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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

In celebration of our baptism, we worship
In the name of God: Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.

KYRIE

Cantor: Lord, have mer - cy. *All / Todos:* Lord, have mer - cy.
Se - ñor, ten pie - dad. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad.

Cantor: Christ, have mer - cy. *All / Todos:* Christ, have mer - cy. *Cantor:*
Cris-to, ten pie - dad. Cris-to, ten pie - dad. Se -

All / Todos: Lord have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
ñor, ten pie - dad. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad.

CANTICAL OF PRAISE

Glo - ry to God in the
Glo - ria a Dios en el

high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good
cie - lo, y en la tie - rra paz a los hom - bres que a - ma el Se -

will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
ñor. Por tu in - men - sa glo - ria te a - la -

dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you
ba - mos, te ben - de - ci - mos, te a - do - ra - mos,

thanks, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,
te glo - ri - fi - ca - mos, te da - mos gra - cias, Se -

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, O God, al - might - y
ñor Dios, Rey ce - les - tial, Dios Pa - dre to - do - po - de -

Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,
ro - so. Se - ñor, Hi - jo ú - ni - co, Je - su - cris - to, Se -

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,
ñor Dios, Cor - de - ro de Dios, Hi - jo del Pa - dre; tú que

you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do, ten pie - dad de no -

us; you take a - way the sins of the world, re -
so - tros; ní que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do, a -

ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the
tien - de nues - tra sú - pli - ca; tú que es - tás sen - ta - do a

right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on
la de - re - cha del Pa - dre, ten pie - dad de no -

us. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
so - tros. Por - que só - lo tú e - res San - to,

you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
só - lo tú Se - ñor, só - lo tú Al - tí - si - mo,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
Je - su - cris - to, con el Es - pí - ri - tu San - to en la

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.
glo - ria de Dios Pa - dre. A - mén.

APOSTOLIC 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

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE FIRST READING FROM 1 KINGS 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING FROM ROMANS 8:26-39

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 13th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Orin W. Cummings

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 393

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



**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.**

**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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, all of creation, and open our hearts to God's will.

A brief silence.

God our wisdom and our song, we pray for bishops, candidacy committees, those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way. God of grace, hear our prayer.

God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places. God of grace, hear our prayer.

God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples' stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. God of grace, hear our prayer.

God our intercessor and our lawgiver, dismantle the barriers to care and recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty. We pray especially for Joyce Rohy, Eveline Cruse, Carol Mack, Nicole Grant, David Adams, the Bardell family, Ted Bridges, Ginny Erickson, Wanda Wilson, Roxy, Gabe Derr, Bridget, Cathy Carleton, Lynn, Pam Bergin, the Broussard family, Maxine, Radar, Allison Gregory, Terry Touhey, Joshua, David Grochowsky, Juanita Steinbaugh, Andrew Langr, Clair, Mark Krueger, Steve Cowden and Beverly Carlson. God of grace, hear our prayer.

God our Redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. Today, we give thanks for the gift of music as an act of worship, and we are especially grateful for Marilyn's faithful service as organist at Messiah. Bless her for the gifts she has shared, and continue to inspire all who lead us in song and praise. God of grace, hear our prayer.

God who seeks, finds, and saves, for our community's part in the ongoing gift of creation, and for the riches of faith and hope which came before, we give you thanks, especially for Mary Nau, Linden Cummings, Frances Crawford, Leonard McGownd, and Mr. Sanders who were called home. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

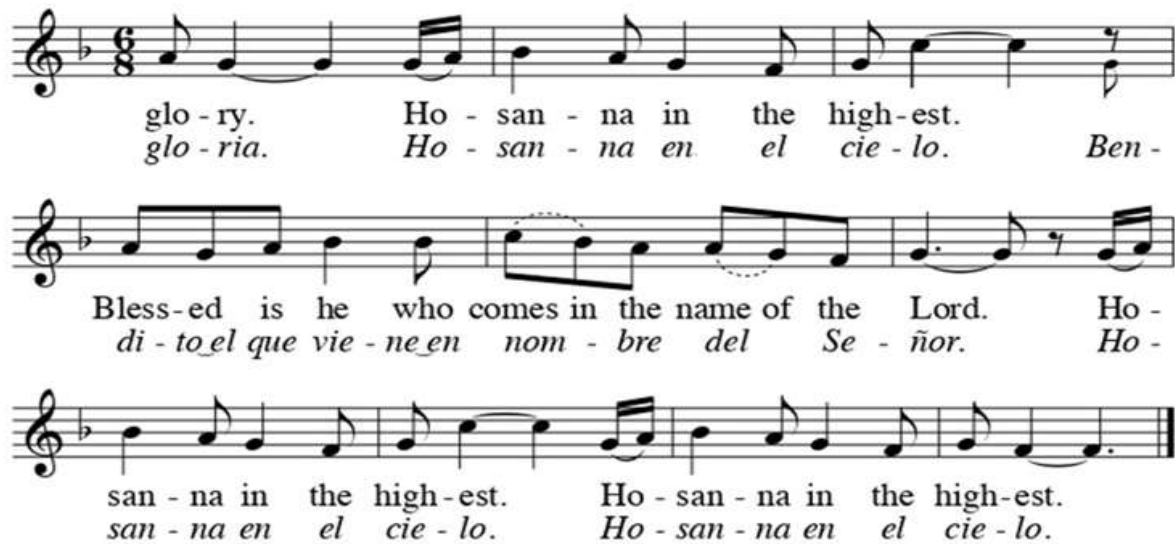
It is indeed right and salutary
that we should at all times and in all places
offer thanks and praise to you,
O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God.
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with the Church 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 hosts.

San-to, San-to, San-to es el Se - ñor, Dios de U - ni - ver-so.

Heav-en and earth, heav-en and earth are full of your
Lle - nos es - tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
men.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



The musical score is written on a single staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It includes lyrics in English and Spanish. The score is divided into sections for the Cantor and the Assembly/Asamblea. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. mun-do, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. us. so - tros. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, de-ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe - ca - do del mun-do, grant us peace, da - nos la paz, grant us peace. da - nos la paz." The score includes a "To repeat" section and a "Last time" section. The Cantor's part is marked with "Cantor:" and the Assembly/Asamblea's part is marked with "Assembly / Asamblea:".

Cantor:
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
Cor - de - ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe - ca - do del
world, have mer - cy on us.
mun-do, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. *Cantor:*
us.
so - tros. *Cantor:*
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
de-ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe - ca - do del mun-do,
grant us peace, grant us peace.
da - nos la paz, da - nos la paz.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Beautiful Savior

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in the flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

ELW 793

Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

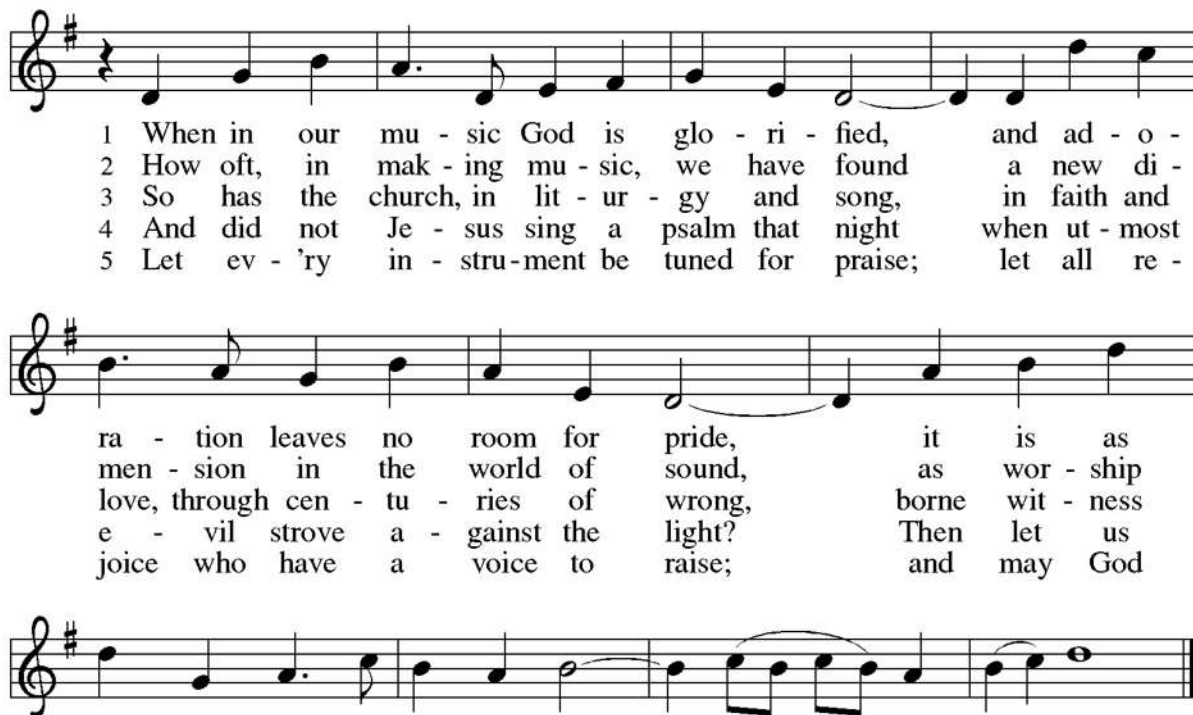
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
one God,
✠ bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Organ & Joy Ringers

ELW 851

When in Our Music God Is Glorified



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -

ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as
men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness
e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us
joke who have a voice to raise; and may God

though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
moved us to a more pro - found
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
sing, for whom he won the fight:
give us faith to sing al - ways:

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by the Gospel, we:
Welcome all to worship;
Make disciples;
Hunger for ministry;
Nurture youth;
Gather resources for growing ministries;
Offer healing and care to all in need.

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
In the name of Christ. Amen.

OFFERING

(Please place gifts in the plates as you leave)

POSTLUDE