



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, MENASHA, WI  
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
DECEMBER 3, 2023



# DIVINE SERVICE

## Setting Two

PASTORAL GREETING

Stand

HYMN OF INVOCATION

### Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the King of  
2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot is hu -  
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the rul - er  
4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a tem - ple  
5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to Thee; here,



glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing near; The  
mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness, His  
is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py homes To  
set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em - ploy, A -  
Lord, a - bide! O en - ter with Thy grace di - vine; Thy



Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal - va - tion  
scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of all our  
whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less sun of  
dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your Sov - 'reign  
face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



He doth bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing. To  
woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings. To  
joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free. To  
en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin. To  
guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won. E -



God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.  
Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.  
God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.  
God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!  
ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1:8-9*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*[John 20:19-23]*

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

**P** Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.

**C** To you, O Lord,  
I lift up my soul.

**P** O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.

**C** Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**ALL** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.



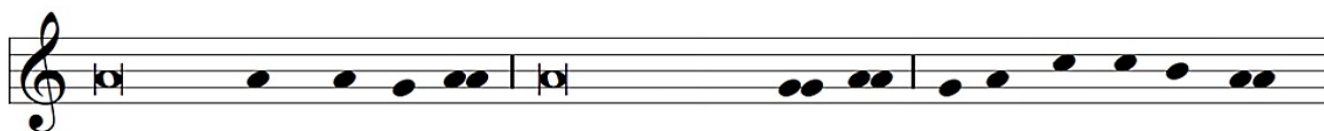




**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



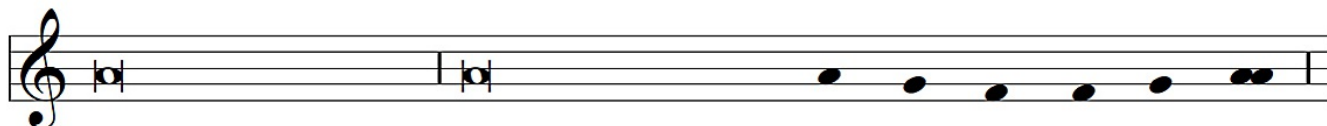
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



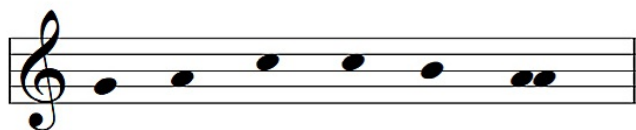
and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



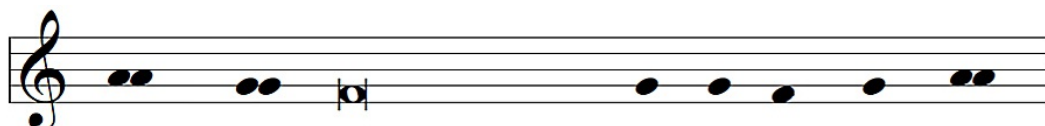
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.



*Kyrie Eleison*

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LORD, HAVE MERCY

## SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

*The COLLECT OF THE DAY is spoken.*

**P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT ~ *Isaiah 64:1–9*

<sup>1</sup> Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— <sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup> When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup> From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup> You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? <sup>6</sup> We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

<sup>8</sup> But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup> Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*

**A** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

## EPISTLE ~ 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA

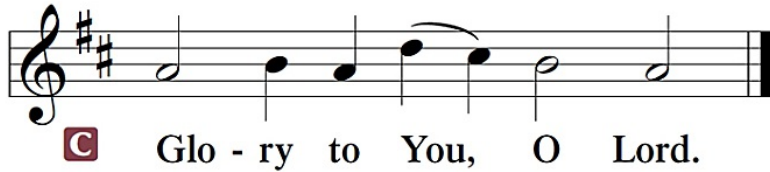
*Joel 2:13*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL ~ Mark 13:24–37

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

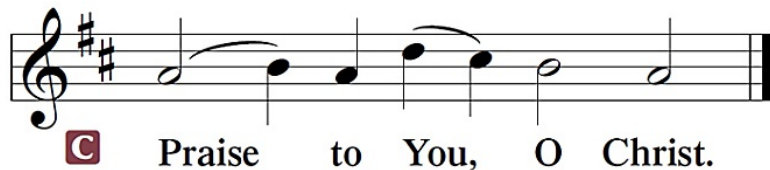


<sup>24</sup> “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup> “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup> “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup> Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup> lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Sit*



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,  
 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,  
 3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,  
 4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain

And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.  
 Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.  
 Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.  
 And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day  
 Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
 The sinful self be put away,  
 The new self now put on.

△ 6 All glory to the Son,  
 Who comes to set us free,  
 With Father, Spirit, ever one  
 Through all eternity.

## SERMON ~ "Watchfulness"

Mark 13:24-37

*Stand*

**P** The peace of God, that passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.



## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

*Sit*

## OFFERING

*Stand*



# OFFERTORY

*Psalms 116:12-13, 17-19*



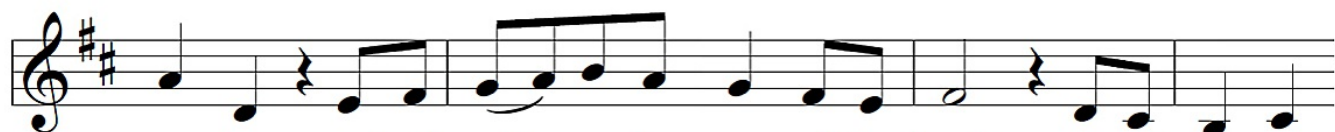
**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



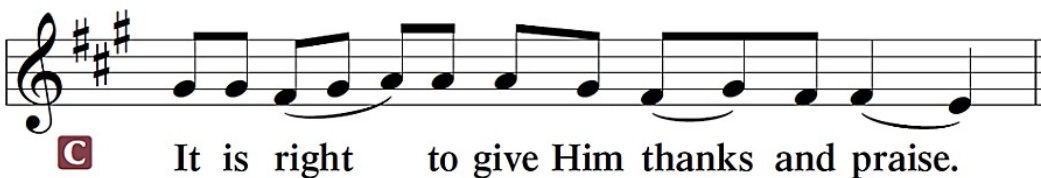
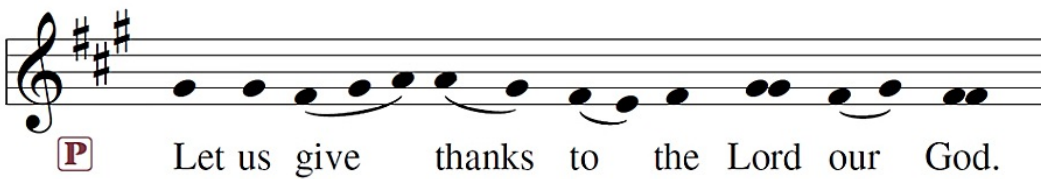
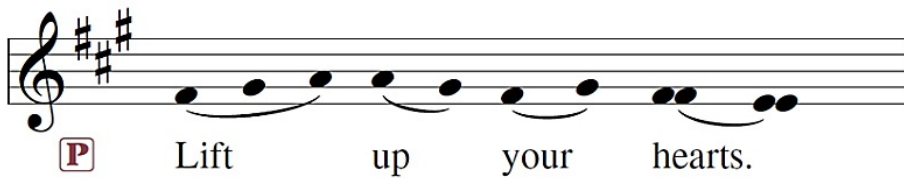
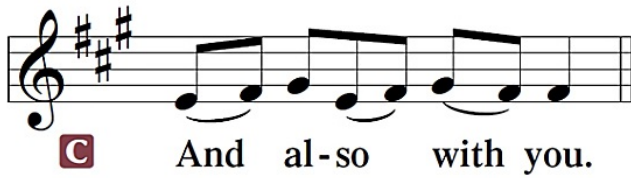
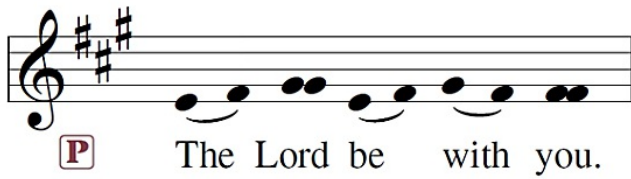
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE



*The Proper Preface appropriate to the day or season is spoken.*

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

**C** 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.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

*Matthew 6:9-13*

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

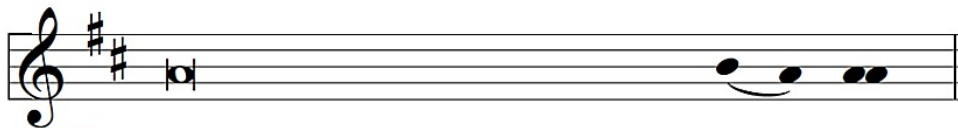
*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

*John 20:19*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

**C** 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.

*Sit*

**P** Take and eat, this is the true body of our Lord Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

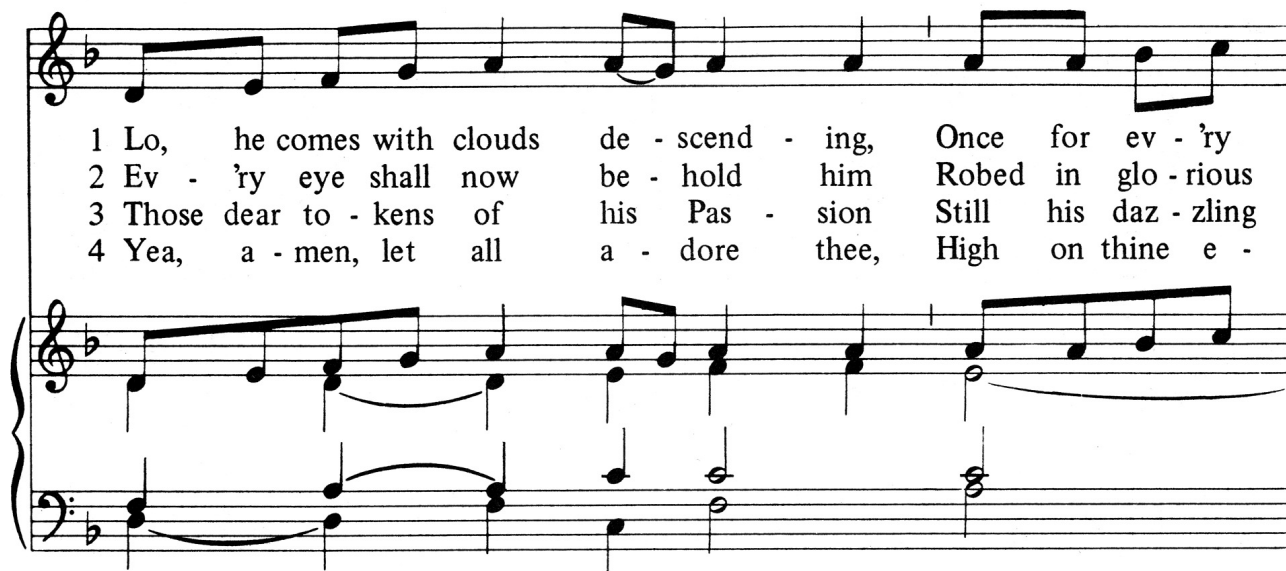
**C** Amen.

**P** Take and drink, this is the true blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, poured out for you for the forgiveness of your sins.

**C** Amen.



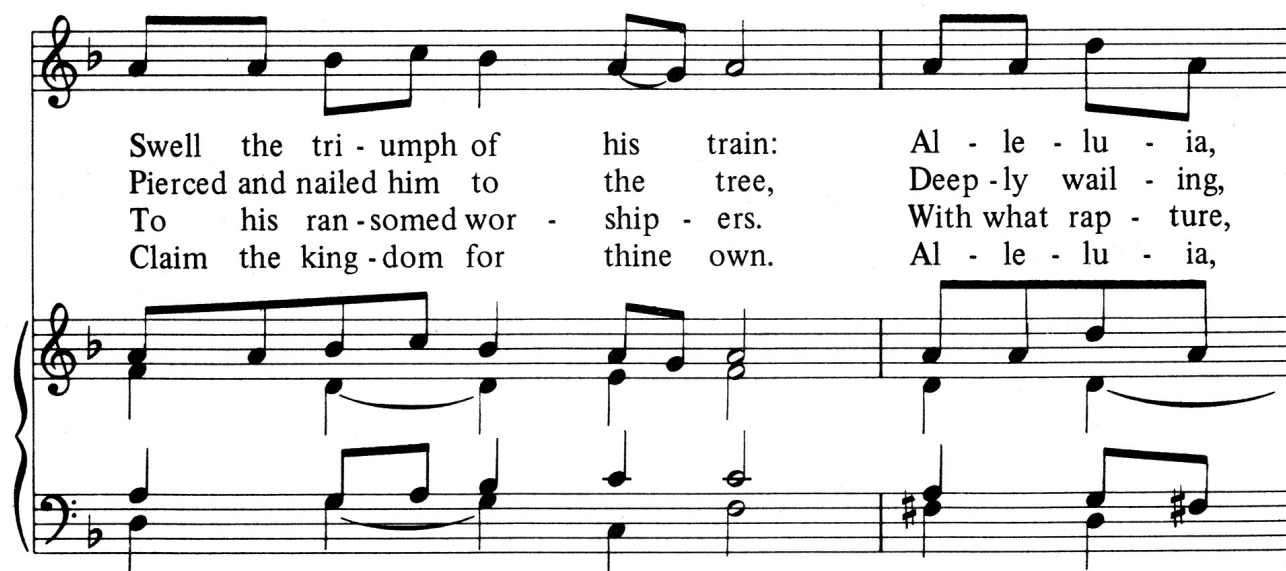
# DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ~ Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending      LW 15



1 Lo, he comes with clouds de - scend - ing, Once for ev - 'ry  
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him Robed in glo - rious  
 3 Those dear to - kens of his Pas - sion Still his daz - zling  
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee, High on thine e -



sin - ner slain; Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 maj - es - ty; Those who set at nought and sold him,  
 bod - y bears, Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 ter - nal throne; Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



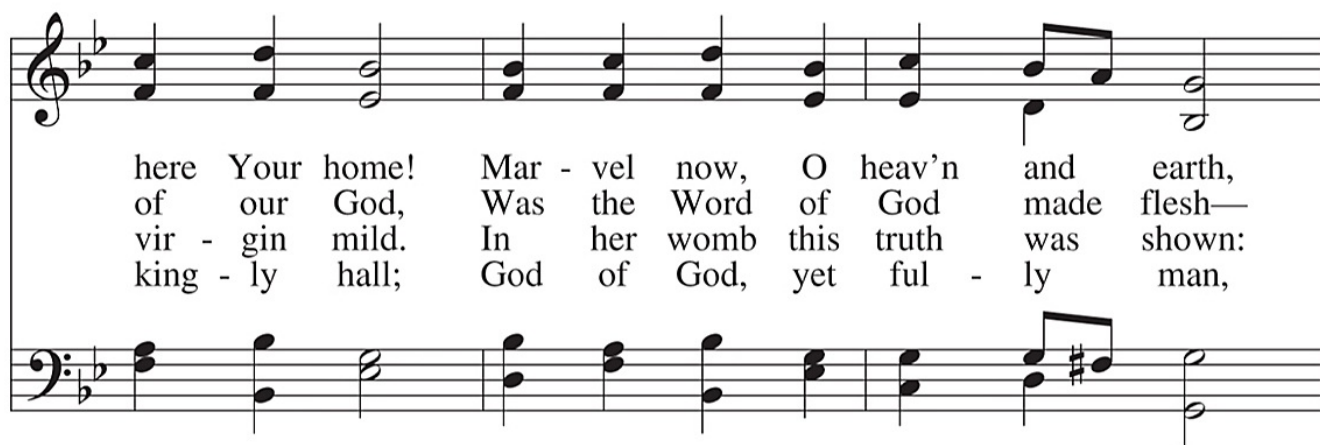
Swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Pierced and nailed him to the tree, Deep - ly wail - ing,  
 To his ran - somed wor - ship - ers. With what rap - ture,  
 Claim the king - dom for thine own. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

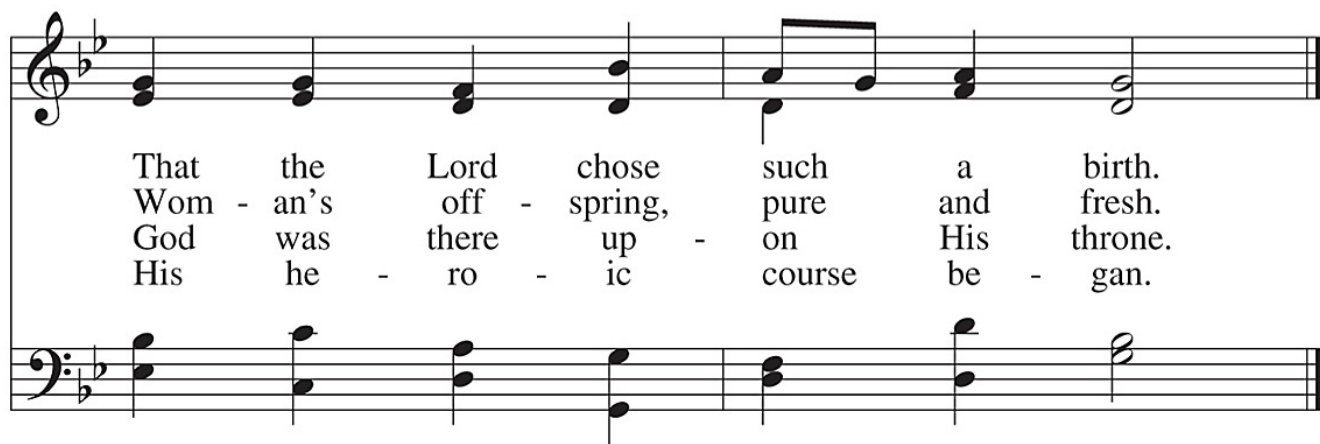




1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
 God was there up - on His throne.  
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source,  
 Back to God He ran His course.  
 Into hell His road went down,  
 Back then to His throne and crown.

7 From the manger newborn light  
 Shines in glory through the night.  
 Darkness there no more resides;  
 In this light faith now abides.

6 For You are the Father's Son  
 Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
 By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
 All our ills of flesh and soul.

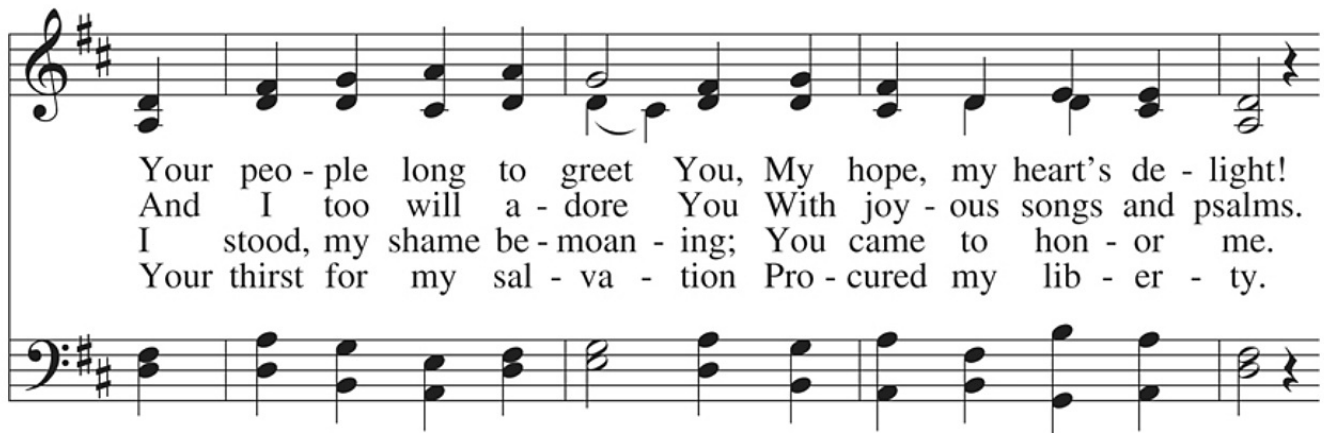
△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,  
 Glory to the Son, our king,  
 Glory to the Spirit be  
 Now and through eternity.

# O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

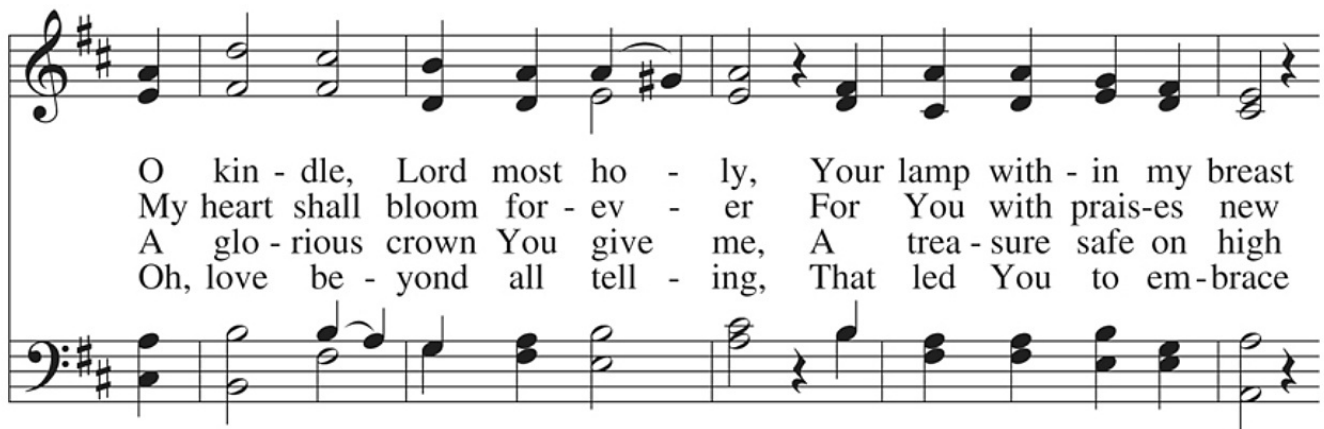
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1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?  
 2 Your Zi - on strews be - fore You Green boughs and fair - est palms;  
 3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.  
 4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!  
 And I too will a - dore You With joy - ous songs and psalms.  
 I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.  
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast  
 My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new  
 A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high  
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.  
 And from Your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.  
 That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.  
 In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.

5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,  
 Cannot His love erase;  
 Your guilt the Lord will pardon  
 And cover by His grace.  
 He comes, for you procuring  
 The peace of sin forgiv'n,  
 His children thus securing  
 Eternal life in heav'n.

6 He comes to judge the nations,  
 A terror to His foes,  
 A light of consolations  
 And blessed hope to those  
 Who love the Lord's appearing.  
 O glorious Sun, now come,  
 Send forth Your beams so cheering,  
 And guide us safely home.

*Stand*

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**P** The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you  
 steadfast in the one true Faith unto life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ Thank the Lord

**C** 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.

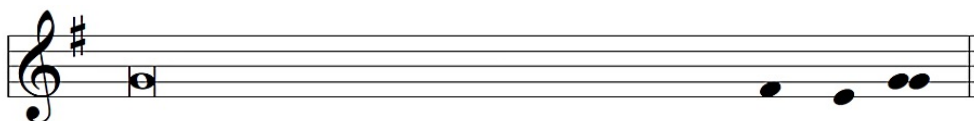
## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**A** Let us pray.

**A** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

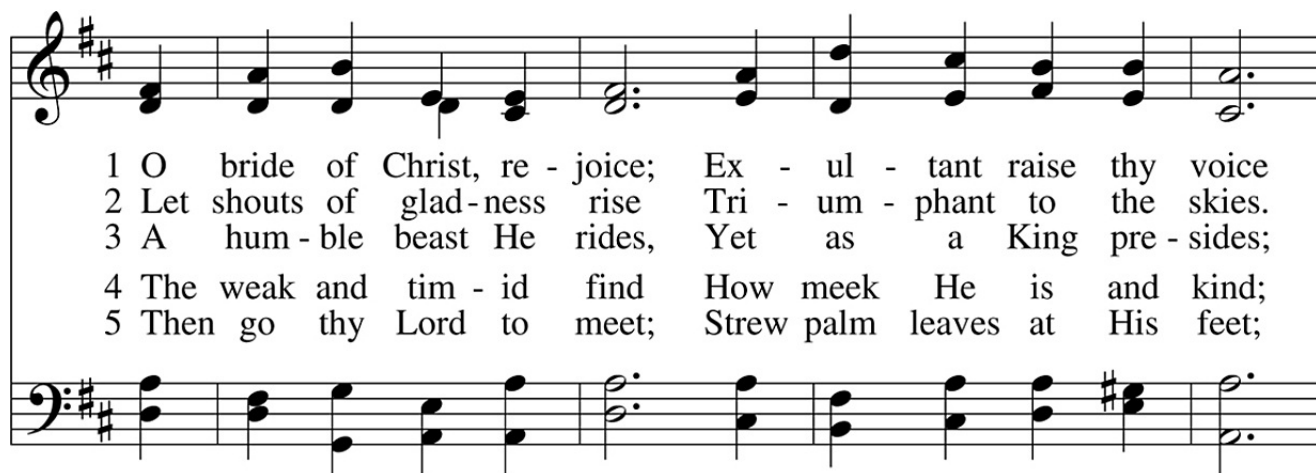


**C** A - men.

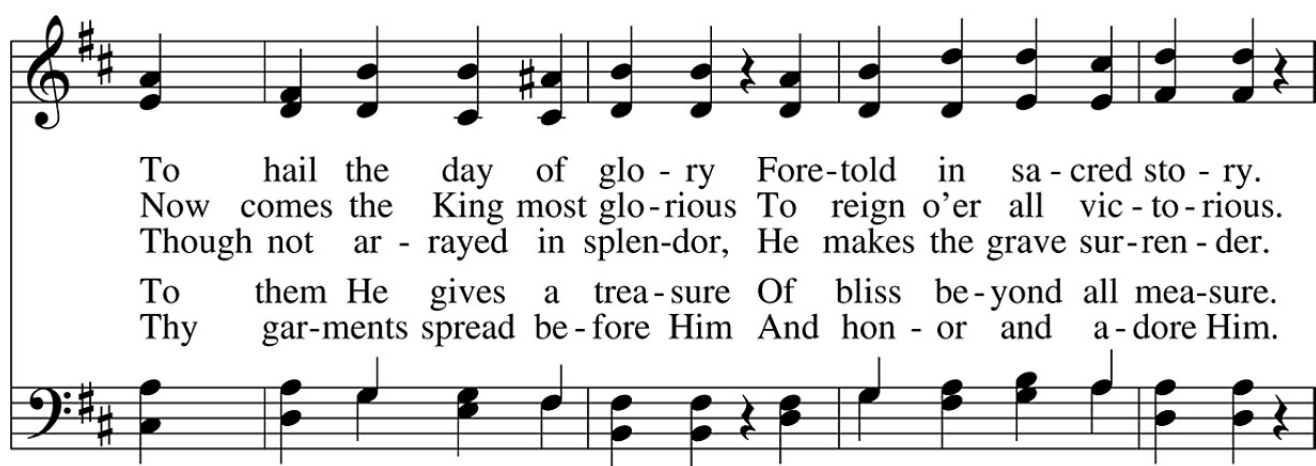
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✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠





1 O bride of Christ, re - joice; Ex - ul - tant raise thy voice  
 2 Let shouts of glad-ness rise Tri - um - phant to the skies.  
 3 A hum - ble beast He rides, Yet as a King pre - sides;  
 4 The weak and tim - id find How meek He is and kind;  
 5 Then go thy Lord to meet; Strew palm leaves at His feet;



To hail the day of glo - ry Fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
 Now comes the King most glo - rious To reign o'er all vic - to - rious.  
 Though not ar - rayed in splen - dor, He makes the grave sur - ren - der.  
 To them He gives a trea - sure Of bliss be - yond all mea - sure.  
 Thy gar - ments spread be - fore Him And hon - or and a - dore Him.

*Refrain*



Ho - san - na, praise, and glo - ry! Our King, we bow be - fore Thee.

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