

GREETING

P: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.
The God who created the world and fills it with life be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Assisting Minister leads; Congregation responds.

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Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, . . . have mer - cy:



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**
Christ, . . . have mer - cy:



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

Glory to God

Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, 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.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, 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.

Final refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on

earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray ...

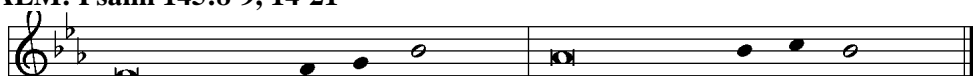
Glorious God,

C: your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

The prophet proclaims the word of the Lord: Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21



⁸**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

⁹LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.

¹⁴**The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.**

¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶**You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

¹⁷You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.

¹⁸**You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call up- on you faithfully.**

¹⁹You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.

²⁰**You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.**

²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

In his letter to the Romans, Paul proclaims the good news of Jesus Christ, through whom "nothing can separate us from the love of God." Then, his joy turns to sorrow as he considers those among God's people who have not received the gospel.

I am speaking the truth in Christ--I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit--²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -
lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who still need him but, rather, moves him to perform one of his greatest miracles.

Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place,

and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P. The Gospel of Our Lord
C. **Praise to you, O Christ**

CHILDREN'S TIME

TEMPLE TALK

THE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *"O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"* **ELW 722**

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.**

THE PRAYERS

A: With the whole people of God in Jesus Christ, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence

A: Let your blessing be poured out on all believers that we may proclaim the good news of your love through words and deeds, especially to those who do not know your great love or even your name. Hear us, O God,

C: your mercy is great.

A: Let your compassion guide the leaders of the world and the people of all countries to end the ways of fear and terror and build a world in which all may live in peace and freedom. Hear us, O God,

C: your mercy is great.

A: Let your peace come in the midst of the clamor and tumult of our lives and guide us to places of quiet, refreshment, and rest where your voice may be heard. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Let your healing hand rest upon all who are ill or suffering. We pray that they may feel the gentle touch of your all-powerful love. Hear us, O God,

C: your mercy is great.

A: Let your faithfulness and promises guide this congregation and every congregation of your people to be places where strangers find welcome and the hungry find food. We pray especially for the work of our companion congregations: St. Paul in Lohman, Mo, Messiah in Lindsborg, Good Shepherd in Manchester, Mo, and Gloria Dei in Lucas. Hear us, O God,

C: your mercy is great.

Here other prayers are offered

A: Let your unending love comfort families and friends who grieve for those who have died. Strengthen us all to continue in faith toward that day when we are gathered together again at your heavenly table. Hear us, O God,

C: your mercy is great.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P: Share the peace of the risen Christ
with those around you
as we prepare to gather
at our Lord's table

THE OFFERING

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Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



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. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

BLESSING OF VOCATION—FARMERS & GARDENERS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God of all creation,

C: all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P:: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

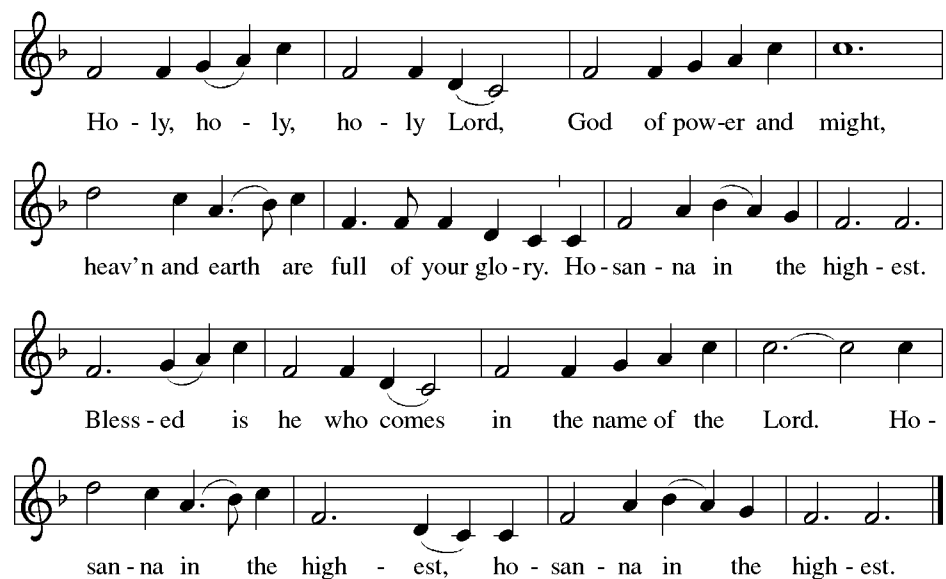
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: 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...And so with all the choirs of angels, 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 pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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P: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P All good gifts come from God. Come with gratitude to this table of bounty.

THE COMMUNION

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Lamb of God

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
“When Peace Like a River”

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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in grace.

C: **Amen.**

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has



done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A O God, our provider, you nourish us with holy food and drink, and you open our hearts to the needs of others. Refresh us with your Spirit, that our words and deeds may proclaim your creative and life-giving Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

BENEDICTION

P God gives rest to all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens
Almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore.

C **Amen**

SENDING HYMN

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live the gospel.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Koral”

Flor Peeters

PEACE BE WITH YOU...This is the greeting of the risen Christ to his disciples in the upper room on Easter evening. Christ's greeting is shared in the service at the conclusion of our prayers as a reminder that the risen Christ is the ultimate answer to our prayers. This exchange marks a pivotal moment as the focus of the service turns to Holy Communion. As we are about to gather at the Lord's table to eat and drink, it is important that we be reconciled with each other as well as with God. The exchange of peace fosters that reconciliation. Appropriate words of peace include "Peace be with you" "God's peace" "The peace of the Lord be with you" Gestures of peace such as a hand shake, a slight bow or nod, or a hug (if the recipient is comfortable) may accompany your words. Be mindful this is a moment within our worship service, not for socializing. Exchange the peace of Christ, not the latest news.

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