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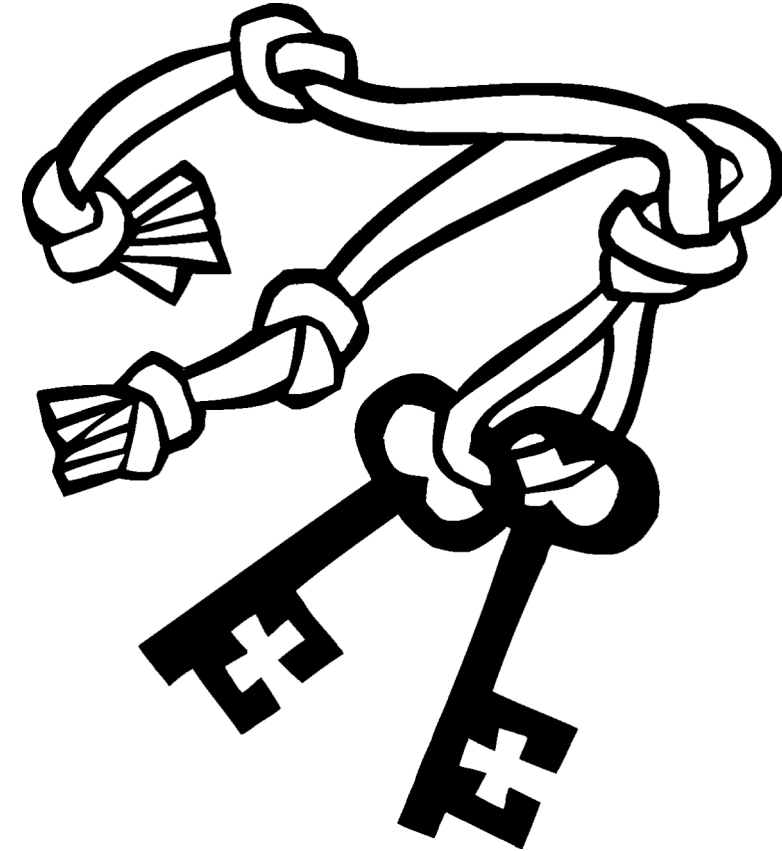


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Today's worship service is being live streamed to YouTube with video coverage of leaders and worshippers.

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# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 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 Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

*(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* *Violinist: Yoon-Mee Chong*  
*(Arr. © 1988 Lillenas Publishing Co.)*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### GATHERING

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have hurt our community.**

**We have squandered your blessings.**

**We have hoarded your bounty.**

**In the name of Jesus,**

**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Righteous God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have failed to be honest.**

**We have lacked the courage to speak.**

**We have spoken falsely.**

**In the name of Jesus,**

**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

### This week's schedule

Today	10 am	Live & Online Worship
Mon.		
Tues.		
Wed.	9:30 am	Busy Bees (Smith Building)
Thurs.		
Fri.		
Sat.		

### Counting our Blessings

Sunday	Attendance:	2023	
8/20	<b>Offering:</b> \$	June Offering Income	\$18,282
	<b>Homebound:</b> 19	June Other Income	\$ 1,293
		June Total Income	\$19,575
		June Expenses	\$34,851
		YTD Offering Income	\$134,709
		YTD Other Income	\$ 29,430
		YTD Total Income	\$164,139
		YTD Expenses	\$195,898



## Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Cass Tracey, Lou Gerber, Lisa Duerling, Len Steg, Mary Gude, Joan Kraft, Mike McDonough, Bonnie Spellman, Ardi Scarborough, Mardi Nickel, Diane Carroll, Joan Swank, Andy Rother, Rosalie Coffman, Pat Hurley, Phil Ermer, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

**For family & friends:** Alice Evans, Roland Curtis, Trish Pizza, Robert Hunter, Jr., Betsy Shock, Joann Bayer, Norman Bayer, Sue Eid, Genevieve Byrnes, Julie Bramble, Ruth Reimschissel aka Mrs. Claus, Darlene & Odin Saby, Holly Hartman, Colette, Larry Harmel, Michael Ellisson, Lonnie Rash, Gary Jones, Karen Alban, Bruce Cohen, Kathy Barnes, Vic Giordani, Helen Bender, Anna Meyers, Deemer Morrow, Lee Hall, Robin, Alice Ensor, Jeanne Edmunds, Mike Haven, Gail Gangi, Kristin Weger, 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:** Gladys Downs

**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, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Kim Townsley, Cass Tracey and Emma Volz

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.  
God offers boundless grace when we fail.  
Claim the gift of God's mercy:  
you are freed and forgiven  
in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**      *The Church's One Foundation*      **ELW 654 (vv. 1-3)**  
*(Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900; Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876)*

## 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, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 51:1-6**

*Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.*

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the LORD.  
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.  
<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.  
<sup>3</sup>For the LORD will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,

her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
 joy and gladness will be found in her,  
 thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people,  
 and give heed to me, my nation;  
 for a teaching will go out from me,  
 and my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
 my salvation has gone out  
 and my arms will rule the peoples;  
 the coastlands wait for me,  
 and for my arm they hope.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
 and look at the earth beneath;  
 for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
 the earth will wear out like a garment,  
 and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
 but my salvation will be forever,  
 and my deliverance will never be ended.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 138

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
 before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup>**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me;  
 you increased my strength within me.

<sup>4</sup>**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways of the LORD,  
 that great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
 you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup>**You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**



We will be having a **New Members Lunch** for all prospective new/returning members on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon—2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided! This will be a time to build relationships, learn more about the ministry of St. John’s and ask questions together. Then on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, we will formally welcome new members into the St. John’s family during the 10 am worship service. **Please RSVP by September 1<sup>st</sup> to the church office at 410-665-1234 or office@stjohnsparkville.org if you will be joining us for the new member’s lunch.**

**Save the date! Youth Group begins on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.** We will meet after worship from about 11:30 am—1 pm. Look for more details soon! The St. John’s Youth Group will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month after worship.



**Busy Bees need flannel sheets** as a component for the quilts they make for the homeless. If you have any used but clean flannel sheets that you would like to donate we would really appreciate it.

**St. John’s Preschool has openings this fall for the 3 and 4 year old preschool program.** For more information contact the preschool at preschool@stjohnsparkville.org.



**Victor’s Vittles, the food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church is in need of items for their food pantry.** Items needed are: canned fruit, cereal & oatmeal, jelly, peanut butter, pasta sauce, spaghetti noodles, Raman noodles, mac & cheese, beef stew, pancake mix, syrup, instant potatoes, and canned spaghetti

**Out of the office...**

- Pastor Mathew & Pastor Amy will be away August 22<sup>nd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. In case of an emergency during this time, please contact the church office during office hours. Evenings and weekends, please call the emergency number at 443-844-9314.

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Bob Berner
Crucifer	Gabby G.
Acolyte (s)	Olivia S.
Lector	Donna McDonough
Communion Assistant	Donna McDonough
Dismissal Assistant	Devon W.

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

**Next Week— Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>— Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

Visit [stjohnsparkville.org](http://stjohnsparkville.org)



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given to the glory of God for the birth of our grandson, Callum Carey Willett, born on August 4<sup>th</sup> to Christina (nee Buckless) and Adam Willett by Peggy and Dennis Buckless.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Dates available are: September 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, October 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>, and December 31<sup>st</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.



**BIBLE Study** The Friday Bible Study will resume on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the Smith Building.

**Faith + Fellowship** will resume on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. See you then!



COMMUNITY DINNER

**Join us for our next Community Meal on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm—7 pm.** Thank you to everyone who helped make the August Community Meal a success! We need volunteers for our next meal. If you can help, there is a sign up sheet on the third floor bulletin board or you can call the church office. Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors!

**Save the Date for our Sunday School Kickoff** on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will have songs, prayers, food and a craft! Everyone of all ages is welcome to join in the fun! Registration forms are available in the church office, in the weekly email and on the third floor bulletin board.



**St. John's will be participating in the Parkville-Carney Fair on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 am—3 pm in St. Ursula Church parking lot.**

Come out and do some shopping and get some free stuff. Don't forget to stop by the St. John's table and say hi.

**The Food for Thought Program is gearing up for the 2023-2024 school year.** A list of what is needed is on the third floor bulletin board. We will again be packing 50 bags for 25 students, so we will need a large supply to get started.



## SECOND READING

**Romans 12:1-8**

*In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

<sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 16:13-20**

*At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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**      *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*      **ELW 597**  
*(Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.; Music: John B. Dyke, 1823-1876)*

### APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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*      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.)*

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENDING

### BLESSING

God, the Source of glory,  
God, the Word of life,  
God, the Spirit of truth  
✚ bless you all, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**      *We All Are One in Mission*      **ELW 576 (vv. 1-2)**  
*(Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955; Music: Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version; Text © 1986 Hope Publishing Company; Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Publishing Company)*

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**      *How Firm a Foundation*      *Terry Kirkland*  
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**TODAY WE WELCOME** *Pastor Teal Anderson, as our presider and preacher,*  
*and thank her for sharing her gifts with us in worship.*  
*It is good to have you here at St. John's!*

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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, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*Faith of Our Fathers*

*ELW 812*

*(Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.; Music: Henri F. Hemy, 1818-1888; James G. Walton, 1812-1905, refrain)*

*O Savior, Precious Savior*

*ELW 820*

*(Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879; Music: 1850-1929)*

*(The assembly remains seated.)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.  
We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received  
at your banquet table.

## MEAL

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

*We, Your People, Praise You*

*Dan Edwards*

*(Tune: ST. ANTHONY CHORALE by Franz Joseph Haydn; Arr. © 2012 Lorenz Publishing Co.)*

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*(Please stand as you are able.)*



### OFFERING HYMN

*For the Wholeness of the Earth*

*ACS 1067*

1 We lift this prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this  
2 We turn our lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our  
3 Give thanks to God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to  
prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this prayer for the  
lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our lives to the  
God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to God for the  
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?  
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it spin - ning in you?  
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?

Text: Bret Hesla, b. 1957

Music: WHOLENESS OF THE EARTH, Bret Hesla  
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### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.  
God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,

that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

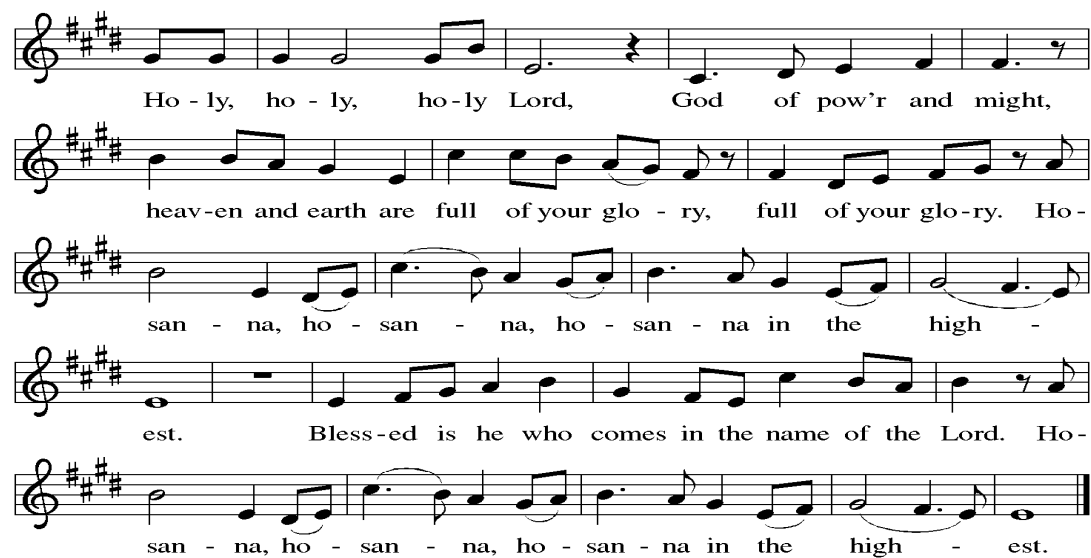
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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;  
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, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God,  
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,  
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,  
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus  
who, living among us,  
healed the sick,  
fed the hungry,  
and with a love stronger than death,  
gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed...  
Remembering, therefore,  
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this dying world.  
Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death to life,  
that we may live as your chosen ones,  
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.  
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.

**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

All people are called to Christ's table.  
Come, eat what is good.