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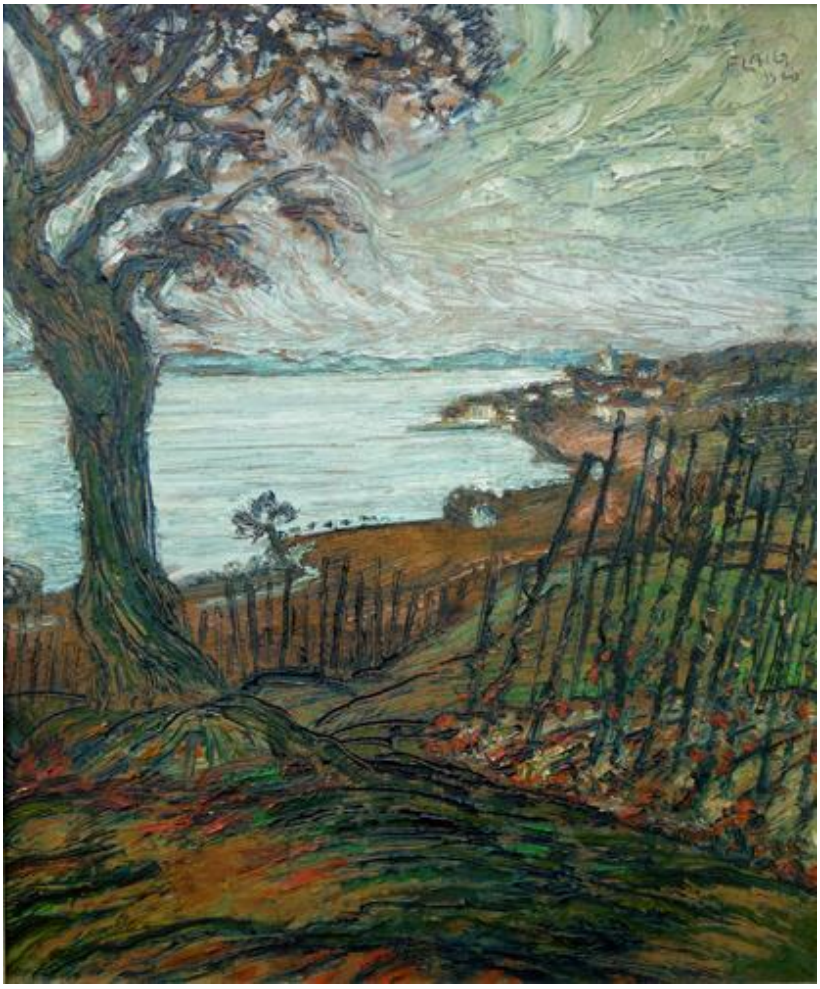

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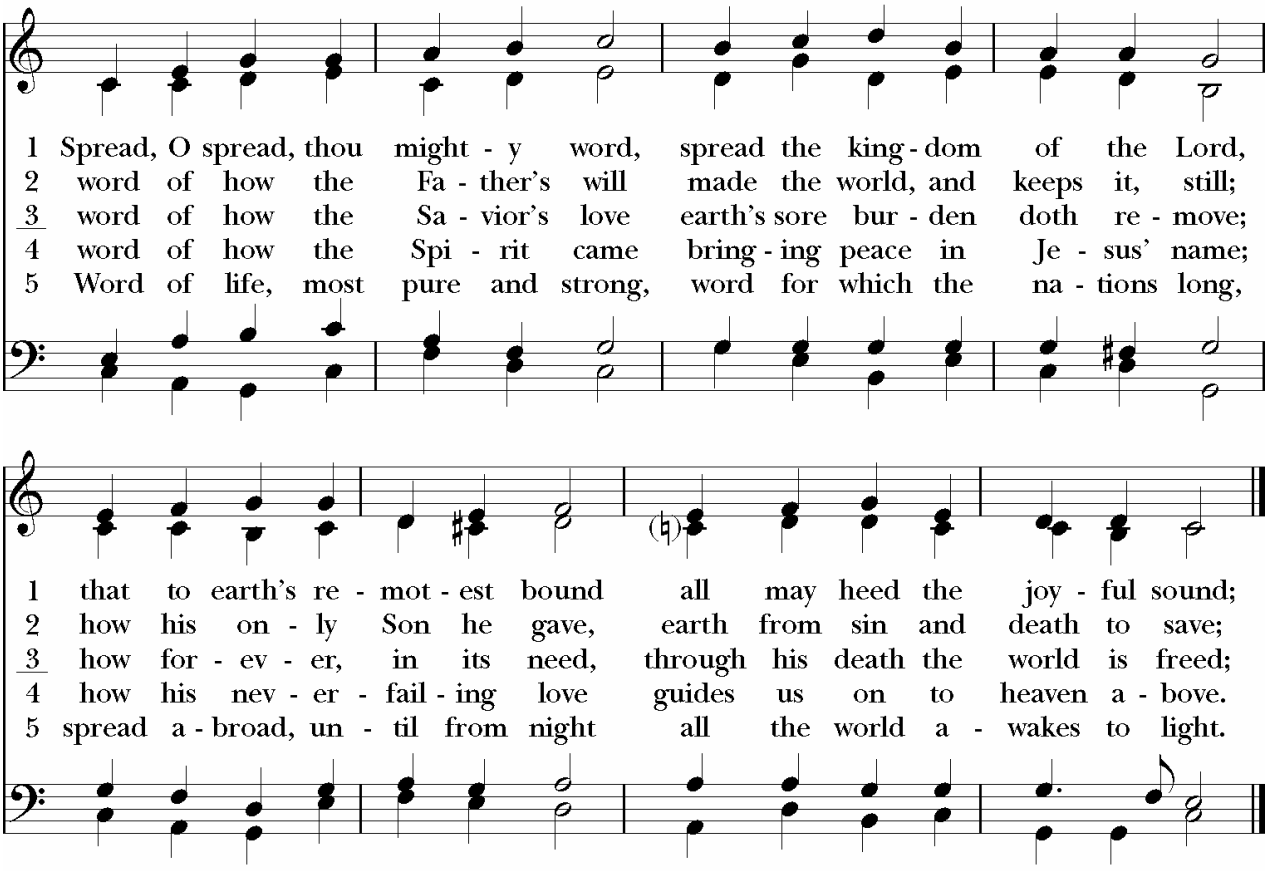
# Holy Eucharist Rite II

## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 23, 2025 10:30 a.m.

*People standing as able.*

**The Processional Hymn** *Spread, O Spread*
*The Hymnal 1982 #530*




*All standing, the Celebrant says*

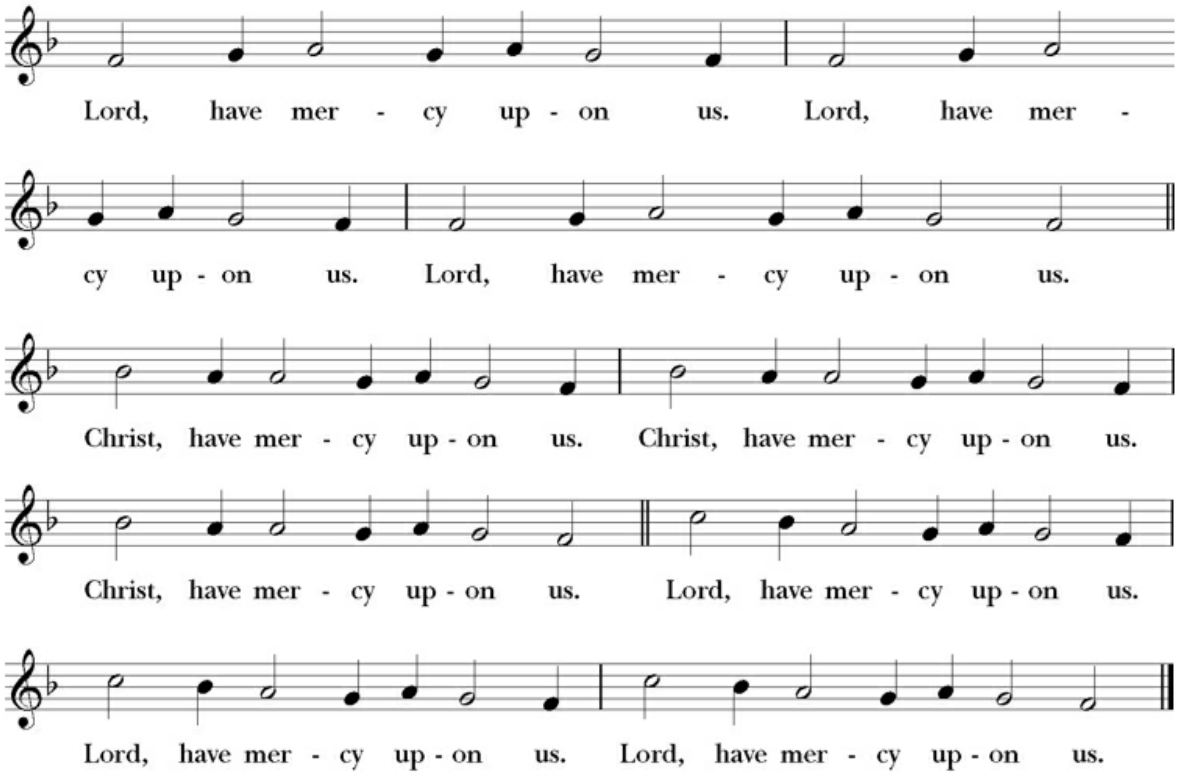
**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
*People* ***His mercy endures for ever.***

**Collect of Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
***Amen.***

**Kyrie** *The Hymnal 1982 # S 90*
*Sung all together*




**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
*People* ***And also with you.***
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

*Please be seated.*

## THE LESSONS

### The Old Testament Exodus 3: 1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said,

“Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.
*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**The Psalm** **Psalm 63: 1-8**

*Deus, Deus meus*

**1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; ***
**my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,**
**as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**

**2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, ***
**that I might behold your power and your glory.**

**3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; ***
**my lips shall give you praise.**

**4 So will I bless you as long as I live ***
**and lift up my hands in your Name.**

**5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, ***
**and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,**

**6 When I remember you upon my bed, ***
**and meditate on you in the night watches.**

**7 For you have been my helper, ***
**and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.**

**8 My soul clings to you; ***
**your right hand holds me fast.**

*A period of silence is kept.*

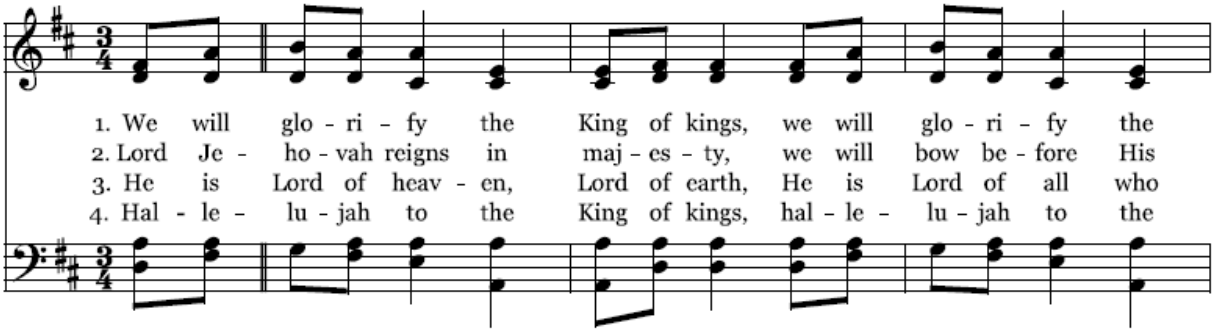
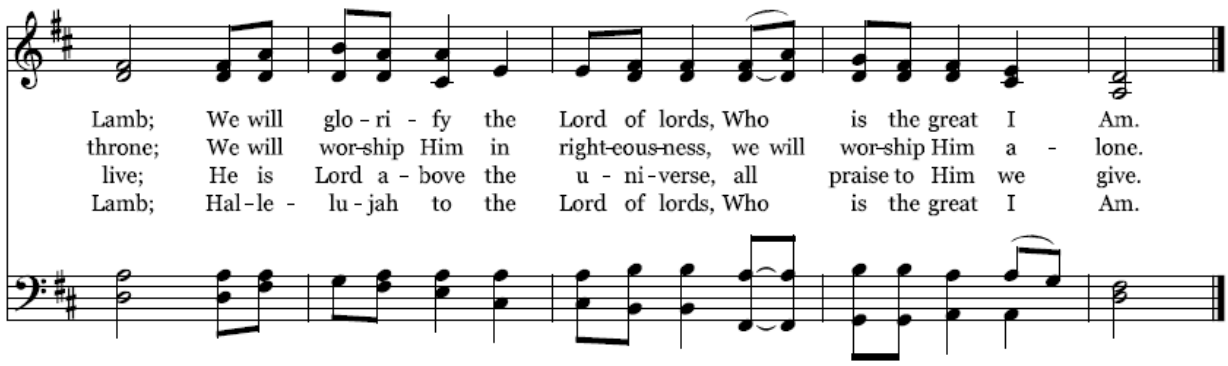
**The Epistle 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.
*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

*Please stand as able.*

**Gospel Anthem** *We Will Glorify*

**The Gospel** **Luke 13: 1-9**

*All stand as able.*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
*People* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.
*People* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon** **The Reverend Jonathan Brice**

**The Nicene Creed**

*All stand and say together.*

**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 our salvation**
**he came down from heaven:**
**by the power of the Holy Spirit**
**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,**
**and was made man.**
**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.**
**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**
**He 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**

*Please stand or kneel as able.*

**Prayers of the People**

**March 23, 2025**

**The Third Sunday in Lent**

*Brothers and sisters, our God is faithful. Let us offer our prayers to God, saying, "God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself;* ***we bless you and we praise you."***

O God, you are our God; eagerly we seek you; our souls thirst for you, our flesh faints for you, as in a parched and barren land. Refresh your Church, revive your Church with living water. God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself; ***we bless you and we praise you.***

Faithful God, be the comfort and the strength of innocent victims and their families. We pray for all those who die suddenly and unprepared. God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself; ***we bless you and we praise you.***

Great Mountain God, open our eyes to your presence in the world around us. Set the fire of your presence before us and lead our feet to holy ground. God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself; ***we bless you and we praise you.***

We pray, O God, for victims of violence and abuse. Deliver them; heal their wounds and scars; restore innocence and the ability to trust. Purify our own hearts that we may honor and respect each other. God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself; ***we bless you and we praise you.***

O God, you are our helper; you hide us under the mighty shadow of your wings. Defend your children from all adversities which may happen to the body or soul. God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself; ***we bless you and we praise you.***

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God of our fathers and mothers, feed us with spiritual food; refresh us with spiritual drink. Preserve us, with all your saints, forever. God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself; ***we bless you and we praise you.***

**In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the people of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

**In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Mary's, Galena.

> God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself; ***we bless you and we praise you.***

**For Those Serving in the Armed Forces:** Devon Allen; Murphy Bright; Michael Dible; Michael Green; Harvey Hayselden; Benjamin Karpinski; Alex Shaw; Jose Te'o; Collin Kelly; Macauley Garton; Frank Bednar; Grant Bednar; Henry Kniggendorf; Sean Bess; Maxwell Hayselden; Alyson Uhrmacher; Kiegan Vogt; Austin Furumoto

> God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself; ***we bless you and we praise you.***

**For Health & Strength:** Joyce Scheurer; Kari Alejandre; Stephen Purdy; Elaine Dunn; Jack; Anthonio Hura and Family; Lana Rae Higgins; Chris Dayhuff-Hasan;

Stacey Grimes; Bob Haydon; Lydia Yeldon; John Howell; Chantal Martinson; Linda Mack; Shannon Maendele; Shannon and Niki Tucker and family; Lynn Ash; Jenny Marshall; Kathy Uhrmacher; Keith Uhrmacher; Diana Bee; Craig and Jeanette Burris; Jeanne and Bruce Miller;

God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself; ***we bless you and we praise you.***

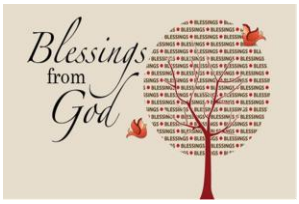
**For Birthdays:** Tom Grandgenett; John Hoffman

God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself; ***we bless you and we praise you.***

*Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.* ***Amen****.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Birthday Prayer**




Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Anniversary Prayer**

O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully upon this couple who come to you seeking your blessing on this their anniversary, continue assisting them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they have made; through Jesus Christ our Savior**. Amen**

**The Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The people kneel as they are able.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God,**
**we confess that 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.**
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us;**
**that we may delight in your will,**
**and walk in your ways,**
**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Priest*
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

## The Exchange of Peace

*All stand as able.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

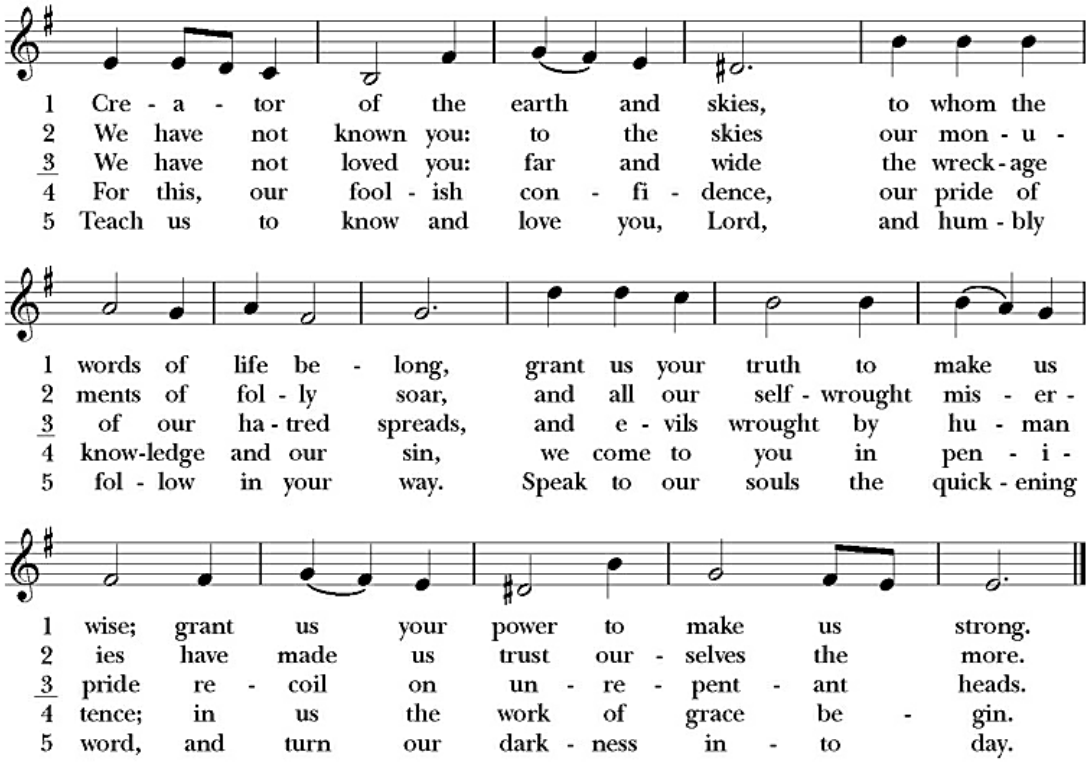
*People* ***And also with you.***

*Greet each other safely.*

## The Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant*
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

## Offertory Anthem

*Creator of the Earth*
*The Hymnal 1982 #148*

## The Presentation of Bread and Wine

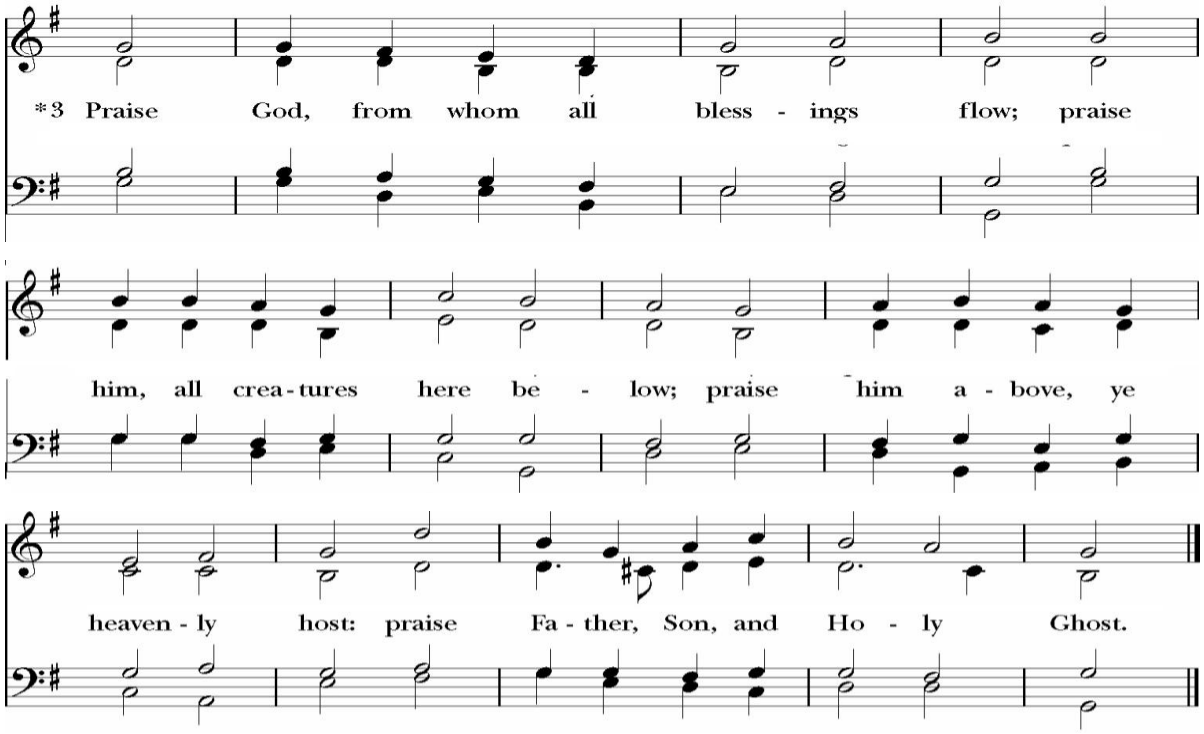
*All stand as able.*

### Presentation of Gifts

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine.*

### Doxology

*The Hymnal 1982 #380 v. 3*




*Celebrant* All things come from you O Lord.
*People* ***And of your own have we given you. Amen.***

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Standing as you are able.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
*People* ***And also with you.***
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.
*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
*People* ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

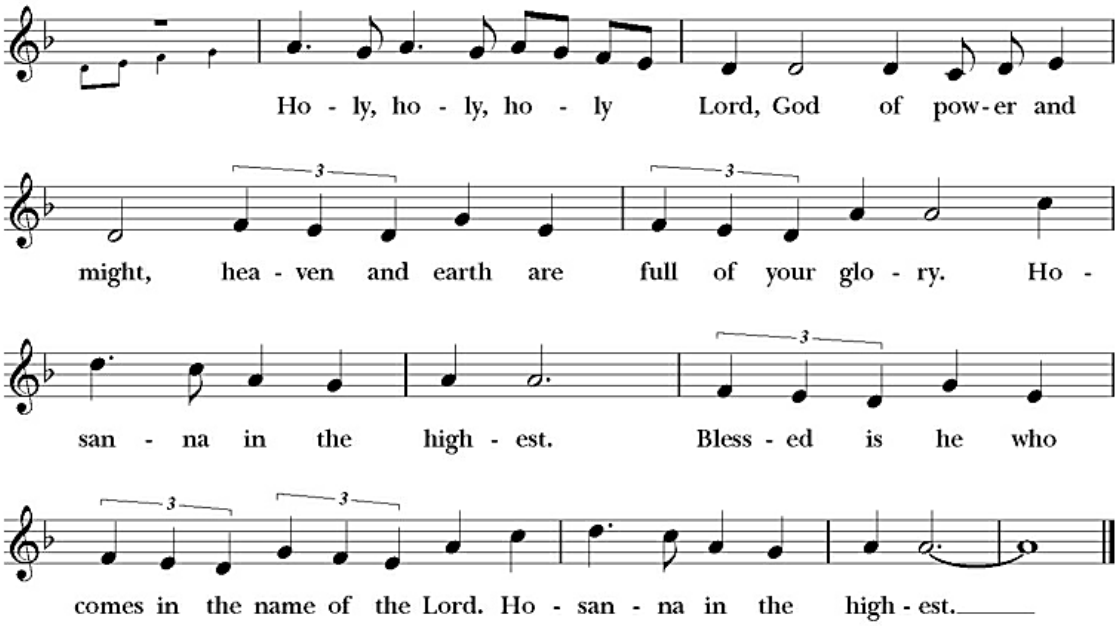
*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People* *The Hymnal 1982 # S-129*




*The people stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**
**Christ is risen.**
**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

*Celebrant*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**The Lord's Prayer**

*(All together)*

**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,**
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Celebrant*

The table of bread is now made ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.

It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more;

you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time;

you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

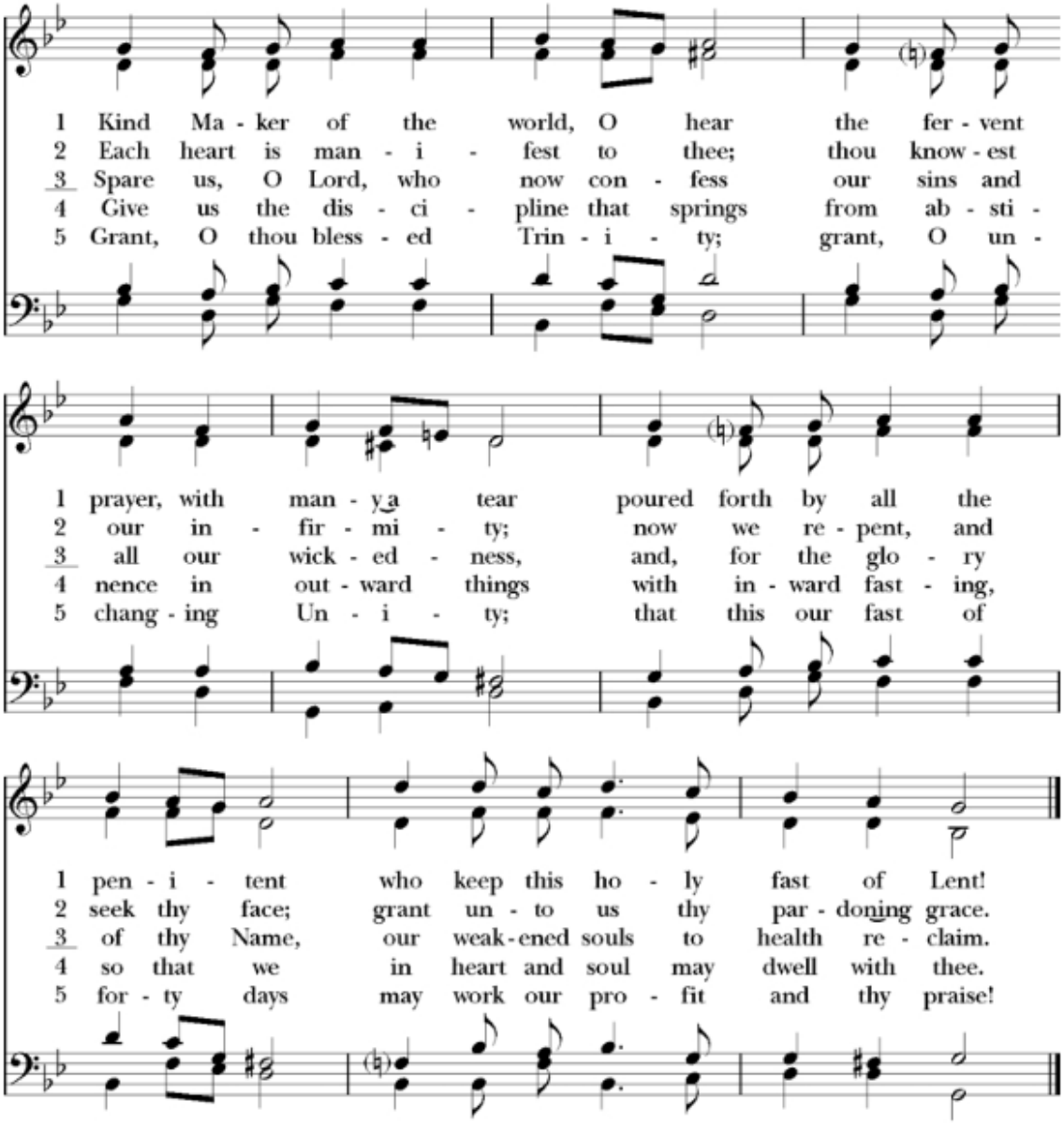
HOLY COMMUNION

**Holy Communion** *All are welcome at the altar rail. All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not baptized or if you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your chest at the altar.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your needs known to the minister.*

*The choir will receive first. Please wait until the usher releases your pew. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail. Father Jonathan will intinct the wafer in consecrated wine. If you do not desire this please make your needs known.*

**Communion Hymn** *Kind Maker of the World*

*The Hymnal 1982 #152*

*Kneel as you are able.*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
**you have graciously accepted us as living members**
**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**
**and you have fed us with spiritual food**
**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**
**Send us now into the world in peace,**

**and grant us strength and courage**
**to love and serve you**
**with gladness and singleness of heart;**
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

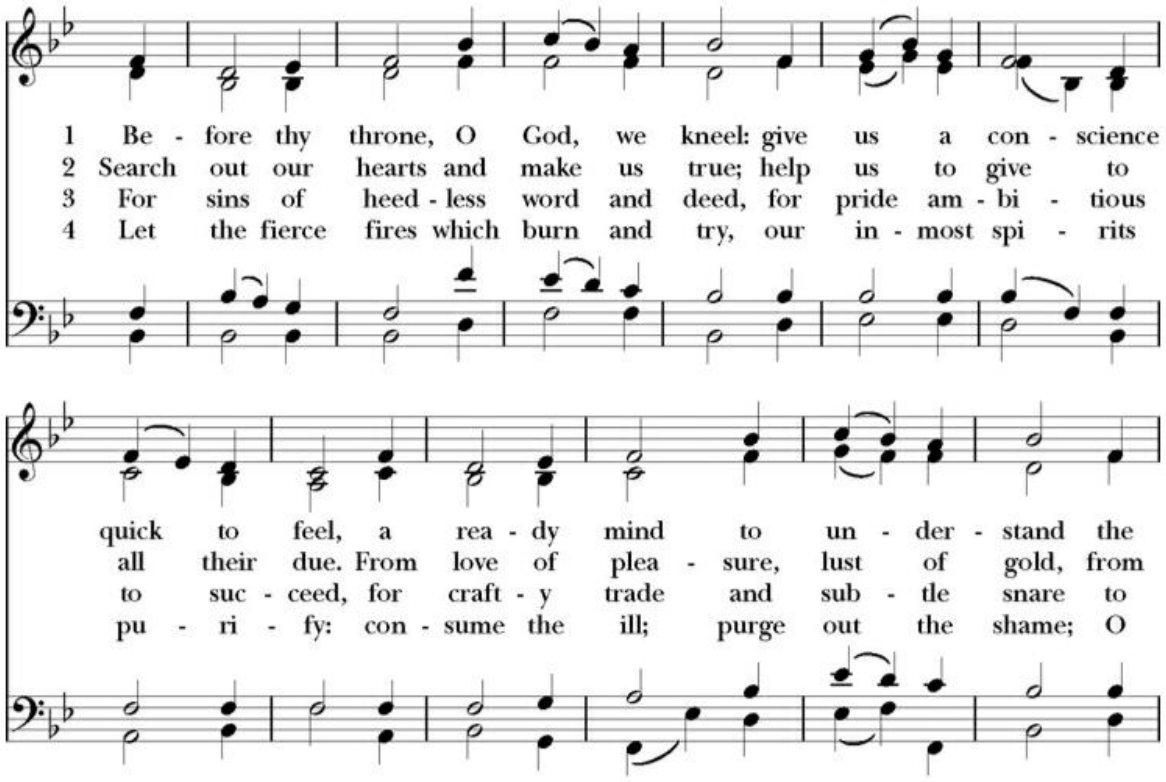
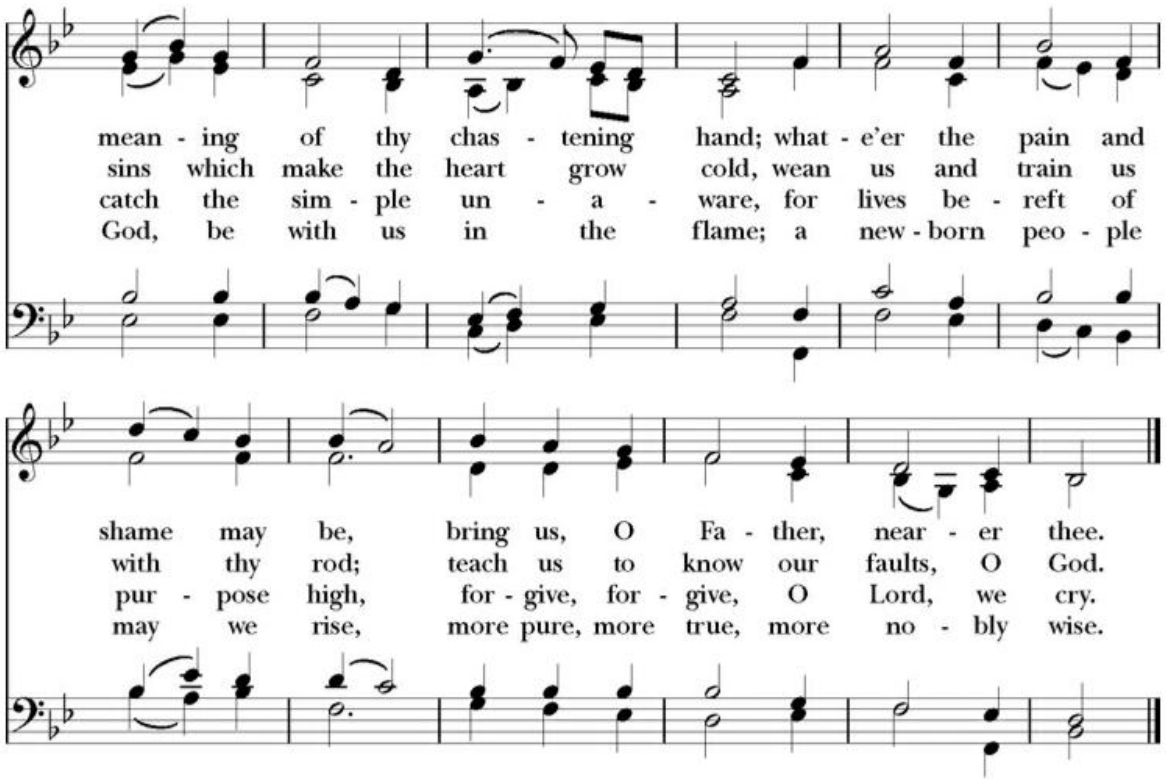
*Celebrant*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding , keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

## Announcements

*Stand as able.*

## The Recessional Hymn

*Before Thy Throne, O God*
*The Hymnal 1982 #574*

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.
*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**Burying the Alleluia's**

Why don't we say 'alleluia' during Lent?

Lent has been kept for centuries as a time of simplicity and solemnity. Churches are traditionally decorated more simply and services are more somber as we prepare for Good Friday, so that we will appreciate the joyful celebrations of Easter all the more.

In keeping with this mood, the word 'alleluia' (a joyful shout of praise) is not said or sung again from Ash Wednesday until the first celebrations of Easter. It's traditional to end services of Shrove Tuesday with 'alleluia' before laying it aside for the forty days of Lent.

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