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Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 15, 2021

*I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness...*

Isaiah 61:10

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Let us be in the spirit of worship together.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! For the safety of our community, we ask that you sign in. Our worship service is broadcast live on Zoom and Facebook.

Only the presenters in our worship will be recorded. Please see an usher if you have any questions.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.

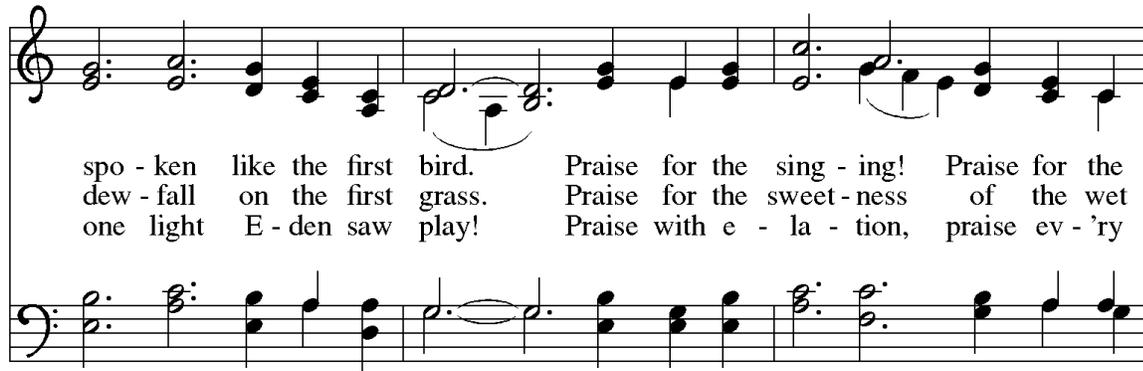
God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

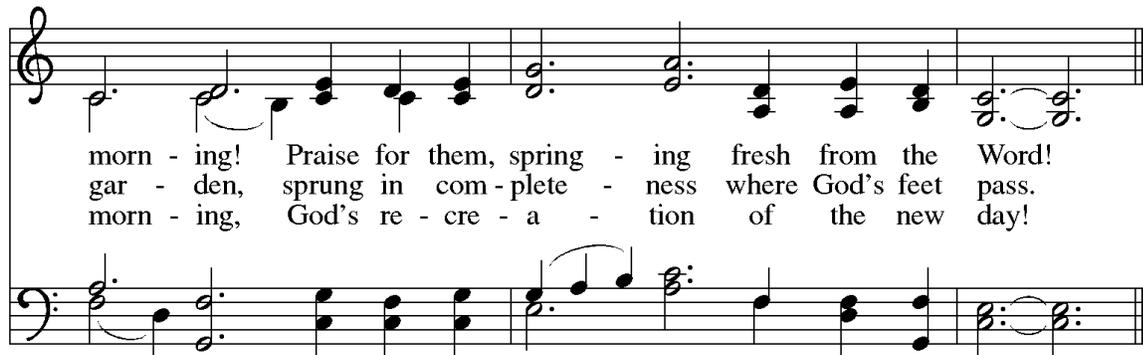
GATHERING SONG: Morning Has Broken – ELW 556



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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GREETING

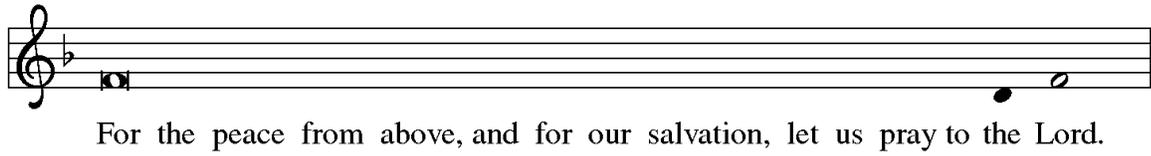
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

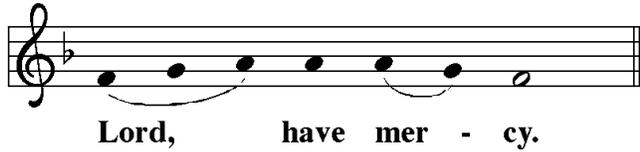
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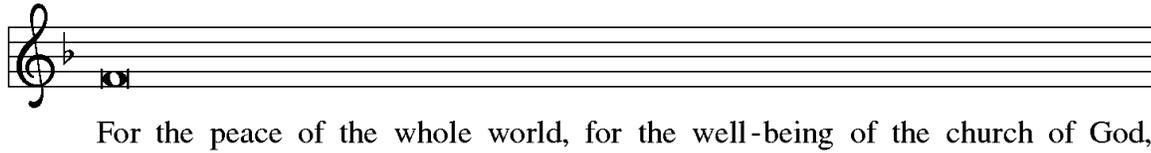
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



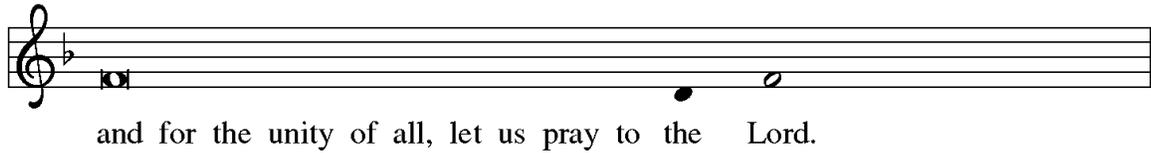
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



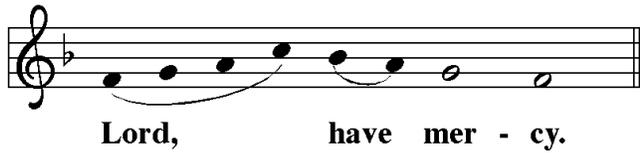
Lord, have mer - cy.



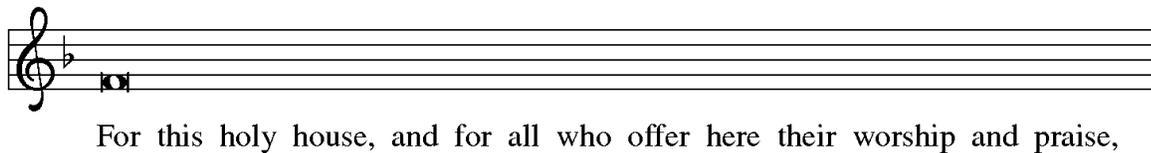
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



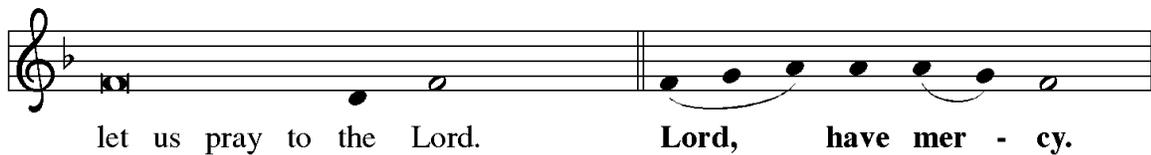
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



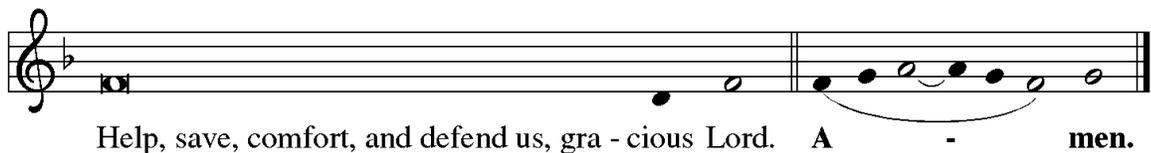
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

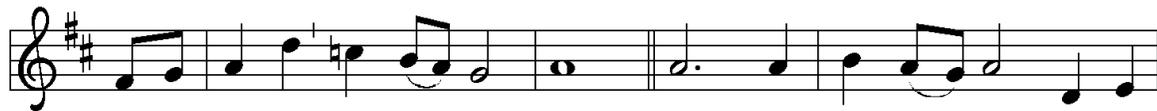


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



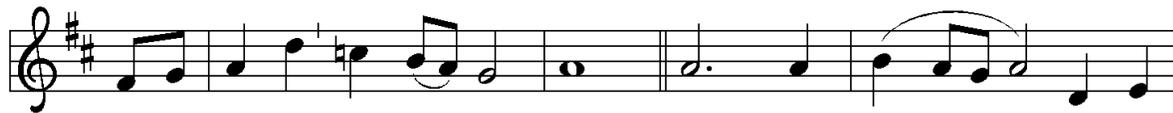
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you remember the humble, scatter the proud, lift up the lowly, and fulfill all things. Grant us grace to receive your word in humility, and so to be made one with your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Welcome families! The children are invited to come forward for a blessing from Pr. Elizabeth. Our nursery (ages birth to 3) is open, but there is no Sunday School this morning. We're so glad you are here!

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:7-11

A reading from Isaiah.

⁷Because [the] shame [of God's people] was double,
and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,
therefore they shall possess a double portion;
everlasting joy shall be theirs.

⁸For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

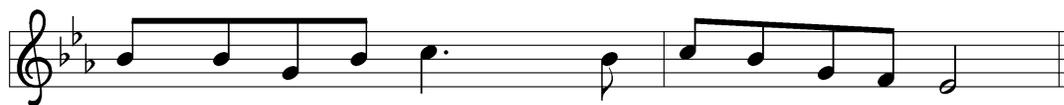
¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:9-14

Refrain



Those who seek the LORD lack noth - ing that is good.

Psalm 34:10

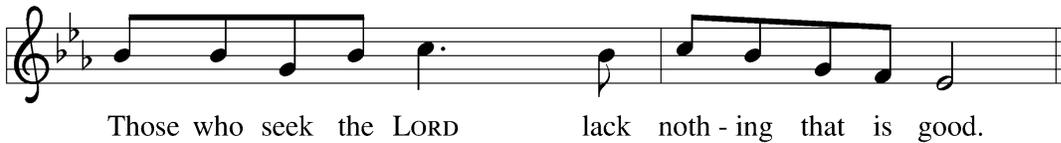
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Tone



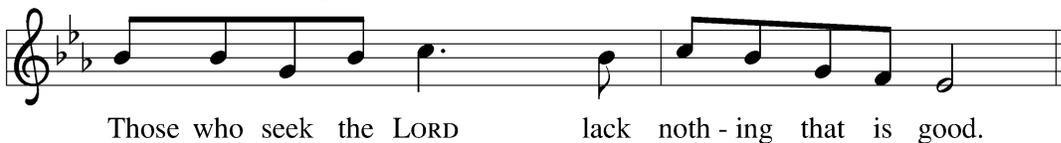
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- ⁹Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.
¹⁰The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good. R



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- ¹¹Come, children, and lis- | ten to me;
I will teach you reverence | for the LORD.
¹²Who among you takes plea- | sure in life
and desires long life to en- | joy prosperity?
¹³Keep your | tongue from evil
and your lips from | lying words.
¹⁴Turn from evil | and do good;
seek peace | and pursue it. R



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SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7

A reading from Galatians.

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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: Luke 1:46-55

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶Mary said,

“My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in you, my Savior.

⁴⁸For you have looked with favor upon your lowly servant,
and from this day forward all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹For you, the Almighty, have done great things for me,
and holy is your Name.

⁵⁰Your mercy reaches from age to age
for those who fear you.

⁵¹You have shown strength with your arm;
you have scattered the proud in their conceit;

⁵²You have deposed the mighty from their thrones,
and raised the lowly to high places.

⁵³You have filled the hungry with good things,
while you have sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴You have come to the aid of Israel your servant,
mindful of your mercy-

⁵⁵the promise you made to our ancestors,
to Sarah and Abraham and their descendants forever.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth – ELW 735



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

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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 OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Holy God, you revealed your love for people overlooked and cast aside, sending your son to be born among the humble and poor. Send your church to proclaim good news to those who feel abandoned, despised, or rejected and make our congregations places of genuine hospitality. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of creation, mend the earth. Cool warming oceans and preserve melting ice caps. Increase our awareness of changing climate patterns and reveal new approaches to the ecological challenges we face. Shield those in the path of hurricanes or tropical storms. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Mary's song of praise and amazement echoes through this assembly. We remember your promises, O God, and look to you for justice. Expose greed and exploitation wherever it is found and raise up humble leaders who act on behalf of those oppressed by poverty, racism, and hatred. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Your Spirit lives in our hearts and makes us heirs of salvation. Rescue us from shame and suffering. Lift up the brokenhearted, heal the sick, and have mercy on those who turn to you for help, especially those we name now in our hearts and with voice... God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of resurrection, bring us to new life. Give us the living bread from heaven through which we abide in your love, and on the last day raise us

with Mary, mother of Jesus, and all the saints to eternal life. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Those joining us via livestream have the option of joining a breakout room. Breakout rooms are NOT recorded or broadcast.

OFFERING

Thank you for your generous gifts to sustain the mission and ministry of Gethsemane Lutheran Church. You may give online at www.glcportland.org/give or with Venmo.

OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

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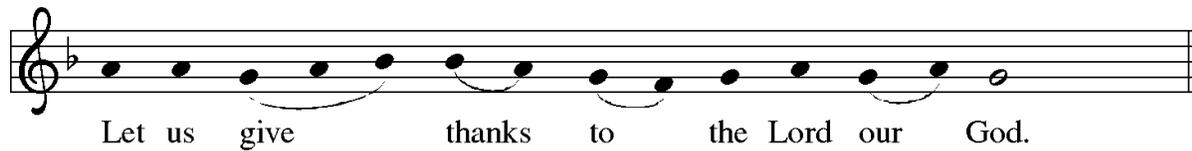
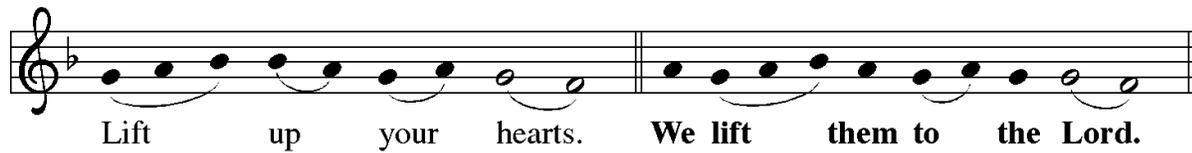
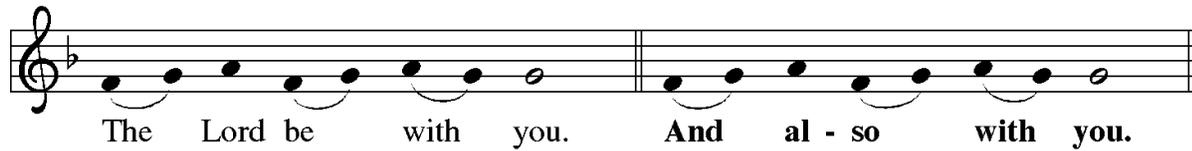
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

All are welcome to celebrate communion! If you are joining us via livestream, you may commune from home. Any bread and wine, water or juice may be used. Please hold up bread and cup as Pastor says these words:

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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 his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

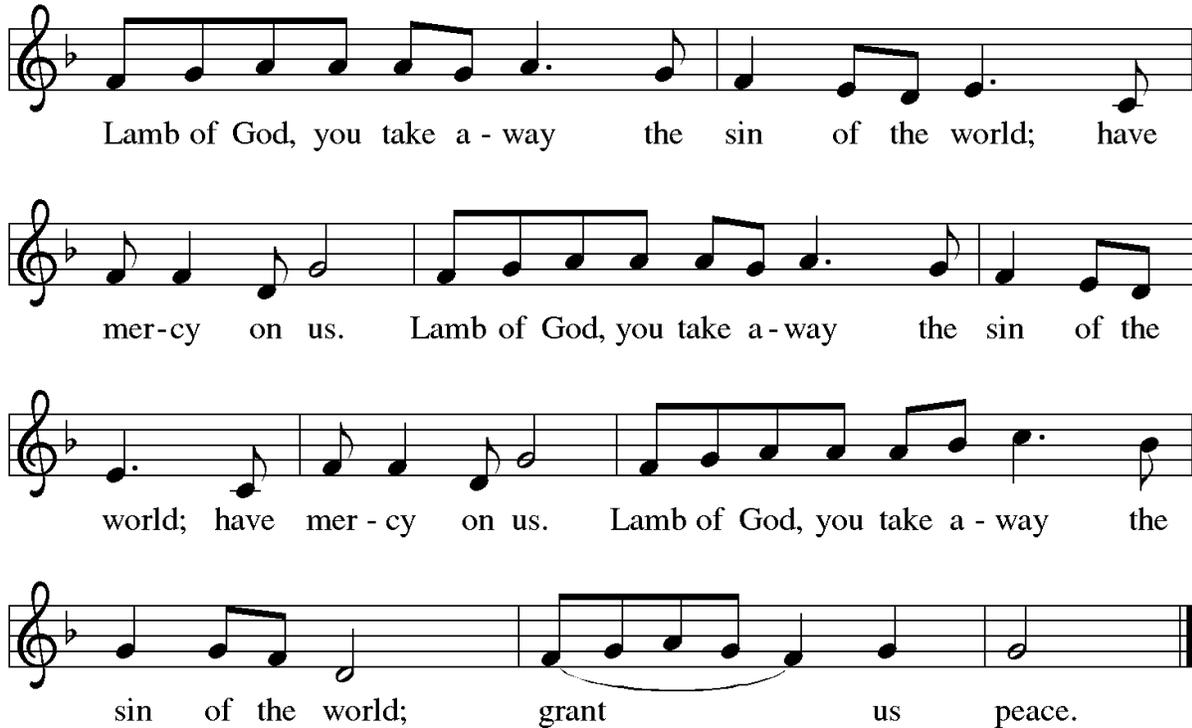
This morning we pray the Lord's Prayer from the Anglican New Zealand prayer book:

**Gathered into one by the Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

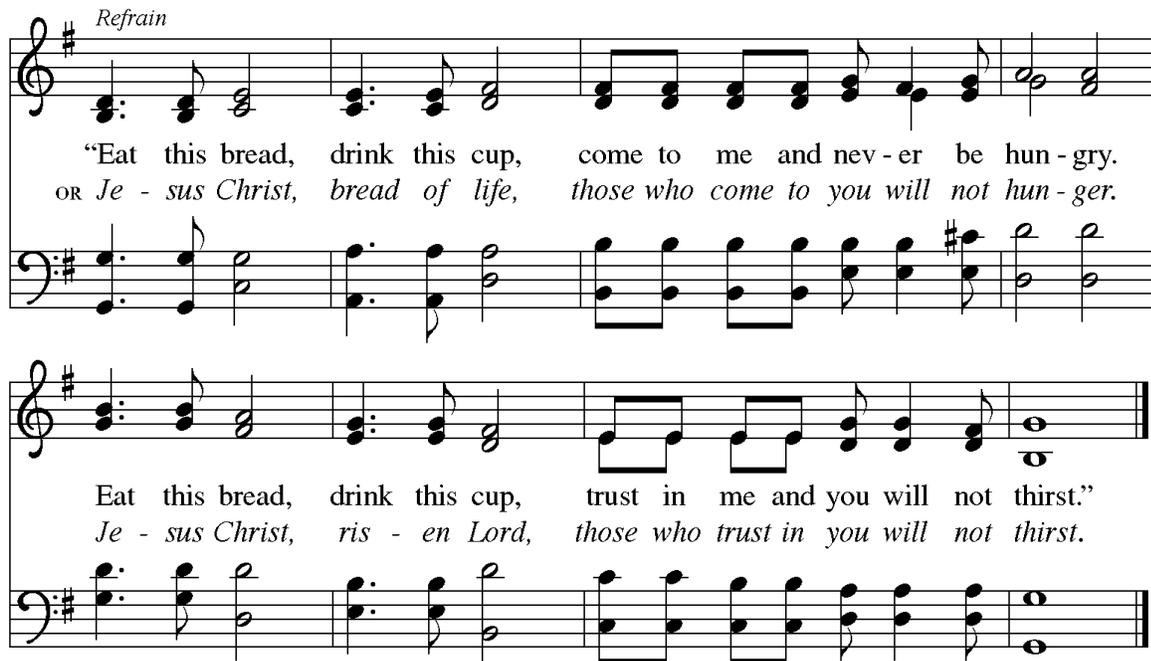


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

If you did not pick up a communion cup as you entered, please see an usher. Please dispose of your cup as you exit the sanctuary today.

COMMUNION SONG: Eat This Bread - ELW 472



Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: Canticle of the Turning – ELW 723, Verses 1, 2, &

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1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Please leave the sanctuary quietly so that those who wish may remain to listen without interruption. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

● **Who are we? Who are our neighbors? What is God calling us to do?** These questions will guide the work of our GLC Transition Team as we prepare our Ministry Site Profile to search for our next settled pastor. **Small groups to reconnect in conversation start this week!** Groups are no larger than six and will be held outside (masks optional), indoors (masks required), and on Zoom. More sessions will be added as needed.

Please register at: <https://forms.gle/Pjf9ddEe6RBd5RAk9> or look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Thank you in advance for taking part in our first series of Connecting Conversations! Questions? Contact Deb at debpostlewait@gmail.com.

- Anna will be on vacation on Monday and Tuesday, but will be in the office on Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 to 4:00 as usual.
- Youth Firefighter Collection items needed: Prayers, bar soap, cotton boot socks, toothbrushes, pillows/sleeping bags, protein bars/high-calorie snacks, monetary donations.
- **Day of Service: God's Work, Our Hands, is September 11th.** Contact Jasmine at youth@glcportland.org for more information!
- We resume two services (8:00 and 10:30AM) on September 12th. **This means we need twice as many volunteers** to serve as greeters, ushers, readers, altar guild, and more! Please contact Brandee Leibrand, Worship Chair, to sign up to volunteer.
- Traveling this summer? Feeling under the weather? Join our worship online via Facebook Livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/gethsemaneportland> or on Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81476436505> To join by phone, call (253) 215 8782 and enter Meeting ID: 814 7643 6505 .
- Church council meets this Tuesday, August 17 at 7pm on Zoom. Council meeting minutes are posted online at <http://www.glcportland.org/finances>. Please call the office for the password.

HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

- **Please sign in when you arrive.** This is helpful both for church attendance records and contact tracing. There is a sign-in sheet in the Narthex.
- We follow Multnomah County health guidelines and synod recommendations regarding the wearing of face masks. We update these guidelines as official recommendations change based on risk conditions, community spread and hospital caseloads. **As of August 10th, face masks are required for all visitors, members and building users, regardless of vaccination status.** A limited supply of disposable masks are available in the narthex.
- Please care for one another and be mindful of each other's space – **be sure to ask before hugging, touching, or shaking hands with one another.**
- We are continuing to use no-contact communion cups. Gluten-free wafers with wine or grape juice are available.
- Don't forget to drop off your offering! There is a plate and offering envelopes at the back of the sanctuary.
- Let's have grace and respect one another. Welcome home!

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