



Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

FOREWORD:

Beginning on the evening of Maundy Thursday, the Great Three Days is the church's expression of what is central to our faith. Treated as a single service, the mystery of these days is that there is no resurrection without the crucifixion, and no Maundy Thursday and Good Friday without Easter.

The word Maundy has to do with a command, especially Jesus's commandment to love one another, given during his final, extraordinary meal with his disciples. Maundy Thursday this year presents us with the obstacle of gathering, again, virtually. This service embraces this challenge, giving us the opportunity to love as Jesus instructed before gathering us around the Lord's Supper.

Visitors are always welcome among us!

The Lord's Table at St. Thomas is open to all people.

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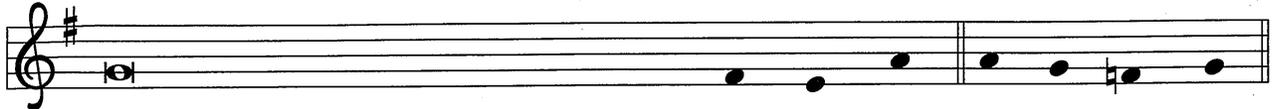
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From war, bloodshed, and violence;
from corrupt and unjust government;
from sedi - tion and treason: **Good Lord, de - liv - er us.**

From epidemic, drought, and famine;
from fire and flood, earthquake,
lightning, and storm,
and from ever - last - ing death: **Good Lord, de - liv - er us.**



By the mystery of your incarnation; by your ho - ly birth: **Help us, good Lord.**

By your baptism, fasting, and temptation;
by your agony and bloody sweat;
by your cross and suffering; by your death and burial: **Help us, good Lord.**

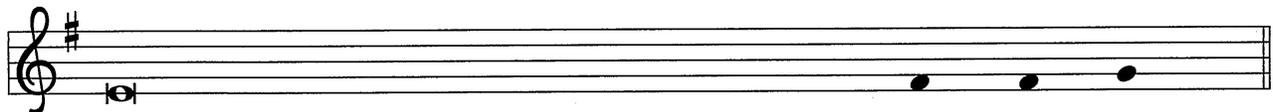
By your resurrection and ascension;
by the gift of the Ho - ly Spirit: **Help us, good Lord.**



In all time of our tribulation;
in all time of our prosperity;
in the hour of death; and in the day of judg - ment: **Save us, good Lord.**



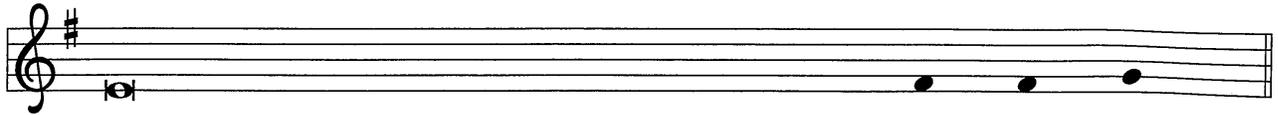
Though unworthy, we im - plore you to hear us, Lord our God.



To rule and govern your holy catholic church;
to guide all servants of your church
in the love of your word and in holiness of life;
to put an end to all schisms
and causes of offense to those who would believe;
and to bring into the way of truth all who have gone a - stray:



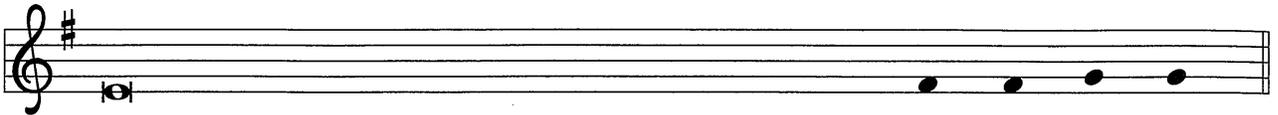
We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.



To beat down Satan under our feet;
to send faithful workers into your harvest;
to accompany your word with your Spirit and power;
to raise up those who fall
and to strengthen those who stand;
and to comfort and help the fainthearted and the dis - tressed:



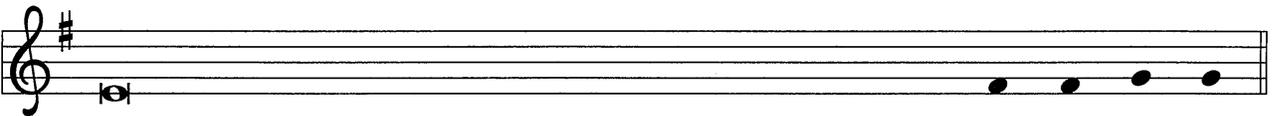
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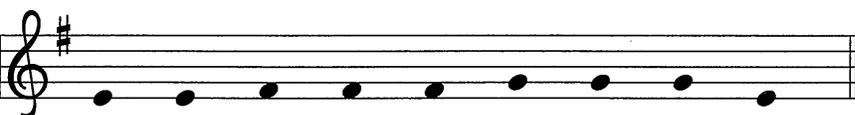
To give to all nations justice and peace;
to preserve our country from discord and strife;
to direct and guard those who have civil authority;
and to bless and guide all our peo - ple:



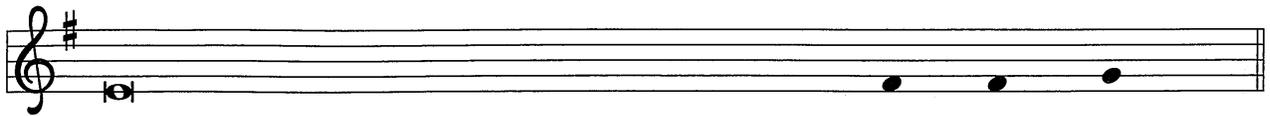
We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.



To behold and help all who are in danger, need, or tribulation;
to protect and guide all who travel;
to preserve and provide for all women in childbirth;
to watch over children and to guide the young;
to heal the sick and to strengthen their families and friends;
to bring reconciliation to families in discord;
to provide for the unemployed and for all in need;
to be merciful to all who are imprisoned;
to support, comfort, and guide
all orphans, widowers, and widows;
and to have mercy on all your peo - ple:



We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.



To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers,
 and to reconcile us to them;
 to help us use wisely the fruits and treasures
 of the earth, the sea, and the air;
 and graciously to hear our prayers:



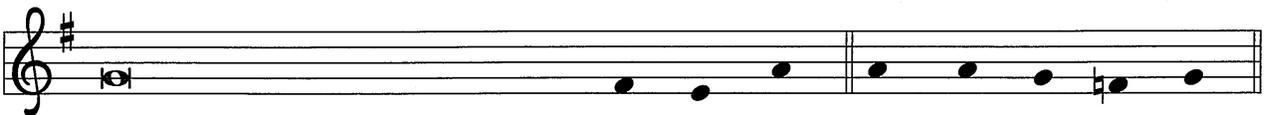
We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.



Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we im - plore you to hear us.



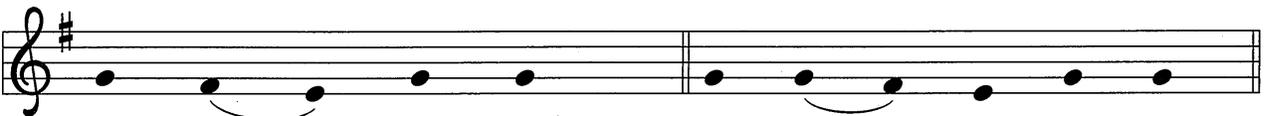
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



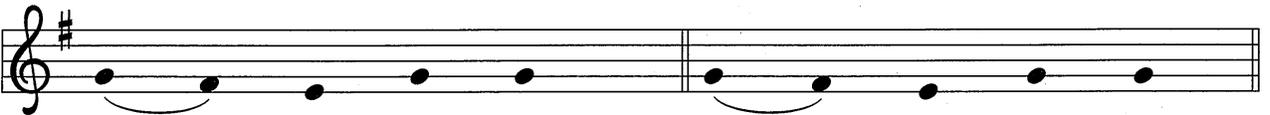
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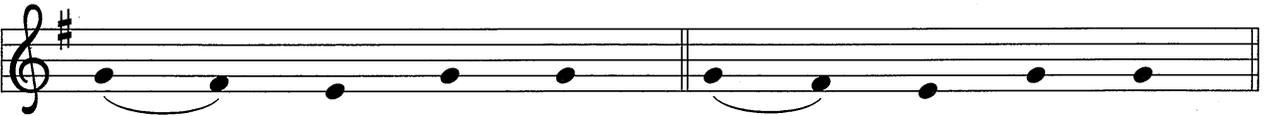
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; give us peace. A - men.



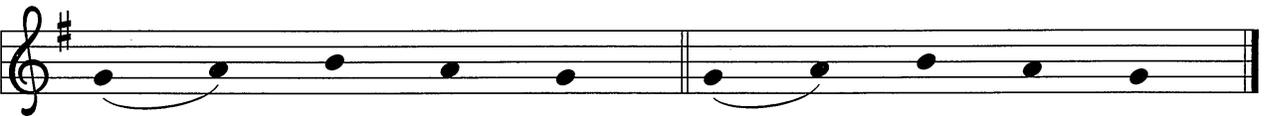
O Christ, hear us. In mer - cy hear us.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

***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: Let us pray. Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the dieties of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it

as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 116:1-2, 12-19 (spoken responsively)

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

¹²How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³**I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.

¹⁵**Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.**

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,

¹⁹**in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

SECOND LESSON

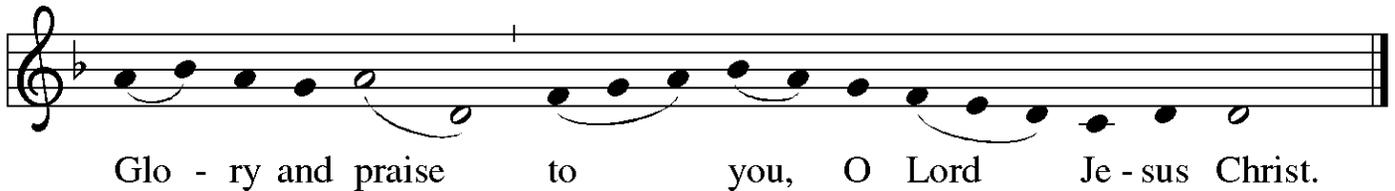
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him.

And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you are not in fellowship with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹Jesus knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to the disciples, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

^{31b} "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him now. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am

going, you cannot come.'

³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.



*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season, we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night, we have heard our Lord's command to love one another as he has loved us. As we prepare to confess our sins against God and our neighbors, we invite you to pause the video now and doing a loving thing: reconcile with someone in your life. Write a letter apology to someone you have hurt, use the confession and forgiveness rite at the back of this worship bulletin to reconcile with someone in your family, or call someone you know to make amends. When you are finished, resume the video and we will, together, confess our sins and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and one another.

Let us confess our sins.
Most merciful God,

C: 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: United by the servant love of God in Christ, we pray this holy night for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

You call your people to hand on what we receive from you. Form all the baptized into teachers of faith. From one generation to the next, give your

church hunger for your promises in the sacraments and joy in receiving and sharing your word. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Your creation provides all that we need. Cleanse and protect the water you have given for washing and drinking, water on which all life depends. Sustain crops and herds that provide food; teach us how to live so that there is enough for all. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You redeemed your people from slavery. Preserve people throughout the world who flee violence and oppression. Establish leadership in place of tyranny and peace in place of war. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Jesus loved his followers to the end. Grant assurance of that love to all who need it: those living with guilt, those struggling to forgive, those who are lonely or overlooked. Heal the sick and embrace the dying. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Jesus washed the feet of the one who betrayed him. Inspire this congregation's ministries of service especially, that we love as Jesus loved us. Give us renewed courage to serve. Bless the ministry of deacons throughout the church. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Your glory shone in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We thank you for generations of the faithful who have proclaimed our Lord's death. Unite us with them in hope until he comes again. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Hear these and all our prayers, O God, in the name of the one who loves us to the end, Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

C: Amen.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

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CHOIR ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Where charity and love are, God is there.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

The love of Christ has gathered us together.

Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.

Let us revere and love the living God.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

Amen.

Amen.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

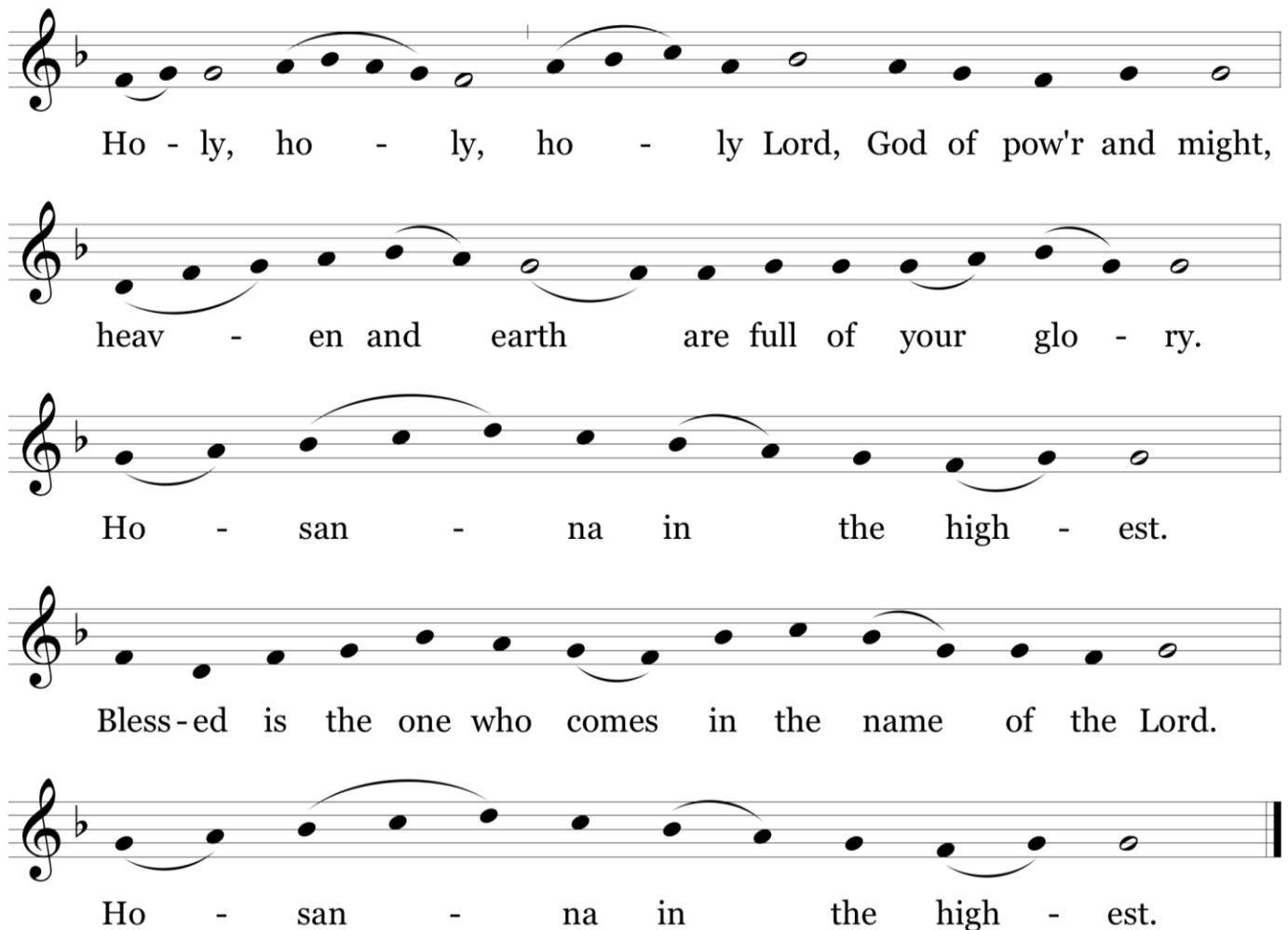
The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.

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.

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



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 in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***BLESSING OF THE BREAD**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, you bring forth bread from the earth to sustain us. Blessed is your name for all the life and food we share this night, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***BLESSING OF THE CUP**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, you create the fruit of the vine. Blessed is your name for refreshing our lives from the cup of life and salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION P: Come to Jesus, our host and our meal.**

***EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING C: Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR +

The altar is stripped bare as Psalm 22 is intoned by a single voice.

Please leave in silence. Go in the peace of Christ Jesus.

The service resumes tomorrow, Good Friday, at 7:00 p.m.

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Worship leaders serving today: John Bush, Debbie Witt, Raelee Gold, Joanna Fleming, Elijah Bowen, Michael Colman

Confession and Forgiveness for Adults and Children

Just as an apology to another person is more meaningful when it contains more than just the two words, "I'm sorry," it helps for us to consider what we are confessing to God. Encourage children to remember the ways they have hurt others or not reflected God's love - whether on purpose or not. It may be appropriate for them to offer an apology or make amends before offering a prayer of confession.

To help illustrate the power of confession and absolution, imagine washing your hands after playing outside and getting dirty. When we have washed well, the soap and water wash away all traces of the dirt and our hands are clean to start over again. The water of baptism continues to wash away our sins. To demonstrate this, children could write their sins or create some scribbles on a coffee filter with washable markers. When that paper is swished in a bowl of clear water, the marker is removed, just as our sins are removed from us.

A Prayer of Confession for Children:

Dear God,

You are a great and awesome God.

Today we come to you to confess our sins.

We are sorry for the things that we have done wrong.

We are also sorry for all the things we should have done but didn't do.

Sometimes we put ourselves first instead of you.

Sometimes we use words to hurt others instead of to love.

We ask you to forgive us for these things,

and for the things that we have done wrong and don't even know about.

In your name alone we pray, Amen.

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