PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Disciple Making Community"
"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Maundy Thursday
April 17, 2025

Our Mission:
"Prince of Peace exists to be a disciple making community for the Lord Jesus Christ"
Our Message:
"We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"

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As We Gather: God's dietary menu for the Passover is distinct. Lamb shall be sacrificed, prepared, and consumed even as death creeps into Israel and Egypt. Israel's redemption shall be remembered. In commemoration. The disciples prepare and consume the Passover feast. Jesus' sacramental menu this night is also distinct. He offers His own body and blood in bread and wine. Even as death approaches Jesus this night, the church continues to prepare and consume the holy forgiveness feast, anticipating the day of redemption.

Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution

Stand

Invocation *Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation *Psalm 43:4; Psalm 124:8*

P I will go to the altar of God,

C **to God my exceeding joy.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

Sit

P During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do. This holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat."

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. As our Lord on this night exemplified this love by washing His disciples' feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C Amen.

P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O Almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness by God's?

C Yes.

P Let it be done for you as you believe.
In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. God in peace.

C Amen.

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445 When You Woke That Thursday Morning

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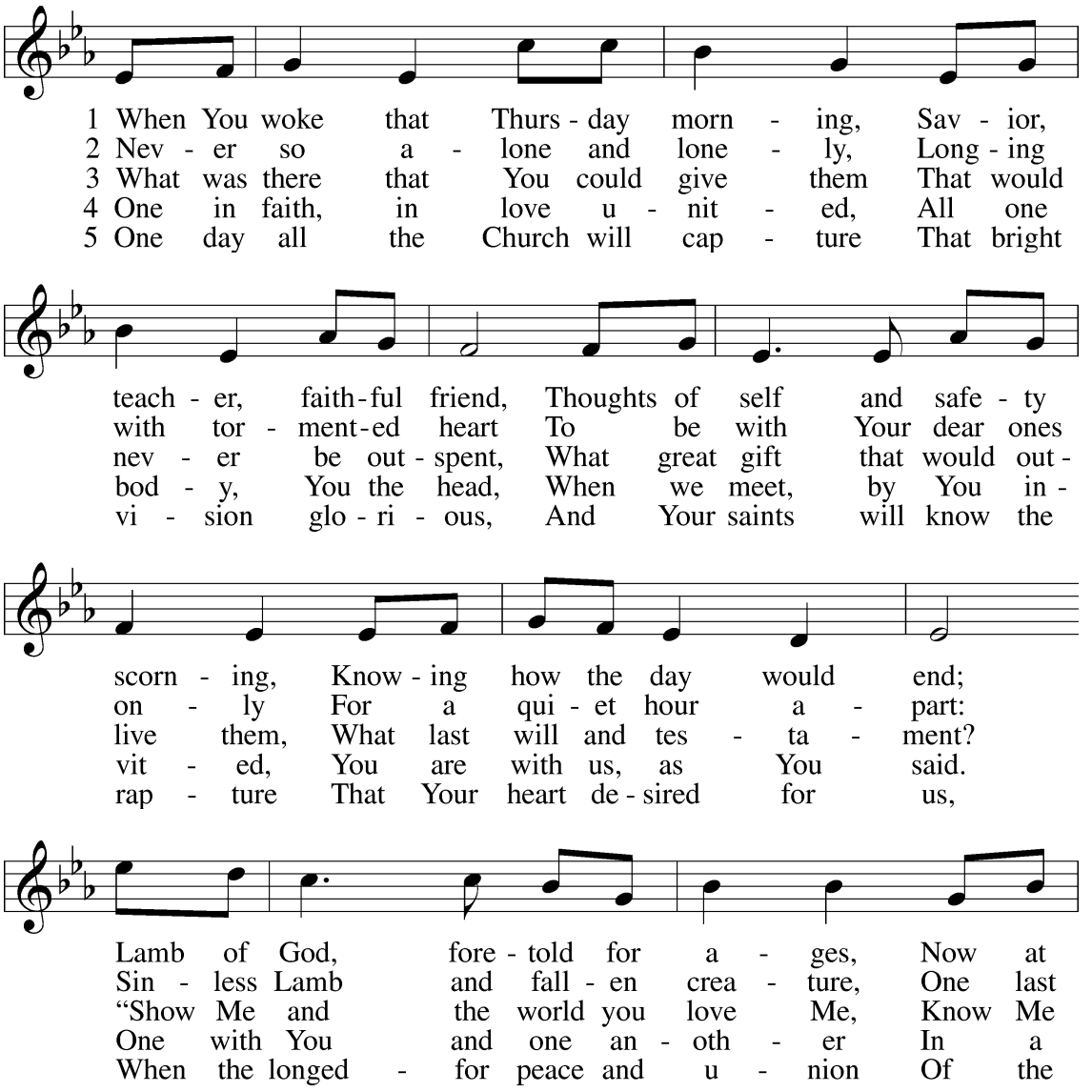
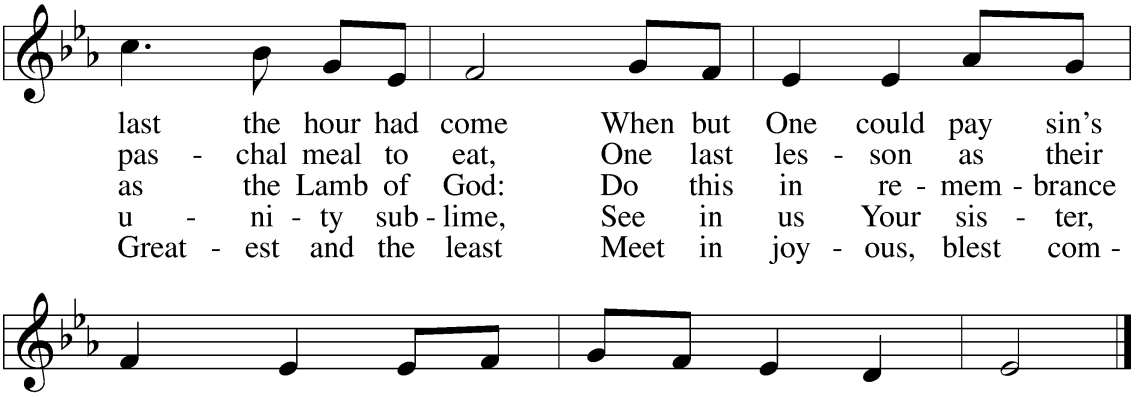

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Stand

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 12:1–14

Exodus 12:1–14

[1]The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, [2]"This month shall be for
you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. [3]Tell all the
congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb
according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. [4]And if the household is too
small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number
of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb.
[5]Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the
sheep or from the goats, [6]and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month,
when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.
[7]"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the
lintel of the houses in which they eat it. [8]They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on
the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. [9]Do not eat any of it
raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. [10]And you
shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning
you shall burn. [11]In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals
on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's
Passover. [12]For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the
firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will
execute judgments: I am the LORD. [13]The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses
where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall
you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.
[14]"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the
LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 1119a

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,

thus securing an eternal redemption.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant forever.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11:23–32 *1 Corinthians 11:23–32*

[23]For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on
the night when he was betrayed took bread, [24]and when he had given thanks, he
broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”
[25]In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new
covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” [26]For
as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until
he comes.

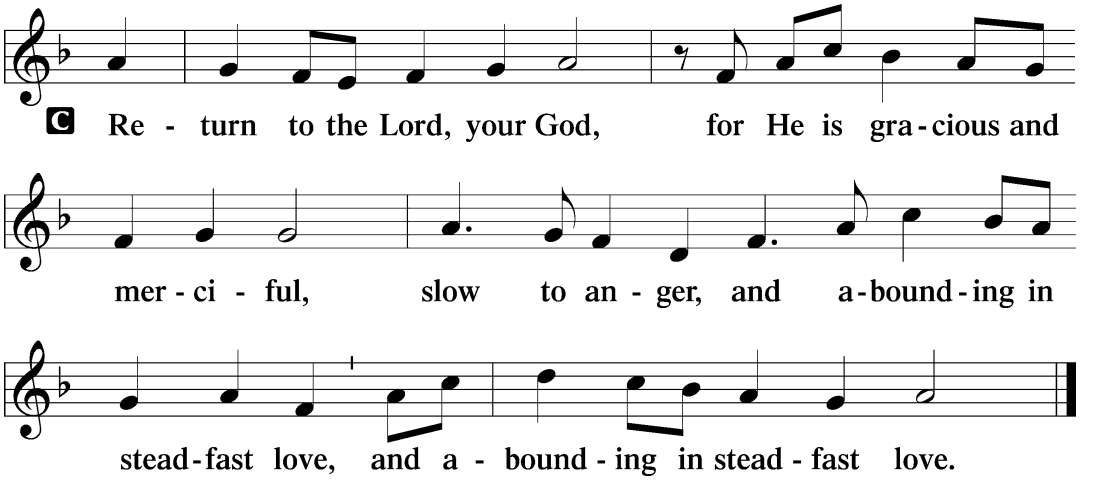
[27]Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy
manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. [28]Let a person
examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. [29]For anyone who
eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.
[30]That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. [31]But if we judged
ourselves truly, we would not be judged. [32]But when we are judged by the Lord, we
are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Lenten Verse *Joel 2:13*



Holy Gospel: John 13:1–17, 31b–35 *John 13:1–17, 31b–35*

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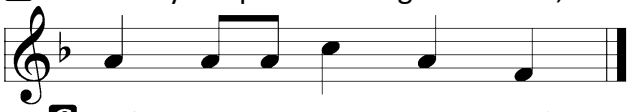
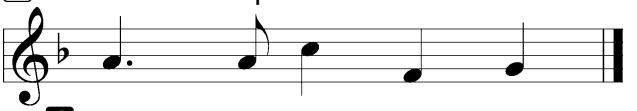

[1]Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. [2]During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, [3]Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, [4]rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. [5]Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. [6]He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" [7]Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." [8]Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." [9]Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" [10]Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." [11]For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

[12]When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? [13]You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. [14]If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. [15]For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. [16]Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. [17]If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. . . .

"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. [32]If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. [33]Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' [34]A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

[35]By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

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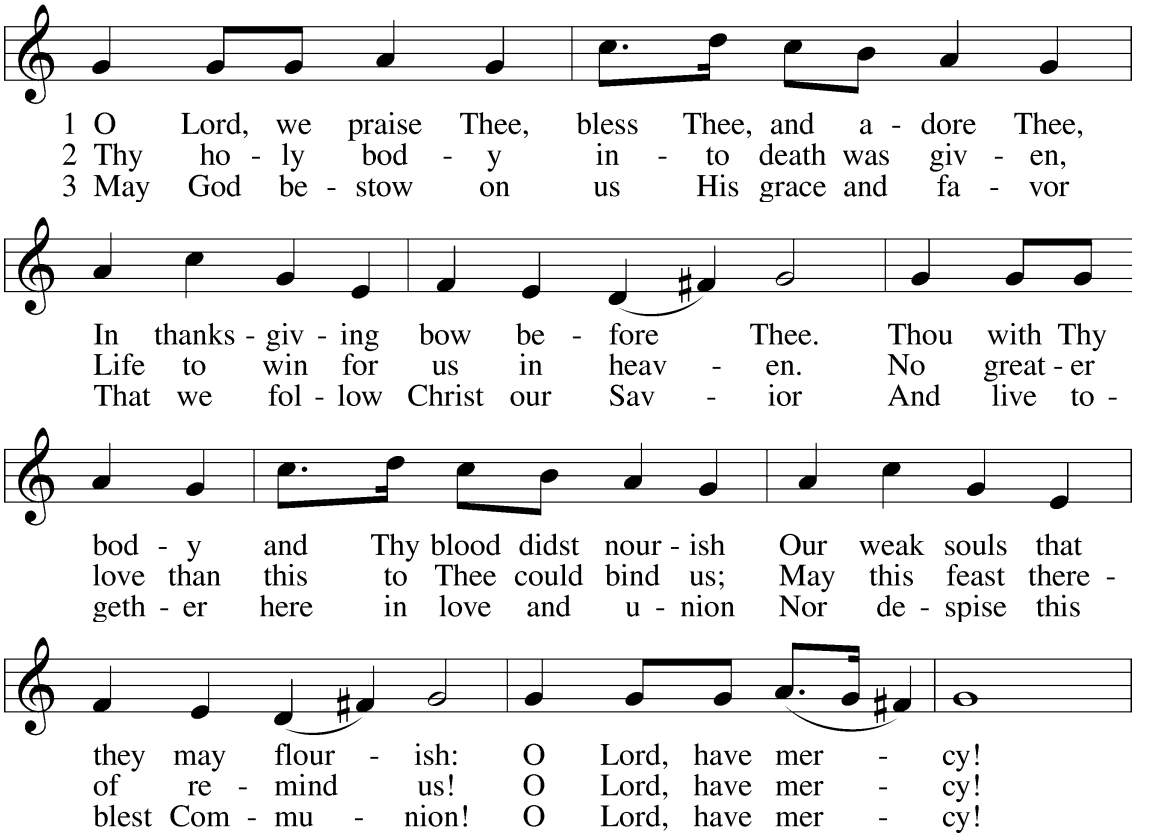

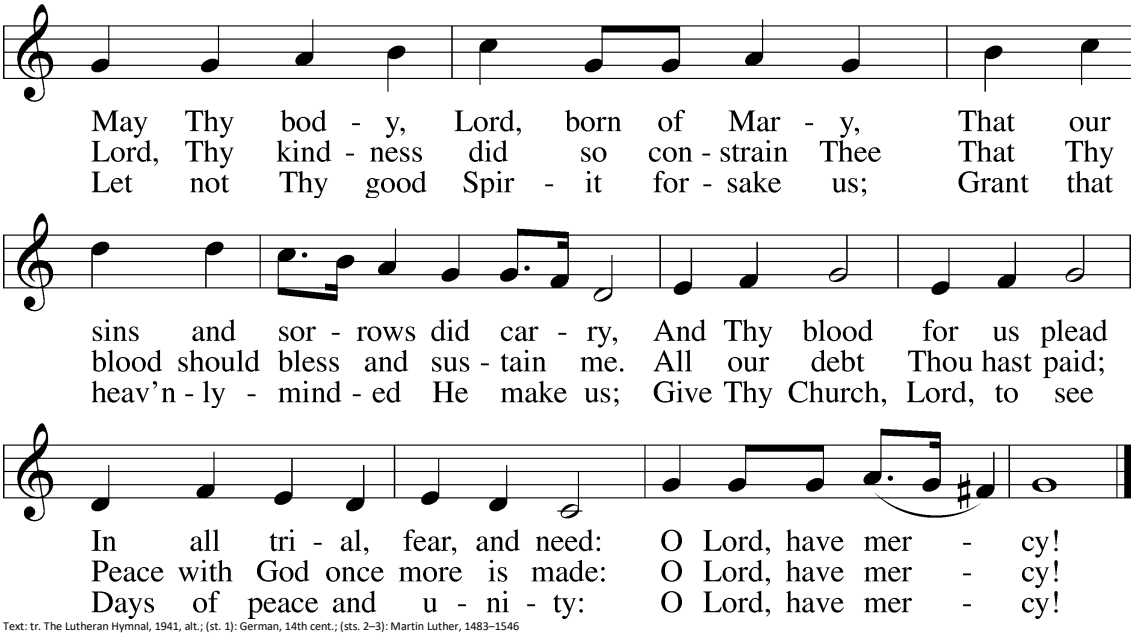

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Sermon "He Loves Us To The End" (John 13:1-5, 13-17)

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Blessed Lord, You have opened a new and living way to Yourself through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that we, who have been washed in His font and cleansed by His blood, would confidently enter His sanctuary and at last enter His heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Lord, give us a heart of mercy to love all people and serve them as Christ has loved and served us. Bless Your Church and provide for her faithful pastors and church workers, that we may keep the faith and not be led astray by every wind of change. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Lord, give our leaders wisdom and courage, that they may serve Your Word in the punishment of wrong, the promotion of good and the protection of the weak. Bless mothers with child and the children in their wombs. Lead us to care for them, that we would not dishonor Your sacred gift of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Lord, give healing to the sick according to Your will. Grant relief to the suffering by Your grace. Give comfort to the grieving and peace to the dying. We lift before You those who have requested our prayers *[including_____]*. Bring all things to their perfect healing and fulfillment in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Lord, You have written Your Law on our hearts and blotted out our sin through Your Gospel. Renew our hearts always by the forgiveness of our sins, and receive us at Your table to share the feast of the New Testament. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Lord, You have given us a good confession of the hope we have in Jesus. Sustain us by His own flesh and blood, and give us cleansed hearts to love one another as He has loved us. Gather us together with Your whole Church on earth and in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Offering **Special Music** **POP Choir** **"Wash Their Feet"**

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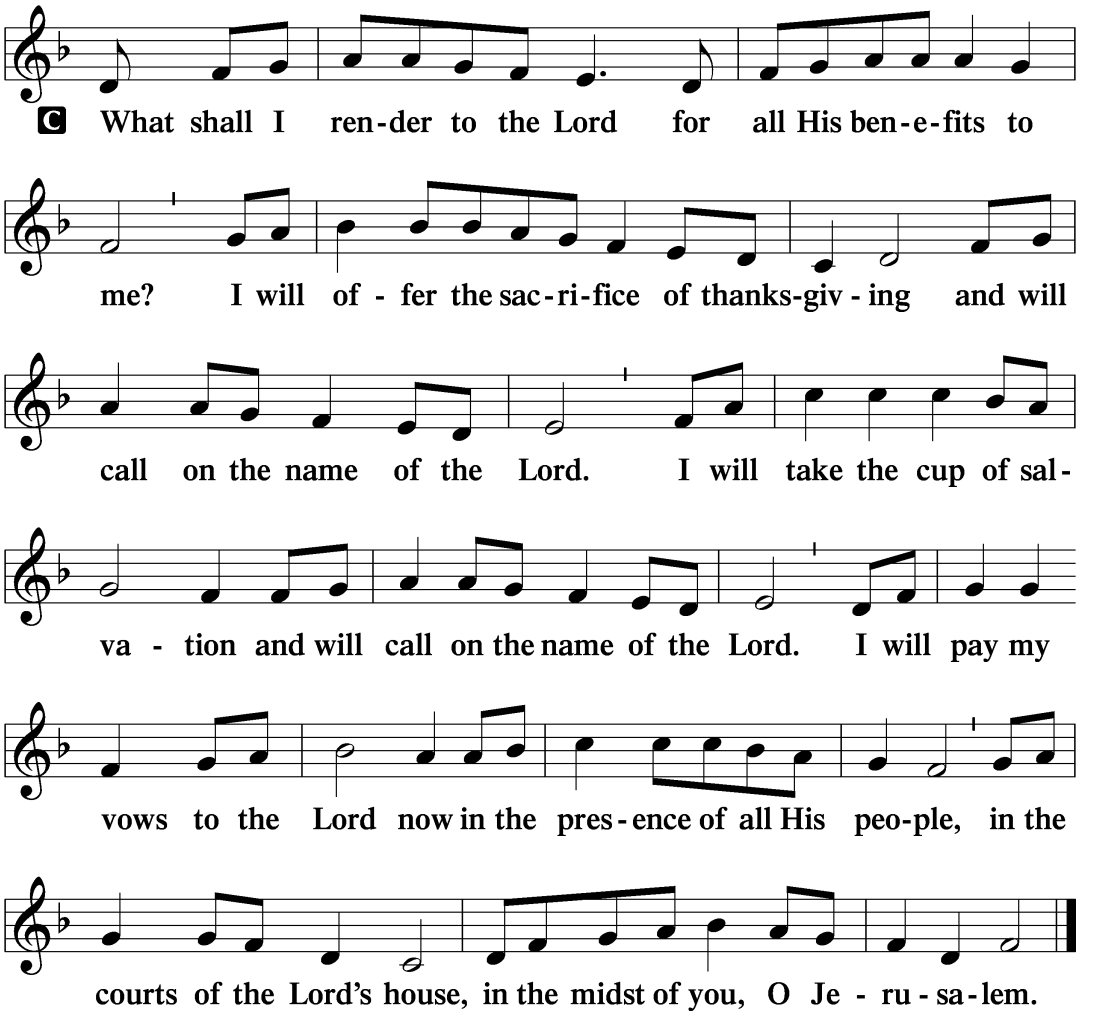
Offertory *Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*

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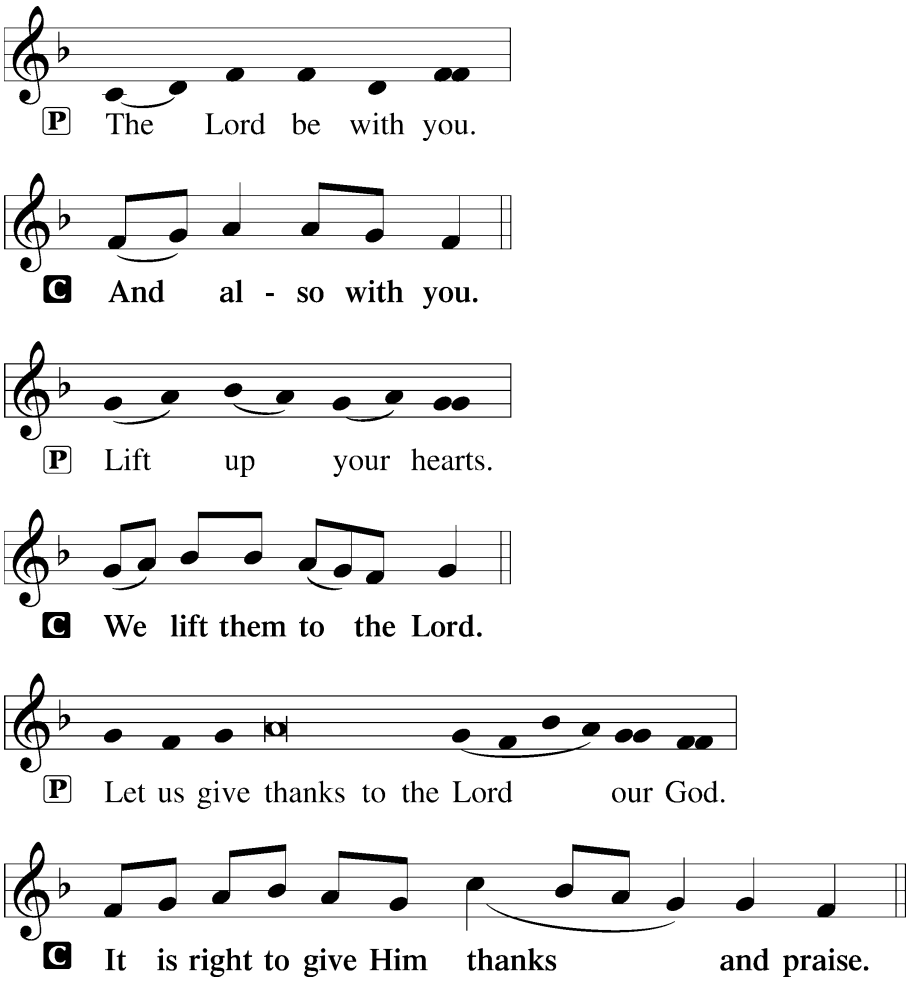
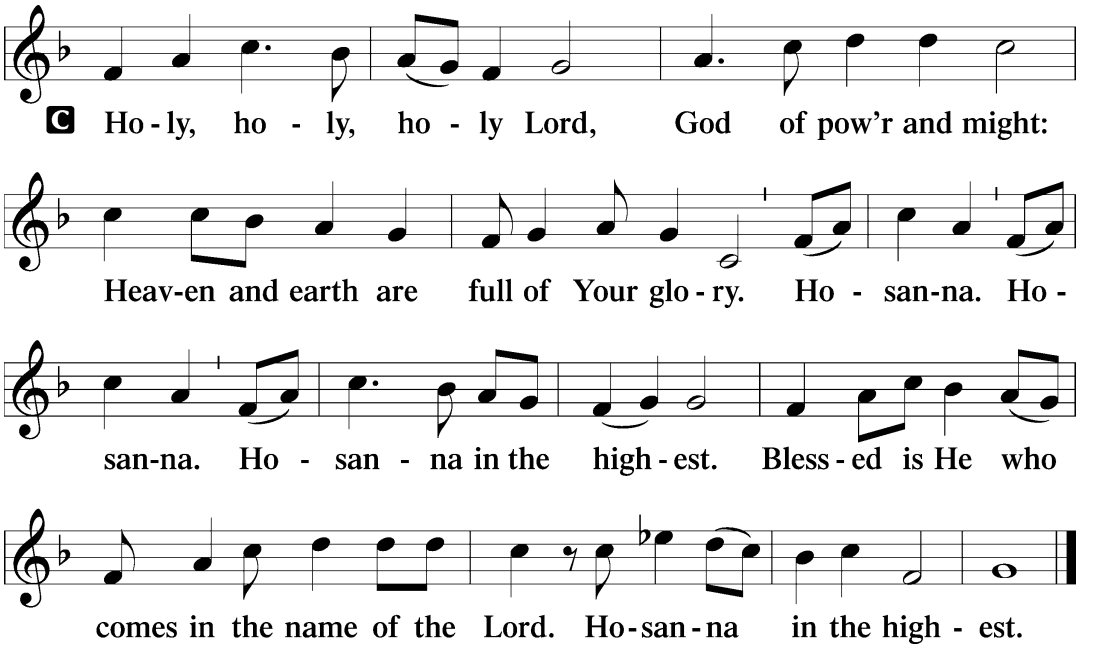

Proper Preface

℗ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of

heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9–13*

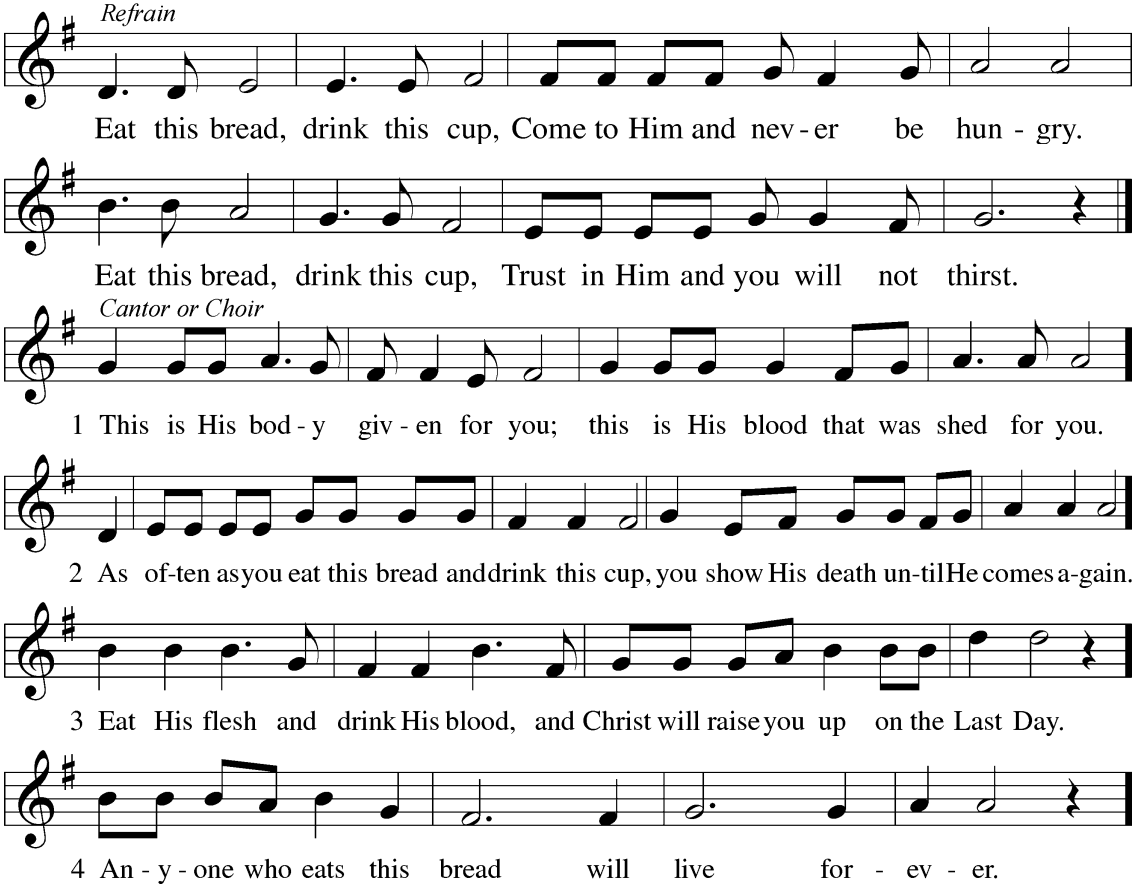
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

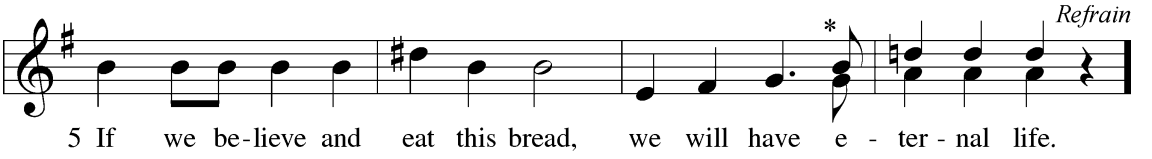
The Words of Our Lord *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

638 Eat This Bread *LSB 638*





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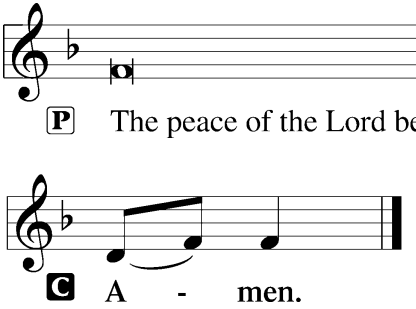
John 20:19



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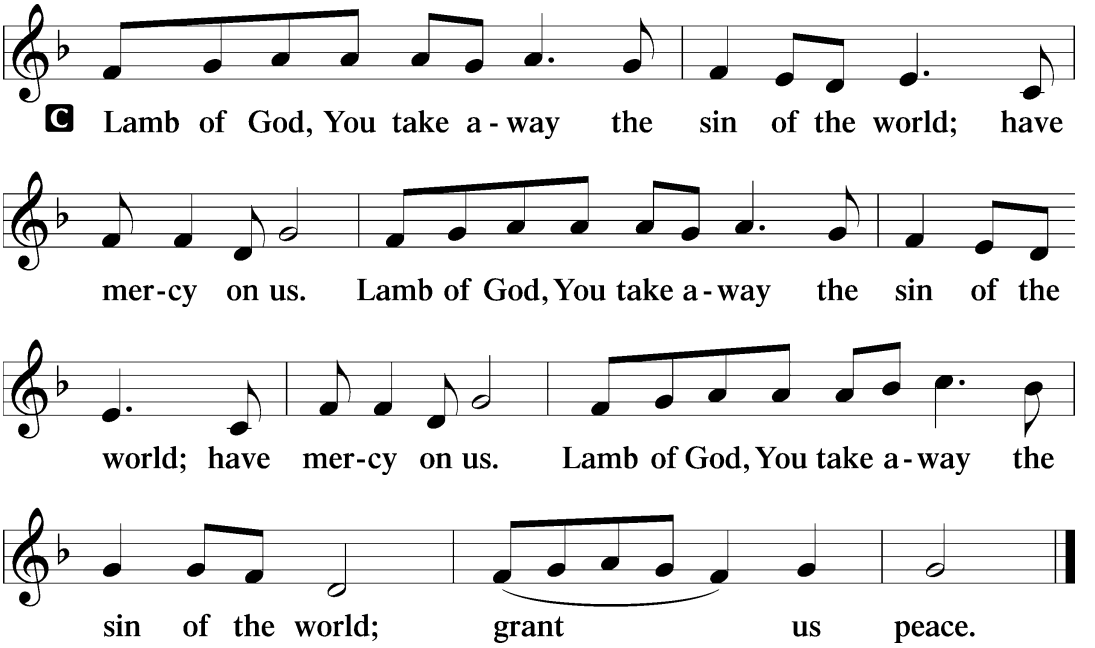
John 1:29



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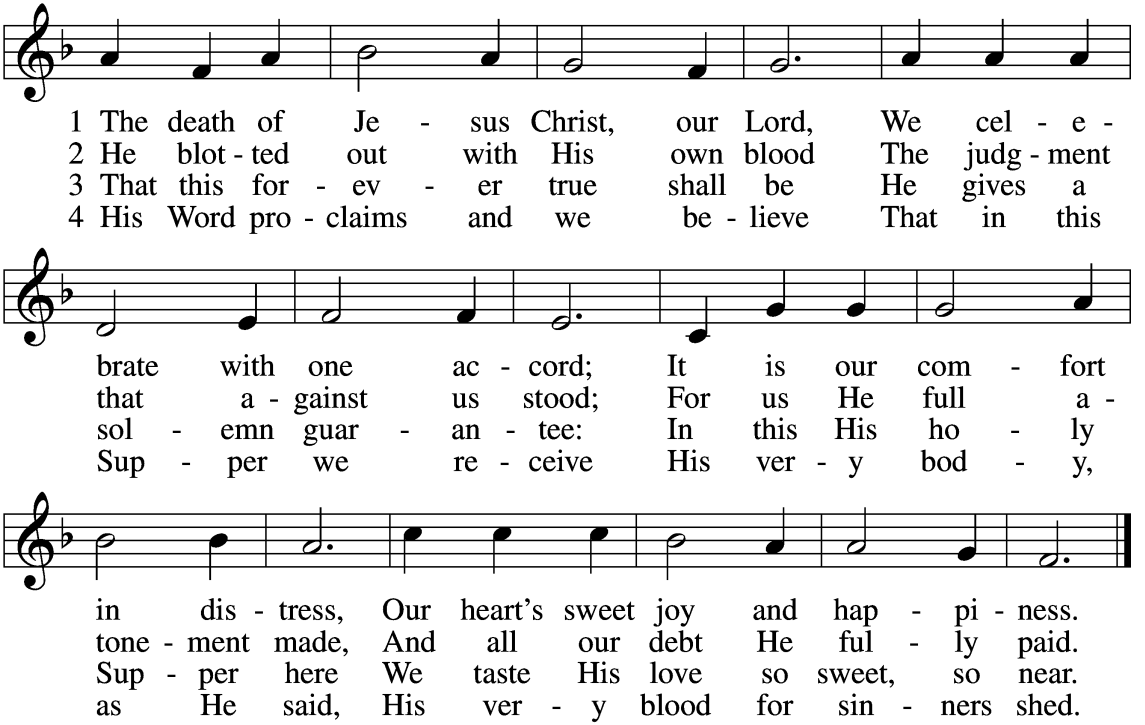
Distribution Hymns

634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord *LSB 634*



5 We dare not ask how this can be,
But simply hold the mystery
And trust this word where life begins:
"Given and shed for all your sins."

6 They who this word do not believe
This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—
May we this warning keep in mind!

7 But blest is each believing guest
Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain
With all who here His grace obtain.

8 Help us sincerely to believe
That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.

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446 Jesus, Greatest at the Table

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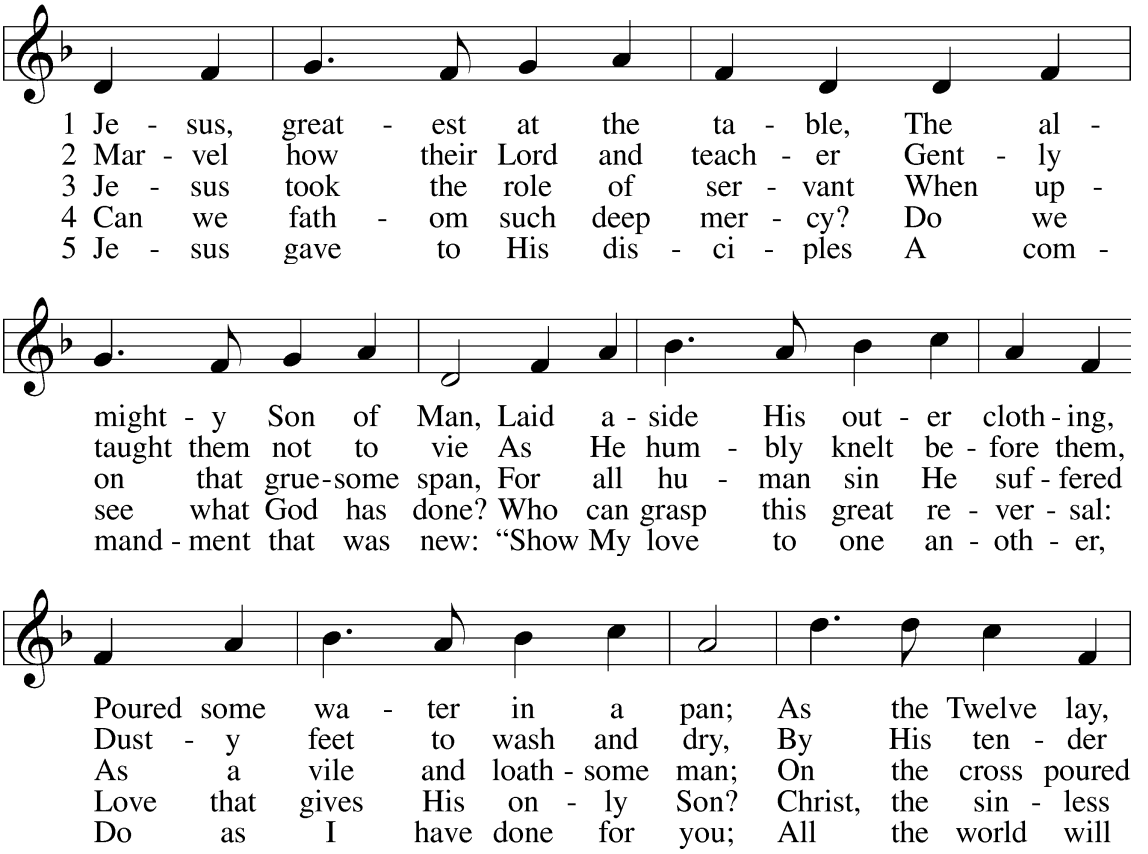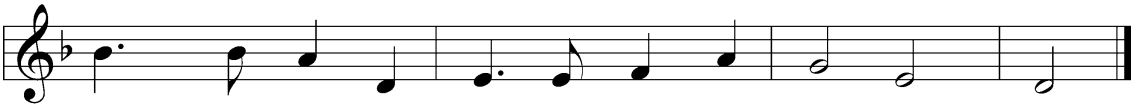

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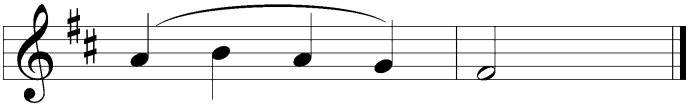
Stand

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Stripping of the Altar

Reading: Psalm 22

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[1]My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
[2]O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.

[3]Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
[4]In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
[5]To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

[6]But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
[7]All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
[8]"He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

[9]Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.
[10]On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.
[11]Be not far from me,
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.

[12]Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
[13]they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

[14]I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;
[15]my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

[16]For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—

[17]I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;
[18]they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

[19]But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
[20]Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!
[21]Save me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

[22]I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
[23]You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
[24]For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.

[25]From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
[26]The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!

[27]All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.
[28]For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

[29]All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.
[30]Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
[31]they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

The congregation leaves in silence.

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