the sheep, back to the  
one with all your church a - bove— one with your



ev - 'ry eu - cha - rist to say with will - ing heart and  
clos - er, each to each, we plead, by draw - ing all to  
faith your saints con - fessed of old, and to the church still  
saints in one un - bro - ken peace, one with your saints in

soul, "Your will be done." Oh, may we all one bread, one  
 you, O Prince of peace; thus may we all one bread, one  
 pledged that faith to keep. Soon may we all one bread, one  
 one un - bound - ed love; more bless - ed still, in peace and

bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
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 bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 love to be one with the Trin - i - ty in u - ni - ty.

Text: William H. Turton, 1856–1938, alt.  
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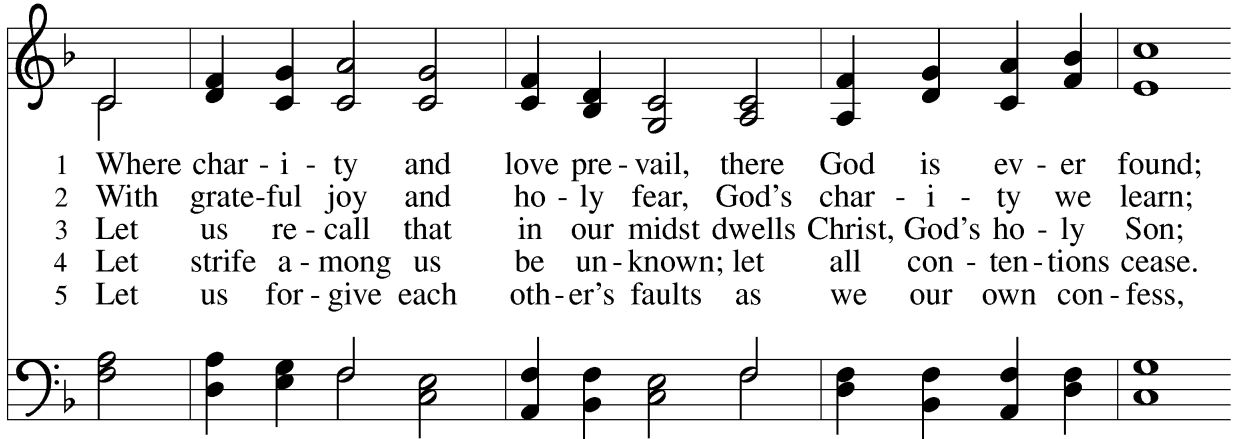
*The assembly is seated.*

### *Footwashing*

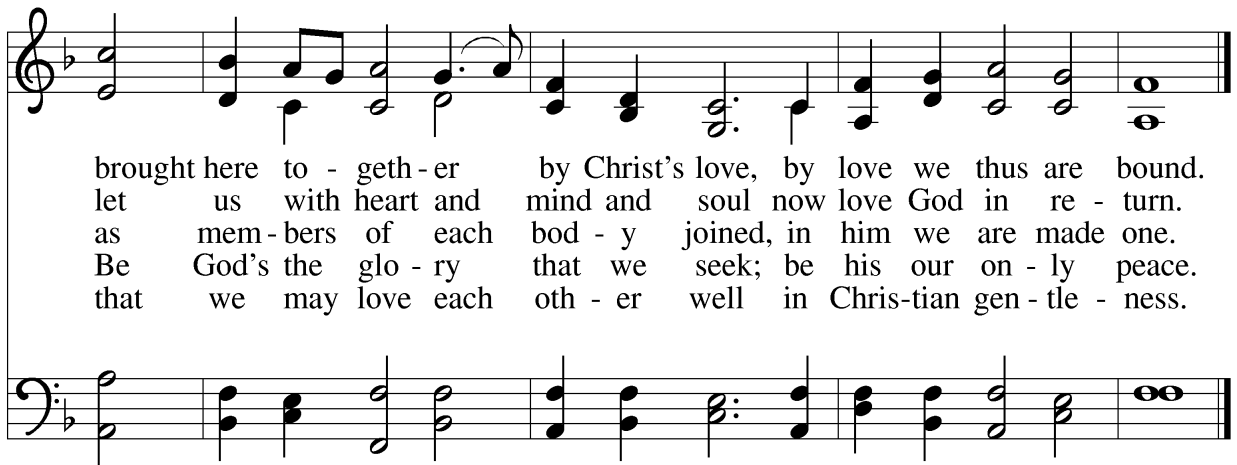
On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

*Those participating in the Footwashing in the chancel come forward to their seats.*

## Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.  
Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842  
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### Prayers of Intercession

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation, responding, Merciful God, receive our prayer.

*A brief silence.*

You make a new covenant with your people. Gather your church around word and table in love and promise as these three holy days enfold us. Open us to behold the mystery of our salvation. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You give us our daily bread, fruit of the earth and work of human hands. Bless those who labor and tend to their crops and those who prepare our meals. Strengthen us to advocate for food justice and a fair distribution of resources. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You, our Savior and Teacher, stoop down to us in servant love. Inspire national and local leaders with a renewed sense of public service. Increase in them a humility to serve with equity and fairness. Teach us to pray for our enemies. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You incline your ear to us in every need. Befriend all who are lonely. Comfort those who grieve. Soothe any who are anxious. Console all who are distressed. Graciously tend to the hurts of your children who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You inspire your people to praise in word, song, and art. We give thanks for artists whose gifts enrich the church's worship. Kindle in us appreciation for all who beautify our worship space throughout the changing seasons. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Precious in your sight is the death of your faithful ones. We remember and give thanks for the those who have died, especially Pastor Roth, Shirley, Marilyn and Mary Jo. With them, we trust your promise to love your own until the end. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Are there others for whom we should pray?

**P:** We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

Meal

Offertory Anthem

Esto les digo

Kinsley Lang

"Esto les digo, si dos de ustedes se ponen,  
de acuerdo aquí en la tierra para pedir algo en oración,  
mi padre que está en el cielo se lo dará.  
Porque donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre,  
allí estoy yo en medio de ellos."

*"This I tell you, where two of you agree  
about anything on earth they ask for in prayer,  
it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.  
For where two or three are gathered in my name,  
there I am among them."*

-- Matthew 18:19-20

Offering Verse

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy

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 in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
 Your mercy is everlasting  
 and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
 Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
 Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



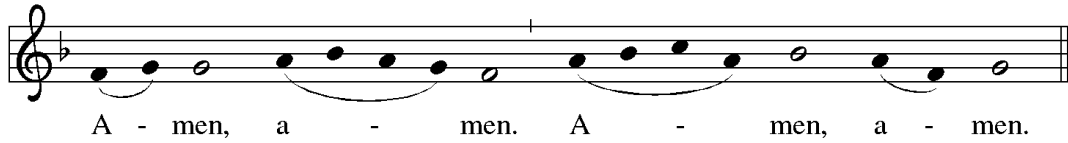
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

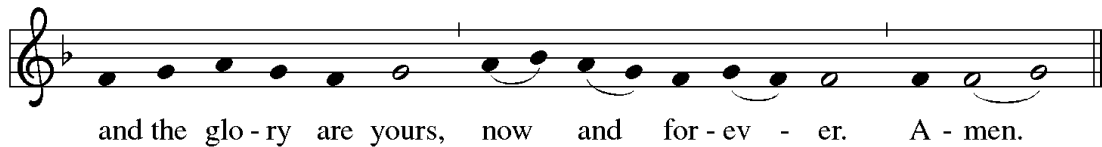
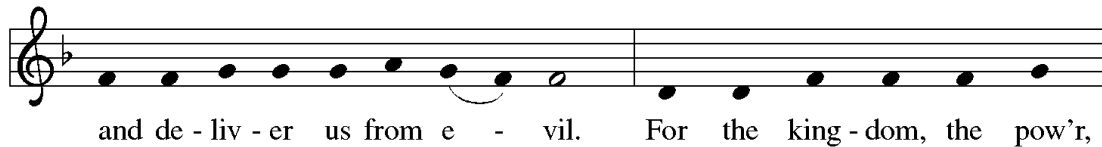
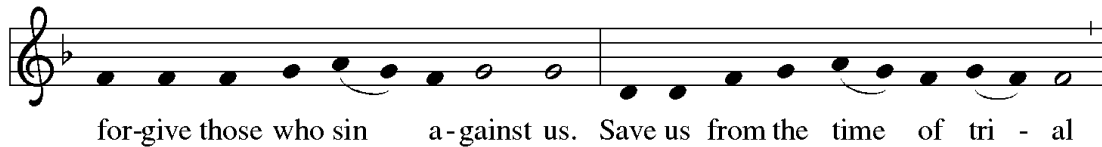
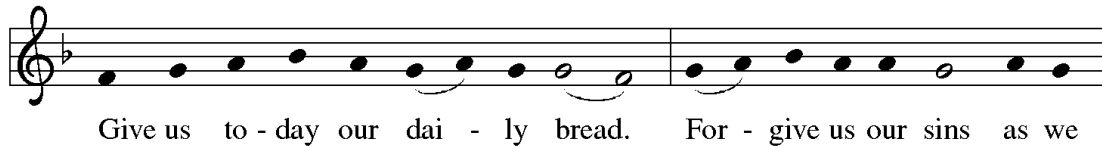
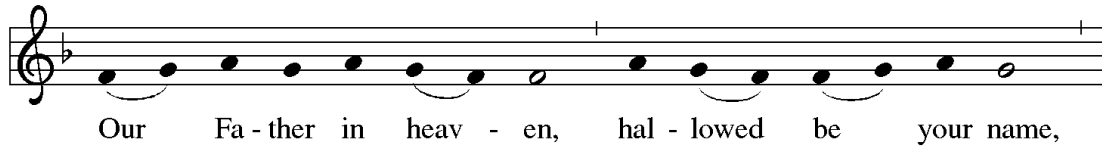
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.



### Lord's Prayer



## Breaking of Bread

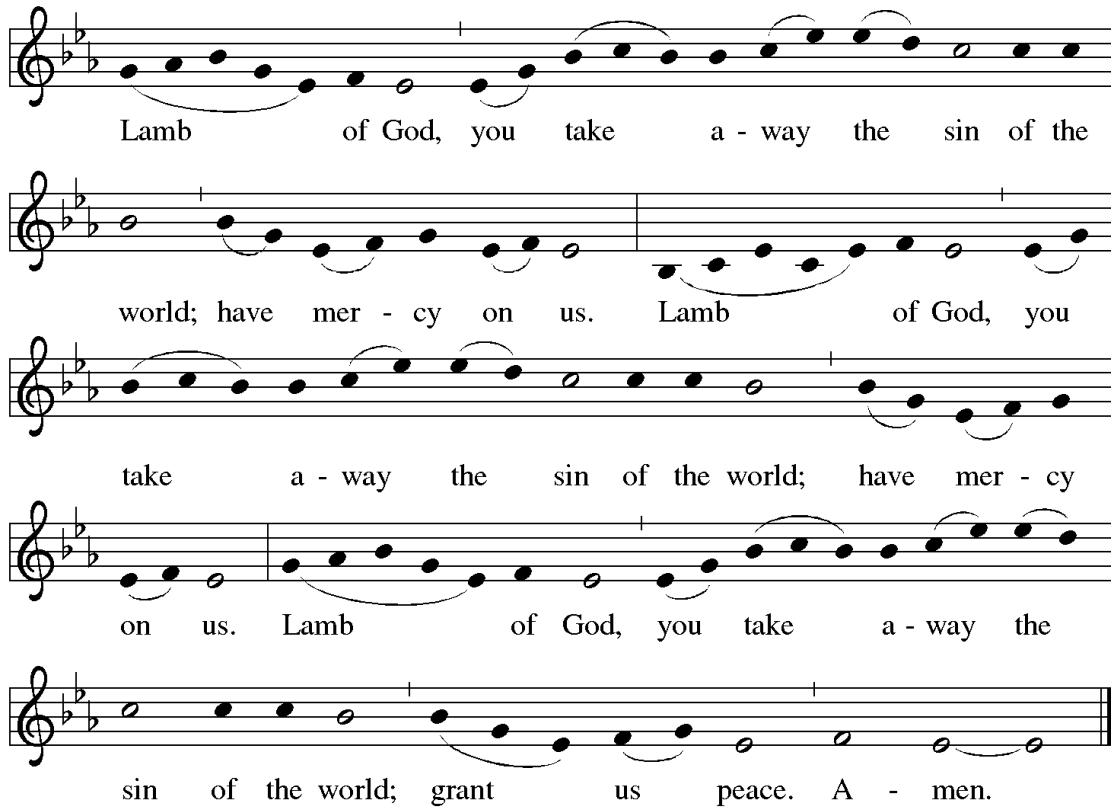
When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

*The assembly is seated.*

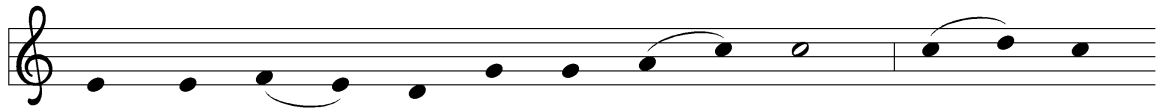
## Lamb of God



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. A - men.

Communion Hymn

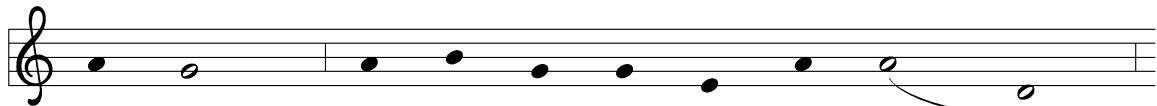
Sing, My Tongue



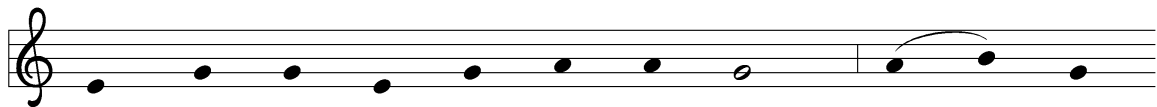
1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; tell the  
 2 God in mer - cy saw us fal - len, sunk in  
 3 Tell how, when at length the full - ness of the ap -  
 4 Thir - ty years a - mong us dwell - ing, Je - sus  
 5 Bend your boughs, O tree of glo - ry, your re -



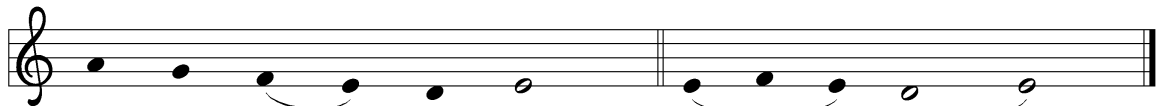
tri - umph far and wide; tell a - loud the won - drous  
 shame and mis - er - y, felled to death in E - den's  
 point - ed time was come, Christ, the Word, was born of  
 went from Naz - a - reth, des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed,  
 lax - ing sin - ews bend; for a while the an - cient



sto - ry of the cross, the Cru - ci - fied;  
 gar - den, where in pride we claimed the tree;  
 wom - an, left for us the heav - 'nly home,  
 will - ing, did his work, and met his death;  
 rig - or that your birth be - stowed, sus - pend;



tell how Christ, the world's re - deem - er, van - quished  
 then an - oth - er tree was chos - en, which the  
 blazed the path of true o - be - dience, shone as  
 like a lamb he humb - ly yield - ed on the  
 and the Lord of heav'n - ly beau - ty gent - ly



death the day he died.  
 world from death would free.  
 light a - midst the gloom.  
 cross his dy - ing breath.  
 on your arms ex - tend. (7) A - men.

6 Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,  
 be for all the noblest tree;  
 none in foliage, none in blossom,  
 none in fruit your equal be;  
 symbol of the world's redemption,  
 for your burden makes us free.

7 Unto God be praise and glory;  
 to the Father and the Son,  
 to the eternal Spirit honor  
 now and evermore be done;  
 praise and glory in the highest,  
 while the timeless ages run. Amen.

Text: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, 530–609; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: PANGE LINGUA, plainsong mode III, Vatican collection

Communion Hymn

Stay with Me

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and". The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "pray. Watch and pray." The music is in a minor key and features a mix of chords and melodic lines.

Text: Taizé Community  
 Music: STAY WITH ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994  
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*The assembly stands as able.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

**Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please kneel, as able, or sit, following the Post-Communion Prayer for the Stripping of the Altar.*

## *Stripping of the Altar*

*The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, candles, and books are removed from the altar while appropriate Psalm(s) are sung. We recall through this ritual the suffering and mockery of Christ.*

Psalm 22 sung by Choir

*After the ministers leave, the people may **leave the church building in silence** or remain in silence to contemplate the Passion of Our Lord. The Prayer Vigil begins after the Service. Worship continues tomorrow evening, Good Friday, at 7:00 p.m.*

## *Serving Tonight*

Presiding Minister  
Director of Music  
Liturgical Deacon  
Lector  
Acolyte  
Head Usher

Pastor Brenda Martin  
Steve Repasky  
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**The Rev. Julia Fraser**, retired chaplain, St. Paul Homes

**The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson**, retired, Thiel College