



The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

*We Greet Our Members and Visitors
Warmly In Jesus' Name.*

The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Sunday, October 6, 2024

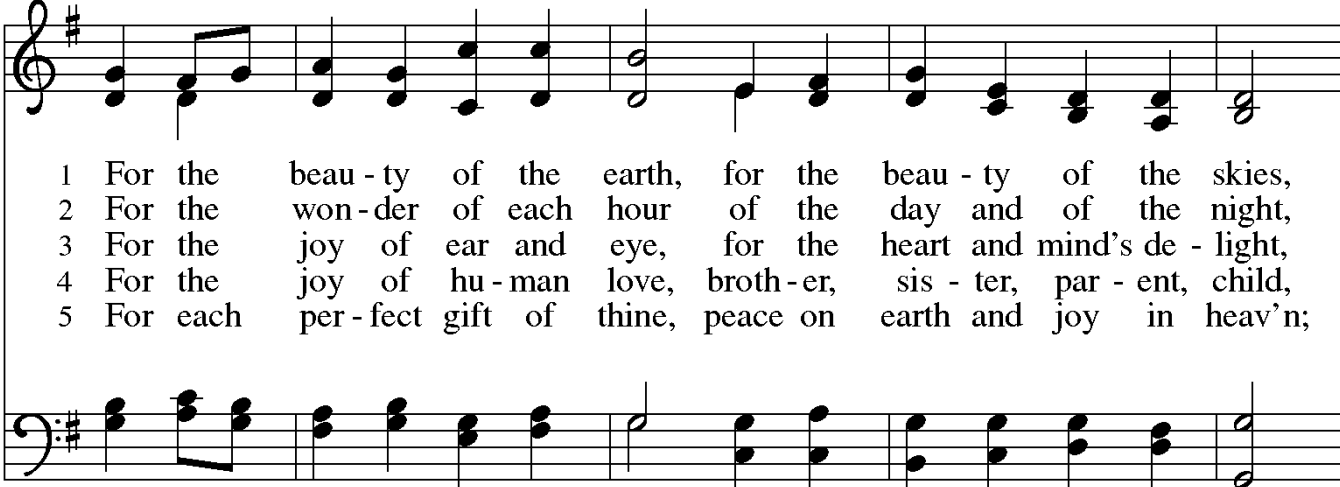


Welcome to Worship at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour
Sharing the Gospel, Learning God's Love, Reaching and Lifting Up Creation!

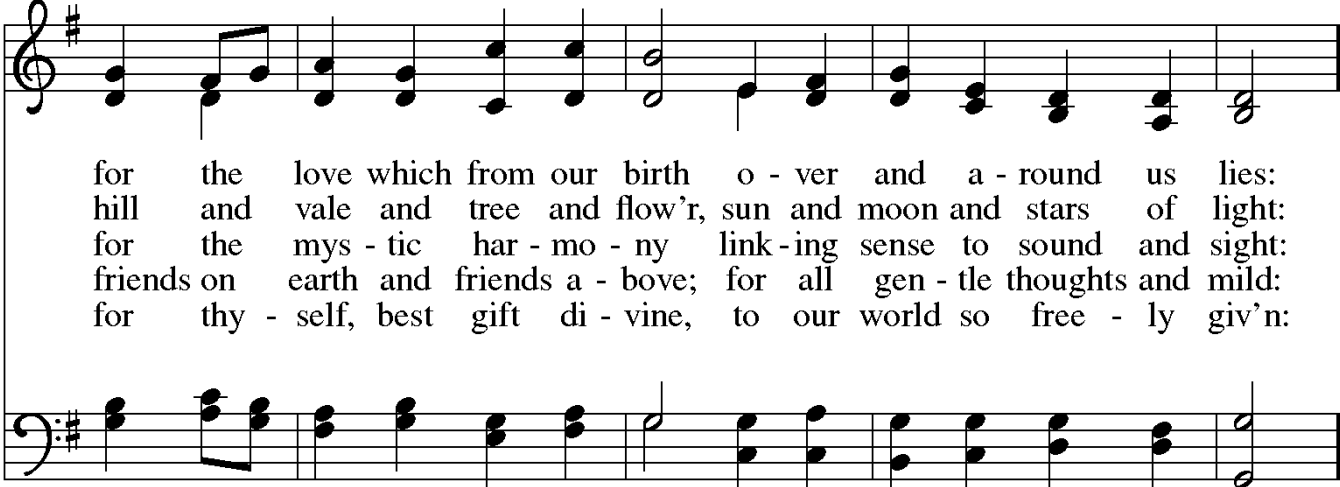
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Prelude: Bell Choir "For the Beauty of the Earth" Arranged by Jason Krug

Processional Hymn: "For The Beauty of the Earth"




1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

In Today's Liturgy

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

All: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. Gracious God,

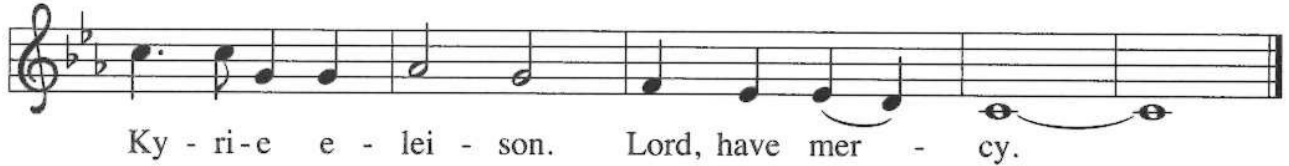
All: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

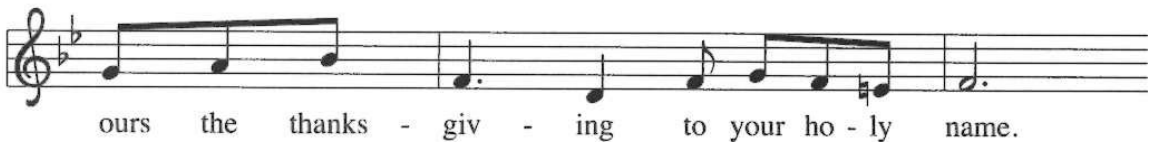
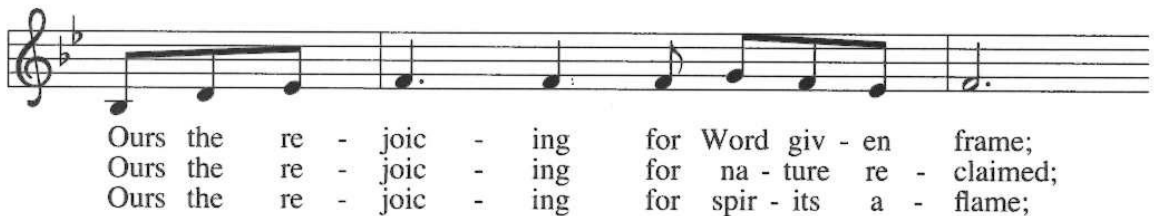
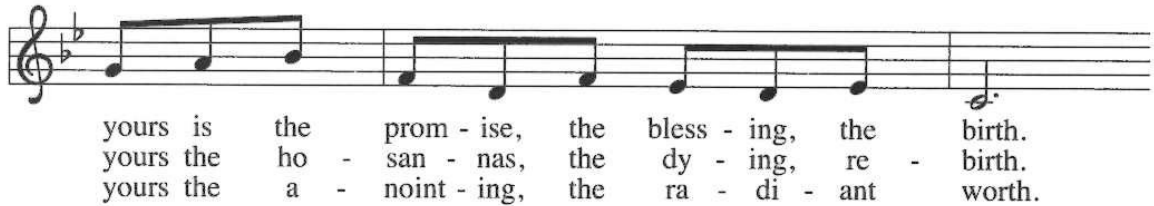
All: **Amen.**

(Please stand until the conclusion of the Gloria)

Kyrie



Gloria



Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: **Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(You may be seated)

The First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Lector: *Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other “one flesh.” The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).*

A reading from the book of the Genesis.

The Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Lector: The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8

- Lector:** O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
- All:** you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.
- Lector:** When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- All:** what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?
- Lector:** Yet you have made them little lower than the angels; and crowned them with glory and honor.
- All:** You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:
- Lector:** all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
- All:** the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
- Lector:** Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

The Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Lector: *Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.*

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."

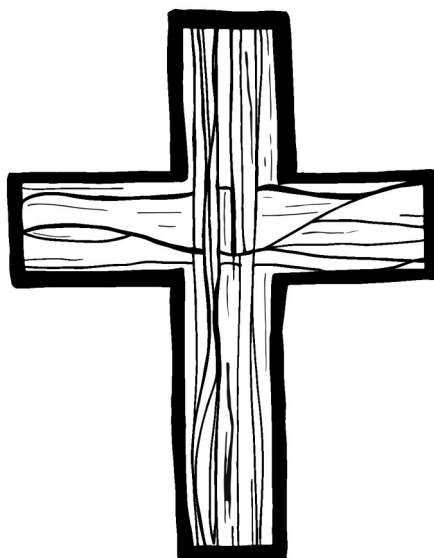
Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand if you are able)



Gospel Acclamation



The Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16

Pastor: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord According to St. Mark.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pastor: Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

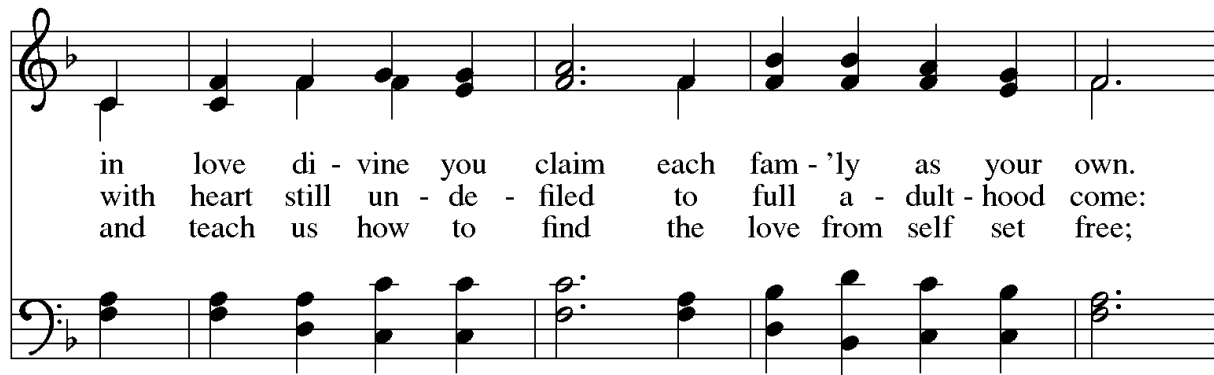


Announcements & Temple Talk

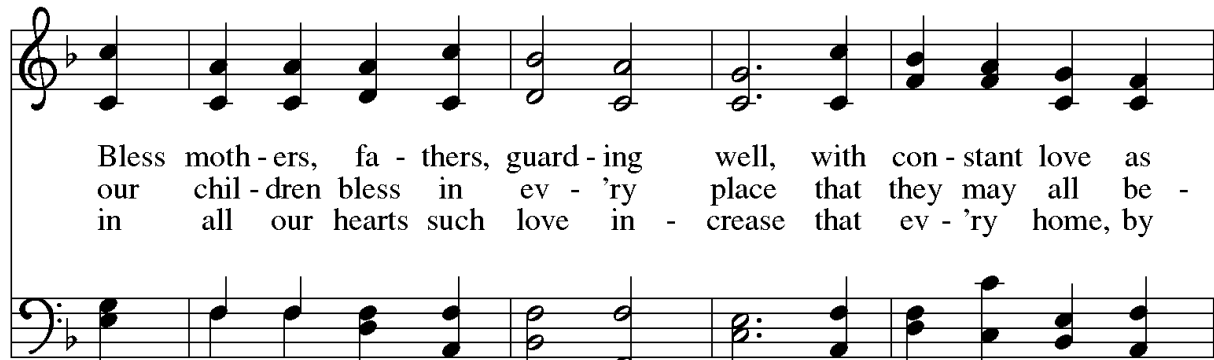
The Hymn of the Day: "Our Father, by Whose Name"



1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name all par - ent - hood is known,
2 O Christ, your - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, bind our hearts in u - ni - ty



in love di - vine you claim each fam - 'ly as your own.
with heart still un - de - filed to full a - dult - hood come:
and teach us how to find the love from self set free;



Bless moth - ers, fa - thers, guard - ing well, with con - stant love as
our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place that they may all be -
in all our hearts such love in - crease that ev - 'ry home, by

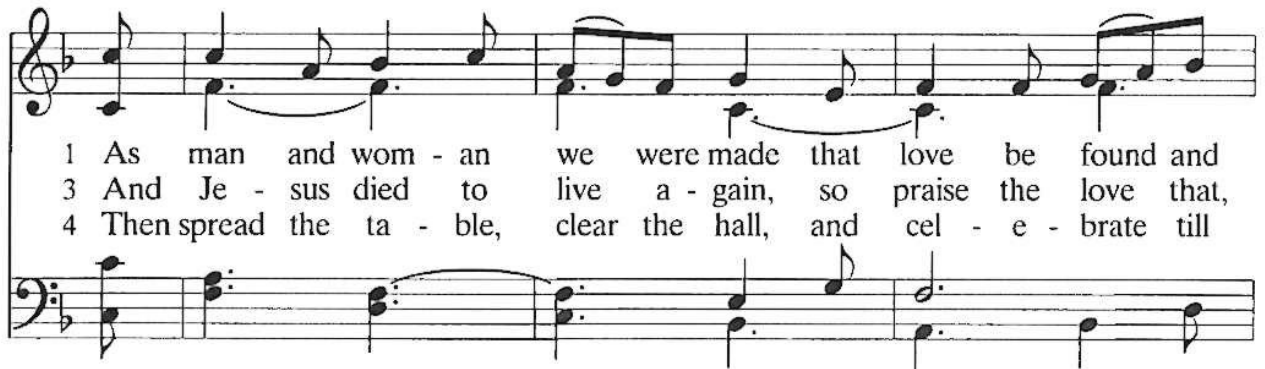


sen - ti - nel, the homes in which your peo - ple dwell.
hold your face and, know - ing you, may grow in grace.
this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.

(You may be seated)

The Sermon: Pastor Joachim Wilck

Hymn of Response: "As Man and Women We Were Made"



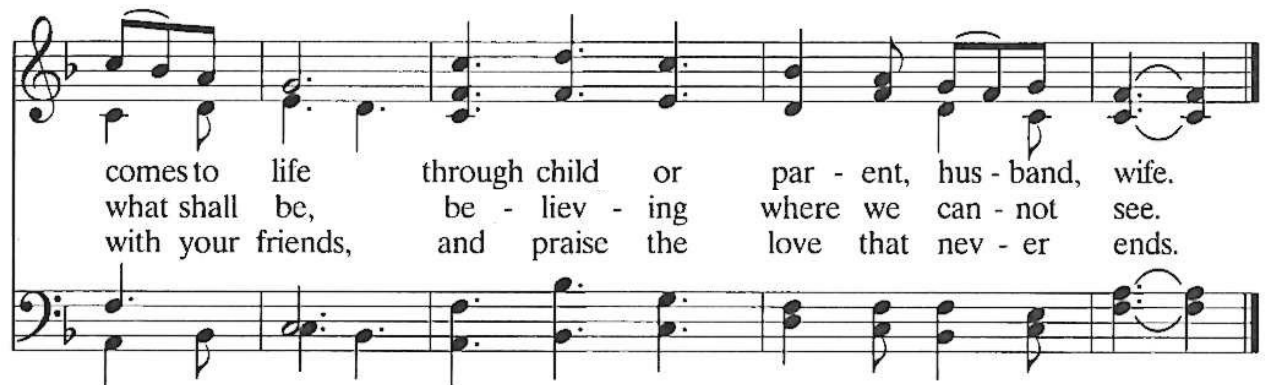
1 As man and wom - an we were made that love be found and
 3 And Je - sus died to live a - gain, so praise the love that,
 4 Then spread the ta - ble, clear the hall, and cel - e - brate till



life be - gun, so praise the Lord who made us two, and
 come what may, can bring the dawn and clear the skies, and
 day is done; let peace go deep be - tween us all and



praise the Lord when two are one: praise for the love that
 waits to wipe all tears a - way; and let us hope for
 joy be shared by ev - 'ry - one; laugh and make mer - ry



comes to life through child or par - ent, hus - band, wife.
 what shall be, be - liev - ing where we can - not see.
 with your friends, and praise the love that nev - er ends.

The Apostles' Creed

Pastor: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

Prayer of Intercession

Pastor: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation. *(a brief silence)*

God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and growth. God of grace,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Creator of every creature on earth, help direct our efforts to live in a sustainable way that protects the animals around us. Help small farmers continue to provide healthy food free that is free of dangerous chemicals. God of grace,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Sovereign God, soften the hearts of those who seek to perpetuate conflict and war. Turn our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks. God of grace,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering especially those who can not be with us in person today. Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. God of grace,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of resurrection, you prepare a place in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet God of grace,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Peace

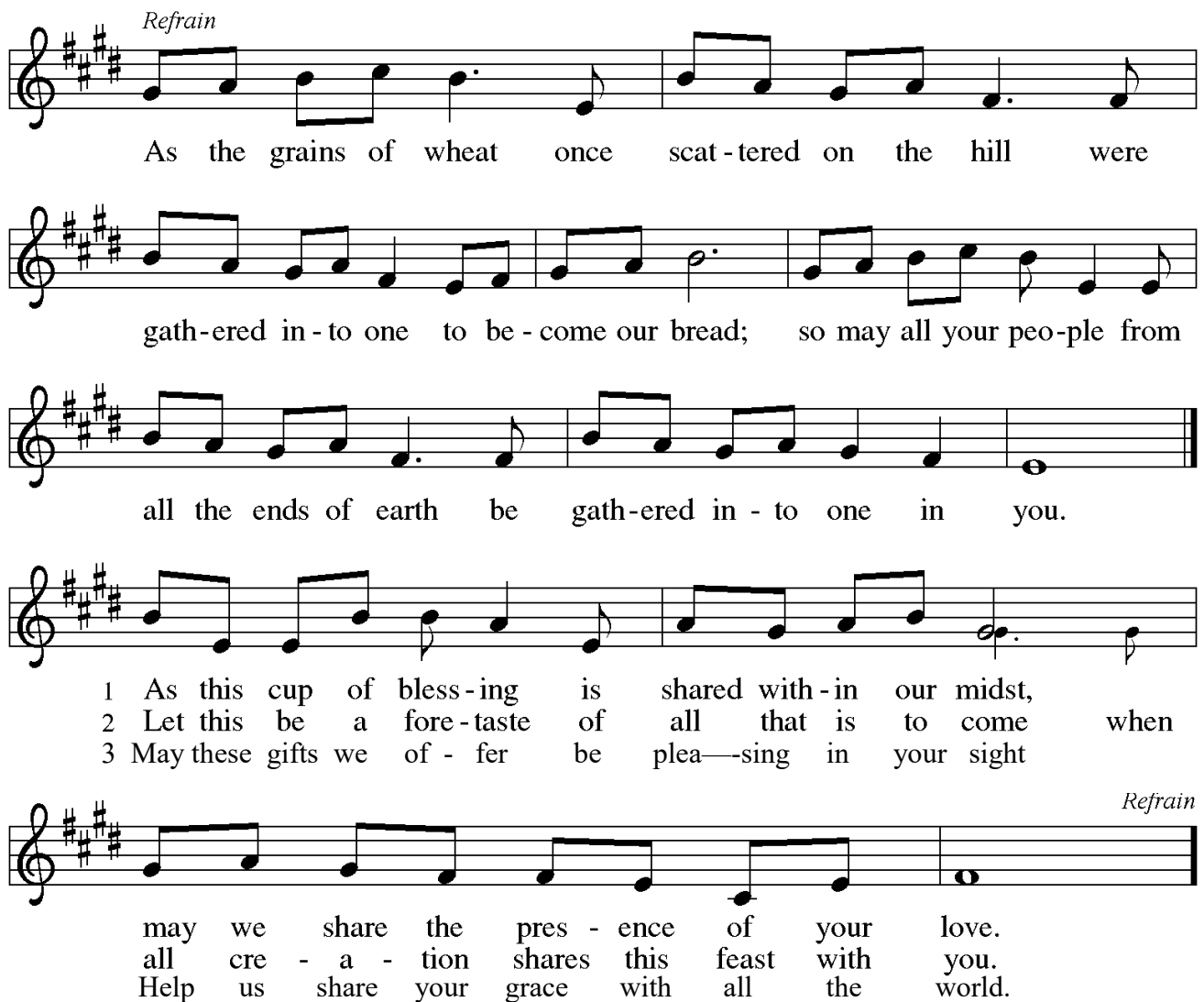
Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

(You may be seated)

Offering Hymn "As the Grains of Wheat"

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
3 May these gifts we of - fer be plea—sing in your sight

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.
Help us share your grace with all the world.

Offering Prayer

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: 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 in their unending hymn:

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

Pastor: O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song: The earth is full of your glory.

All: **The earth is full of your glory.**

Pastor: We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in the song: The earth is full of your glory.

All: **The earth is full of your glory.**

Pastor: O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again: The earth is full of your glory.

All: **The earth is full of your glory.**

Pastor: Amen, and amen.

All: **Amen, and amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray as our Savior taught.

All: **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.**

Communion



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



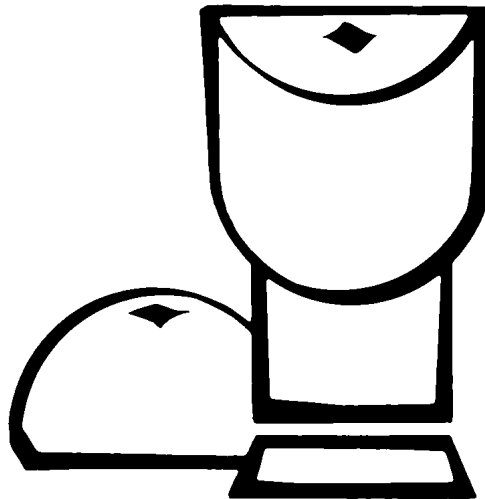
Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Communion Invitation

Pastor: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.



*(if you would like communion to be brought to you in your pew,
please speak to a service leader.)*

Communion Hymn: "Bind Us Together"

Refrain

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that
 can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,
 bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
 2 You are the fam-'ly of God. You are the prom-ise di - vine.

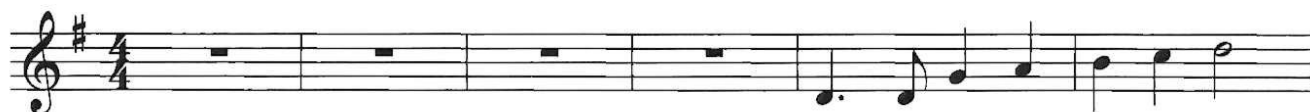
There . . is on - ly one Bod-y; that . . is why we can sing;
 You are God's cho-sen de - sire, you are the glo-rious new wine.

Refrain

Table Blessing

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

Post Communion Canticle *Composed by Bob Newbury*



Thank the Lord and sing His praise!



tell eve-ry-one what He has done, Let eve - ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and proud - ly



bear His name> He re-calls His pro-mis-es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



giv - ing A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia!

Post Communion Prayer

Pastor: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

All: Amen.

(Please stand if you are able)

Blessing

Pastor: God, the Source of glory, God the Word of life, God the Spirit of truth † bless you all, now and forever.

All: Amen.

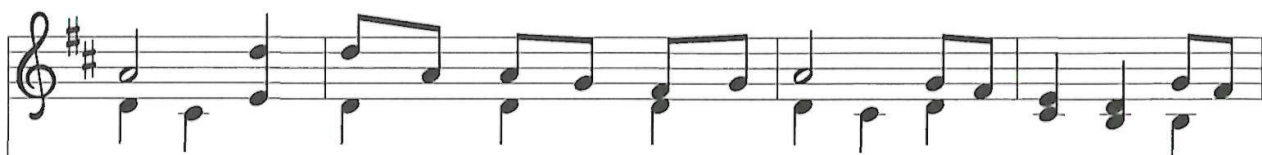
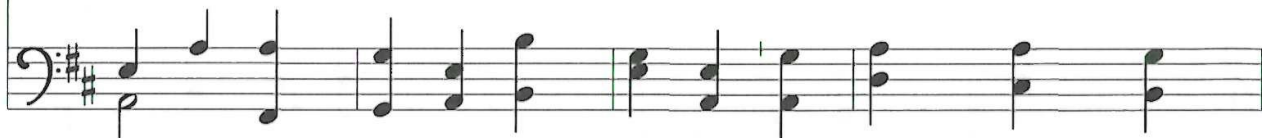
Closing Hymn: "All Creatures, Worship God Most High!"



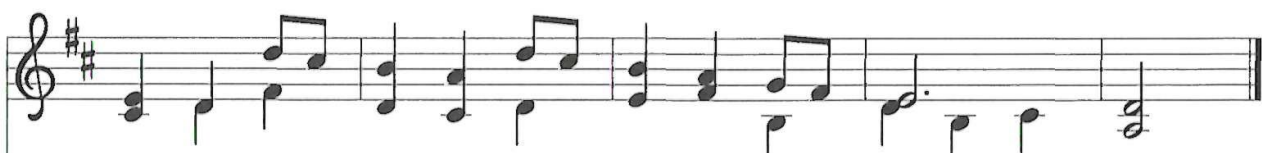
1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!



Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. And share God's love with our community.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

