Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11 , 2026

Prelude *He Leads Me* (Amy Tate Williams) Scott Vicroy, saxophone

Welcome

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C Amen.

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

Kneel or Sit

P Compassionate God,,

C we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* (ELW 873)

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your king.

Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong
as ocean's surging praise,
send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
the psalms of ancient days. ***Refrain***

3 With all the angel choirs,
with all the saints on earth
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
true rapture, noblest mirth. ***Refrain***

4 Still lift your standard high,
still march in firm array,
as pilgrims through the darkness wend
till dawns the golden day. ***Refrain***

5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. ***Refrain***

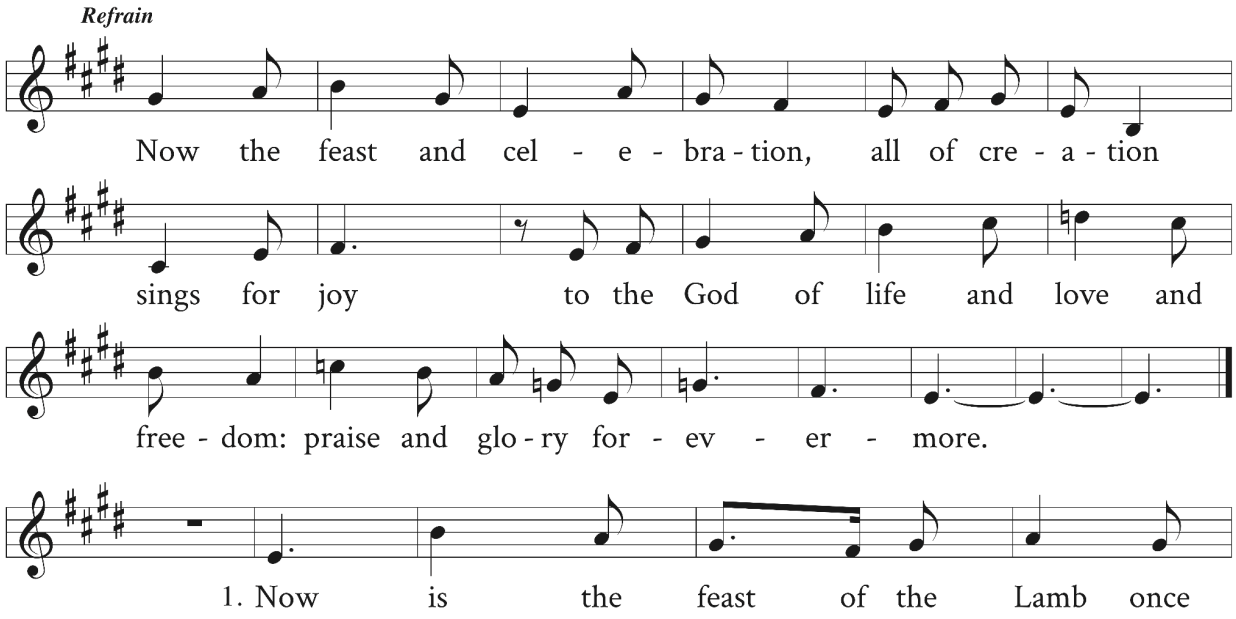
6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. ***Refrain***

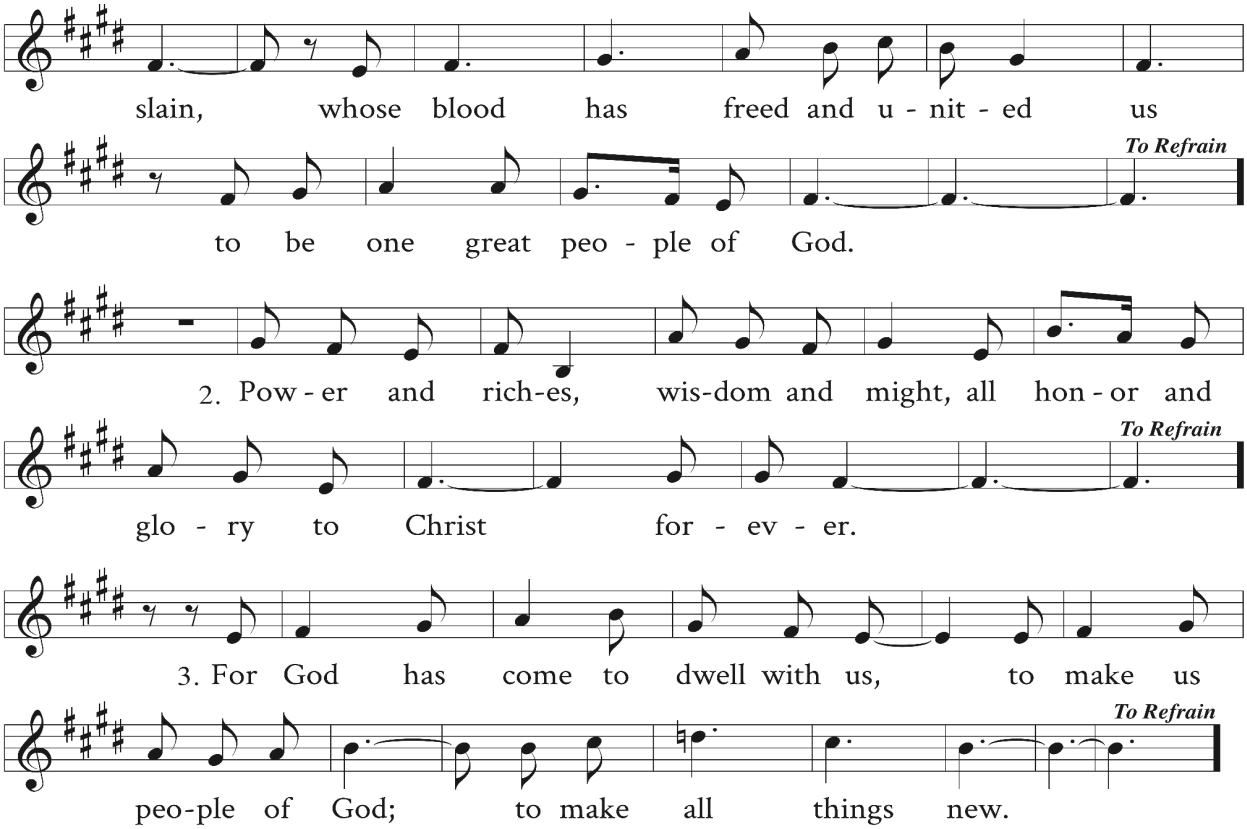
Greeting

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Hymn of Praise





Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Lord of the feast,

C you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 25:1-9

[1] O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful
things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. [2] For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a
ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. [3] Therefore strong peoples
will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

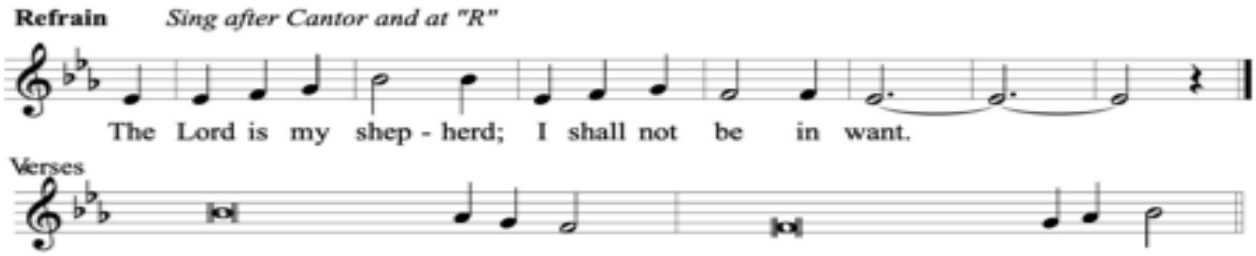
[4] For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the
rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
[5] the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the
song of the ruthless was stilled. [6] On this mountain the Lord

of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. [7] And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; [8] he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. [9] It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

R Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm23



1 The Lord | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.
2 **The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures**
and leads me be- | side still waters.
3 You restore my | soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.
4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;**
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.
6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,**
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever. R

SECOND READING Philippians 4:1-9

[1] My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. [2] I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. [3] Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. [4] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5] Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. [6] Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. [8] Finally,

brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9] As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

R Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

Kid's Message

Gospel Acclamation



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

[1] Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: [2] "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to
a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. [3] He sent his slaves to call those who had been
invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. [4] Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell
those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have
been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' [5] But they made light of it
and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, [6] while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated
them, and killed them. [7] The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and
burned their city. [8] Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not
worthy. [9] Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'
[10] Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so
the wedding hall was filled with guests. [11] "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a
man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, [12] and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in

here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. [13] Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' [14] For many are called, but few are chosen."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Ron Drury

HYMN OF THE DAY *We Come to the Hungry Feast* (ELW 479)

1 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied
the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

2 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a world released
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind,
the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

3 We come to the hungry feast
hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill,
the hunger will stay with us; still
we come, we come to the hungry feast.

APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C 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

P Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

After each petition, respond with, ***"Your mercy is great."***

(In our prayers today, during a time of silence, pray for those listed below and for others according to their needs) Recent concerns: Carl Kramer, Dan Horn, Nyabuony Ubeck, Ruby Augustine, Julius Swen, Jane Zatechka & Velda Schmidt, Juli Johnson, Hilda Torres. Those with ongoing concerns: Jan Christensen, Jeanette Metteer, Tom Hoeft, Terry Lander, Mary Brass, Vern Westberg, Michael Dalton & Beth Strasheim. Those who are part of our homebound community: Sylvia Kempf, M. Joyce Hansen, Cynthia Holt, Betty Miller, Dennis Schuster, Rod Price, De Hansen, & Margrett Wehland.

P Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

Peace of Christ is Shared

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

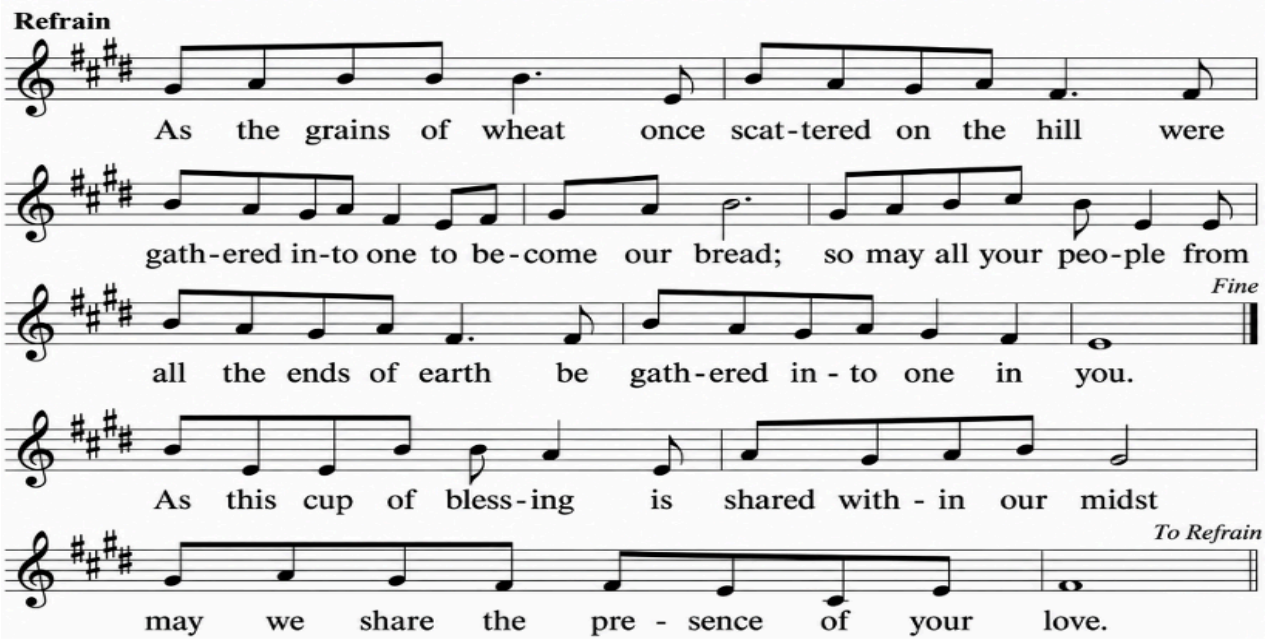
Music Offering *This Is My Father's World/He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* (arr. Brant Adams) Scott Vicroy, saxophone

Musical Offering response:

P To God be the glory.

C Amen.

Offertory Hymn



Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray. God of all creation,

C all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

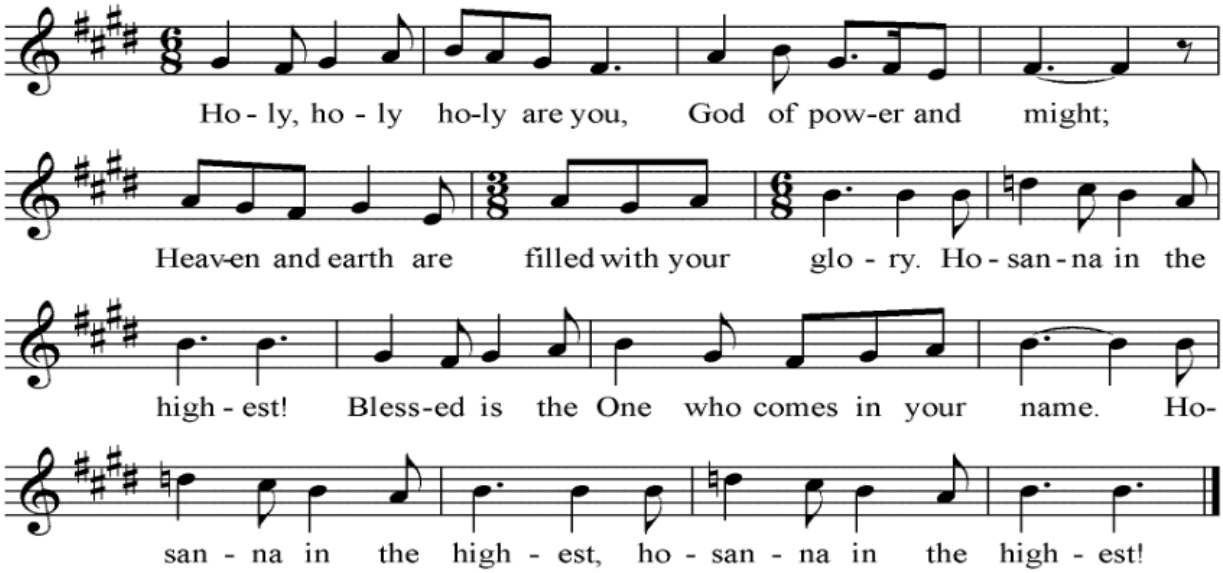
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed… *(here the minister continues with the proper preface, concluding:)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy God, Mighty Lord, Gracious Father… all your saints in light.

C Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

P We pray in confidence in the words Jesus gave us:

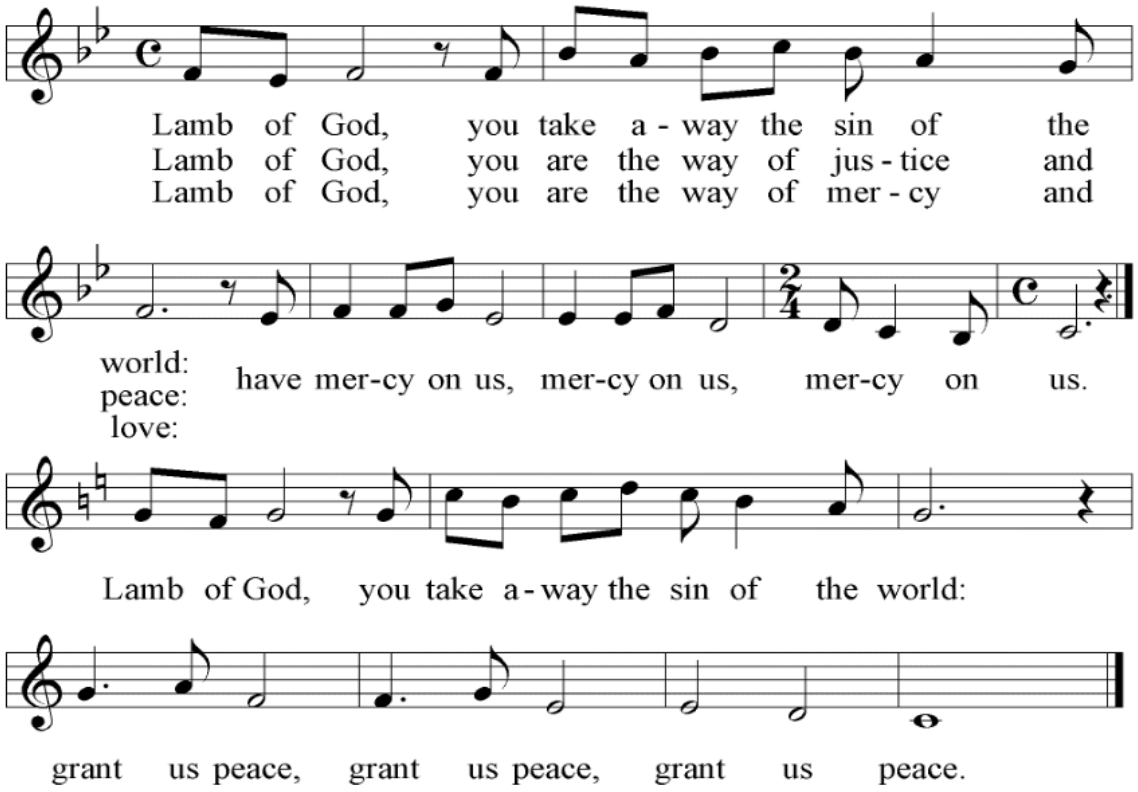
C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Table

P Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come to the feast!

C Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God



Communion Music *Thy Word* (Amy Grant/Michael W. Smith)
Heather Poysa, vocal

Communion Hymns *Now We Join in Celebration (*ELW 462)

1 Now we join in celebration
at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber,
clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence,
putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us,
with his very life to feed us.

2 Lord, as round this feast we gather,
fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing
are for us the sure possessing

of your loving deed on Calv'ry,
of your living self, our vict'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence,
foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.

3 **Lord, we share in this communion**
as one fam'ly of God's children,
reconciled through you, our brother,
one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others,
serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy
till you come in final glory.

O Christ, Our Hope (ELW 604)

1 **O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,**
creation's mighty Lord,
redeemer of the fallen world,
by holy love outpoured,
by holy love outpoured:

2 **How vast your mercy to accept**
the burden of our sin,
and bow your head in cruel death
to make us clean within,
to make us clean within.

3 **But now the bonds of death are burst,**
the ransom has been paid;
you reign above at God's right hand,
in robes of light arrayed,
in robes of light arrayed.

4 **Oh, let your mighty love prevail**
to purge us of our pride,

that we may stand before your throne
by mercy purified,
by mercy purified.

5 All praise to you, ascended Lord;
all glory ever be
to Father, Son, and Spirit blest
through all eternity,
through all eternity!

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Prayer After Communion

P Let us pray. Sustaining God,

C with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Sending

Blessing

P The God of love draw you into one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C Amen.

P The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn

Thine the Amen (ELW 826)

1 Thine the amen thine the praise
alleluias angels raise
thine the everlasting head
thine the breaking of the bread

thine the glory thine the story
thine the harvest then the cup
thine the vineyard then the cup
is lifted up lifted up.

2 **Thine the life eternally**
thine the promise let there be
thine the vision thine the tree
all the earth on bended knee
gone the nailing gone the railing
gone the pleading gone the cry
gone the sighing gone the dying
what was loss lifted high.

3 **Thine the truly thine the yes**
thine the table we the guest
thine the mercy all from thee
thine the glory yet to be
then the ringing and the singing
then the end of all the war
thine the living thine the loving
evermore evermore.

4 **Thine the kingdom thine the prize**
thine the wonder full surprise
thine the banquet then the praise
then the justice of thy ways
thine the glory thine the story
then the welcome to the least
then the wonder all increasing
at thy feast at thy feast.

5 **Thine the glory in the night**
no more dying only light
thine the river thine the tree
then the Lamb eternally

then the holy holy holy
celebration jubilee
thine the splendor thine the brightness
only thee only thee.

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* (arr. Hayes/Wagner)

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Associate Pastor: Andrew Kitzing
Visitation Pastor: Ron Drury
Livestreaming: Kathleen Simley
Cantor: Heather Poysa

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