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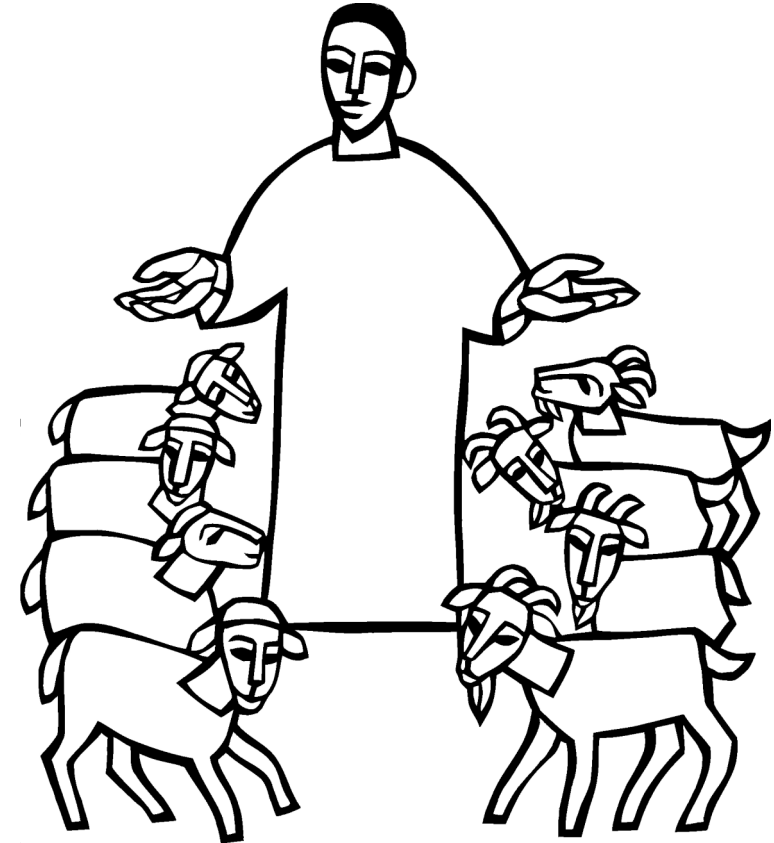


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Today's worship service is being live streamed to YouTube with video coverage of leaders and worshippers.

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Christ the King Sunday

November 19, 2023



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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

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

(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 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* *H. Robert James*
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(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.
Amen.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Holy One,
we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation.
Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ✚ Jesus you are forgiven,
by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

This week's schedule

Today	9 am	Sunday School & Faith and Fellowship
	9 am	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10 am	Live & Online Worship
	11:30 am	Altar Guild Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	11:30 am	Youth Group (Youth Room)
Mon.	7 pm	Council Meeting (Smith Building)
Tues.		
Wed.	1 pm	Audit Committee (Christian Ed Room)
	7 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service
Thurs.		Thanksgiving Day (office closed)
Fri.		(office closed)
	11 am	Bible Study (Smith Building)
Sat.		

Counting our Blessings

Sunday	Attendance: 87	2023	
11/12	Offering: \$ 4,325	August Offering Income	\$18,031
	Homebound: 17	August Other Income	\$ 741
		August Total Income	\$18,772
		August Expenses	\$25,284
		YTD Offering Income	\$179,427
		YTD Other Income	\$ 33,151
		YTD Total Income	\$212,578
		YTD Expenses	\$253,418

Prayer List



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Oluseye Fowode, Robert Suznick, Barbara Mueller, Patricia Denk, Cass Tracey, Lisa Duerling, Len Steg, Joan Kraft, Mike McDonough, Mardi Nickel, Joan Swank, Andy Rother, Rosalie Coffman, Pat Hurley, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Barbara Hurn, Shannon McLaughlin, John Bryan, Joe Federline, Pastor John Burk, Klaus Thoeicht, Tiffany Webb, Mary & Barry McCain, Russell Fitch, Bonnie Franklin, Jamie Kirschner, Lily Newman, Rob Graff, Alice Evans, Trish Pizza, Betsy Shock, Joann Bayer, Norman Bayer, Sue Eid, Genevieve Byrnes, Julie Bramble, Ruth Reimschissel aka Mrs. Claus, Deemer Morrow, Donna Bobloch and Yung-Mee Rhee

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

For those grieving family & friends of: Helen Bender

For St. John's Caring Friends: Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Barbara Conrad, Betty Creutzer, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Patricia Hurley, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Janet Roth, Kim Townsley, Cass Tracey and Emma Volz

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Michelle Alkire
Crucifer	James W.
Acolyte (s)	Alec B., Devon W.
Lector	JoAnn Weiland
Communion Assistant	JoAnn Weiland
Dismissal Assistant	Jack W.

Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* **ELW 634 (vv. 1-3)**

(Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, sts. 1-4; Music: Oliver Holden, 1765-1844)

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

Let us pray.

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

Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

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

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

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

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

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

^{7a}For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

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

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

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Join in the Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of St. John's building on Sunday, November 26th after worship in the Fellowship Hall. We will celebrate with photos, memories & cake!



Christmas Plants are for sale. If you would like to sponsor a plant in memory or in honor of your loved one, please fill out a form and place your check (marked Altar Guild) in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. Forms are available in the weekly email and on the third floor bulletin board. **Orders are due by Sunday, November 26th.**

Social Ministry is participating in the **Shoebboxes for C.A.N. Program.** The shoeboxes will be filled and donated to children in need at the Eastside Shelter. **Items needed are: shoeboxes, individually wrapped tooth brushes, travel size toothpaste, books and toys that will fit in a shoebox for ages 7-14.** Please drop your donations in the bins on the 2nd & 3rd floor or in the church office. **Donations are due by Sunday, November 26th.** If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Buckless.



St. John's Youth is sponsoring **Breakfast with Santa** on Saturday, December 9th from 9 am—11 am. Flyers are located on the third floor bulletin board. Please fill out a form and drop it in the box or return it to the church office. Reservations are requested. **Please sign up by December 3rd.**

Join us for our next Community Meal, Wednesday, December 6th from 5:30 pm—7 pm. Thank you to everyone who helped make the November meal a success! We still need volunteers for the December meal. The sign up sheet is on the third floor bulletin board. Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors!



Our next Wednesday Night Worship will take place on December 6th after the Community Meal. This is a brief communion service held in the Smith Building with blended music featuring piano and guitar, as well as an interactive reflection. We hope you can join us and invite your friends and neighbors!

Wreaths across America ceremony will be held in St. John's Cemetery on Friday, December 16th at 2 pm. If you would like to sponsor a wreath for a veteran, please contact Nancy Ford at 443-835-7038. There are flyers with more information on the 3rd floor bulletin board. Orders must be placed by November 30th.



Save the date for St. John's 5th Annual Bull and Shrimp Roast on Friday, February 2, 2024 from 6:30 pm—10:30 pm at Columbus Gardens. More information will be coming soon.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Next Week— Sunday, November 26th— First Sunday of Advent

† 9 am—Sunday School & Faith and Fellowship

† 9 am—Handbell Choir

† 10 am—Worship in-person

and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel

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The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of the wedding anniversary of Clinton and Gladys Porter by the Porter family.

Additional flowers are given in memory of Alma Arnold's 100th birthday on November 22nd by her loving family, Gwen, Bill, and Barbara Pohlman.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2024. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers. Available dates are January 14th, February 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th, March 10th and 24th, April 7th, 14th, and 21st, May 5th, 12th, and 19th, June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

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.



YOUTH GROUP St. John's Youth Group meets in the Youth Room on the second floor from about 11:30 am-12:30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. This group is for middle and high school students. Join us as we have fun, get to know one another, and grow in faith together.

Faith and Fellowship meets in the Fellowship Hall on the first floor from 9 am—9:45 am each Sunday. This is an opportunity for adults to gather for light refreshments and to grow in faith.



BIBLE The Bible Study group meets on Friday's at 11 am in the Smith Building. We are studying the book of Matthew. All are welcome!

The Food for Thought Program is packing 50 weekend bags for 25 students.

It costs \$16.94 to provide food for each child, each weekend. **We have an immediate need for tuna/chicken salad kits and small packages of cookies.**

Offering money helps support this effort too! Any monetary donations are welcomed and certainly appreciated. Thanks for your support!



THANKSGIVING Join us for our Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service with Hiss UMC and St. Ursula Catholic Church on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7 pm. We are happy to announce that the service will be held at St. John's this year. We hope to see you there!

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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 *For the Fruit of All Creation* **ELW 679**

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NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

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 Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

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

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

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC *The Light of Glory* *Adult Choir*

(Words and Music: Joseph M. Martin and David Angerman; © 2012, this Arr. © 2016 Hal Leonard Corporation)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Lord Jesus,
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God,
Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Rejoice, for Christ Is King!* **ELW 430 (vv. 1, 4)**

(Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788; Music: William E. Fischer, 1849-1936)

DISMISSAL

Beloved people of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Praise God!* *Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.*

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**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 assembly is seated.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ELW 502

(Text Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877; Music: Irish tune)

(The assembly remains seated.)

Thank you for your generous support of St. John's. During this time an offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of the Church as together we experience and share God's abundant grace and love.

Many in our congregation give online. You can set up one-time or recurring donations on our website stjohnsparkville.org. Checks and cash may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. You may also donate via venmo @stjohnsparkville



(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING HYMN *God of the Fertile Fields* ACS 1063 (vv. 1-2)

1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in
boun - teous hand, come gifts your love you has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care
that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.

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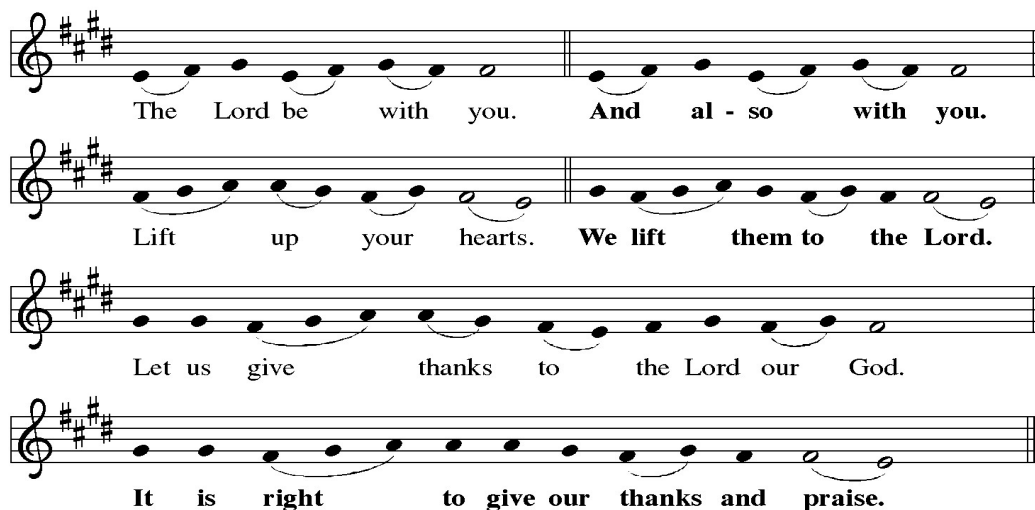
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
God of all goodness,
generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.

Number us among them
 that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,
 and give thanks for your rich blessings,
 we may feast upon your very self
 and care for all that you have made,
 through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

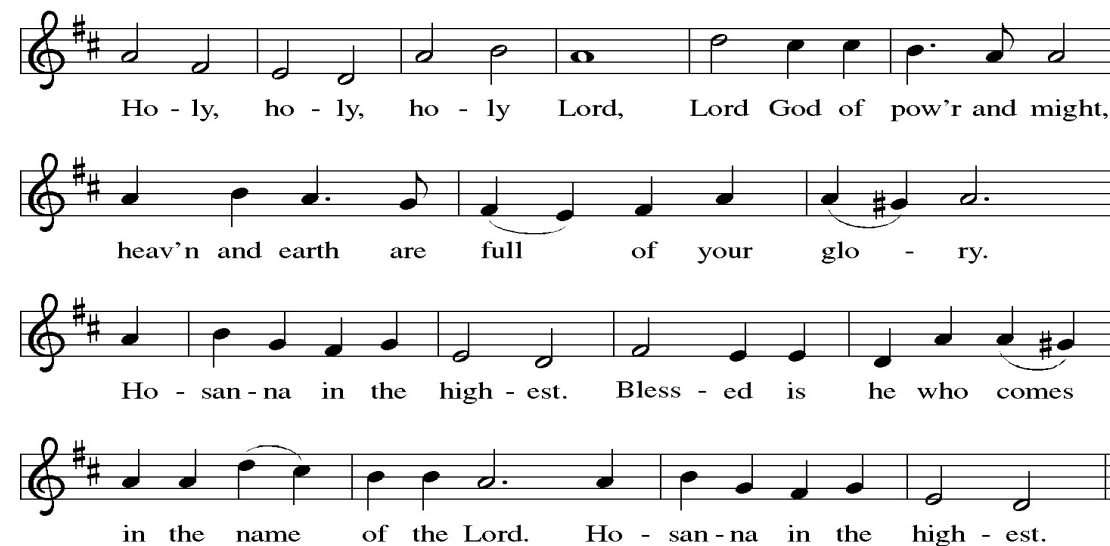


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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;
 who on this day overcame death and the grave,
 and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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, 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

Blessed are you O God,
 for you made the earth and all that is, and declared it good.
 Blessed are you,
 for in Christ you entered into creation,
 into our humanity, into our vulnerability, into our mortality.
 You stayed with us through conflict, through suffering, through death.
 Blessed are you for raising Jesus from the dead.
 in him promising new life to us all.
 In the night in which he was betrayed...

Come, Lord, Jesus, in this meal,
 and make us alive again.
 By your Spirit,
 bind us to that holy communion of saints in every time and place,
 and make us your body in the world,
 bringing light and healing to all.
Amen.

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

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