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St. John's Lutheran Church Parkville



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# Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024



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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

As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

*(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**      *Happy Are They Who Walk with the Lord*      *Daniel E. Gawthrop*  
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*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
 creator of darkness and light,  
 word of truth,  
 wind sweeping over the waters.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge,  
**we pour out our hearts before you.**  
**We have known you but have not always loved you.**  
**We have wounded one another**  
**and sinned against you.**  
**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit**  
**dwelling in each of us.**  
**Remember your covenant.**  
**Renew your creation.**  
**Restore us,**  
**that we might proclaim your good news to all.**  
**Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.  
 God has spoken:  
 The time of grace is now.  
 In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

### 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 Altar Guild Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Mon.	
Tues.	
Wed.	9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building) 7 pm Adult Choir (Music Room)
Thurs.	
Fri.	11 am Bible Study (Smith Building)
Sat.	

### Counting our Blessings

		<b>2023</b>	
Sun.	Attendance: 123	December Offering Income	\$31,972
1/14	Offering: \$5,880	December Other Income	\$ 2,421
	Homebound: 16	December Total Income	\$34,393
		December Expenses	\$34,660
		YTD Offering Income	\$283,985
		YTD Other Income	\$ 40,567
		YTD Total Income	\$324,552
		YTD Expenses	\$386,155



## Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Richard Souders, Karen Ermer, Bett & Bob Murphy, Oluseye Fowode, Robert Suznick, Barbara Mueller, Patricia Denk, 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:** Pearl Johnson, Nancy, Astrid Thoeicht, Donna Joseph, Harriet Miller, Maeve Webster, Shannon McLaughlin, John Bryan, Joe Federline, Pastor John Burk, 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, 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:** Cass Tracey and Barbara Hurn

**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, and Emma Volz

By the authority of + Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.  
You are God's beloved.  
**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

*I Love to Tell the Story*

*ELW 661*

*(Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911; Music: William E. Fischer, 1849-1936)*

## 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

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## WORD

### FIRST READING

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

*The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)*

**Psalm 62:5-12**

- <sup>5</sup>For God alone I wait in silence;  
truly, my hope is in God.
- <sup>6</sup>**God alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**
- <sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- <sup>8</sup>**Put your trust in God always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**
- <sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.  
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.
- <sup>10</sup>**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**
- <sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.
- <sup>12</sup>**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,  
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

**SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

*Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*



**Tickets are on sale for St. John's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bull and Shrimp Roast on Friday, February 2, 2024 from 6:30 pm—10:30 pm at Columbus Gardens.**  
Contact Tony Jasinski to purchase tickets.

**Silent Auction...** We are collecting donations for the Silent Auction that will take place at our Bull and Shrimp Roast on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. **If you would like to donate, please take a post it from the board outside of the Sanctuary and return your donation by Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.**



**Join us for our next Community Meal on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 pm.** We need volunteers for our 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 February 7<sup>th</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!



**Super Bowl Sunday is Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.** Please help those in need by bringing a food pantry item that is listed on the flyer located on the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary or a free will offering. **All donations will be given to Victor's Vittles and ELCA World Hunger.**

**Join us for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm—7:30 pm.** If you will be attending, please fill out the tear off flyer located on the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary and place it in the designated box.



**2023 Contribution Statements are ready for pick up.** See Debbie Haacke on Sunday before or after worship to get your statement. If you cannot pick up your statement on Sunday, we will put your statement in the mail. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Debbie at 410-661-8970 or by email at haackefamily@comcast.net.

**Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp** in Jefferson, MD invites you to join us this summer! Family Campers and youth ages 6-17 are welcome. We never turn anyone away for financial reasons, so please ask about our Campership fund if needed. Come experience small-group camping, swimming, hiking, sleep-outs, new friends, and exciting activities that challenge you to grow in confidence and in faith - all in a safe and inclusive community. Our 2024 Theme is "Created To Be!" Registration is open; Early Bird discount through February 18. For more information visit [mar-lu-ridge.org/summer-camp/](http://mar-lu-ridge.org/summer-camp/) or call 800.238.9974.



## Announcements & Upcoming Event

**Next Week— Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

† 9 am— **Sunday School and Faith & 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 Sharon Carletti and Gina McCall's birthdays by Donna Nicholson.


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. Available dates are February 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>.


**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** will meet in the Youth Room on the first Sunday of the month, beginning February 4<sup>th</sup> from about 11:15 am—12:30 pm. This group is for middle and high school students. Join us as we have fun, get to know one another and grow in faith. See you there!

**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 pudding cups and small boxes/bags of cereal. Offering money helps support this effort too! Thanks for your support! 

 **Save the date for a Holy Land benefit concert and raffle on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm in the Sanctuary.** Keith Derrickson will be sharing curated music for this event that will include classical, pop and Broadway style music. This concert will benefit Lutheran Disaster Response and their work in the Middle East.

**2023 Annual Report...** We need your Ministry Report for the 2023 Annual Report. Please email your report to the church office by Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. 

## 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

**Mark 1:14-20**

*Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.*

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

## SERMON

*(Please stand as you are able.)*



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,  
 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live  
 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:  
 so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,  
 shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.  
 not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.  
 till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

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 Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815  
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**INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL**

**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.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Giver of every gift,  
 Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.  
 Raise us to life by your power  
 for the benefit of all and to your glory,  
 now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

God who names you,  
 Christ who claims you,  
 and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
 † bless you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

*ELW 810 (vv. 1, 4)*

*(Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.; Music: Neuvermehties Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693)*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Little Toccata*

*Colin Curtis*

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Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Bob Berner
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Acolyte (s)	Landry E., Devon W.
Lector	Laurie Krieger
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Dismissal Assistant	Emma E.

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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

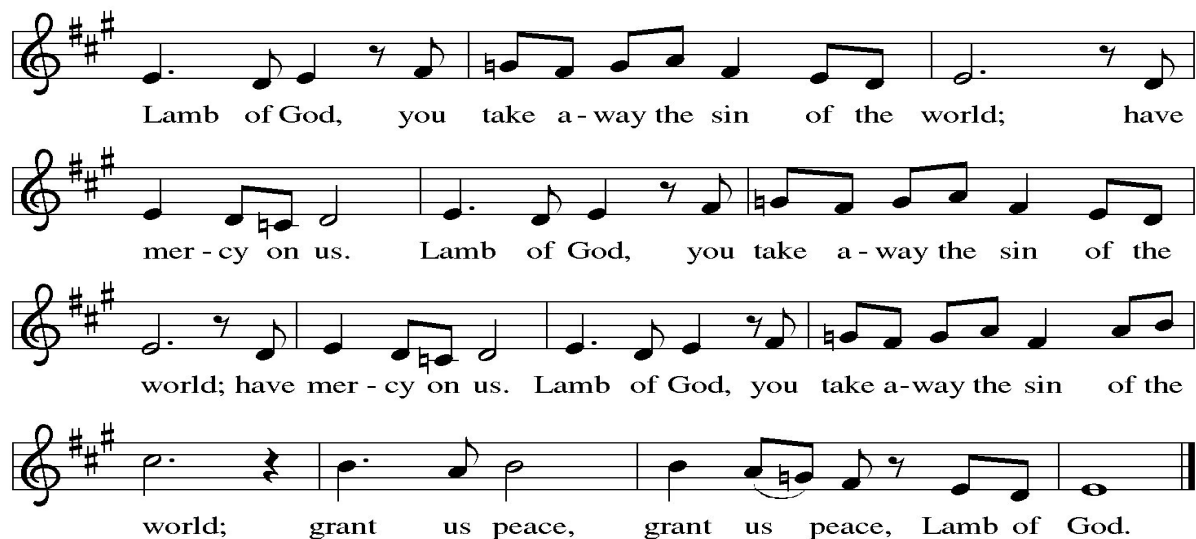
At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.  
Come and see.

### 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 HYMN** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* **ELW 815**  
*(Text and music: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934; Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration)*

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,  
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** *One Step, He Leads* *Adult Choir*  
*(Words and music: Pepper Choplin; © 1996 GlorySound)*

*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** *As with Gladness Men of Old* **ELW 302 (vv. 1, 3)**

*As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore be led by thee.*

*As they offered gifts most rare  
at thy cradle, rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.*

*(Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.; Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872)*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One,  
for all good things come from you.  
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.  
Meet us at this table,  
that we receive what we seek  
and follow your Son, Jesus,  
in whose name we pray.  
**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

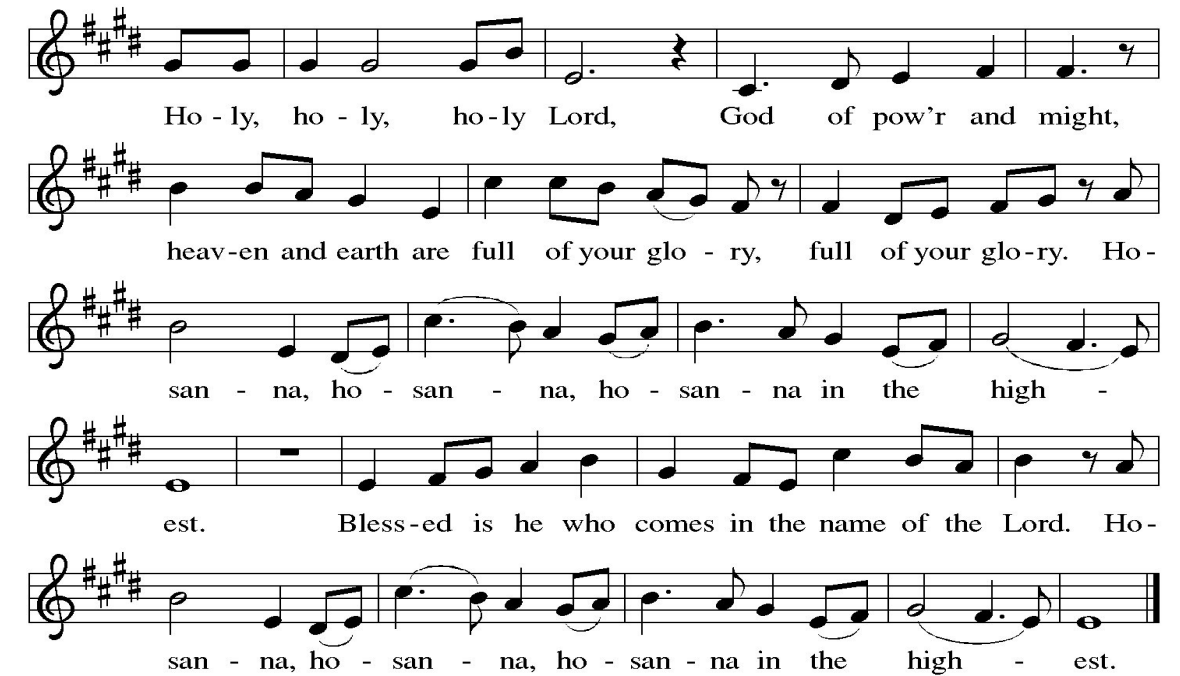
### DIALOGUE

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.  
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
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, mighty, and merciful God, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.  
In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O God,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Savior;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

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