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

# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023



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## Introduction to the Day

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

*(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, Holy Traveler*

*Patricia Lou Harris*

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*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### GATHERING

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God,  
the one who forms us,  
✝ Jesus who bears the cross,  
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.  
**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility,  
confessing our sin.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Steadfast and faithful God,  
**you have revealed the ways of justice,  
yet we fail to follow you.**  
**We are overwhelmed  
by the world's violence and suffering.**  
**We are afraid to risk what we have  
for the sake of others.**  
**For the harm we have caused,  
known and unknown, forgive us.**  
**For the unjust demands we place on others  
and your creation, forgive us.**  
**For the ways we turn away  
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

### 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 (Smith Building)  |
|        | 11:30 am   | Youth Group (Youth Room)              |
| Mon.   | 7 pm       | Council Meeting (Smith Building)      |
| Tues.  | 3 pm—10 pm | Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser            |
| Wed.   | 9:30 am    | Busy Bees (Smith Building)            |
|        | 7:30 pm    | Adult Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)    |
| Thurs. |            | <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>        |
| Fri.   | 11 am      | Bible Study (Smith Building)          |
| Sat.   | 9 am       | Men-in-Mission Breakfast (Jerry D's)  |

### Counting our Blessings

| Sunday<br>10/8 | Attendance: 98<br>Offering: \$ 4,763<br>Homebound: 17 | 2023                   |           |
|----------------|---|------------------------|-----------|
|                |   | August Offering Income | \$18,031  |
|                |   | 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:** 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:** 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, 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, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, and all those in harm's way

**For those grieving family & friends of:** Mary-Anne Reek

**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

**Lead us back to you  
and set us on the right path;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
God's compassion is beyond compare.  
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.  
In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**      *Now the Feast and Celebration*      **ELW 167**

*(Text and music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950; Text and music © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.)*

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

*(The assembly is seated.)*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 25:1-9**

*After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you are my God;  
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.  
<sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap,

the fortified city a ruin;  
the palace of aliens is a city no more,  
it will never be rebuilt.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

<sup>4</sup>For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,  
<sup>5</sup>the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

## Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**We will be sending Care Packages to our St. John's youth in college to let them know we are thinking of them.** If you would like to participate in this program or if you know someone who would like to receive a package, there is a flyer with more information on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor bulletin board. **Donations are due by October 22<sup>nd</sup>.**



**Our Trunk or Treat will take place on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.** This event is a safe and fun way of trick-or-treating! Car decorating set up begins at 5 pm with the event starting at 6 pm. Contact the church office to sign up for car decorating contest.

**St. John's is hosting a CPR & First Aid course on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall.** The cost is \$40. If you would like to participate, contact the church office by Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.



**All Saints Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.** If you would like to add a name to the list, please call the church office by Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Quilt Raffle...** We are selling tickets for the beautiful quilt that will be raffled at the Christmas Bazaar. It is a queen size quilt. Tickets are 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, and 13 for \$10. Tickets may be purchased from the Busy Bees or in the church office.



**We are collecting 40 jars/cans of turkey or chicken gravy to help our local food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church with their holiday food distribution.** If you would like to participate in this project, please return your donations by Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. There is a box for your donation on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor counter, outside of the Sanctuary.



**Join us for our next Community this Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 pm—7 pm.** Thank you to everyone who helped make the October 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!



**Our next Wednesday Night Worship will take place on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

**St. John's Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 am—2 pm.** What you can expect: food, crafters, jewelry, bake table, homemade candies & jellies, quilt raffle, white elephant sale, handmade items and more. Hope to see you there!



## Announcements & Upcoming Events

**Next Week— Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> — Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**

† 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 my daughter Alison Kirby and grandson Kalib McCann's birthdays by Mary Jane Kirby-OBrien.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2024. 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. Most dates are available at this time.

**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.



**St. John's Youth Group** meets in the Youth Room on the second floor from about 11:30 am-12:30 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Study** 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 at Carney Elementary. We have an immediate need for juice pouches and apple sauce pouches. Monetary donations are also accepted and appreciated. Please help if you can!



**Our next Restaurant Night** is at Texas Roadhouse in White Marsh on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 3 pm—10 pm. Come out and support St. John's and enjoy a meal with friends. You must show a flyer or a copy of the flyer on your phone for the church to receive credit.

St John's Preschool needs glass jars for a project they are working on with the children. They can be spaghetti or pickle jars or something similar.



## SECOND READING

**Philippians 4:1-9**

*Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

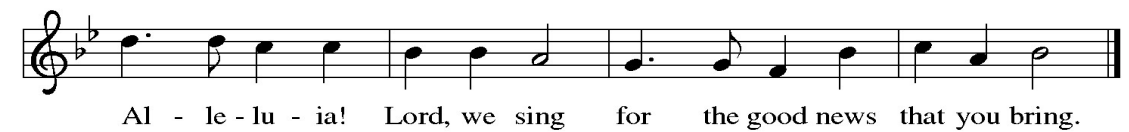
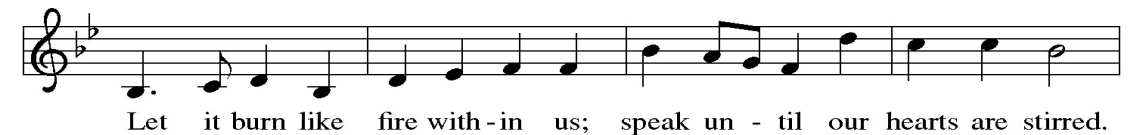
<sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 22:1-14**

*Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God’s kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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**

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

*ELW 873 (vv. 1-3)*

*(Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821-1891, alt.; Music: Arthur H. Messiter, 1834-1916)*

**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.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The God of glory,

✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,  
and the Spirit who lives in you,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Sent Forth by God’s Blessing*

*ELW 547*

*(Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt.; Music: Welsh folk tune; Text © 1964 World Library Publications)*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Voluntary in F*

*Robert Lau*

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| <b>Those Serving Today</b> |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Assisting Minister         | Tony Jasinski     |
| Crucifer                   | Olivia S.         |
| Acolyte (s)                | Devon W., Jack W. |
| Lector                     | Bonnie Spellman   |
| Communion Assistant        | Bonnie Spellman   |
| Dismissal Assistant        | Jack W.           |

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## LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION

*Come, Let Us Eat*

*ELW 491*

*(Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan, Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt.; Music: Billema Kwillia, adapt.; Text sts. 1-3 and tune © Lutheran World Federation; text st. 4 and adapt. © 1972 Contemporary Worship 4, admin. Augsburg Fortress)*

*Now We Join in Celebration*

*ELW 462*

*(Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918-1990; Music: Johann Cruger, 1598-1662; Text © Joel W. Lundeen, admin. Augsburg Fortress)*

*(The assembly remains seated.)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.  
Blessed be your name, O God,  
for we have feasted on your Word,  
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.  
Strengthened by this food,  
send us to gather the world to your banquet,  
where none are left out and all are satisfied.  
In Jesus' name we pray.  
**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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* God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

**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** *In Communion With Me You Are Loved* *Adult Choir*  
*(Words: Linda Serino; Music: Mary McDonald; Words and music © 1986 Purifoy Publishing)*

*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*



*(Please stand as you are able.)*

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

*(Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891-1974; Music: Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796; Text © 1955 ren. 1983 The Hymn Society, admin. Hope Publishing Company)*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.  
God of power, God of plenty,  
all things belong to you.  
We bring your gifts to the table,  
that all might be fed.  
Form us into the body of your Beloved,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

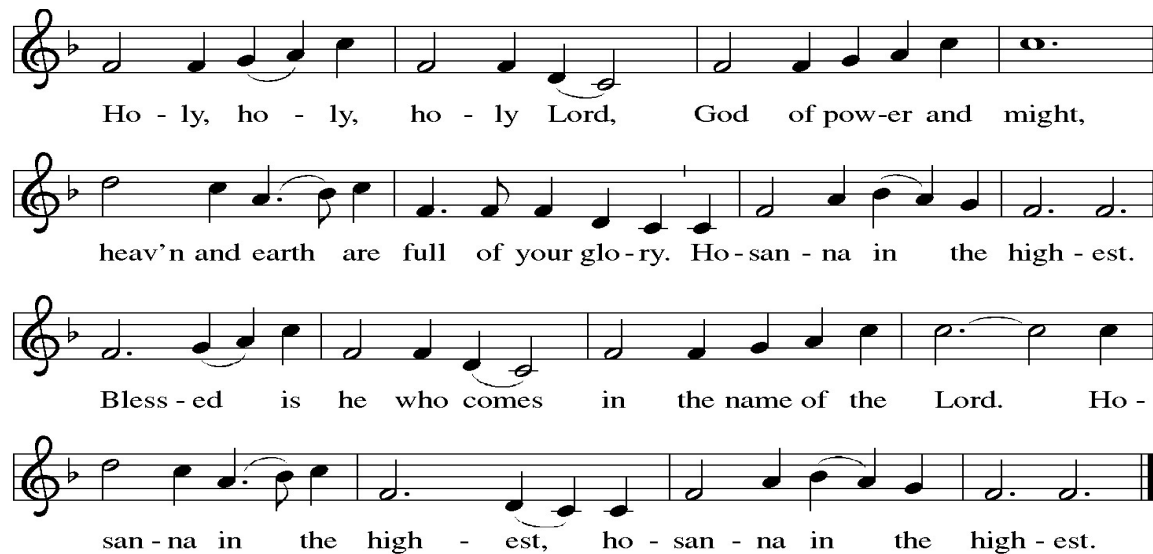
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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-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 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.**

**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

Jesus invites you to this table.  
Come, eat and live.

### 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.*