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Giving Sunday/Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 2021

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”

- Jeremiah 29:11

GATHERING

PRELUDE

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

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you
and against our neighbor.**

**We have built walls instead of tables
and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love,
to welcome those you send,
and to treasure mercy and justice.**

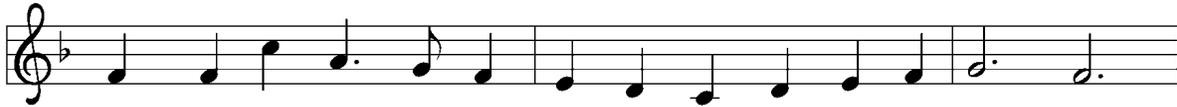
**Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve others. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new,
forgives your sins for ✝ Jesus' sake
and remembers them no more.

Lift up your heads and your hearts.
Together we grow the kingdom of God.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – ELW 858



- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

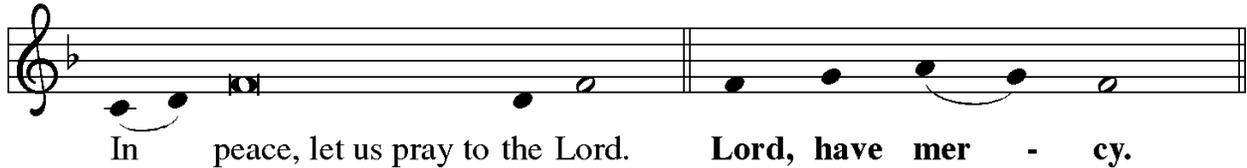
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GREETING

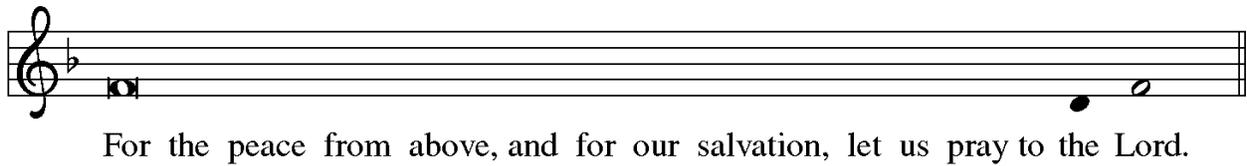
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

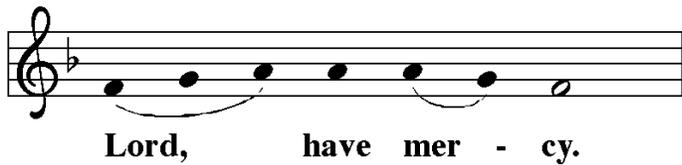
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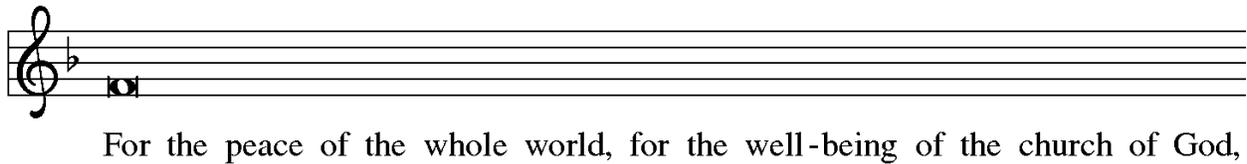
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



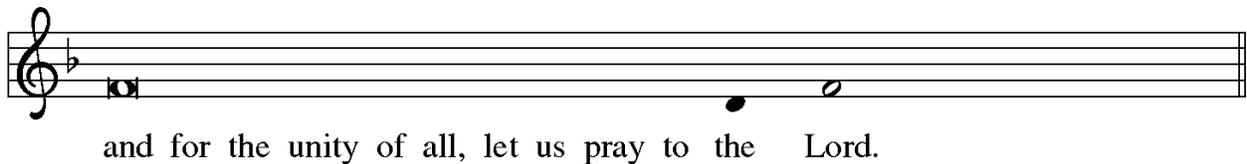
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



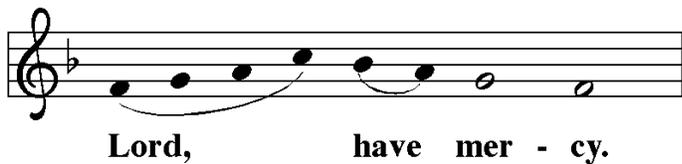
Lord, have mer - cy.



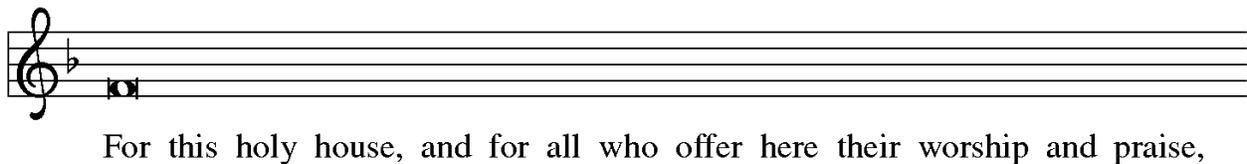
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

Refrain



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.

Final refrain



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: GIVING PRAYER

Let us pray together,

Dear Heavenly Father: Over and over, we become scattered and separated.

Over and over, like a good shepherd, you find us and bring us home.

For the togetherness you've granted us at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, thank you.

For the gift of faith that gets us through times of separation, thank you.

For outdoor worship on Pentecost, the Olive Press, the prayer chain, worship live-streamed on Zoom and Facebook, our first-ever pumpkin patch, and all the many ways we have stayed connected while apart, we thank you.

For the work of the Transition Team during this interim time, thank you.

In your generosity and grace, O Father, grant me the wisdom to see what I can give to make our separations easier, and our homecomings even more joyful. Amen.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Welcome, families! We're so glad you're here.

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 29:1,10-13

1 These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. 11 For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. 12 Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. 13 When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 93

Refrain



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your



throne has been es - tab - lished.

Tone



1The Lord is king, robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.

The Lord has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

2Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established; you are from | everlasting. R



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your



throne has been es - tab - lished.

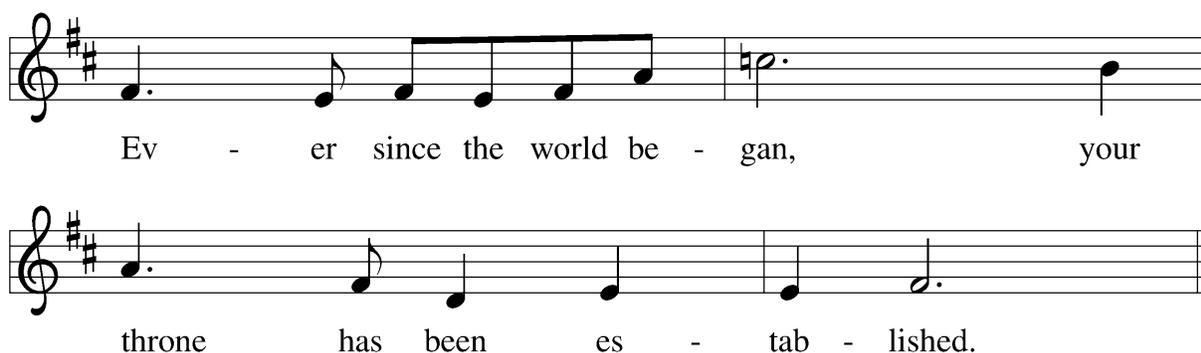
3The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted | up their voice; the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

4Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,

mightier is the Lord who | dwells on high.

5Your testimonies are | very sure,

and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and for- | evermore. R



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

4bGrace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

8“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

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: Mark 12:38-44

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

38As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, 39and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! 40They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

41He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. 42A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. 43Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. 44For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

The gospel of the Lord.

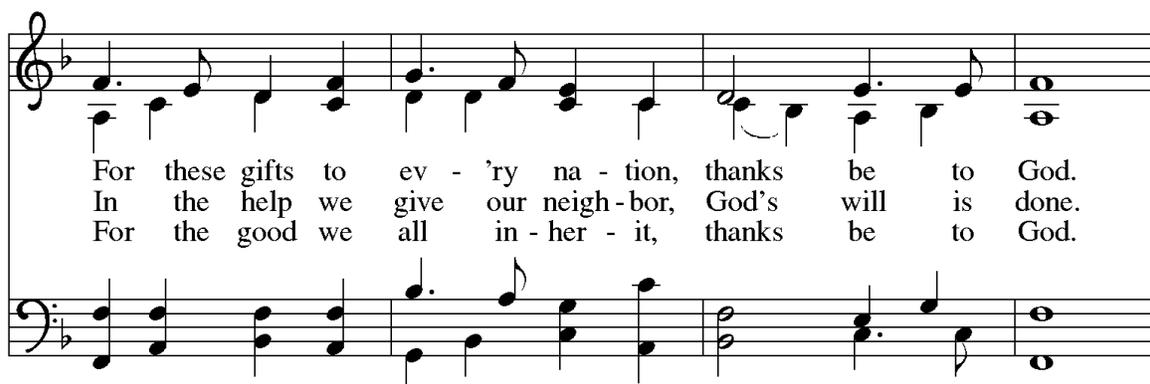
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

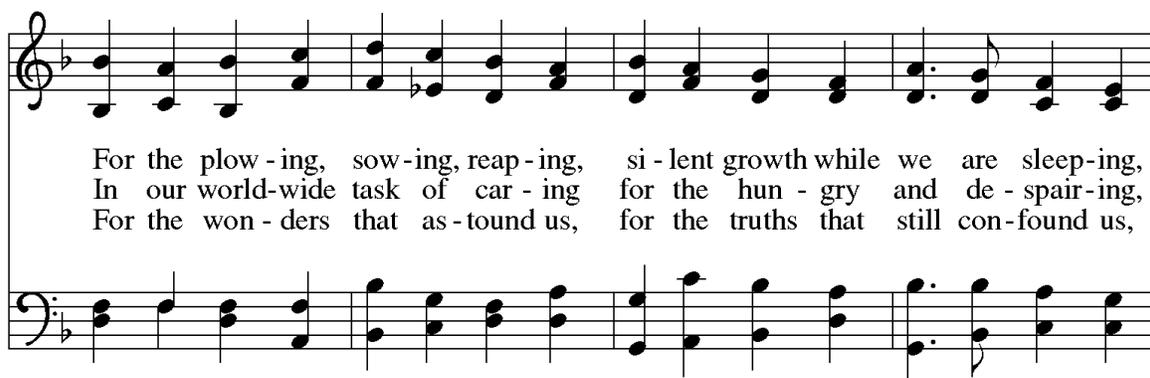
HYMN OF THE DAY: For the Fruit of All Creation – ELW 679



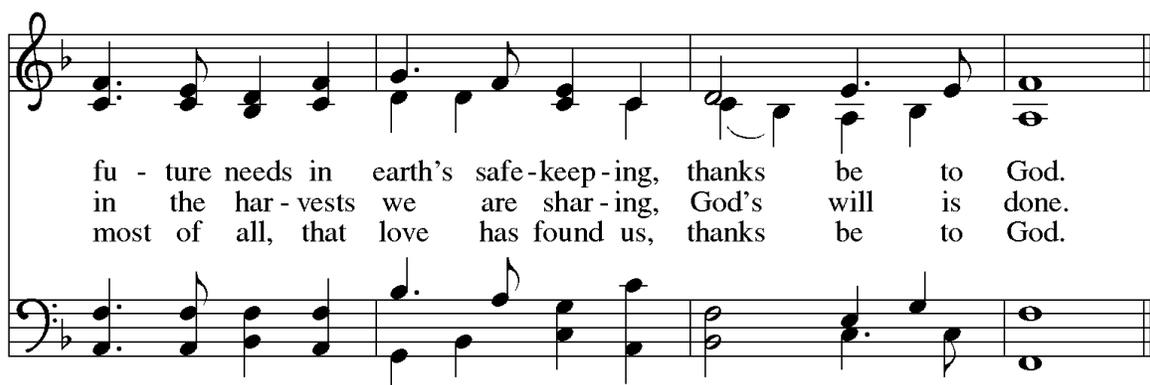
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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

God whose giving knows no ending, you invite the whole world to your table of mercy. Hear us as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

God, you created this magnificent cosmos. We pray for all living things to flourish, from ancient trees to endangered animals. Give us compassionate hearts to care for them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for ministries in our community that feed the hungry and offer shelter to the houseless. Renew them in their work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, you call us to live in community. Be with our biological families, our chosen families, and our church family as we gather for the Thanksgiving holiday. Send your presence to those who are lonely, separated or estranged from their families. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Empower local and regional leaders to pursue reparations and support sovereignty for the First Nations of this land. Guide our work to end racism and violence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, you give us healing of body, mind and spirit. We pray for all who are sick and suffering, especially those we name now... Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those saints whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, your welcome is wider than we can imagine. Receive our prayers for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us.
Amen.

PEACE

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

Please remain in your seats.

GIVING SUNDAY

This morning we are invited to celebrate our commitment to the mission and ministry of Gethsemane Lutheran Church. While we sing our offertory, you are invited to come forward and light a candle in celebration of your presence in our community. If you have completed a pledge card, please bring it with you and place it in the basket on the table.

OFFERTORY: Give Thanks, TFF 292

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

Holy One, thank you for the gift of this community. Here in this place we remember that we are not alone. You are our God and your love is forever. Take and use what we have given for your glory. Unite us in the

power of your Holy Spirit, that we may be one body, imperfect but perfectly loved, growing in faith and service. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

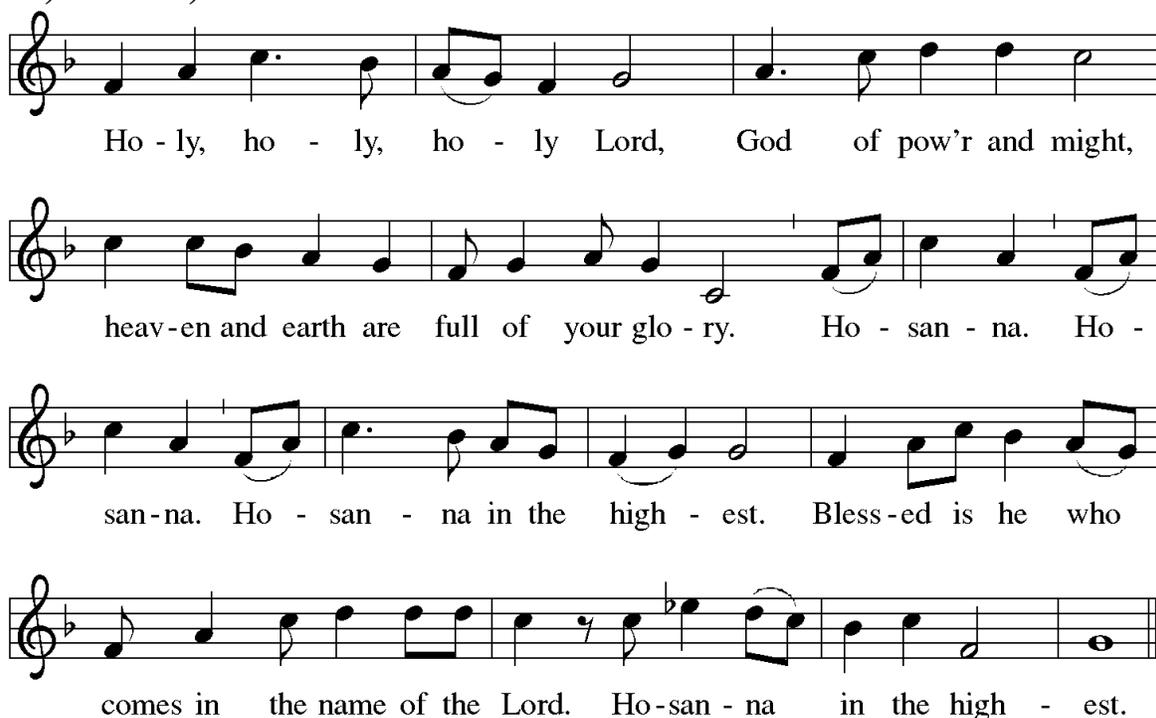
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, world 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 BLESSING

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

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth, transformed by your presence within us, to share your peace until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

God, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace
from this time forth and forevermore.

Amen

SENDING SONG: Crown Him With Many Crowns – ELW 855, v1-4



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.

DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to 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!

Psalm 93:2

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Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

ANNOUNCEMENTS



- **Don't forget to bring your pledge card** to church this Sunday, or **complete one online** at <https://tinyurl.com/glc-pledge>. The **Time and Talent Survey** is easy to fill out at <https://tinyurl.com/glc-talents>. Thank you!
- No bible study this week. **Bible study resumes on Tuesday, November 30th at 10am** in the conference room and on Zoom. We will study the book of Ruth.
- As we celebrate our commitments this Sunday, we have some **GLC swag** for you! See the table in the narthex for pens and lights.
- Come shop at the **Holiday Sale** in the Narthex hallway. Cash only (change not available).
- **REMINDER! Next Sunday, November 28th, we will worship in TWO services.** Join us at 8:00am OR at 10:30am as we begin the Advent season.
- Mark your calendars for our **annual congregational meeting** on Sunday, **December 5th**, immediately **after second service (around 11:30am)**.
- Pick up an **Advent devotional** in the narthex! We have two options this year, and you are welcome to use both. "Traveling with Our Ancestors" provides a **daily** scripture and reflection on diverse ancestors who inspire and encourage us in our faith. A beautiful **weekly** devotional from ELCA World Hunger is also available, along with Advent calendars.
- **Can you offer a ride** to church once a month (or once in a while)? **Do you need a ride?** Sign up on Rachel's List in the narthex. Please be sure to list what part of town you live in.

- The COVID Team has decided to do a trial run of **reopening the coffee bar**. Please be mindful of others and maintain social distancing. It is essential that we keep masks on for the safety of our church family. Thank you for being a community of care and grace!
- Worship with us on Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81476436505> To join by phone, call (253) 215 8782 and enter Meeting ID: 814 7643 6505. Or find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gethsemaneportland>.
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