

FESTIVAL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION TO COMMEMORATE THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION



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GRACE IN ACTION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

4:00PM

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

3101 WISCONSIN AVE. NW

WASHINGTON, DC 20016

WELCOME!

The Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America welcomes you to this historic occasion as we mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. We give thanks for the hospitality of the Washington National Cathedral in hosting and preparing this space for worship.

We are delighted to welcome children as a part of this service. Children's bags have been graciously provided for a more tangible experience for the little ones during worship. If you missed them on the way in, please ask an usher for assistance.

All baptized Christians who hunger to know the love of God are welcome to commune at the Lord's Table, set for all who need grace, forgiveness, strength, and wisdom for ministry and mission to the world. Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of the sacrament. Whatever your church background or tradition, please know that you are welcome to commune. If you do not yet receive communion or choose not to today, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Multiple communion stations will be in place during distribution. Two chalices of wine will be offered at each station, and you are invited to drink from the cup or intinct. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please follow the instruction of the ushers at that time.

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FESTIVAL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 29, 2017

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

3:00pm - Front Steps of the Cathedral (*weather-permitting*)

The Reason Why I Sing

People Get Ready

Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around

Ambassadors of Praise

Selection of Traditional African-American Spirituals

arr. Chris Aschman

We've Come This Far By Faith

Lord, You are Good

Great is Your Mercy

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah

AfroBlue & Philly All-Stars

3:40pm - Cathedral Nave

Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort

Dietrich Buxtehude

(Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word)

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

Georg Philip Telemann

(A Mighty Fortress is Our God)

Verleih uns Frieden

Felix Mendelssohn

(Grant Peace, We Pray)

Roanoke College Choir

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Please rise and face the baptismal font.

Presider: Blessed be the ✠ Holy Trinity,
the One who fashions us,
the One who heals us,
the One who reforms us again and again.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin against God and one another,
calling for God's transforming power ...

Silence for reflection and self examination

P: What shall we say amid our joyful songs of praise,
when we are confronted by the suffering and harm we continue to inflict on others,
the ways in which we as a Church have misused Christ's name before the world,
turning against kindred, denying the stranger,
failing to resist when Christ's name has been twisted and abused
to oppress and discriminate,
to inflict pain and even kill.

C: Come now, O prince of peace, make us one body.

P: How can we sing when we remain divided by walls we build,
when we remain content gathering and worshiping in separate houses ...

C: Come Lord Jesus, reconcile your people, and make us one body.

P: Gracious God,

C: We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.

**We fear that we are not good enough,
we hear your word of love freely given to us,
yet we expect others to earn it.**

**We turn the church inward,
rather than moving it outward.**

Forgive us. Stir us.

**Reform us to be a church powered by love,
willing to speak for what is right,
act for what is just,
and seek the healing of your whole creation.**

We confess all of our brokenness and all we fail to be.

We stand before you, so help us God.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

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 Music: OSOSÓ, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947
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P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us
 and to empower our lives in the world.
 Our sins are forgiven,
 by grace ✝ we have been saved.
 We are raised up as God's people
 who will always be made new,
 in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God, renewer of life and only reformer,
you surround us with a great cloud of witnesses
throughout time and place whom you have called into your work,
witnessing to your Gospel of liberation by grace alone.
Continue now to raise up witnesses for your work of renewal and reform,
that we may all grow more deeply into that mystery of communion that is your church.
Come now and sustain the ongoing reformation of your church.
We ask this all through your child Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, song, and prayers.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

Reader: A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise.

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Please be seated.

SECOND READING Romans 3:19-28

Reader: A reading from Romans.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

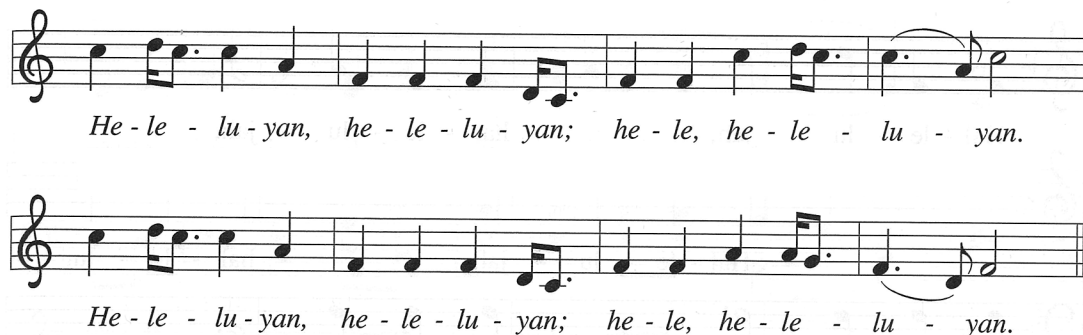
R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL *Heleluyan*

ELW #171



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GOSPEL READING John 8:31-36

Gospeler: The holy gospel according to John.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

R: The gospel of the Lord.

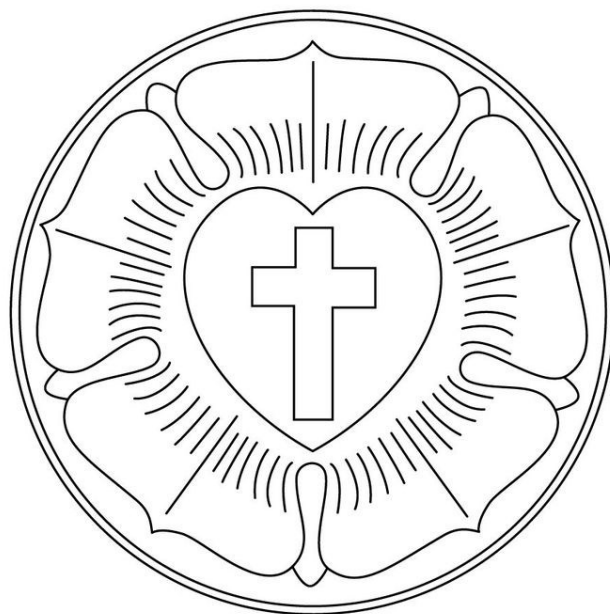
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON

The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton

Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Please rise at the conclusion of the hymn introduction.



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.



Refrain
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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APOSTLES' CREED

P: There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
C: 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

P: Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.
A brief silence.

Leader: *(read in Amharic)* Holy God, grant courage and renewal to your Church. Free us to be Christ's body, so our eyes and ears may see and hear the cries of your people, so our hands and feet may be instruments of healing and comfort. Boldly guide our lives on this path as your light and hope in a world in need.
Hear us, O God,

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: *(read in Swahili)* Holy Creator, dwell with us in the chaos and turmoil of hurricanes, flooding, drought and fires. Protect this world so lovingly made from our greed and exploitation. Align our stewardship with yours so that plants provide nourishment and offer shelter, water sources sustain life, habitats thrive, and all creation flourishes as you intend.
Hear us, O God,

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: *(read in German)* God of all, Enable us to work for the dignity and respect of every human being. Help us to dismantle the barriers that divide your people and gather us into true reconciliation. Guide and strengthen our nations. Direct leaders in fair and honest governance, and equip citizens to seek the needs of their neighbors. Open us to paths of abundance, equality, justice and peace.

Hear us, O God,

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: *(read in Oromo)* Holy Provider, you care for all your children. Give hope and strength to families fleeing or enduring terror, catastrophe, and war. Protect those who are targeted by this world because of their nationality, identity, skin color, or who they love. Bring healing to those in need: the sick and their caregivers, victims of family strife, and any who grieve this day.

Hear us, O God,

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: *(read in Latvian)* Gracious God, bless all faith communities and the communities we serve. Reveal your servant love through our ministries and our relationships, that our work with and on behalf of our neighbors bears fruit that endures.

Hear us, O God,

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: *(read in Spanish)* God of ever-new beginnings, we give thanks for all who have served you in this earthly life, affirm those who continue to hear your call, and challenge and guide us with renewed hope in ongoing reformation until that day when all are nourished by your tree of life.

Hear us, O God,

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Please greet those around you with a sign of peace and then be seated for the offering.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Today's offering is designated for Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief.

Please make checks payable to "Metro D.C. Synod" (Memo line: "Reformation Service Offering").

MUSIC DURING OFFERING

Steal Away/Go Down, Moses

*Traditional African-American Spiritual, arr. J. Grenhart
AfroBlue & Philly All-Stars*

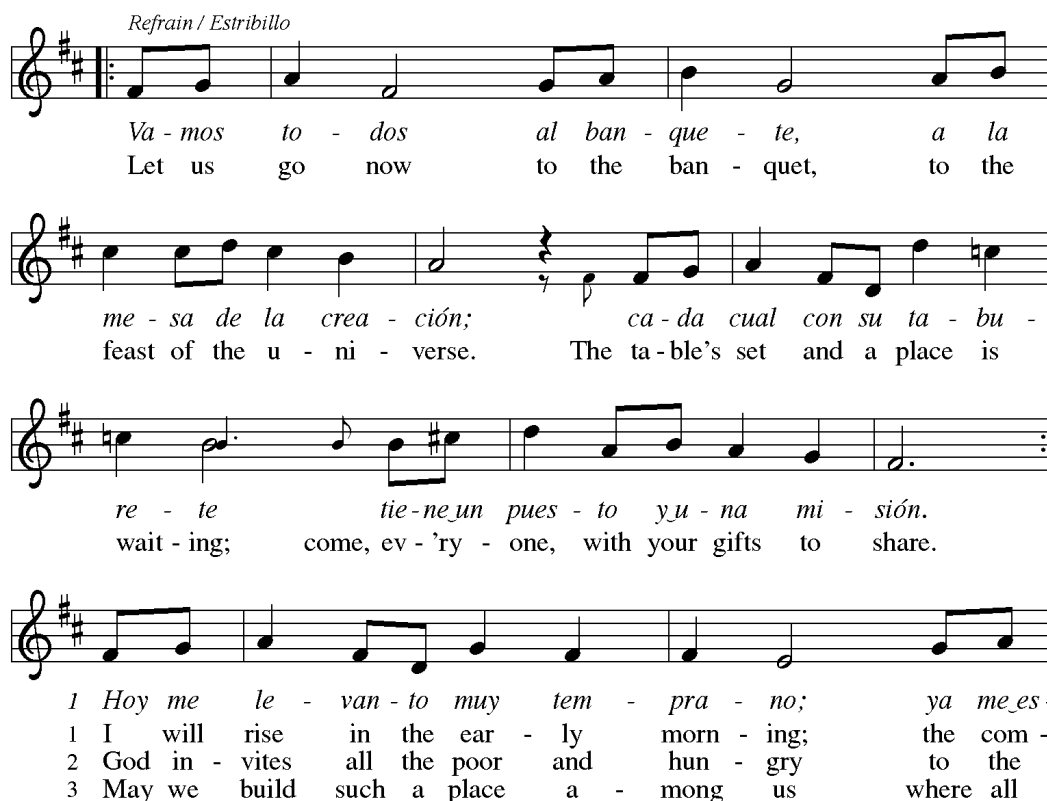
Please rise.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Let Us Go Now to the Banquet*

ELW #523

You are invited to sing in the language of your choice.

Refrain / Estribillo



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the


me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is

re - te tie - ne un pues - to yu - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all


Text: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955, *Misa popular salvadoreña*; tr. Bret Hesla, b. 1957, and William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956
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pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do_a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

Refrain / Estribillo



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu_a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

2 Dios invita a todos los pobres
a esta mesa común por la fe,
donde no hay acaparadores
y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo
una mesa donde haya igualdad,
trabajando y luchando juntos,
compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray.

God of life,

you give us these gifts of the earth,

these resources of our life and our labor.

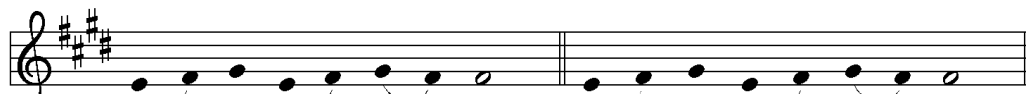
Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,

and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation;

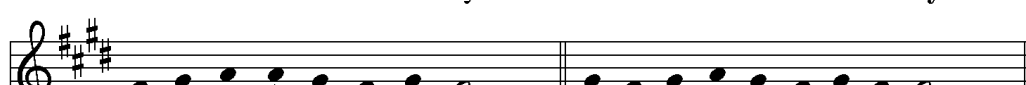
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

Congregation: Amen.

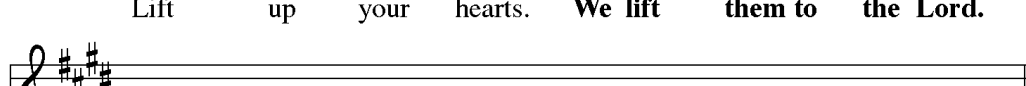
GREAT THANKSGIVING



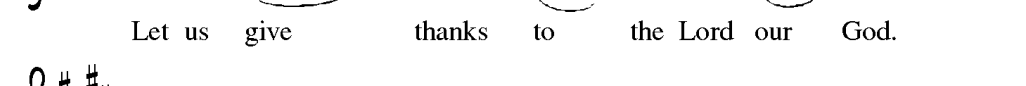
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

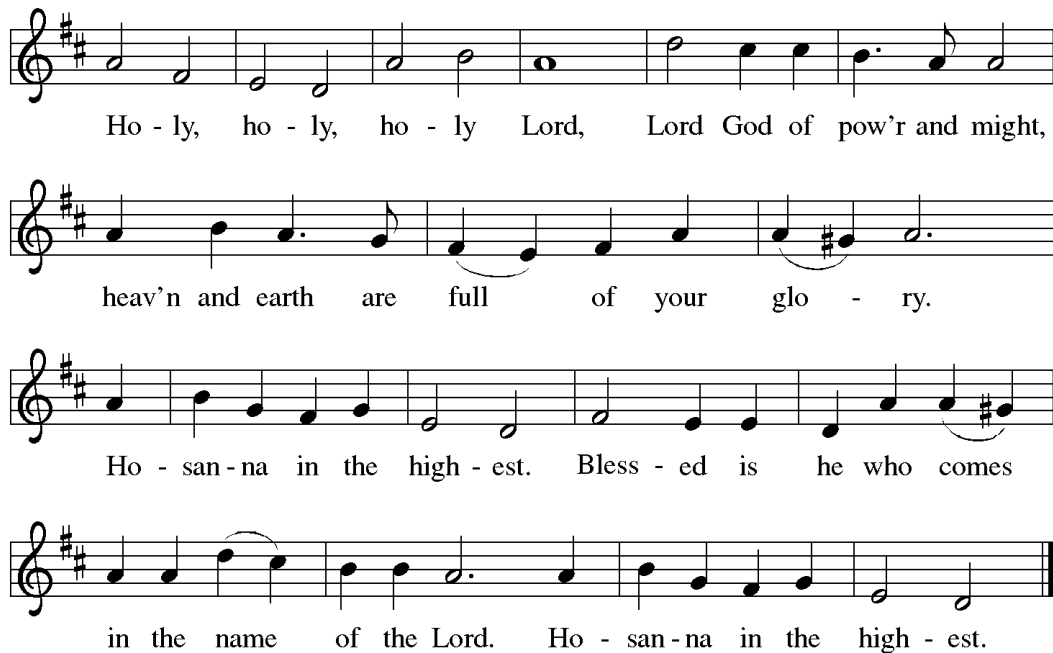


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
for You have proclaimed an eternal Gospel to all who dwell on earth,
to every nation and tribe and language and people.
For this Gospel, centered in Jesus Christ,
we give You glory, and we worship You, who made heaven and earth.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: We praise you all holy God,
for the universe beyond our knowing,
for creatures seen and unseen,
and for the places we humans call home.

We praise you for the saints of Africa and Asia,
Europe and the Americas,
Australia, and the Islands,

for your covenant people
and for centuries of faithful Christians.

We praise you for the reformers known throughout history
and the countless others who continue to disturb and chip away
at the barriers we have created between humanity and the divine.

We come as your children to this table,
and we give thanks for your presence among
congregations around the world in this time and place.

We praise you, O God, for Jesus Christ,
who saves us from sin and from evil,
embodying forgiveness,
granting us grace,
and setting us free.

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 for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it to 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.

And so we remember your Word,
in life, in death, and in glorious resurrection,
in the presence revealed in this meal around the world,
and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

C: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

P: We pray, O God, for your spirit,
your breath, your fire,
your wisdom, your law,
your grace, your freedom.

Bless this meal and all those who share it;
inspire your people for service;
continue the reformation of your Church.

Renew the world with your mercy,
with your healing, your justice, and your peace,
with the joy of life in your people.

All blessing, wisdom, power and might be to you, our God,
today, tomorrow, and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

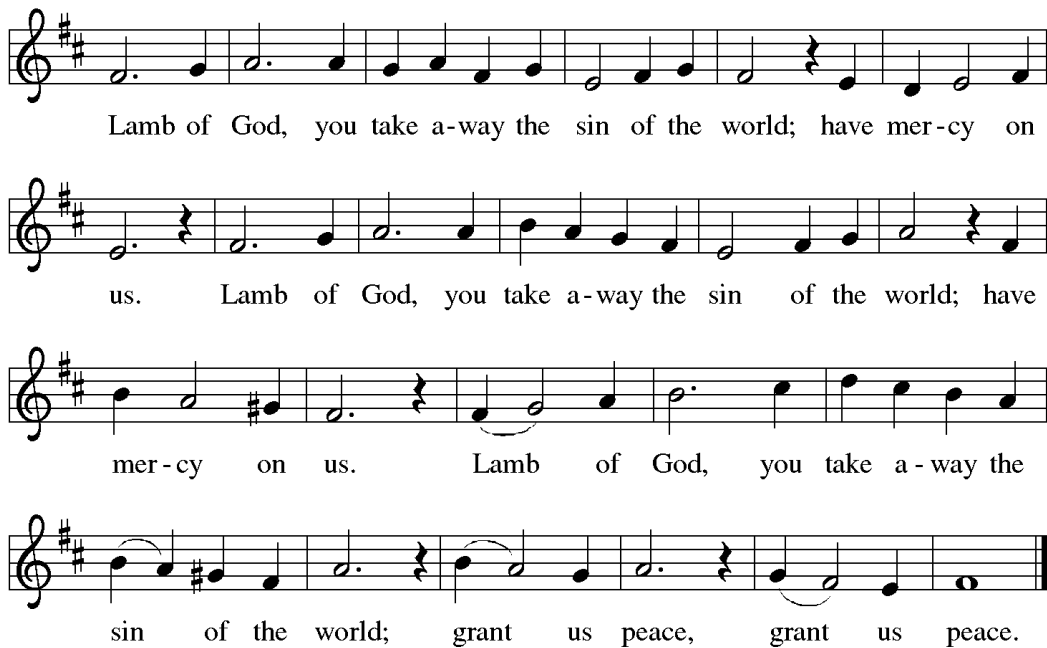
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,

C: and make us one with you.

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, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION


Tú Has Venido a la Orilla (You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore)

ELW #817

You are invited to sing in the language of your choice.



1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the




ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos; tan só - lo
nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my
love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's
long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.
ask - ing for me to fol - low.
fish - nets and will for work - ing.
will - ing to go on lov - ing.
Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain / Estribillo



Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,
Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi
you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

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| <p>2. Tú sabes bien lo que tengo:
en mi barca no hay oro ni espadas;
tan sólo redes y mi trabajo.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Estribillo</i></p> | <p>3. Tú necesitas mis manos,
mi cansancio que a otros descanse,
amor que quiera seguir amando.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Estribillo</i></p> | <p>4. Tú, Pescador de otros mares,
ansía eterna de almas que esperan.
Amigo bueno, que así me llamas.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Estribillo</i></p> |
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*Und wenn die Welt voll Teufel wär', from Cantata 80, Ein feste Burg
(Though Hordes of Devils Fill the Land)*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Roanoke College Choir

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW #491



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
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Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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Refrain – All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verses sung by cantor:

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord;
for God has been so good to me. *Refrain*
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
from all my troubles I was set free. *Refrain*
3. Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34

Music: TASTE AND SEE, James E. Moore Jr.

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Please rise.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Holy and compassionate God,
in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous.
May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness,
that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: Praise be you, O God, you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the oceans far away!

C: **Amen!**

P: Praise be you, O God, who blots out our transgressions,
who answers prayer and to whom all peoples come!

C: **Amen!**

P: Praise be you, O God, your paths overflow with plenty
and you cover all the earth in mercy!

C: **Amen!**

P: Holy God, Three in One,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit
bless and preserve you,
this day and all days,
now and forever!

C: **Amen!**

CHARGE

A: Go in peace to love and serve God and neighbor!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

- 1) Sing all 5 verses of "Gracious Spirit" (below)
- 2) Sing "For Such a Time As This" (at right)
- 3) Split: Lower voices sing Refrain from "Gracious Spirit"
Higher voices sing "For Such a Time"
- 4) Continue singing as you follow the procession out of the church

Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.
 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.

Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
 nor rootless liberty;
 turn disquiet to contentment,
 doubt into certainty.

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
 unswayed by earth's allure.
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,
 which you alone assure.

Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922
 Music: NJOO KWEITU, ROHO MWE MA, Wilson Niwagila; arr. Egil Hovland, b. 1924
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Could it be that we are called for such a time as this?

Could it be such a time as this?

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Could it be such a time as this?

The musical score is written for two voices in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody features a triplet of eighth notes in the first measure of each line. The lyrics are: 'Could it be that we are called for such a time as this?' and 'Could it be such a time as this?'.

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