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# Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022



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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

## Introduction to the Day

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

*(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!)*

*(Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)*

## WELCOME

**PRELUDE**                      *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*                      *arr. Robert Lau*  
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*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

God of new beginnings,  
**we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✝ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**    *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*    *ELW 249 (vv. 1, 2, 5)*

*(Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite; Music: European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621)*

## This week's schedule

Today	9 am	Advent Celebration (Fellowship Hall)
	9 am	Handbell Choir (Music Room)
	10 am	Live & Online Worship
		“Photoshoot” for Family Christmas Eve Service following worship
		Memorial Committee Meeting following worship
Mon.	12—8 pm	Shoebox packing (Fellowship Hall)
Tues.		
Wed.	7:30 pm	Adult Choir (Music Room)
Thurs.		
Fri.		
Sat.	9-11 am	Breakfast with Santa (Fellowship Hall)

## Counting our Blessings

		2022	
Sun.	Attendance: 93	September Offering Income	\$18,675
11/27	Offering: \$4,164	September Other Income	\$ 553
	Homebound: 20	September Total Income	\$19,228
		September Expenses	\$34,562
		YTD Offering Income	\$183,710
		YTD Other Income	\$ 19,062
		YTD Total Income	\$202,772
		YTD Expenses	\$273,981



## Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Bill Spink, Raymond Miller, Matthew Miller, Bill & Bonnie Rogers, Jim Morrow, Mardi Nickel, Kim Townsley, Thomas McDonough, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

**For family & friends:** Franny Burk, Livie Bach, Bob Murphy, Jen Schoenfliess, Pearl Johnson, Sharon Hunt, Lee Hall, Patricia Kuklinski, Judy Taylor, Sean Pullen, John Bowman, Norma Weber, Rejena Hartlove, Chuck Miller, Jeanne Edmunds, John Miller, Arlo Jones, Denise Ferguson, Mary Jo Rother, Bonnie Kellner, Kristin Weger, Linda Fliegel, Helen Bender and Doug Adams

**For the military and their families:** Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

**For those grieving family & friends of:** Alberta Nolder

**For St. John's Caring Friends:** Trudy Anderson, Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Patricia Sollanek, Kim Townsley, Cass Tracey and Emma Volz

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through 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.)*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Light One Candle (verses 1-2)*

*ELW 240*

*Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.  
He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.*

*Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.  
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.*

*(Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954; Music: Yiddish folk tune; Text © 1984 Fortress Press)*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

*Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall

eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**PSALM** *(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)* Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;  
**that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**  
that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.  
**Let him defend the needy among the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**  
May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.  
**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**  
In his time may the righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.  
**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;  
you alone do wondrous deeds!**  
And blessed be your glorious name forever,  
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

**SECOND READING**

**Romans 15:4-13**

*God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.*

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in



We will again be offering *The Longest Night* service on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. We will gather to acknowledge our pain and to remember that Jesus Christ shines into our grief with hope, mercy and love.

**Save the Date for St. John's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bull and Shrimp Roast.** Friday, February 17, 2023 from 6:30 pm—10:30 pm at Columbus Gardens. Flyers are located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary, on the website and in the weekly emails.



**Ushers Needed!** For more information, contact Tony Jasinski at [polishfossil29@verizon.net](mailto:polishfossil29@verizon.net).

**Venmo is Here!** We are happy to announce that you can give your offering using Venmo. Enter @stjohnsparkville in the Venmo App or scan the QR code.



<b><u>Celebration of the Birth of Christ – December 24<sup>th</sup></u></b>	
11 am	Traditional Christmas Eve Worship*
4 pm	Family Christmas Eve Worship with Children Participation*
8:30 pm	Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship*
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December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day Service at 10 am
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January 1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas* Worship at 10 am Service of Lessons & Carols
<b>*Services include Holy Communion</b>	

## Announcements & Upcoming Event

### Next Week— 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 11<sup>th</sup>

† 9 am— **Sunday School and Faith & Fellowship**

† 10 am— **Worship in-person and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel** at stjohns.lutheran.church.parkville.md.



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in memory of my mother, Margarete Staedtler by Mardi Nickel. Additional Flowers are given in memory of Mildred Baxter’s birthday by Linda Farrell.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Dates available are: January 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm\_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers.

**Nursery Care** for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten.



**Food for Thought Program** is in need of: **chicken & tuna salad kits and pudding cups.**



St. John’s Youth is sponsoring **Breakfast with Santa** on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 am—11 am. Flyers are located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary. Please fill out a form and drop it in the box or return it to the church office. Reservations are requested. **Cutoff to signup is today.**



**Social Ministry is providing gifts for seniors in need in our community for Christmas.** If you are interested in participating in this program, take a **snowman tag** from the tree in the Narthex and log it on the sheet on the table. We ask that you **wrap your gift and attach the tag to the outside of the gift** and return it under the tree or in the church office. **Please return your gifts by Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.**



We are excited to bring back our **Presents for Parkville Program** in partnership with Carney Elementary. If you are interested in participating in this program, take a **present tag** from the tree and log it in the red folder on the table. **Return your unwrapped gifts with the tag attached by Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.**



order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Kyrie Eleison*

♩=63 **INTRO**  
F B $\flat$ /F F C<sup>sus</sup> Gm B $\flat$ <sup>2</sup> F/A Dm C<sup>sus</sup>



**VERSE 1**  
5 F B $\flat$ /F F C<sup>sus</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> B $\flat$ <sup>2</sup> F Dm C<sup>sus</sup>



1. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Hear our cry and heal \_\_\_\_ our \_land. Let

9 F B $\flat$ /F F C<sup>sus</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> B $\flat$ <sup>2</sup> F C<sup>sus</sup>



kind - ness lead us to re - pent -ance; bring us back a - gain. \_\_\_\_

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**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 3:1-12**

*Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the desert of Judea announcing, “Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!” He was the one of whom Isaiah the prophet spoke when he said:

The voice of one shouting in the wilderness,

“Prepare the way for the Lord;  
make his paths straight.”

John wore clothes made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey.

People from Jerusalem, throughout Judea, and all around the Jordan River came to him. As they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. Many Pharisees and Sadducees came to be baptized by John. He said to them, “You children of snakes! Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon? Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives. And don’t even think about saying to yourselves, Abraham is our father. I tell you that God is able to raise up Abraham’s children from these stones. The ax is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn’t produce good fruit will be chopped down and tossed into the fire. I baptize with water those of you who have changed your hearts and lives. The one who is coming after me is stronger than I am. I’m not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can’t be put out.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

**SERMON**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***Prepare the Royal Highway***

***ELW 264***

*(Text: Frans Mikael Franzen, 1772-1847; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship; Music: Swedish folk tune, 17 th cent.; Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress)*

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

*The Lord now bless and keep you; God's love in you increase  
By God's own face, with shining grace, grant you eternal peace  
To Father, Son, and Spirit, eternal One-in-Three  
Be thanks and praise through all our days, into eternity.*

**SENDING HYMN**

***All Earth is Hopeful***

***ELW 266***

*(Text and music: Alerto Taule, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946; Spanish text and music © 1993 and tr. © 1995 Centro de Pastoral Liturgica, admin. OCP Publications)*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is near.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Lift Up Your Heads*

*Franklin Ritter*

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<b>Those Serving Today</b>	
Assisting Minister	Tony Jasinski
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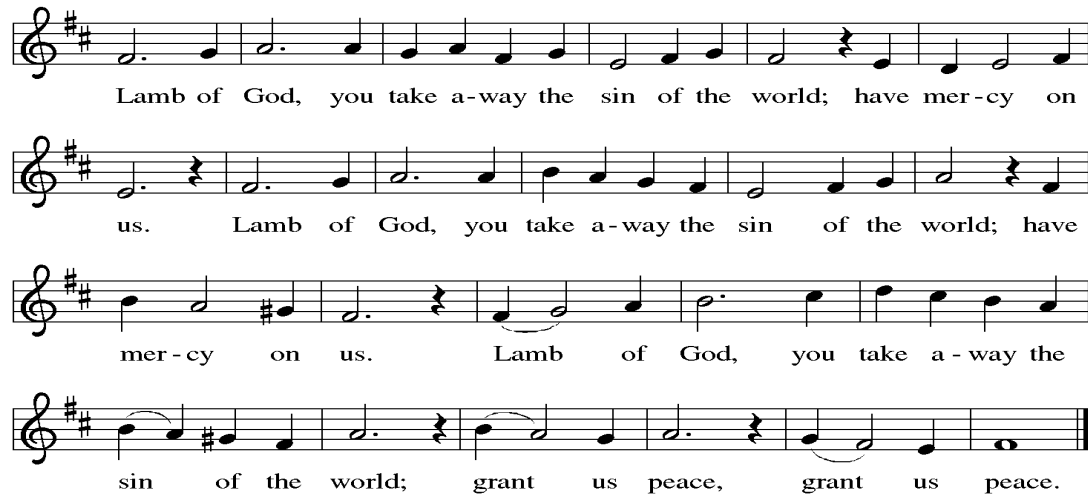
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## COMMUNION

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.*

*If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest.*

## 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, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

*ELW 272*

*(Text: German Carol, 15 th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845-1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876-1948, st. 4; Music: Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesange, Kohn, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621)*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,  
In this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and Apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition* God, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

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

*(We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)*

## MEAL

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** *Come, Jesus, Prince of Peace* *Adult Choir*  
*(Words and music: Dianne Hannibal; Arr.: Brad Nix; © 2011 Hal Leonard Corporation)*

*(An offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of God's Church.)*  
*(Please stand as you are able.)*

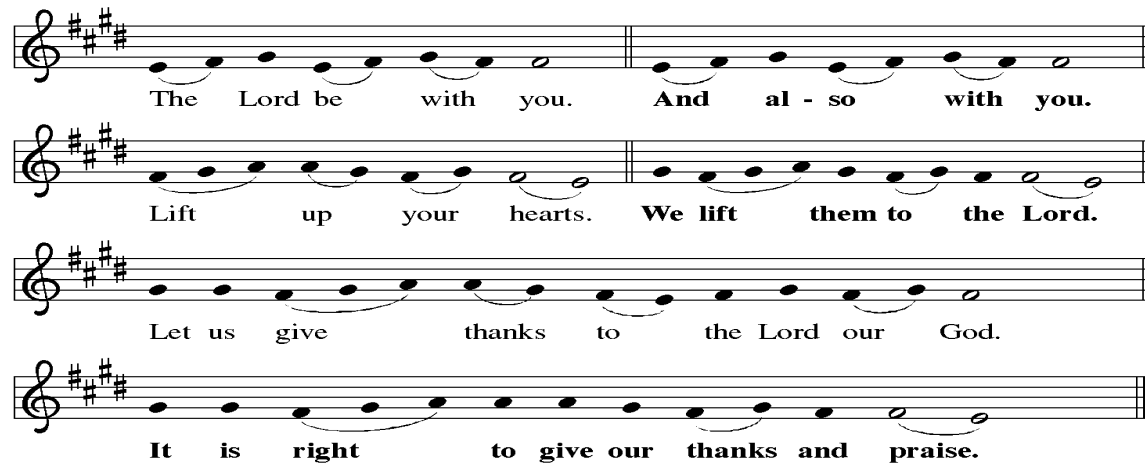
**OFFERING HYMN** *We Give Thee but Thine Own* *ELW 686 (vv. 1, 2)*  
*(Text: William W. How, 1832-1897, alt.; Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda)*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

## DIALOGUE

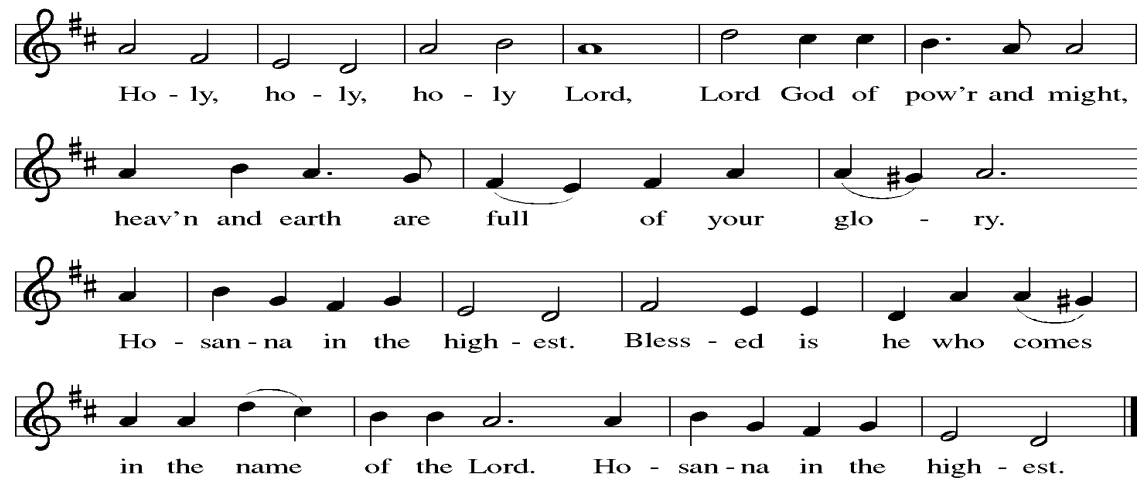


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

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. You comfort your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, the Beginning and the End,  
our Salvation and our Hope,  
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.  
When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,  
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.  
At this end of the ages  
your Son Jesus came to bring us your love  
and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering, therefore,  
his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await his coming again  
in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us  
and on this bread and wine we share:  
strengthen our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen.**

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

*(Sung call-and-echo)*

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

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive; 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 assembly is seated.)*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God, who has come to save you.