24th Sunday after Pentecost

The Mass

8 November 2026



William Blake, Wise and Foolish Virgins, circa 1826 (?). Tate Gallery, London

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.

C Amen.

HYMN LHS 501

The congregation sits.

1 God Himself is present:
Let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple,
All within keep silence,
Prostrate lie with deepest reverence.
Him alone
God we own,
Him our God and Saviour;
Praise His name for ever.

2 God Himself is present:
Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding,
Holy, holy, holy,
Hear the hymn ascending,
Saints' and angels' voices blending.
Bow Thine ear
To us here;
Hear, O Christ, the praises
That Thy Church now raises.

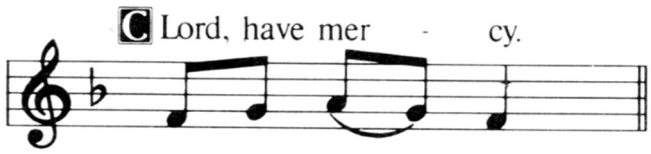
3 O Thou fount of blessing,
Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in Thy merit.
Like the holy angels
Who behold Thy glory,
May I ceaselessly adore Thee.
Lord, Thy will
To fulfil
Be my one endeavour
Now, henceforth, for ever.

Gerhard Tersteegen (1697-1769), Tr. Frederick William Foster, 1789
Recast, William Mercer, 1855, alt.

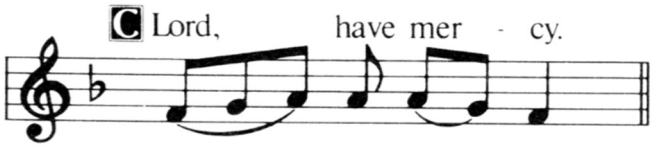
KYRIE (LORD HAVE MERCY)

The congregation stands.

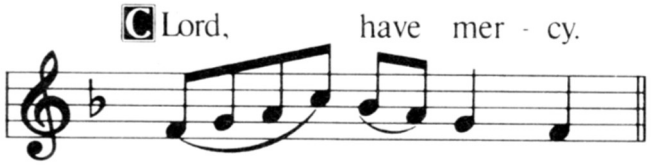
M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



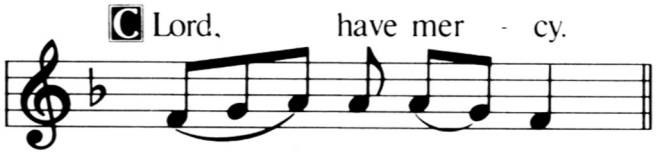
M For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

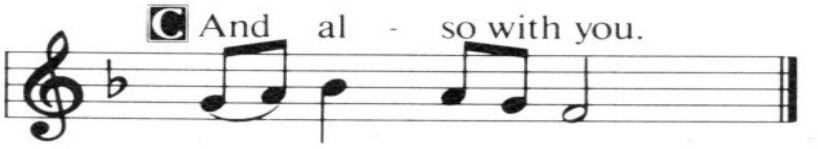
- This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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 The Lord be with you.



M Let us pray. Awaken us, Lord, so that when your Son comes we may be ready to receive him with joy and serve you with clean hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The congregation sits.

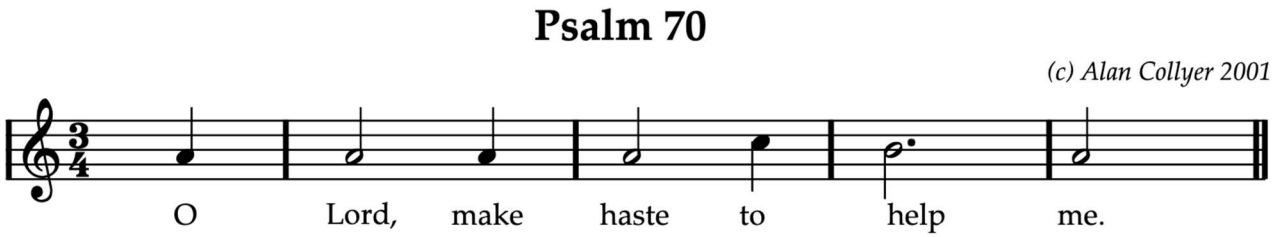
FIRST READING Amos 5:18-24 The day of the Lord

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.



[1] Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.
O LORD, make haste to help me!
[2] Let those be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life.
Let those be turned back and brought to dishonour
who desire to hurt me.
[3] Let those who say, 'Aha, Aha!'
turn back because of their shame. **Antiphon.**

[4] Let all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you.
Let those who love your salvation
say evermore, 'God is great!'
[5] But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not delay! **Antiphon.**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Questions about the Lord's coming

After the reading:

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

GRADUAL (HYMN OF THE DAY) TIS 266 (LH 487)

The congregation sits.

1 Wake, awake, for night is flying,
the watchmen on the heights are crying,
'Awake, Jerusalem, arise!'
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
and at the rousing cry rejoices:
'Where are you, all you virgins wise?
The bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lighted lamps then take.
Hallelujah!
With joy prepare
to meet him there;
the royal wedding feast is near.'

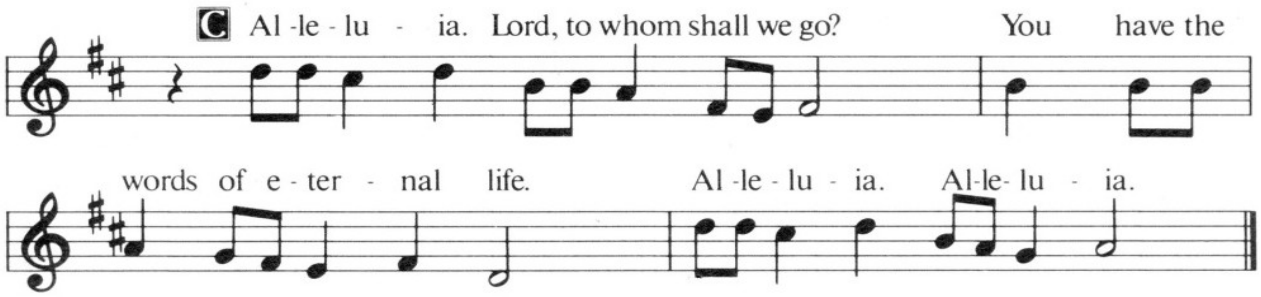
2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and in her heart new joy is springing;
she wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
and strong in grace, in truth victorious;
her star has risen, her light has come.
Now come, O precious crown,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son.
Hail, hosanna!
O lead us all
into the hall
where you provide your joyful meal.

3 Now let all the heavens adore you,
and saints and angels sing before you,
with harp and cymbal's joyful tone.
Gates of pearl in heaven are shining;
there, with the angel-choir combining,
we gather round your radiant throne.
No eye has seen that sight,
no ear heard such delight.
What rejoicing!
Yet there will we
eternally
with songs acclaim your majesty.

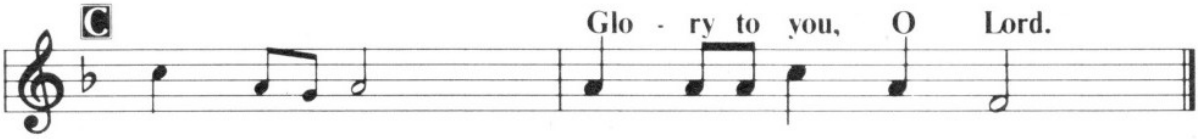
Philipp Nicolai 1556-1608
tr Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 (1858), alt

GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13 Parable of the wise and foolish girls

The congregation stands.

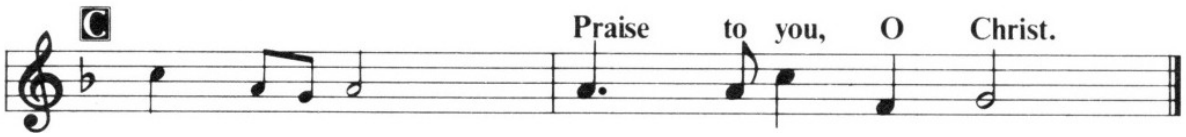


The gospel is announced.



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

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 in your mercy

C hear our prayer.

C **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN LHS 287

The congregation sits.

1 Robe yourself, my soul, in gladness,
leave sin's gloomy den of sadness,
come where God in light is waiting,
come, begin the celebrating!
For the Lord brings me salvation,
issues me his invitation;
God most holy comes to win me,
comes from heaven to live within me.

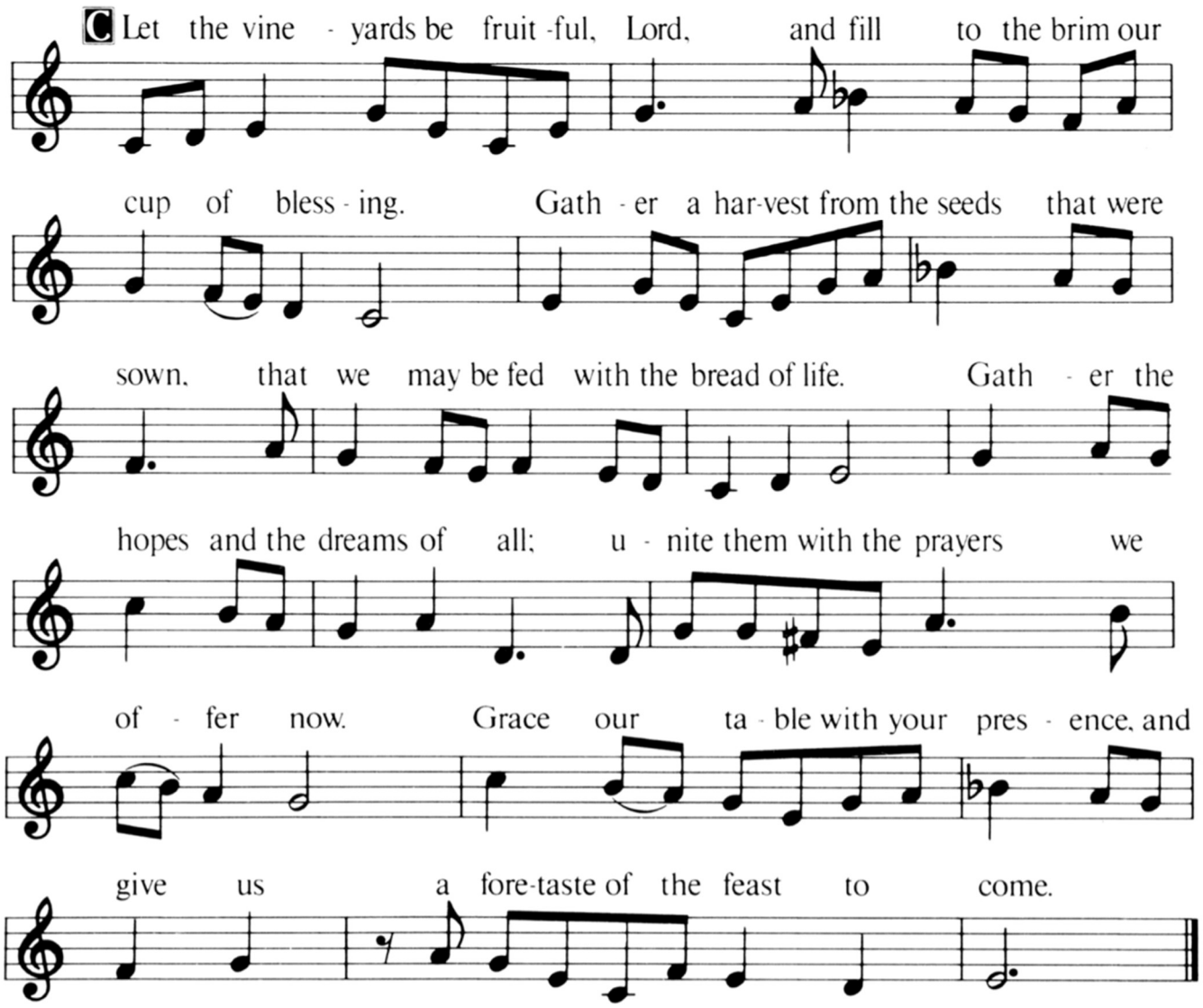
5 Jesus, sun of life, my splendour,
Jesus, joy, and friend most tender,
Jesus, source of all my being,
all my thoughts and actions seeing:
at your feet I fall before you;
make me worthy to enjoy you
in this feast that you have given
as my food, the food from heaven.

6 Jesus, bread of life, I pray you,
let me cheerfully obey you,
and accept your invitation
for my good, not condemnation.
Let me eat this supper, knowing
what great love, Lord, you are showing.
Now on earth these gifts you give me;
as your guest in heaven receive me.

Ascr Johann Franck 1618-77, tr Catherine Winkworth 1827-78
rev in 'Lutheran Hymnal' (1973) and David Schubert (1989)

OFFERTORY

The congregation stands as the Offering is brought forward.



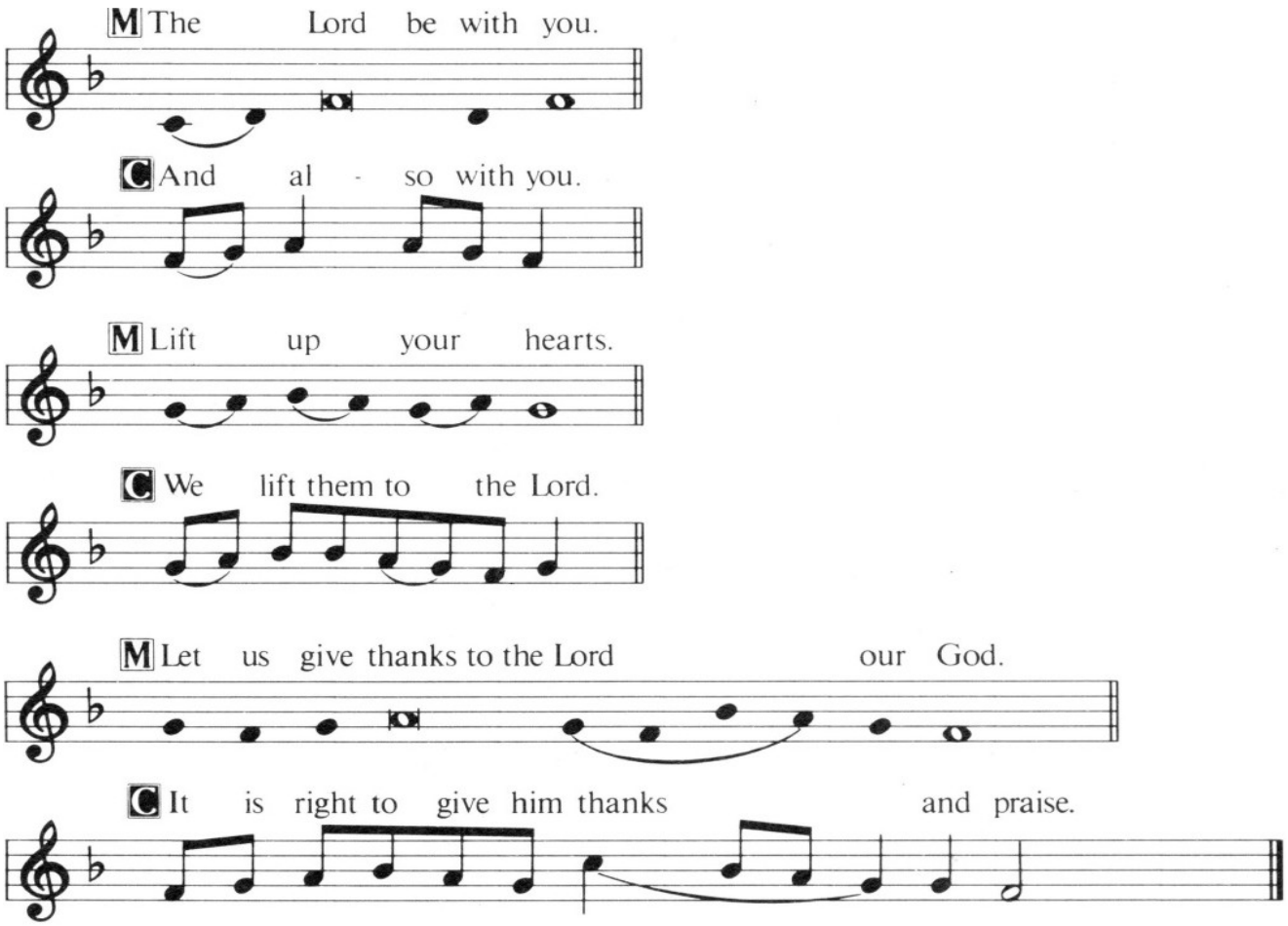
THE PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

The congregation stands.

M Grant us, O merciful God,
that this our offering may find acceptance with you
and that through it the wellspring of all blessing
may be laid open before us.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CALL TO THANKSGIVING AND SANCTUS

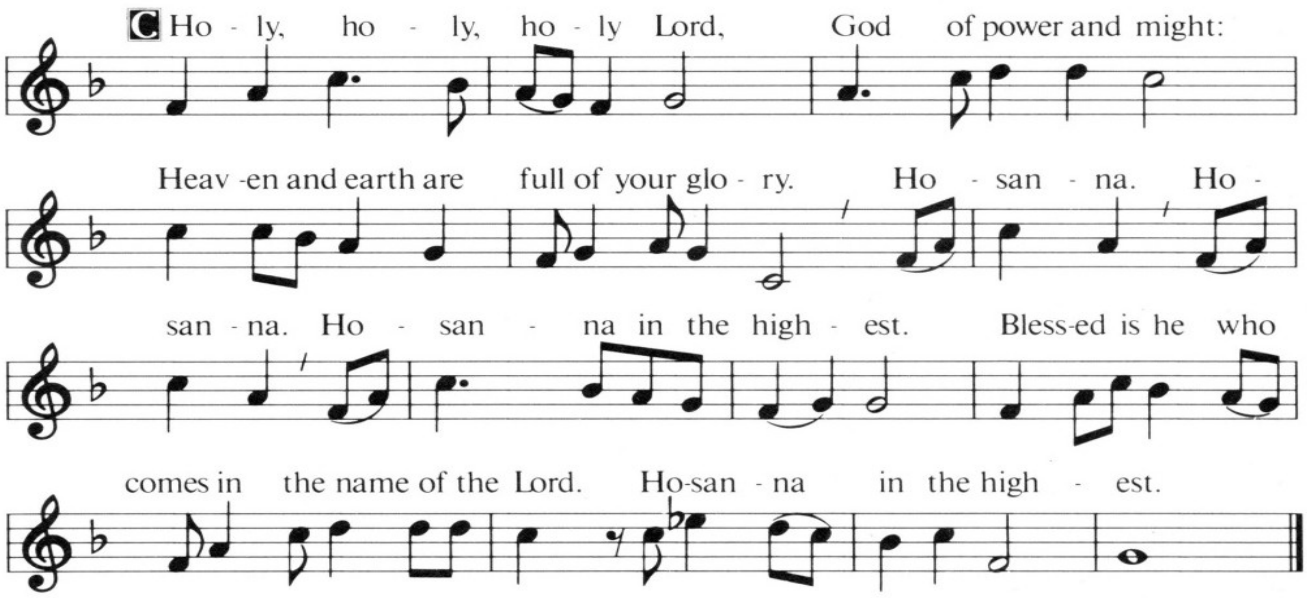
The congregation stands.



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.

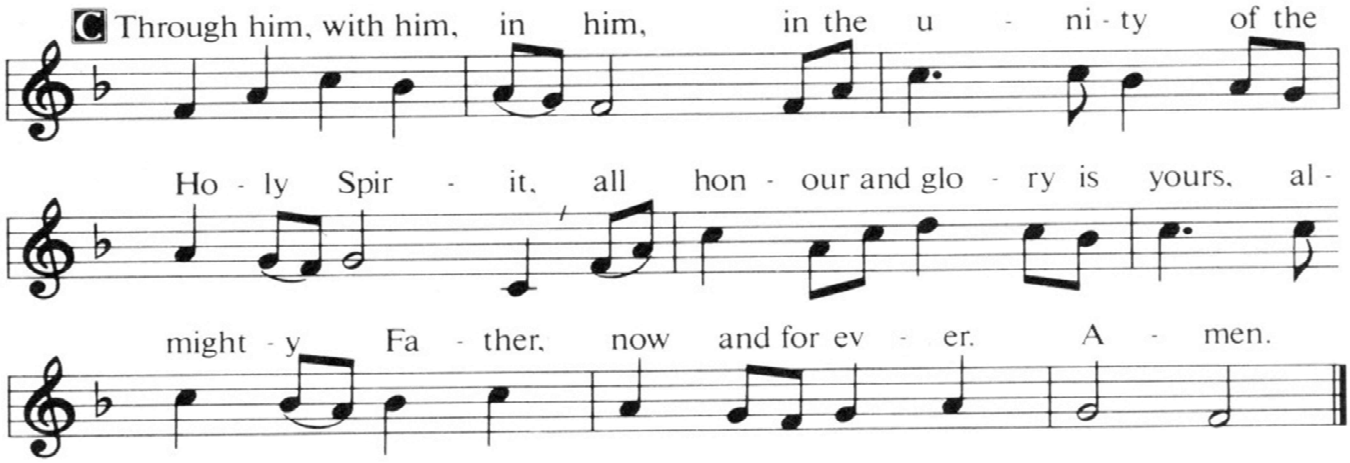
M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said: Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

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.

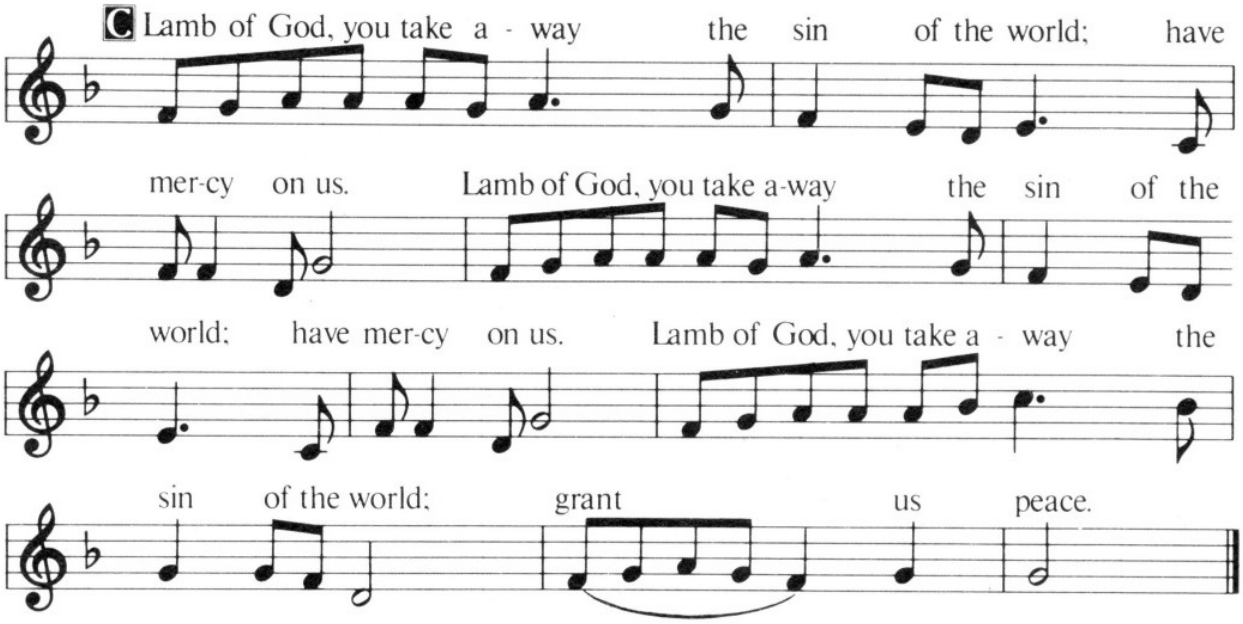
PEACE

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


C 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.



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).*

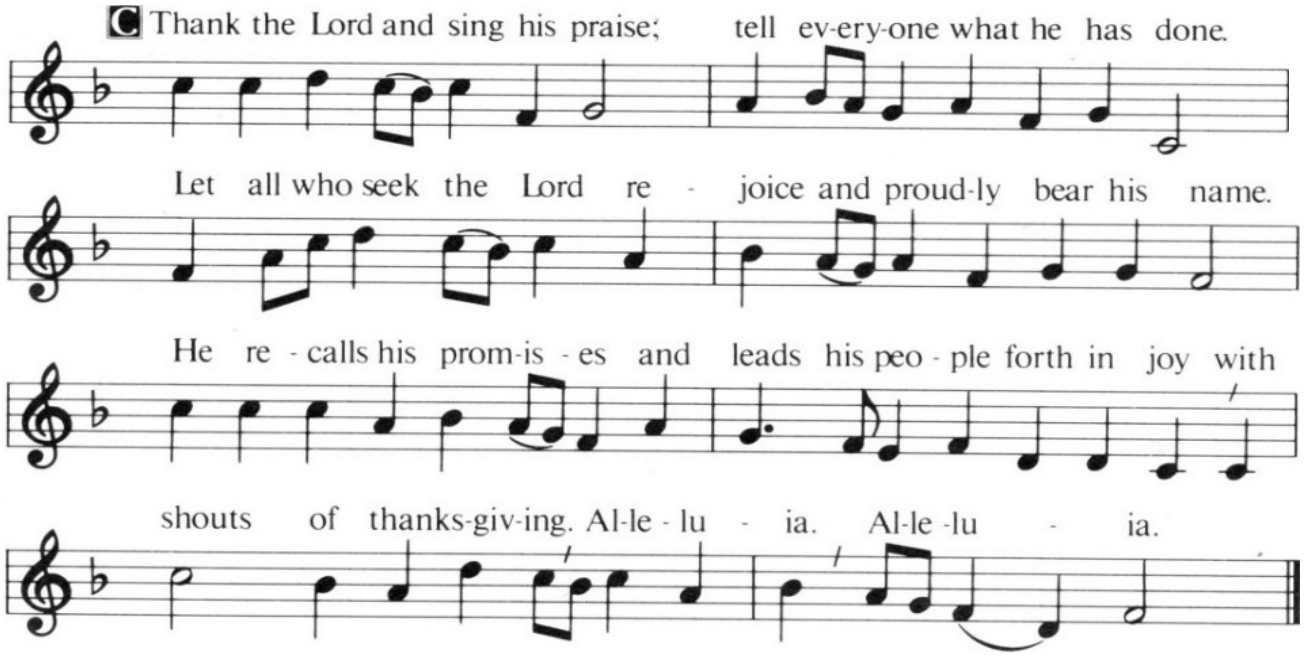
If you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to come forward, cross your hands in front of your chest, and a word of blessing will be offered.

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



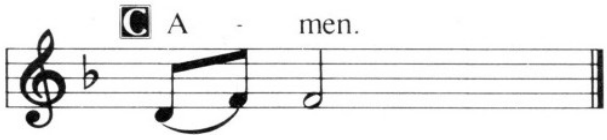
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.



FINAL HYMN 164

The congregation sits.

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect Love.

3 Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

DISMISSAL

M Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation sits as the announcements are given.

Liturgy and worship sources:

- The liturgy is adapted from the Service with Communion, p.58 of the *Lutheran Hymnal with Supplement,* Lutheran Publishing House, Adelaide, 2002 and from Sam Wells and Abigail Kocher *Joining Angels Song*, Canterbury Press, 2016.
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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!

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

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