

Eighth Sundays after Pentecost

The Mass
19 July 2026



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Lutheran Church of St Andrew the Apostle

Wickham Terrace Brisbane

We acknowledge that our loving Creator God first gave the land on which we are placed to the Turrbal and Jagera peoples of the First Nations who have walked and cared for this land since before recorded time. We thank God for the land's Traditional Custodians and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

PREPARATION

INVOCATION

The congregation stands as the minister approaches the altar.

M In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION

M Dear friends in Christ. Let us confess our sins to God and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

The congregation may kneel or sit. A brief silence for reflection and self-examination is kept.

We confess **that we are born in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have failed to do.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

ABSOLUTION

M As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by his command, I forgive the sins of all of you who repent and believe, in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

Amen.

1

O Holy Spirit, enter Thou
And with Thy gifts our hearts endow,
Thy temple deign to make us.
Our soul's true sun, Thou light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us.
Truly,
Newly
All are given
Life from heaven,
Who implore Thee;
We in prayer now come before Thee.

2

O give Thy Word impressive power,
That in our hearts, from this good hour,
As fire it may be glowing;
That we confess the Father, Son,
And Thee, the Spirit, three in one,
True God, all-wise, all-knowing.
Bide now;
Guide Thou
Our souls ever,
That they never
May forsake Thee,
But by faith their refuge make Thee.

3

Without Thine aid we go astray;
O lead us on the narrow way,
With Thine own counsel guide us.
Give steadfastness, and grant that we
May ever faithful prove to Thee,
Whatever may betide us.
Lord, now
Heal Thou
All hearts broken,
And give token
Thou art near us,
Whom we trust to light and cheer us.

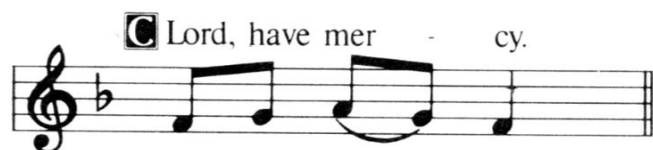
4

Thou mighty rock, Thou source of life,
Let Thy dear Word, mid doubt and strife,
Be so within us burning,
That we be faithful unto death
In holy love and steadfast faith,
From Thee all wisdom learning.
Lead us,
Keep us
From offences;
Guide our senses,
Mind, and spirit,
Till we heavenly life inherit.

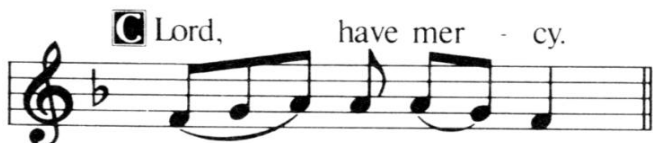
KYRIE (LORD HAVE MERCY)

The congregation stands.

M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



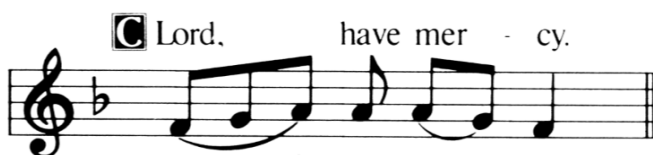
M For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



M For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



M For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



M Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



THE HYMN OF PRAISE

The hymn of praise is sung.

- This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

- This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honour, blessing, and glory are his.

- This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honour, glory, and might be to God
and the Lamb forever. Amen.

- This is the feast of victory for our God.

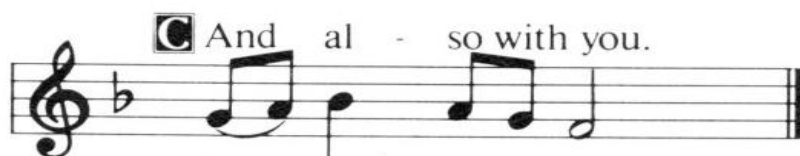
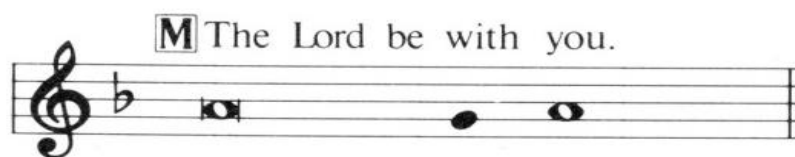
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

- This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY



M Let us pray.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The congregation sits.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 44:6-8 God is the first and last - the only God

After the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

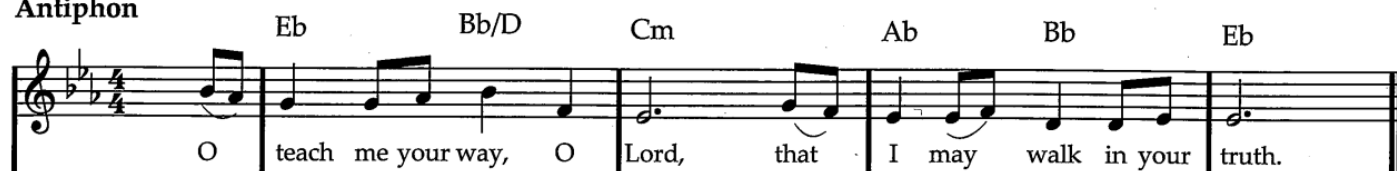
PSALM

The cantor chants the psalm, and the congregation joins in singing the antiphon.

Psalm 86:11-17

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Antiphon



Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

Antiphon: O teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Antiphon: O teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.

O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life,
and they do not set you before them.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness

Antiphon: O teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.

Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant;
save the child of your serving girl.

Show me a sign of your favour, so that those who hate me may see it and be put
to shame,

because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Antiphon: O teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25 Our future glory is beyond compare

After the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL (HYMN OF THE DAY) AT 453

The congregation sits.

1.

The world is waiting eagerly
to see God's hidden ones.

The world in chains will be set free
with God's daughters and God's sons.

It groans in earth and sea and sky
like a woman's birth-bed pain,
and, though the Spirit blows a morning
wind, we groan again:

2.

How long, our Father God, how long –
like earth and sky and sea –
how long will we, your children, groan
In deep futility?

For you will raise us from our lonely
grave to live and stand
as sons and daughters of your love
inheriting your land.

3.

Our suff'rings we can hardly bear
nor see what they may mean,
except that ours may share in his
who felt an edge more keen.
A hope we have, but cannot see
what still is out of sight:
a glory waits to touch our pain
with resurrection light.

4.

Then we shall see a newborn sky,
a newborn earth below,
a newborn city, lit by love,
where nothing false will go.
And God will live with humankind –
they will be God's people sure –
and God will wipe their tears away,
and death shall be no more.

5.

Upon the throne the King will sit
who went down into hell
and won a Lamb's way to the tree
of life where all is well.
Beside a river bright and clear,
with fruit on every arm,
the tree will grow the goodly leaves
to heal the nation's harm.

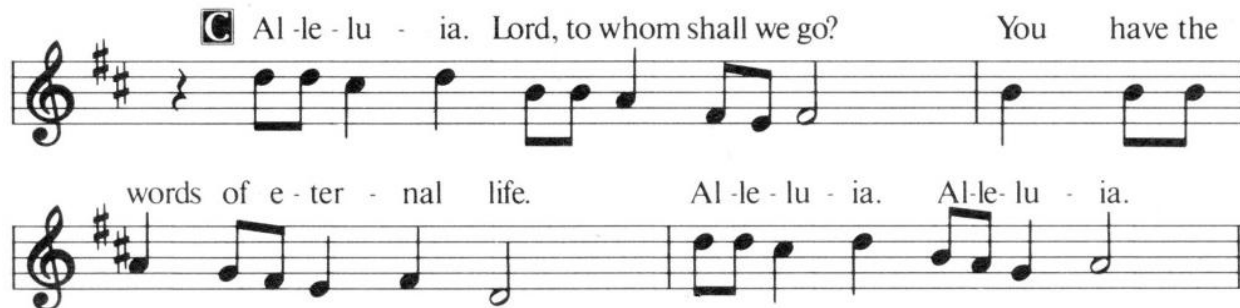
6.

Amen, amen! Lord Jesus, come!
Make everything anew!
Bring water in our wilderness,
change us from false to true!
Oh, may your kingdom come, our God,
our life and hope and sun!
Oh, as in heav'n, so now by us,
May your good will be done!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 The parable of the weeds

The congregation stands

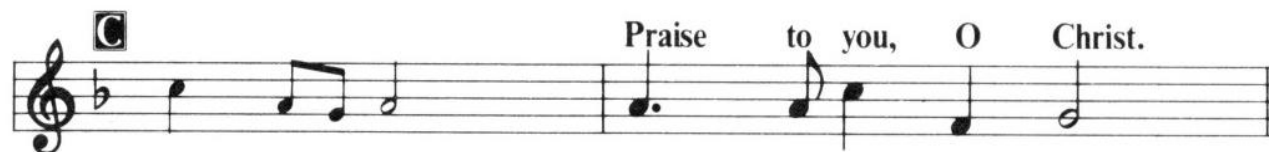


The gospel is announced.



The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

M The gospel of the Lord.



The congregation sits after the reading of the gospel.

SERMON

A brief silence is kept after the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

The congregation stands.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,

begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The congregation sits. A brief silence is kept.

M Let us pray.

After each petition:

M Merciful God,

C hear our prayer.

C Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN LHS 846

The congregation sits.

Those who administer communion move to the vestry to wash their hands.

1 The candles are lit and the table is laid;
everything's set to begin;
parents and children, and husbands and wives,
brothers and sisters and friends.

2 The words that are spoken are simple but true,
'This is my body and blood';
here is forgiveness for all of your sins,
here is the promise of God.

Here we meet you once again,
God of mercy, God of grace,
taste your love in bread and wine,
we meet you face to face.

3 The candles are lit and the table is laid;
God's invitation says 'Come!'
Come, all is ready, our host is at hand,
Father, and Spirit, and Son.

4 No need to be anxious, or troubled with fear,
Jesus turns no one away;
if you need healing, or comfort, or strength,
come to this table today.

Here we meet you once again,
God of mercy, God of grace,
taste your love in bread and wine,
we meet you face to face.

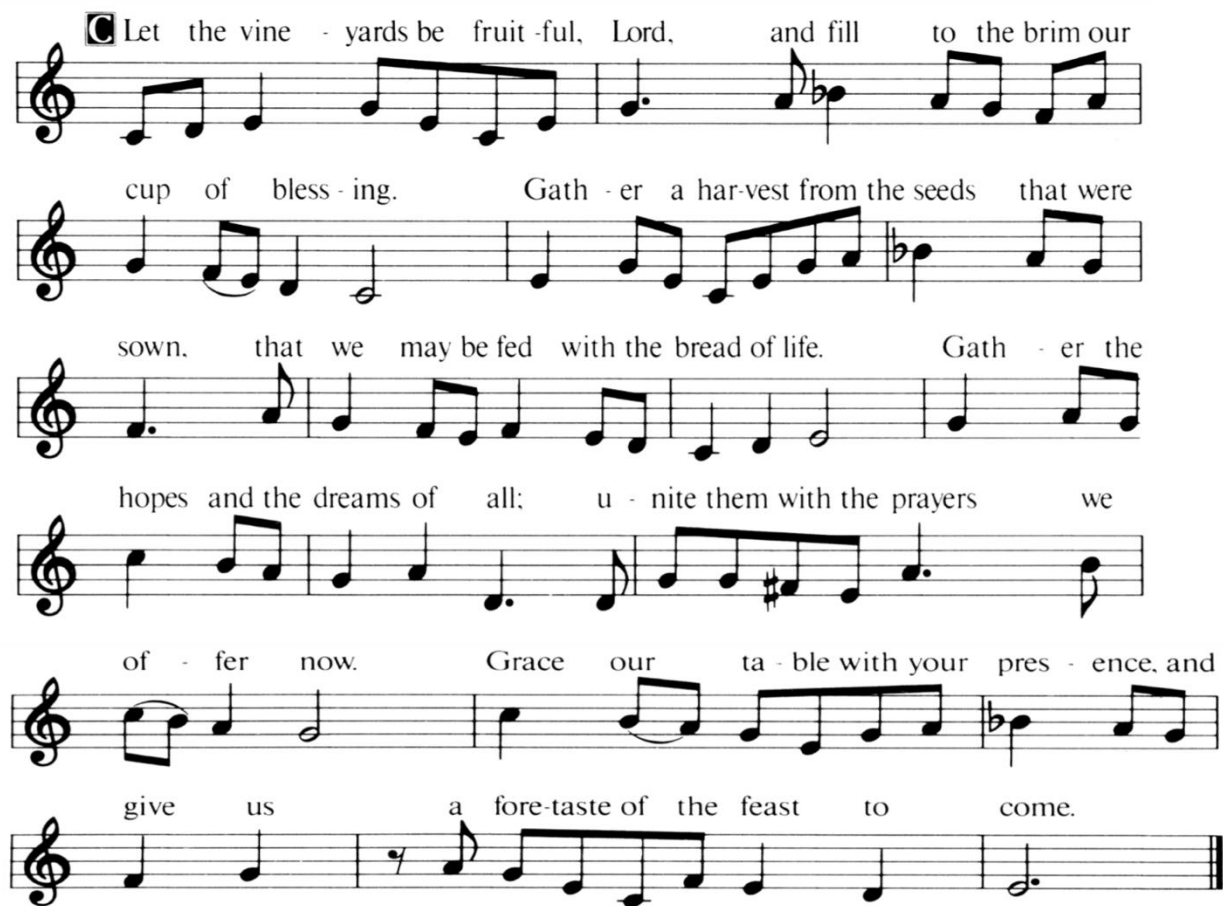
5 We're free from our sin and we're free from our death,
free from the chains of the past;
free to be lovers and givers and friends,
free to be people at last!

Here we meet you once again,
God of mercy, God of grace,
taste your love in bread and wine,
we meet you face to face.

Robin Mann 1949- (1978)

OFFERTORY

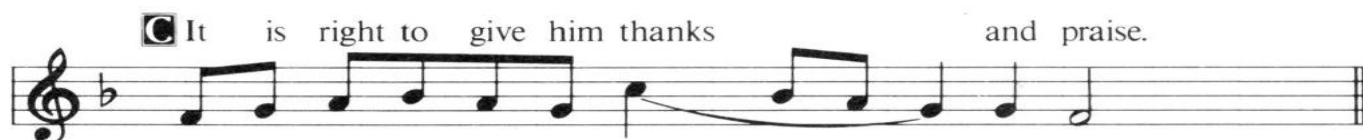
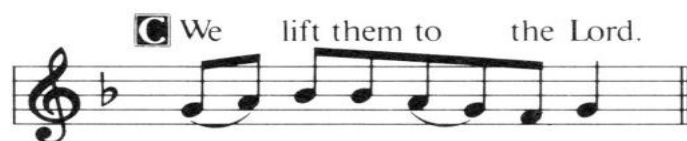
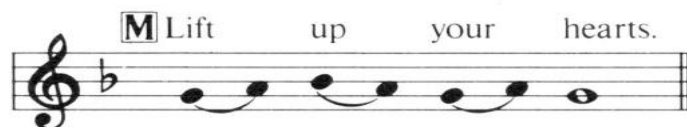
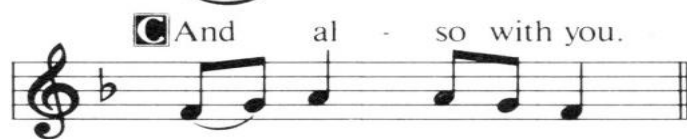
The congregation stands as the Offering is brought forward.



Let the vine - yards be fruit -ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

CALL TO THANKSGIVING AND SANCTUS

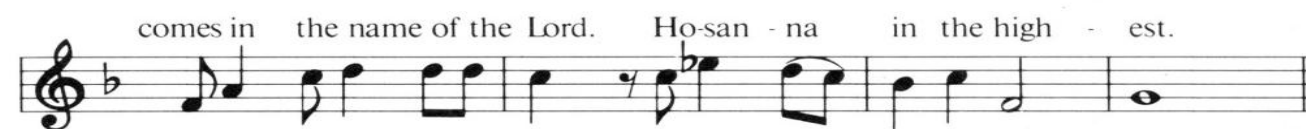
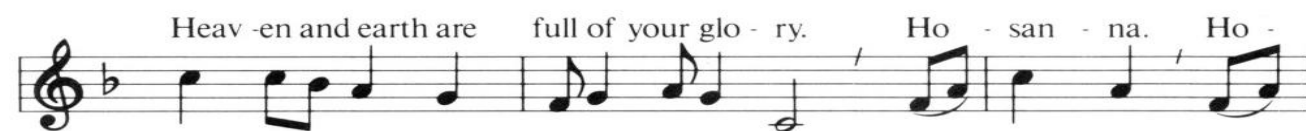
The congregation stands.



M It is indeed right and good, Lord God, holy Father, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

On this day he overcame death by his resurrection and opened up for us the way to eternal life with you.

And so, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name and join their unending hymn:



GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M All praise and thanks be to you, eternal God, holy Father, together with your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, who unites your people in love. We thank you for creating all things. We thank you for calling and rescuing your chosen people. Above all we thank and praise you for keeping your promise to the people of old and sending your Son Jesus Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection for our salvation we remember as he comes to us in this holy meal.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said: Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

M Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

M Send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we who receive the body and blood of Christ may live as true members of the body of your Son.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

M Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



LORD'S PRAYER

M As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to say:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever.
Amen.**

PEACE

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Worshippers are invited to pass the peace with those around them.

LAMB OF GOD

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the last staff.

DISTRIBUTION

Christ invites us to his table. All baptised Christians who believe they receive Jesus's body and blood for their forgiveness and good are welcome to receive the Sacrament.

*Receive **the bread, the Body of Christ**, in your open hands.*

*Then, proceed to receive **the wine, the Blood of Christ** for our salvation. The common cup is our standard practice; individual cups are provided for those who are unwell or have health concerns.*

*You may say **Amen** in response to the words spoken.*

*The Body of Christ, given for you. **Amen***

*The Blood of Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. **Amen.***

*All wafers distributed to the congregation are **low-gluten** (except the large host held by the presiding minister).*

If you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to come forward, cross your hands in front of your chest, and a word of blessing will be offered.

DISMISSAL

The congregation stands.

M May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood, strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life eternal. Go in peace. **Amen.**

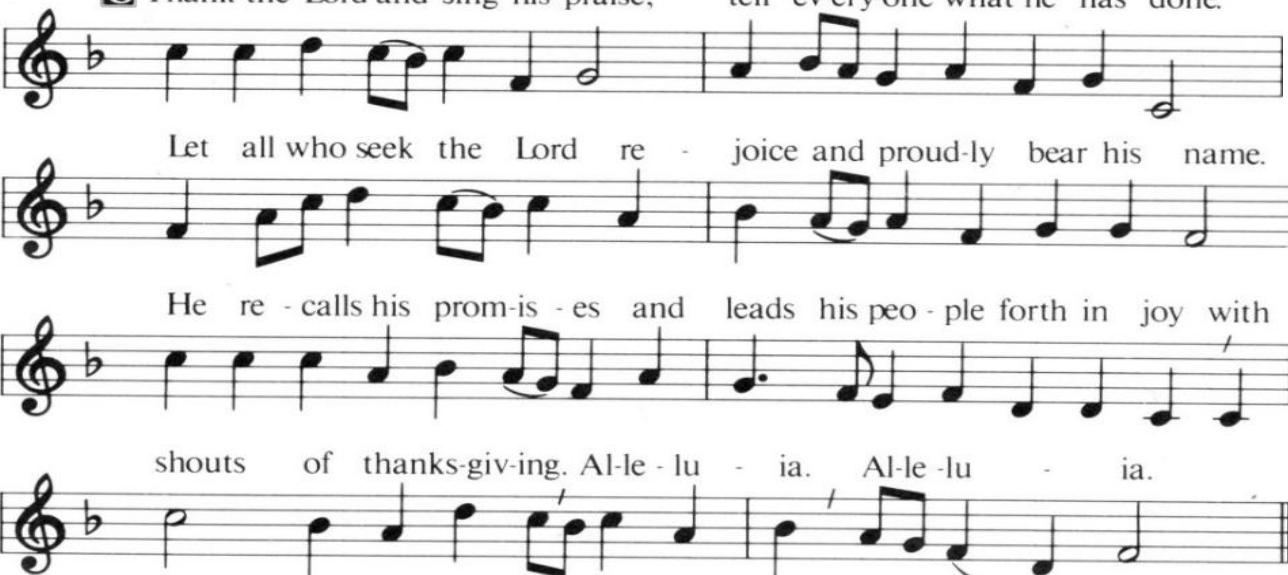
POST-COMMUNION SONG

☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell every-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re - calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

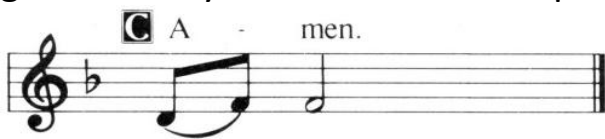
M Let us pray. **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this healing gift; and we pray that through it you would graciously strengthen us in faith toward you and in love toward one another; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION (BLESSING)

M The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour and give you peace.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation sits as the announcements are given.

FINAL HYMN TIS 158

The congregation sits.

1

God has spoken by God's prophets,
spoken God's unchanging word,
each, from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor holds us fast;
God is king, God's throne eternal,
God the first, and God the last.

2.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory,
With the Father, ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate,
God from God, ere time began,
Light from Light, to earth descending,
God, revealed as Son of Man.

3.

God is speaking by God's Spirit,
speaking to our hearts again,
in the age-long word expounding
God's own message, now as then,
through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith yet standing fast;
God still speaks, God's word unchanging,
God the first, and God the last.

DISMISSAL

M Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Liturgy and worship sources:

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Please feel free to take this service sheet with you.

We are glad you were here today. If you would like someone to contact you later, or to receive our weekly newsletter, please talk to one of the ministers or ushers.

Please join us for some time together over morning tea! Please gather downstairs after we leave the church.

Candles are available should you wish to use the candle bowl in memory of a loved one.

The toilets are downstairs. During the service, you can access them through the door left to the pulpit (and down the steps)

A baby changing table is available downstairs, in the hall

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