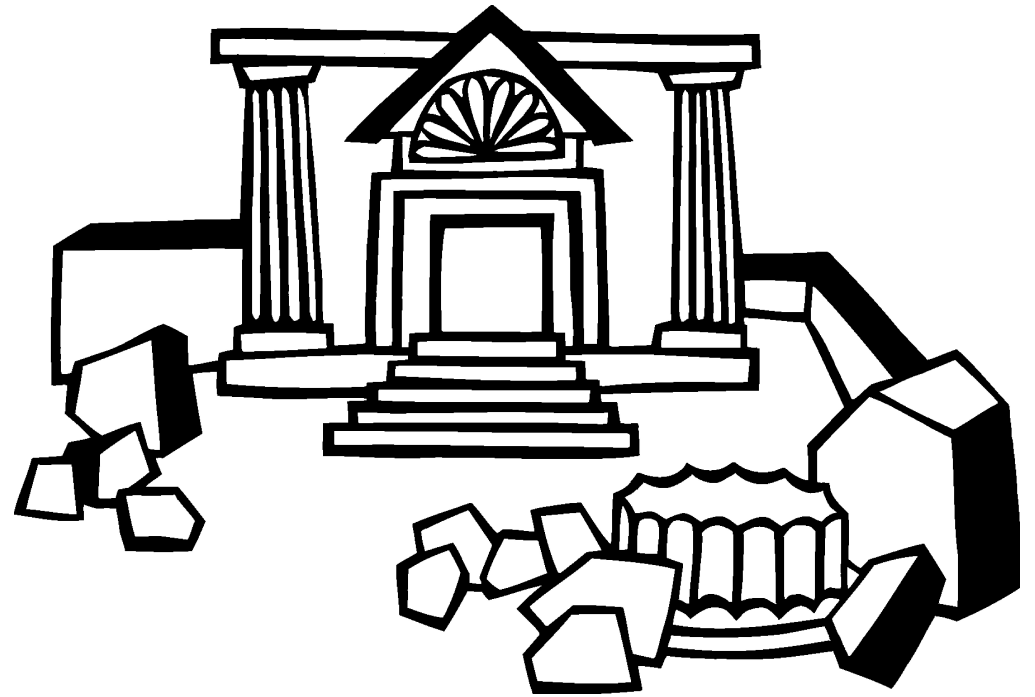


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



18 NOVEMBER 2018
The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. So the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

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THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Communion • Of the Land and Seasons • 10:30



GATHERING – “The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.”

PRELUDE – Partita on "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"
"Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"

**John A. Behnke
Lee Dengler**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS 1 John 1:8-9

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit

G Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.



P Most merciful God,
G we confess that we are 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 left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors 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.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us
 and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins.
 As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
 I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
 in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
G Amen.

*Please turn and reverence the cross of Christ.
 As the cross passes you, turn and face the cross as it is carried to the chancel.*

*This Danish hymn came into widespread use in the English-speaking church through the work
 of the translator. The original author achieved distinction as a poet in Denmark.
 The melody is taken from an anthem by a well-respected Welsh composer.*

GATHERING SONG

LBW 355

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow



1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row on - ward goes the
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on his ran - somed
 3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as from the
 4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward, with the



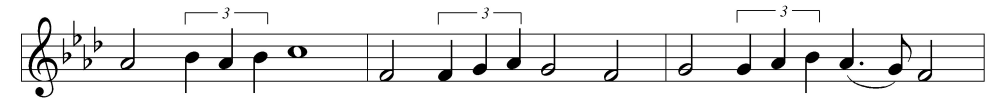
pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion,
 peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and ter - ror,
 heart of one; one the con - flict, one the per - il,
 cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its bat - tle



march - ing to the prom - ised land.
 bright - ning all the path we tread.
 one the march in God be - gun.
 till we rest be - neath its shade.



Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the
 One the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which
 One the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -
 Soon shall come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing



guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of pil - grim
 nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing for - ward,
 ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y Fa - ther
 of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all shad - ows,



step - ping fear - less through the night.
 one the hope our God in - spires.
 reigns in love for - ev - er - more.
 and the end of toil and gloom.

Text: Bernhard S. Ingemann, 1789–1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924
 Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944



GREETING 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

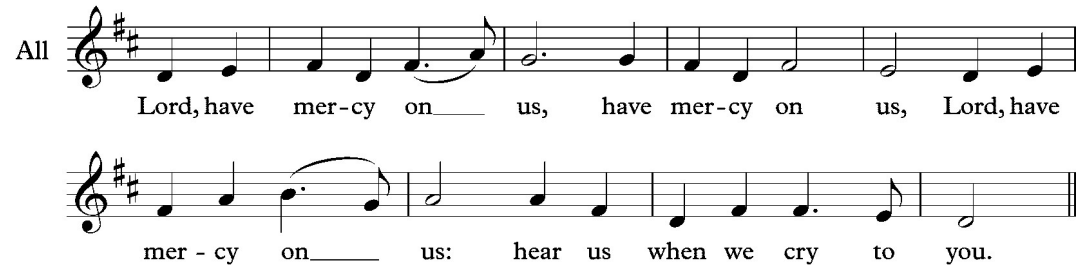
KYRIE *Luke 17:13*

Choir



We pray for peace, O Lord, make plow-shares of our swords, make plow-shares of our swords: hear us when we cry to you.

All



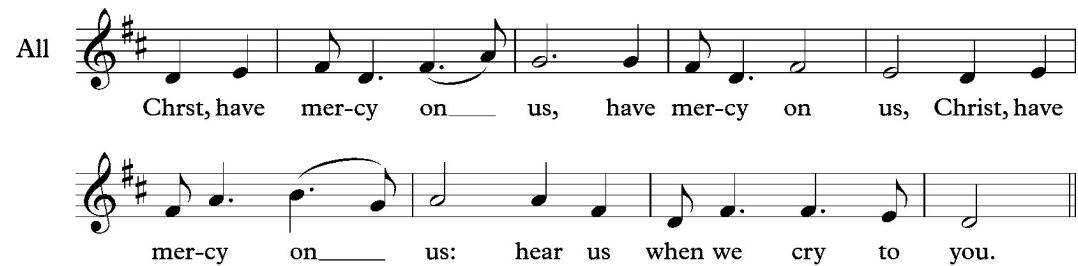
Lord, have mercy on us, have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

Choir



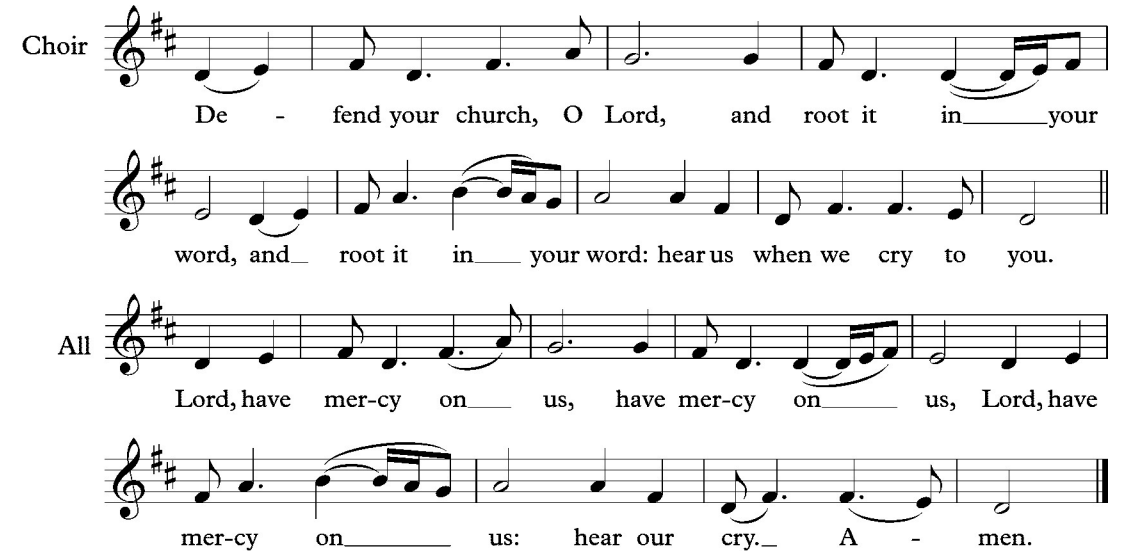
Christ, make us grow in grace until we see your face, until we see your face: hear us when we cry to you.

All




Christ, have mercy on us, have mercy on us, Christ, have mercy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

Choir



De - fend your church, O Lord, and root it in your word, and root it in your word: hear us when we cry to you.

All



Lord, have mercy on us, have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us: hear our cry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Ruth 2:4*

- The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- Let us pray with one another.
- God, our provider, you grant us an abundant harvest so that your children throughout the world may be fed. Establish in us thankfulness and faithful stewardship, that we may return the first fruits of praise and use your gifts of field and livestock, tree and vine to fulfill the needs of the hungry and the sojourner; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Children 2 years old through sixth grade may join their teachers at the pulpit doorway to exit for Children's Church.)

WORD – “God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.”

The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God’s revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

FIRST READING:

A Reading from Daniel 12:1-3

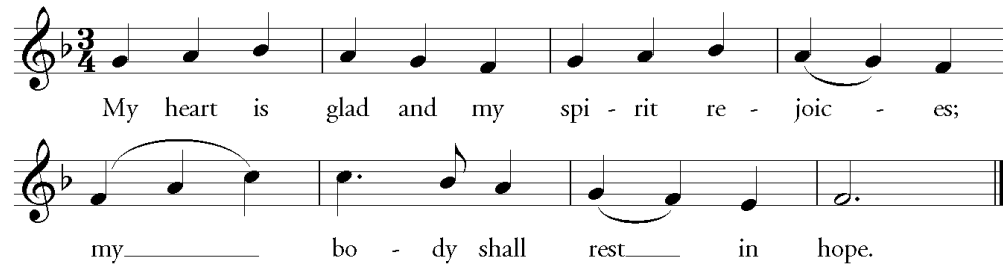
¹“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 16

Refrain: *(Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.)*



¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

²All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.

³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. **R**

⁵O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

⁷I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. **R**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.

¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. **R**



Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ’s death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God’s promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

SECOND READING:

A Reading from Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,”

¹⁷he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.



GRADUAL HYMN

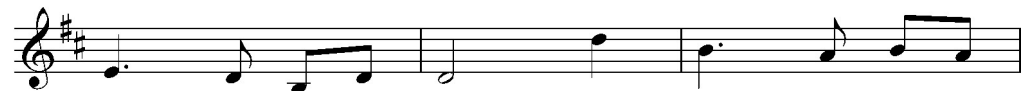
Please stand to welcome the gospel, singing this hymn.



1 O God, whose word well-plant ed yields fruit a hun-dred-
2 O God of seed and har vest, of sun and soil and
3 O God, your fi - nal har- vest of his - t'ry's an - cient



fold, we praise your grac - es grant - ed to
rain, at - tend the word we sow, lest its
field will test with truth the proud - est that



those who sowed of old, who by their wit - ness
plant - ing be in vain. Send show - ers of your
hu - man work can yield. Op - pres - sion's blight will



scat - tered good seed up - on the soil where
Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace, that
van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease; and



oth - ers, reap - ing, gath ered the har - vest of their toil.
mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ²Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things will be accomplished?" ⁵Then Jesus began saying, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Coleman

Please stand.



Text for this spiritual draws on 1 Corinthians 15:52 and Revelations 6:13. In some publications, "morning" is spelled "mourning," either title having solid biblical reference. The melody is named after Erie native Harry T. Burleigh who sang in the St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral choir here. The melody provides a pensive setting for its text, thus fitting the hymn's variant titles.

HYMN OF THE DAY

WOV 627

My Lord, What a Morning

Refrain



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



1 You'll hear the trum-pet sound,
2 You'll hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der-ground,
3 You'll hear the Chris-tian shout,

Refrain



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

APOSTLES' CREED

- I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
- He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**
- He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**
- He descended into hell.**
- On the third day he rose again.**
- He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
- He will come again 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.**

Please be seated.

THE PRAYERS 1 Timothy 2:1

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you made the church through the working of the Holy Spirit, and you provide the assurance of faith through your Son. Guide us in our proclamation of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You created all things and said your creation was good and yet so many in this world suffer through hunger, flood and fires. In the midst of overwhelming need, move our hearts to empathy, and then provide us opportunities to help. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You desire peace for the whole world. Provide refuge for those in harm's way, bring an end to war, and instill in political leaders the love for all that comes from you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You reveal your compassion through caregivers, advocates, and medical professionals. Heal the sick, deliver the suffering, bind up the brokenhearted, provide shelter for the homeless and food for the hungry. We pray especially for . . . Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You bless us in our coming and our going, in our waking and our sleeping, and in our daily work. Make our love and good deeds a reflection of the freedom you give us in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Thank you, God, for leading people into this community of faith and always direct our hearts to be open and welcoming. Move those in need of community into this place, and let us see in them, those people, those beautiful things you have created in them. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You grant us everlasting life. Through the witness of your saints who now rest in the Lord, inspire us in our lives of faithful service. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we offer you on this day, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. Romans 16:16

MEAL – “God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.”

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED Psalm 116:12

An Individual Silent Prayer as We Prepare to Make our Offering:

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” 2nd Corinthians 9: 7-8

ANTHEM – “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

Healey Willan

*Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.
By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.*

*By Him the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring.
The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
He filleth with His fullness, all things with large increase;
He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty, and with peace.*

*Heap on His sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls He died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him when at His feet ye fall,
And with your lives adore Him, who gave His life for all.*

OFFERTORY



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we



place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship
grew in your good plea sure. What once was com - mon,
lift in prayer be - fore you, Lord, by your grace now



as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
dai - ly food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING Matthew 21:9

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 our 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, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Through your Son, you taught us that true riches are found in loving you rather than earthly treasure. For your glory and our salvation, Christ emptied himself upon the cross and was raised in power at your right hand. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in adoring song.



1 Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the
2 High on a throne sat the might - y Lord, robes
3 Oh, what a sight it was to see and



scrip - tures do re - cord, I - sa - iah to the
flow - ing through the hall, while six - wing - ed an - gels
oh, what a sound to hear! The tem - ple door - posts



tem - ple came to see the ho - ly Lord.
flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call.
shook and quaked, and smoke was in the air.

Refrain



All Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, God's



glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth, God of pow - er and might.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

☐ 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.

Remembering, therefore, how he fed the hungry and gave company with outcasts;
how he healed the sick and freed those in bondage;
how he taught and guided those who were seeking you;
how he was handed over and gathered in for our sake;
how he was resurrected as the first fruits of the dead,
and how he promised to return for the great harvest home;
we give you thanks, not as we ought, but as we are able.

Send, we pray, your Spirit into this meal.
Supply our needs, and those of all your saints,
and fill us until we overflow with thanksgiving.
Empowered by this meal, enlivened by your Spirit,
move us in glorifying you in faithfulness to the gospel
and in generosity for all in need.

United by your Spirit with all your people,
we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ,
our Lord, now and forever.

☑ Amen.

☑ **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. Amen. *Matthew 6:9*

AGNUS DEI

☑ 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☐ Receive now from the Lord's abundance the meal which gives us life forever and ever.

☑ Amen.

COMMUNION *John 1:29*

The congregation is seated.

Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace.

Please come forward by the center aisle. The distribution of the elements is by the method of intinction (dipping). Receive the bread and dip it into the chalice (cup). Wine is in the metal chalice. Grape juice, for those who prefer it, is in the earthenware chalice. Return to your place by the side aisle.

VOLUNTARY – "Adagio Cantabile" from *Concerto in E Minor*

Linda Melaragno, violin

Pietro Nardini

Source of this hymn-text is a Latin hymn sung at sunset during Advent, dating back to the Middle Ages.
The melody is universally associated with this hymn, and also dates from the Middle Ages.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

LBW 323

O Lord of Light, Who Made the Stars



1 O Lord of light, who made the stars, O Dawn, by whom we
2 In low - li - ness you came on earth to res - cue us from
3 To pay the debt we owed for sin your pain - ful cross was
4 But now you reign, the King of kings, a - dored in high - est



see the way, O Christ, re - deem - er of the world:
Sa - tan's snares; oh, won - drous love that healed our wounds
made the price; from bless - ed Mar - y's womb you came,
maj - es - ty; your ver - y name is held in awe



come now and lis - ten as we pray!
by tak - ing on our mor - tal cares!
a vic - tim pure for sac - ri - fice.
from pole to pole and sea to sea! A - men

5 Great judge of all, on earth's last day
have pity on your children's plight;
rise up to shield us with your grace;
deliver us from Satan's might.

6 To God the Father and the Son
and Holy Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally. Amen

Text: Latin hymn, c. 9th cent.; tr. Melvin Farrell, b. 1930, alt.
Music: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM, Sarum plainsong, mode IV

Please stand.

BLESSING

- ☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- ☑ Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



1 O Lord of the blos som, O God of the seed, O gra - cious pro -
2 O Lord of the har - vest, O God of the feast, where sor - rows are



vi - der for all hu-man need, you havenour-ished our faith at your
van-quished and joys are in-cleased, where the tree of life grows in your



ta - ble of grace, and nur - tured new life in the light of your
or-chards a - bove, we'll join in the cho - rus in praise of your



face, O Lord of the grain - field, O God of the
love. Sing praise to the Fa - ther, sing praise to the



vine, you've fed us your pres - ence in bread and in
Son, sing praise to the Spir - it. Praise God, Three in



wine. In com - mun - ion you've blest to us ar - bor and
One! You have made us one peo - ple you've fed by the



plow, and shown us the gos - pel, your word for us now.
hand, O Lord of the heav - ens, O God of the land.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- ☐ Let us pray.
Gracious God, we give thanks for your pruning, planting, and nurture.
We rejoice that you have used the harvest of field and vineyard to renew and sustain us.
Lead us as we go from this life-giving meal into lives of grateful service to you
and your cherished creation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
- ☑ Amen.

SENDING – “God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.”

BLESSING *Numbers 6:24-26*

- P** 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 favor and + give you peace.
- G** **Amen.**

DISMISSAL *Luke 7:50*

- A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE – Fugue on "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"

John A. Behnke

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