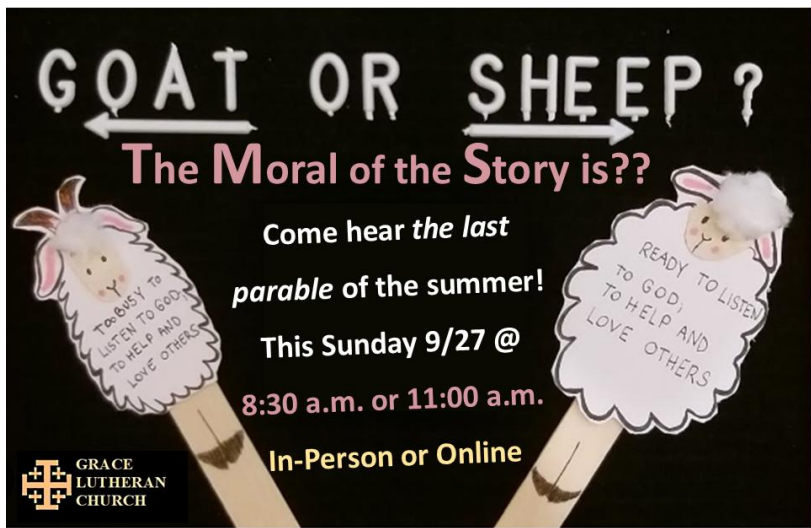




Prelude & Confession & Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit
C: Amen

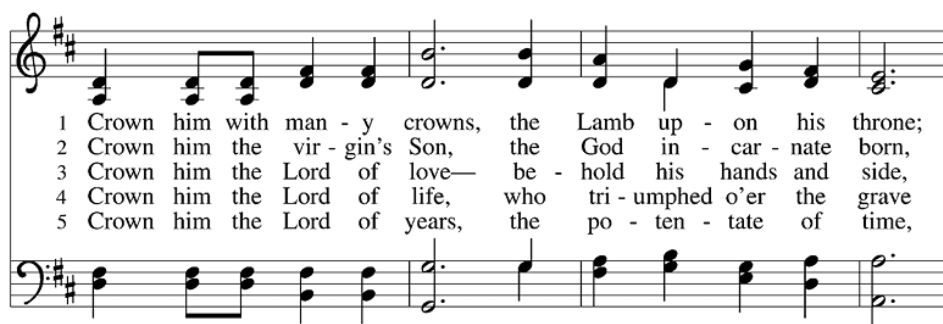
P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather with true hearts that confess our sins to God, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that trust in our renewal through the work of our Savior Jesus the Christ.

A: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]

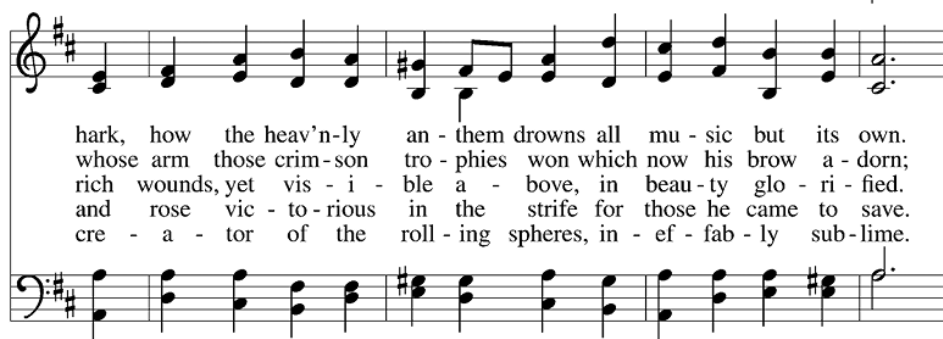
A: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.
C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin. [Psalm 32:5]

A: Almighty God, merciful Father:
C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have offended you and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I devote myself to repentance and pray for your mercy. In your boundless grace and compassion send me your Holy Spirit that I may be strengthened in my faith and made ready for a life obedient to your will and your way.

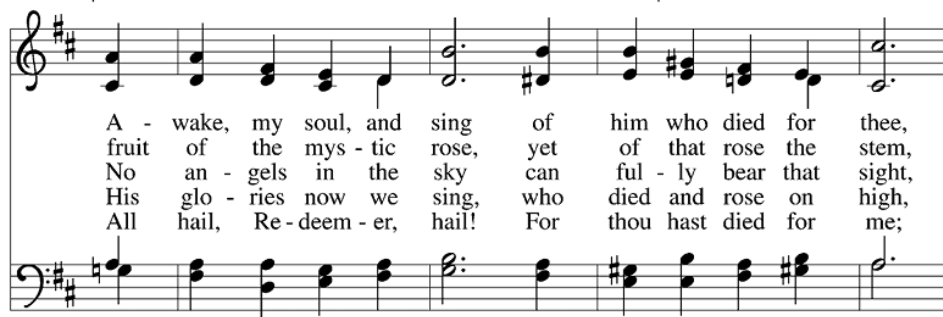
P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love. [Exodus 34:6] Therefore, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.



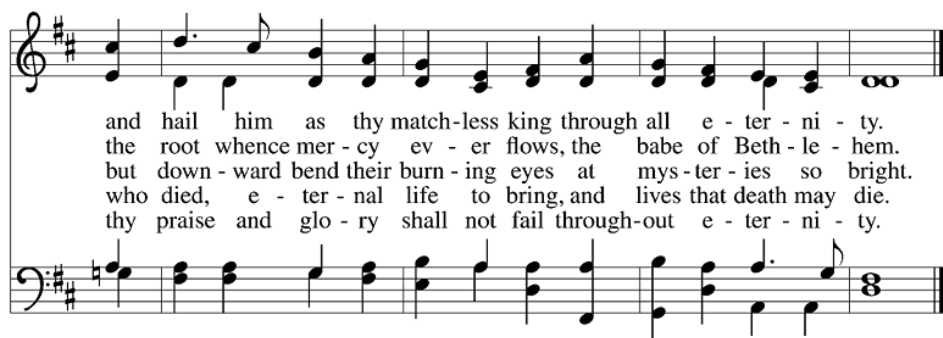
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Greeting

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

C: And also with you

Kyrie

ELW Setting 2

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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



P: 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.



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

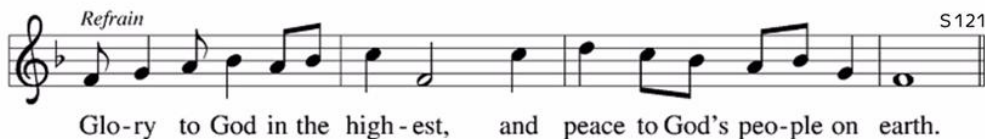


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Hymn of Praise

ELW Setting 2





1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Prayer of the Day

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: A people holy to the Lord our God.

A: We have seen what our God has done

C: We declare God's faithfulness from age to age for all time.

A: We hear and keep God's Word,

C: And all that God has spoken we will do.

P: Let us pray:

C: Heavenly Father, we gather as Your faithful flock, seeking to find and follow the Good Shepherd, Your Son, our gracious Savior, Jesus the Christ. Send the Spirit among us now to open our ears to Your wise words, to loose our tongues to speak truthfully in our prayers, to move our hearts to respond to our neighbors with compassion, to fill our spirits with the hope and expectation of one day being given our place in Your promised Kingdom. Amen!

Lesson

Tobit 1

I, Tobit, walked in the ways of truth and righteousness all the days of my life, and I performed many acts of charity to our people - our brothers and sisters - who went with me when our conquerors, the Assyrians, deported us from our holy city, Jerusalem, to their great city, Nineveh. But, even in exile, I alone went often to Jerusalem for the feasts, as it is ordained for all Israel by an everlasting decree. Taking the first fruits and the tithes of my produce and the first shearings, I would give these to the priests, the sons of Aaron, at the altar. Of all my produce I would give a tenth to the sons of Levi who ministered at Jerusalem; a second tenth I would sell, and I would go and spend the proceeds each year at Jerusalem; the third tenth I would give to those to whom it was my duty, as Deborah, my grandmother, had commanded me, for I was left an orphan by my father when he

was killed. When I became a man, I married Anna, a member of our family, and by her I became the father of my son, Tobias.

In the days of the Assyrian King, Shalmaneser, I performed many acts of charity to our people. I would give my bread to the hungry and my clothing to the naked, and if I saw anyone from our people who had died and had been so disrespectfully thrown out behind the wall of Nineveh, I would bury them.

R: The word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm

Psalm 95



We are the peo-ple of God's pas-ture and the sheep of God's hand.

*O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

**Let us come into the Lord's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise! R**

*For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
In the Lord's hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.*

**The sea is the Lord's, for he made it,
and the dry land, which the Lord's hands have formed. R**

*O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!*

**For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of his
pasture, and the sheep of his hand. R**

Lesson

James 2

James writes . . . My faithful friends, what is the benefit of saying you have faith, but then not doing any good works? You don't think that faith, alone, has the power to save you, do you? For example, if a brother or sister doesn't have proper clothing and doesn't have any food today, yet one of you says to them, "Go in peace! Keep warm and eat your fill!" but then you do not give them what is necessary for their body in that moment, how is that benefitting anyone?! In this way, faith, if it is not followed by works, is dead.

Still, some of you will say, "Well, I have my faith and you have your works." And I will ask you to prove your faith, apart from any good works - because it is by my good works that I prove that I have faith. In faith you believe that God is one - and this is good - but even the demons believe the same thing! -- and they shudder in response to this reality!! Look, you empty person, let me show you that faith without good works is inactive. Remember our ancestor, Abraham? Wasn't he being righteous by his good works when in response to God's command he was willing to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the altar? [Gen 22:1-19] You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. Thus, the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith only. Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? [Joshua 2] For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

R: The word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Verse

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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.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 25

The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats

As Jesus closed out his last moments in the Temple in Jerusalem and prepared for the final scenes of his journey to the cross, he told this third

of three parable: " But whenever the Son of Man may come in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. And all the nations will gather before him and he will separate them, one from one another, as a shepherd now separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep at his right and the goats at his left.

Then the king will say to those at his right, 'Come those being blessed by my Father. Inherit what is prepared for you - the Kingdom - from the cosmos' foundation! For, I hungered and you fed me. I thirsted and you quenched me. I have been a stranger and you gathered me in. Naked, you blanketed me. Without strength, and you watched over me. I was in prison and you came to me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we seen you hungering and we fed, or thirsting and we quenched? And when did we seen you a stranger and we gathered, or naked and we blanketed? And when have we seen you without strength or in prison and we came to you?

And answering, the king will say to them, 'Amen I say to you, as much as you did it to one of these - my people - the most insignificant - you did it to me.'

Then he will say to those at his left, 'Depart from me you who are being cursed! Go into the eternal fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels. For, I was hungry and you did not give me anything to eat. I was thirsty and you did not quench me. A stranger, and you did not gather me. Naked, and you did blanket me. Without strength, and in prison and you did not watch over me.'

Then they will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungering, or thirsting, or a stranger, or naked, or without strength, or in prison, and did not serve you?'

Then he will answer them, saying, 'Amen, I say to you, just as you did not do it to one of those - the insignificant - you did not do it to me.'

And these will go away into re-education, eternally, but the righteous into life, eternally."

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

With Open Arms

[tune: 676]

With open arms and spirits free,
We serve the Lord in charity,
To those in need, we are made known,
In every gesture, grace is shown.

The lonely souls, with hearts forlorn,
In our embrace, find love reborn,
With words of comfort, hands to hold,
We share the warmth of love untold.

With faith and love, our path we trace,
To meet the world with His embrace,
With hands outstretched and hearts entwined,
We serve as one, Christ's love defined.

Then to His right, the sheep He'll call,
Who fed the hungry, share with all,
For when they serve with hearts ablaze,
They serve the Lord in countless ways.

Then to the left, the goats will stand,
Who turned away their helping hand,
For when they failed to care and share,
They turned from Christ, in His despair.

So let us heed this solemn plea,
To love our neighbor, set them free,
For in their faces, our Christ we see,
In acts of love, His grace sets free.

In every act of selfless grace,
We see our Savior's radiant face,
For in the least, we find the King,
His love and peace to all we bring.

So as we go, our mission clear,
To serve with love and without fear,
In Christ's own steps, we gladly tread,
To bring His light where hope has fled.

Apostles Creed

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. Amen.

Prayers & Passing of the Peace & Offering / Offertory



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.

A: Let us Pray

C: God of grace and abundance, we joyfully offer these gifts of thanks for your blessings in our lives. We pray that you find what we bring in this moment to be an acceptable and adequate

reflection of our gratitude, that you will continue to look on us as your faithful people, worthy of your favor and beneficence. And with humbleness in the face of our hubris, we beg your forgiveness for our lack of attention, respect and care for all you provide. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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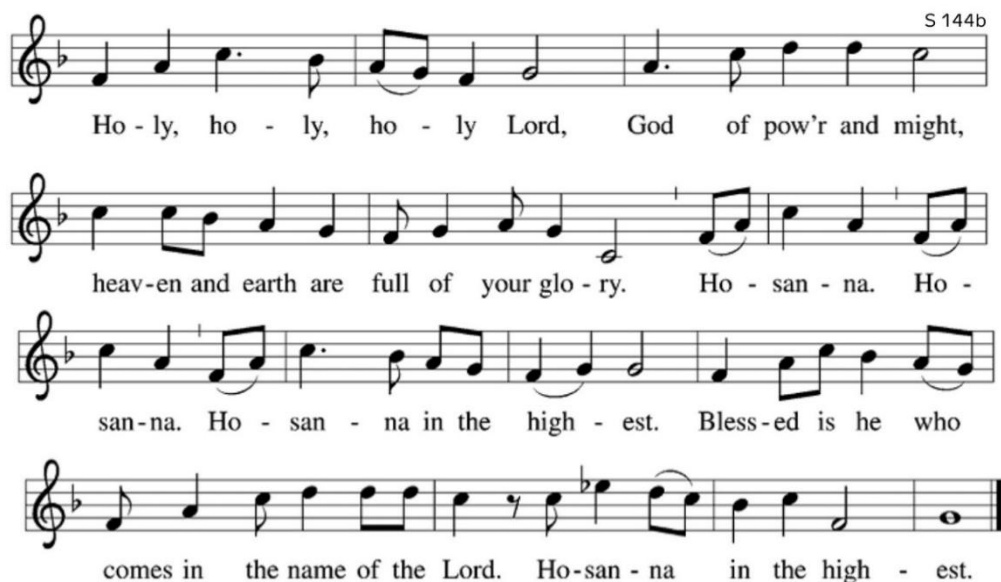
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

P: It is indeed . . .



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

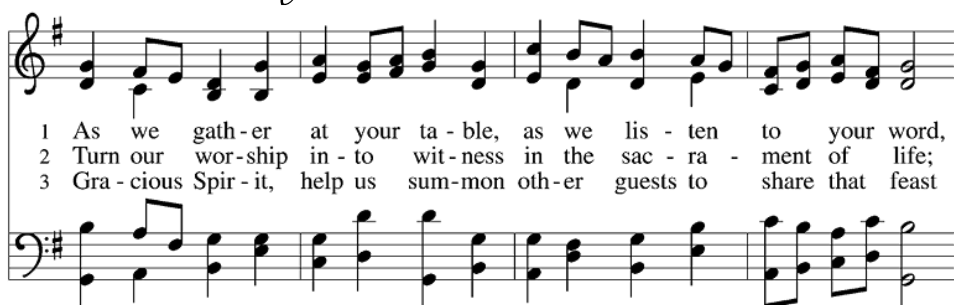
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

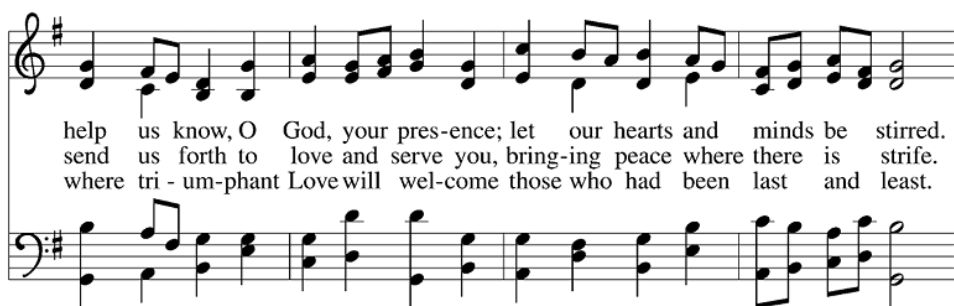
**C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory
now and forever. Amen.**

Distribution Hymns

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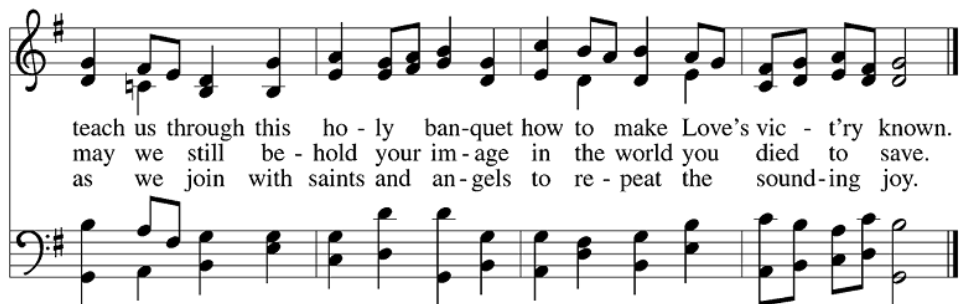
1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phiant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

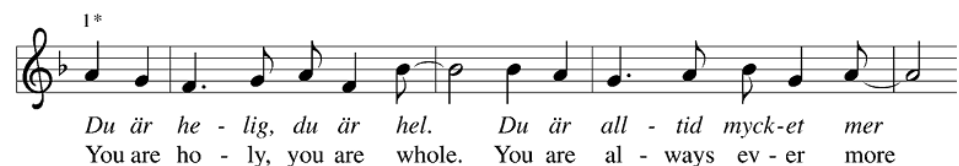


Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

1*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
 Sing ho - san - na! to our God!

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; our
 2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise in
 3 Then shall we join to the hosts that cry, "O
 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and

hearts in true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
 end - less hymns through all our days; in - crease our faith and
 ho - ly, ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

light di - vine, and let your truth with - in us shine.
 light our minds; and set us free from doubt that blinds.
 that blest place we then shall see you face to face.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction

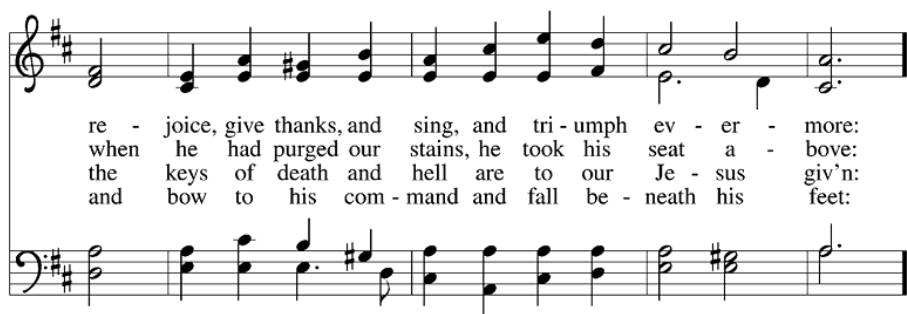
Recessional

Rejoice, for Christ is King!

430



1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
 4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit

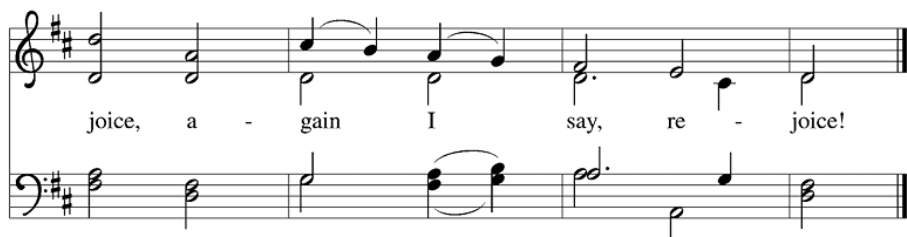


re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
 and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Dismissal

A: Go in peace, serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!



Sunday, September 27

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class/Post-Confirmation class meeting

10:15 a.m. Favorite hymn sing-along in the fellowship hall

11:00 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, September 29

6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study in fellowship hall

No Bible Studies w/ Pastor Chris this week

Wednesday, September 30

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Club

Sunday, October 4

Name Tag Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. NO Confirmation Class

9:45 a.m. Post-Confirmation class meeting

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Worship

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