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

## Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 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

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

*(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, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* *Robert Lau*  
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*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty,  
 you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring,  
 you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.  
 Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.  
 Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you.  
 You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters:  
 Noah and the animals survive the flood,  
 Hagar discovers your well.

The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock.  
 Naaman washes his leprosy away,  
 and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray:  
 Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your  
 Word that saves us in this water.

Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.  
 Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.  
 Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.  
 Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior,  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### This week's schedule

Today	9 am	Sunday School & Faith & Fellowship
	9 am	Handbell Choir (Music Room)
	10 am	Live & Online Worship
	11:30 am	Community Meal Planning Meeting (Smith Building)
Mon.		
Tues.	7 pm	Exec. Meeting (Music Room)
	7 pm	Men-in-Mission Meeting (Youth Room)
	7 pm	Trinity Circle (Smith Building)
Wed.	9:30 am	Busy Bees (Smith Building)
	6 pm	Soup & Salad (Fellowship Hall)
	7 pm	Holden Prayer Service
	7:45 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.		
Fri.	11 am	Bible Study (Smith Building)
		<b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>
Sat.		

### Counting our Blessings

		<b>2023</b>	
<b>Wed.</b> 3/1	<b>Attendance:</b> 54	January Offering Income	\$21,245
	<b>Offering:</b> \$829	January Other Income	\$ 6,085
		January Total Income	\$27,330
<b>Sun.</b> 3/5	<b>Attendance:</b> 114 <b>Offering:</b> \$6,315 <b>Homebound:</b> 17	January Expenses	\$34,496
		YTD Offering Income	\$21,245
		YTD Other Income	\$ 6,085
		YTD Total Income	\$27,330
		YTD Expenses	\$34,496

**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**

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**Exodus 17:1-7**

*Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—“Is the LORD among us or not?”—received a very positive answer.*

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Prayer List**

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Alan Fox, Phil Ermer, Claire Miller, Alec Brock, Ruth Skarda, Bill Spink, Bonnie Rogers, Mardi Nickel, Thomas McDonough, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

**For family & friends:** Anna Meyers, Nancy Natkin, Rae Eberwine, Deemer Morrow, John Bowman, Lee Hall, Norma Weber, Robin, Alice Ensor, Jeanne Edmunds, Mike Haven, Gail Gangi, Jen Schoenfliess, Doug Adams, Kristin Weger, Joan Murphy, Tim Dunn, 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, 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:** Erin Scarborough

**For St. John’s Caring Friends:** 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, Kim Townsley, Cass Tracey and Emma Volz

PSALM (Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)

Psalm 95

- <sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**
- <sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**
- <sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**
- <sup>7</sup>For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture and the sheep of  
God’s hand. Oh, that today you would hear God’s voice!
- <sup>8</sup>**“Harden not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**
- <sup>9</sup>There your ancestors tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.
- <sup>10</sup>**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,  
‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.’**
- <sup>11</sup>Indeed I swore in my anger,  
‘They shall never come to my rest.’”

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

*Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus’ death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.*

- <sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.
- <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,
- <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,
- <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
- <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
- <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.
- <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.
- <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.
- <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely,



St. John’s Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 am -12 noon behind the parsonage. In case of rain, the event will be held in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP to the church office by Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> with the age and grade of your child.

Save the Date for our Prayer Partner Luncheon on April 16th at 11:30 am. If you would like to participate in the Prayer Partner Program, fill out a form and place it in the box located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary by Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Any questions, contact Vickie Jasinski at 410-529-7536.



Campfire at the Labyrinth sponsored by Family Ministry will take place on Friday, April 28th at 6pm. This will be a fun evening of games and marshmallow roasting.



Save the Date for our 2023 Vacation Bible School on July 10-14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am-12:30 pm. We will starting our planning soon. **As always, we will need many volunteers.** If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Haacke at haackefamily@comcast.net.



Help Needed for Music Camp....This summer, we hope that our Summer Music Camps will return. Pre-COVID these camps were very well attended, the community response was very positive, and many campers returned the following summer. We tried to restart our programs last summer but the community response was very low. However, the main reason that the camps did not happen is because we did not have the assistance we needed. We are hoping that this summer will be different, but we need your help. If you know any young (high school or college) person who enjoys and has experience with theater, music, art, arts and crafts, and a love for working with children, PLEASE contact Martha Requard at mrequard1@gmail.com. Our assistants will be working with the campers to help them create their program (July 24-26) or musical (August 7-11). We need to make sure that we have the help before we can advertise our camps.

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.





## Announcements & Upcoming Event

### Next Week— Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

† 9 am— Sunday School and Faith & Fellowship

† 10 am—Worship in-person  
and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel

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### Wednesday Nights in Lent

Soup and Salad—6 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
Holden Evening Prayer with stories of Daily Bread— 7 pm



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given to the glory of God and in remembrance of our dear friend Gladys Schmidt Lankford from Bob, Wilma, Kathy and Bill.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Dates available are: April 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at [rm\\_hills@yahoo.com](mailto: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 great need of: **Chef Boyardee single serving meals and juice boxes.** We are packing two bags of food for the weekend for 25 children each week, therefore our supply is depleted quickly. Please help if you can!

**Bible Study....**A Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew meets weekly on Fridays at 11 am in the Smith Building. If you have questions or would like to learn more, contact Ardi Scarborough or speak with one of the Pastors.



**Free Community Meal** at St. John's on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm— 7 pm. Join neighbors and friends for potato soup, salad, bread and dessert. All are welcome!

**Join us for our next Restaurant Night at Silver Spring Mining Company** in Perry Hall, on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, from 11 am to 10 pm. Present a flyer when ordering or let them know that you are supporting St. John's. Flyers are located on the third floor bulletin board.



having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

### GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

*Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.*

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"

<sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet.

<sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

*ELW 611*

*(Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889; Music: English folk tune)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

God, the giver of love, + Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*ELW 807*

*(Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.; Music: J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813)*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Forth in Your Name*

*Lani Smith*

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<b>Those Serving Today</b>	
Assisting Minister	Linda Wiley
Crucifer	James W.
Acolyte (s)	Devon W.
Lector	Donna McDonough
Communion Assistant	Donna McDonough

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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

*Now Behold the Lamb*

*ELW 341*



1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who  
2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why  
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre-cious Lamb of God.  
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre-cious Lamb of God.  
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre-cious Lamb of God.

*(Text and music: Kirk Franklin, b. 1970; arr. Keith Hampton, b. 1957; Text and music © 1996 Lilly Mack Music CCLI Song #1892738)*

## COMMUNION HYMN *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

*ELW 335*

*(Text: Fanny J, Crosby, 1820-1919; Music: William H. Doane, 1832-1915)*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Embodied God,  
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.  
**Amen.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**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 OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition* Merciful God,  
**Receive 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

*Give Me Jesus*

*Adult Choir*

*(Text: Traditional Spiritual and Tom Fettke; Arr. Tom Fettke; Arr © 2003 Lorenz Publishing Co.)*

*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](http://stjohnsparkville.org). Checks and cash may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. You may also donate via venmo @stjohnsparkville*

### OFFERING HYMN

*Change My Heart, O God*

*ELW 801*

**Change my heart O God; make it ever true.  
Change my heart O God; may I be like you.**

***You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.***

**Change my heart O God; make it ever true.  
Change my heart O God; may I be like you.**

*(Text and music: Eddie Espinosa; Text and music © 1982 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing, admin. Music Services)*

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of good gifts,  
receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of  
your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very  
presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

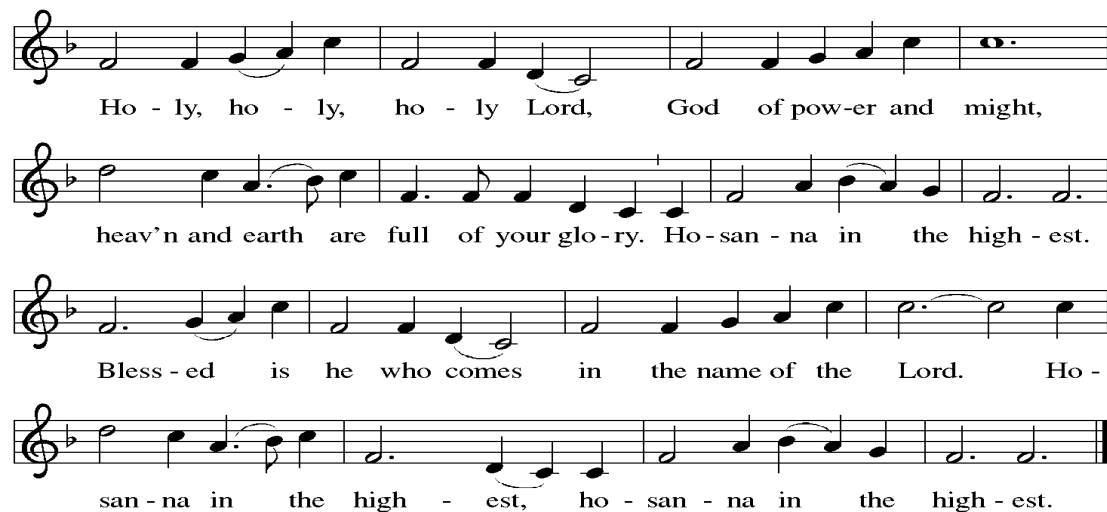
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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 call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter  
feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, God of the universe.

You made everything that is, and you sustain every living thing.

You taught us to tend and care for your earth.

When we turned away from our task of sharing,  
you made for yourself a people, rescued them from slavery,  
nourished them with manna in the wilderness,  
and taught them to rely daily on your mercy.

You entered human life in Jesus,

who ate with sinners,

who fed the thousands with a few loaves,

and who called us back to the way of sharing our bread and your mercy.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this meal we remember Jesus giving himself to us.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

As we share this bread and cup, O God, fill us up.

Pour your Spirit on us so that we may be the body of Christ,  
food for your hungry world and signs of your love.

With the earth and all its creatures,

with all who have gone before us,

we give you praise, feeding God, now and forever.

**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.**

**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

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.