

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 13, 2022

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
WITH HOLY COMMUNION
AT 8:30 A.M. and 11 A.M.**

We are honored that you are joining our worship today. We hope to make you feel welcome whether you are visiting with us for the first time or have been worshipping with us for years.

Welcome

St. Thomas Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered community that lives, shares, and celebrates God's grace with all people!

As disciples of Christ who value the faith, gifts, and ministry of all God's people, and who seek justice and reconciliation, we welcome all God's children to an inclusive community. This welcome is extended without exception and regardless of sex, race, national origin, educational background, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, age, or economic condition.

Worship Aids

In this worship bulletin, worshipers are invited to stand at the places marked with an * and bold type denotes the congregation's response. Everything you need to participate in worship is found in this bulletin, except for the hymns which are found in the back third of the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship under your seat. You are encouraged to join us in praying, singing, sharing the peace, and receiving Holy Communion as you feel moved. Assisted hearing devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

Children in Worship

We welcome all children to worship with us—including full participation in Holy Communion. Whether talking, crying, laughing, or singing, the sounds of children in worship are joyful sounds of praise. God put the wiggle in children, and we rejoice! Our Prayground in the sanctuary and our unstaffed nursery are open for quiet, supervised play. Activity bags are available in the narthex. Children's bulletins are also available.

A Note About Our Livestream Service

Today's 8:30am service is livestreamed. Most rear-row seats are out of view of the camera, but we cannot guarantee that any seat is off camera. By attending this service, you are giving permission to be in the video we produce.

A Few Requests

We ask that you silence your cell phone or electronic devices.

We would love to pray for the concerns of your heart during this service.

Prayer request slips are located on the table near the main doors.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Recit de Tierce en Taille

Nicolas de Grigny

WELCOME,
MCUM TEMPLE TALK,
AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

P: Rejoice in this good news: In +Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C: Amen.

*ENTRANCE HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads

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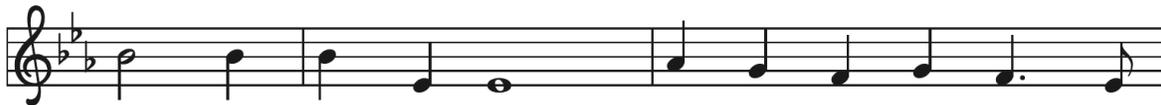
11 a.m. stanza 1 choir only



1 Lift up your heads, all you bowed low,
2 Lift up your hands, your voices raise,
3 Lift up your hearts, your great Amen;
4 Be - hold, the Spir - it here a - bides,



hear the liv - ing wa - ter flow: quench - ing
bold in plead - ing, bright with praise. Weep no
Mer - cy feeds her guests a - gain: bread e -
bear - ing God's a - bun - dant life: peace be -



spring and cleans - ing pool, heal - ing riv - er, clear and
more, your God has come; greet the wound - ed, ris - en
nough to break and share, fes - tive wine that scents the
tween you, love with - in, grace be - side you loos - 'ning



cool. How fresh it falls up -
One, who bless - es you with
air. Oh, taste and see what
sin. Be - lov - ed, Christ a -



on your face, stream - ing from the font of grace.
joy com - plete, dwell - ing in the Word of peace.
once was lost ris - ing in this feast of love.
mong you stands, mov - ing through your hearts and hands.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: WEST LEESTAD, Zebulon M. Highben, b. 1979

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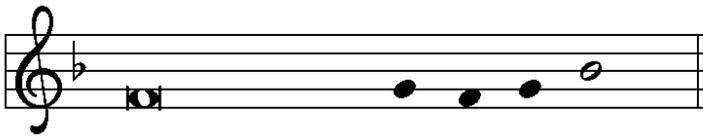
This hymn is from the new ELCA hymnal supplement, All Creation Sings. In the weeks to come, watch for opportunities to purchase and dedicate copies of this new resource.

*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.

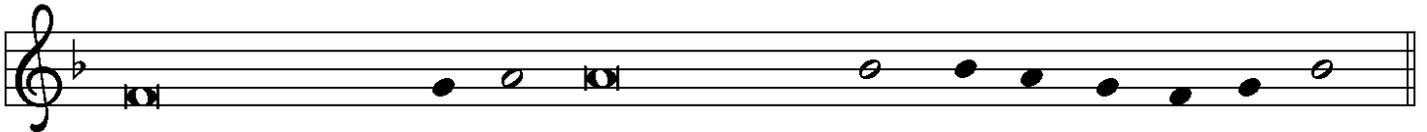
*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



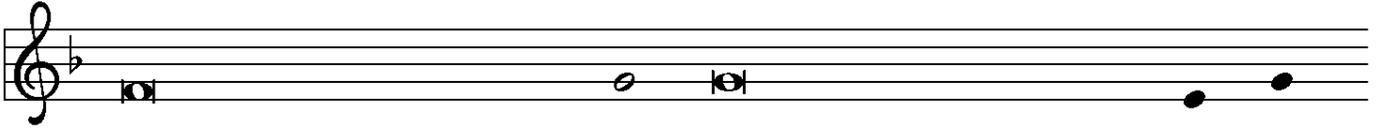
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



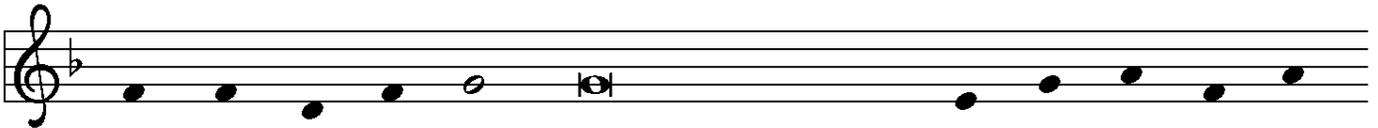
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



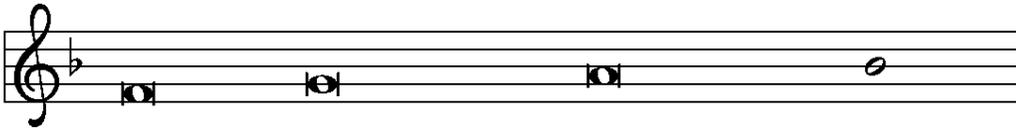
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -

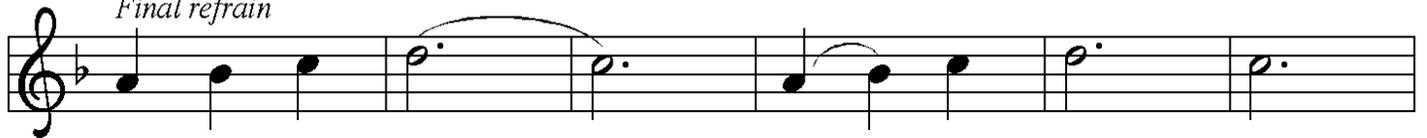


lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est.



A - men, a - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Adrienne Meier

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

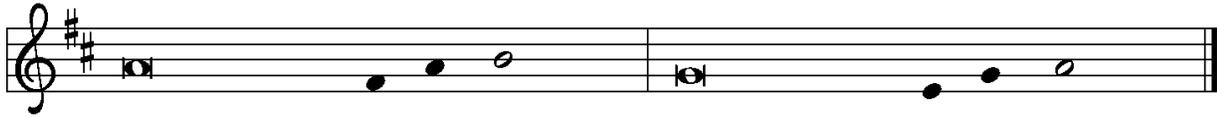
Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1



¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,

nor lingered in the way of sinners,

nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,

and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;

everything they | do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so | with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,

nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:12-20, emended

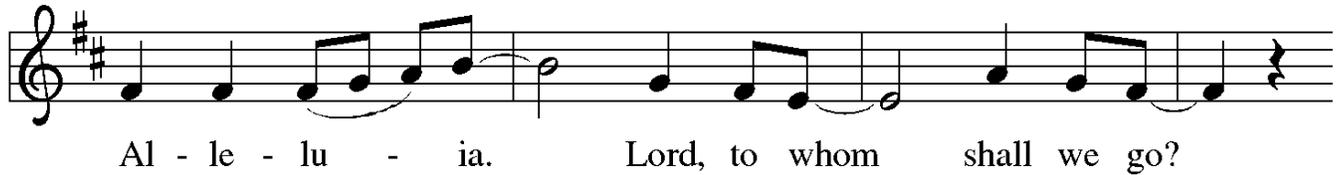
Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that God raised Christ—whom God did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26 NRSV, emended

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[After Jesus chose The Twelve,] he came down with them and stood on a level place—with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and, those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. All in the crowd were trying to touch him; for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said,
“Blessed are you who are poor;
for yours is the reign of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now;
for you will be filled.
Blessed are you who weep now;
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy; for surely your reward is great in heaven—for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

“But, woe to you who are rich;
for you have already received your consolation.

Woe to you who are full now;
for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who are laughing now;
for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you;
for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ELW#449



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

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 Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924
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***APOSTLES' CREED**

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 THE CHURCH

A: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all the God has made.

Each petition ends:

A: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Concluding petition:

A: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

Share the peace with a wave, a bow, or maybe an elbow, checking in with your neighbor for whatever feels safe and conveys the spirit of peace and reconciliation this ritual intends.

OFFERING

*Please sign and pass the **Together In Community** pads. Make note of the names of your neighbors so you can introduce yourself after the service. These pads and pencils are sanitized at the end of each service.*

During the Offertory Hymn, the offering is brought forward. St. Thomas collects gifts to support our mission of sharing, living, and celebrating God's grace with all people. We support Lutheran Campus Ministries at IU/Rose House and many local, national, and international ministry partners. Gifts may be placed in the offering plate by the door or you can also give on our website (stlconline.org) or by using the Vanco mobile app (find it in the app store and use the code RTTMYX).

8:30 a.m. ORGAN IMPROVISATION

11 a.m. CHOIR ANTHEM

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

*OFFERTORY HYMN

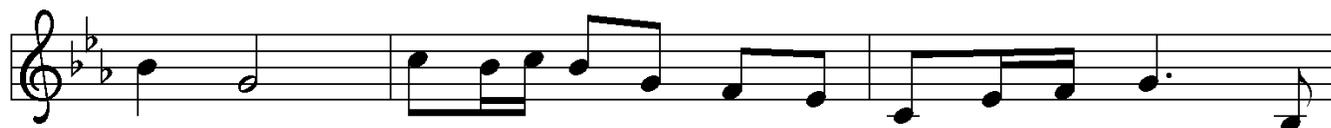
Let the Vineyards

ELW#184

Please stand as the gifts are brought forward.



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

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*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

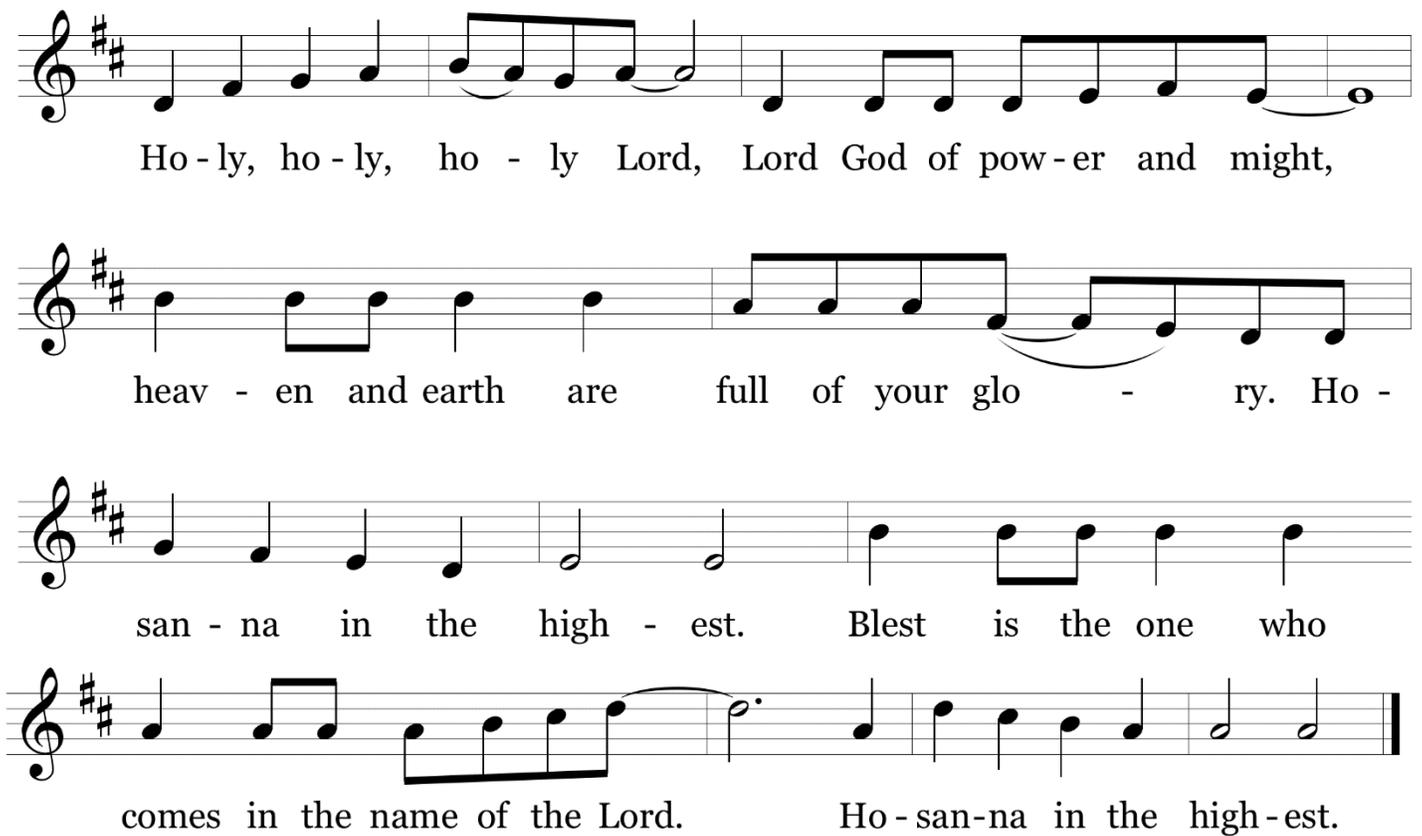
P: Lift up you hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blest is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The thanksgiving may include this acclamation.

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

*LORD'S PRAYER

Speak this prayer in your preferred language. The pastor will continue when all versions are complete.

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

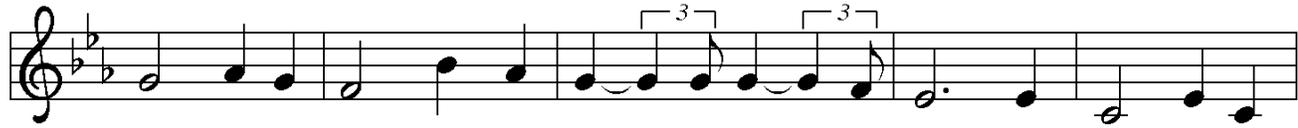
P: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

We believe that God is our host and that all people are welcome to this feast of grace, community, and forgiveness. Come forward at the direction of the ushers. Hand-torn bread or gluten-free wafers are offered with pink wine or red grape juice in individual cups. If you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

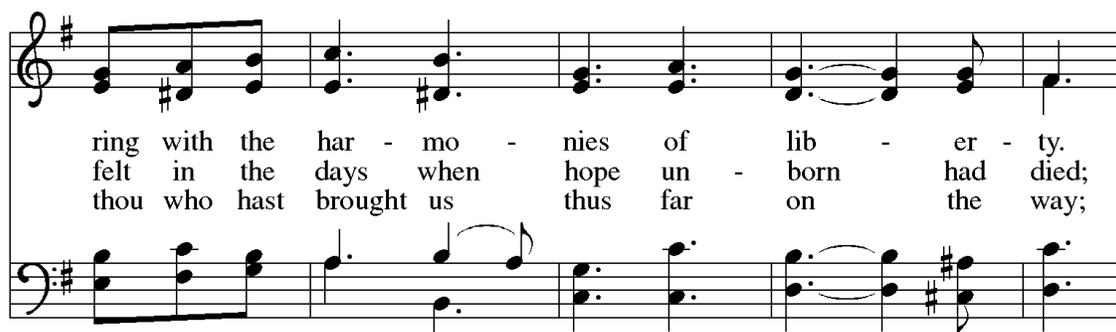
Lift Every Voice and Sing

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Lift Every Voice and Sing



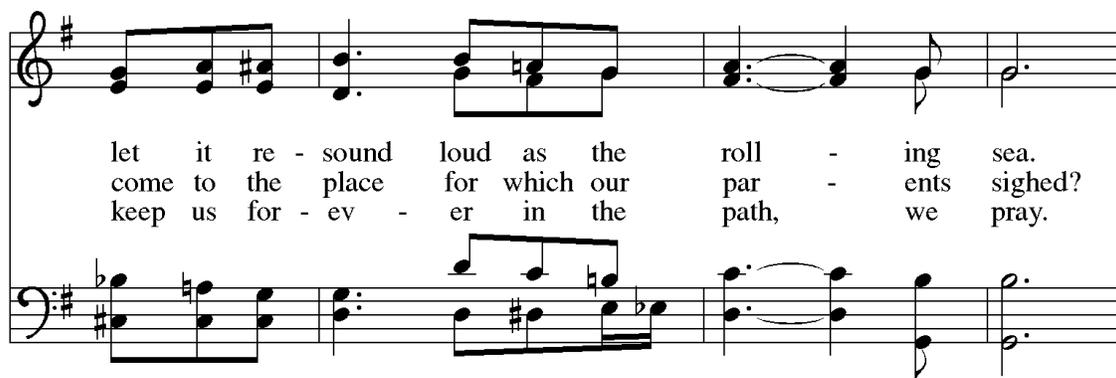
1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

(Continued on next page)

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871-1938
 Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873-1954

*EUCHARISTIC BLESSING

C: Amen.

*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



1 In peace and joy I now de - part as God is will - ing,
2 Christ Je - sus makes the way for me, my gra - cious Sav - ior;
3 The Lord is health and sav - ing light for ev - 'ry na - tion,



and faith fills all my mind and heart, calm - ing, still - ing.
with eyes of faith and trust I see God's great fa - vor.
dis - pel - ling shad - ows of the night with sal - va - tion:



God the Lord has prom-ised me that death is but a slum - ber.
When this life comes to an end, my hope is God's em - brac - ing.
Is - rael's praise and hope's de-light, my trea - sure, joy, and glo - ry.

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*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

*BENEDICTION

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, +bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

Canticle of the Turning

ELW#723

Canticle of the Turning



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn

*We depart in peace to continue our worship
in lives of witness to Christ's love
in work, play, service, and care for creation.*

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At A Glance: This Week at St. Thomas

Sunday February 13

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Faith Formation for All Ages
- 9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 11 a.m. Worship
- 8:30 p.m. Night Prayer Online Worship

Tuesday February 15

- 10 a.m. Property Committee Work Day

Thursday February 17

- 6 p.m. Finance Committee
- 7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday February 19

- 10 a.m. Fiber Arts Spiritual Growth Group

Sunday February 20

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Faith Formation for All Ages
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum – Sister Parish
- 11 a.m. Worship
- 1 p.m. Council Meeting
- 3 p.m. Word in the Woods
- 8:30 p.m. Night Prayer Online Worship

Women's Bible Study

Come One, Come All! For we have a Ball! Come to St. Thomas Women's Bible Study. Our next Meeting is **today at 9:45 a.m.** (between services) in room 17 (off the kitchen). This month's theme is The Kingdom of God: Mysteries in the Kingdom. Join the discussion in looking at what the Bible calls the 'secrets' or 'mysteries' of the Kingdom of God. For more information contact Kari Esarey at kesarey@mccsc.edu or kariesarey@gmail.com

Adult Forum

Next Sunday February 20, we'll meet Carrie Stengel, executive director of Sister Parish International and our representative to Chichipate, over Zoom, during the education hour between services. Carrie will update us on the changing situation in Guatemala including the pandemic, environmental degradation, increasing poverty and famine. We'll get an update on the food aid and emergency relief we sent at Christmas time and hear about the ministry of our sister parish, Iglesia Santo Domingo de Guzman. Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/3GEjX7M>

Word in the Woods

Welcome the winter as we experience God's presence in creation! Join us **next Sunday, February 20 at 3 p.m.** as we gather at Griffy Lake Boathouse for a worshipful hike. We will contemplate scripture together, pray, and celebrate communion across the 1.5 mile trail. Please RSVP to [Pastor Lecia](#).

Lent Mini-Retreat

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, February 27 at 9:45 a.m.** Join us in Heritage Hall for a Lent Mini-Retreat! You will learn about Lent and how to use this time to grow in spiritual practices. Activities are intended for folks of all ages, individually or as households. You can come for the whole hour or just part. Children will have a better experience if they participate with an adult. This will be in place of Sunday School on February 27.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is **March 2**. Join us for worship with the imposition of ashes **at 7 p.m.** in the sanctuary. This service will also be livestreamed at 7 p.m. on YouTube. For those unable to attend the in-person service, ashes will be available in the vestibule on Wednesday from 9:15 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Shirley Mingee, Jan Sinn
Bread/Wine: Vicki Polansky

8:30 a.m. service

Assisting Minister: Allison Ward
Lector: David Ellies
Ushers: Frank & Mary Lou Nierzwicki
Greeters: Amy Balcam, Jim Ward
Council Coordinator: Amy Balcam

11 a.m. service

Assisting Minister: Lyman Hitchcock
Lector: Gloria Hitchcock
Ushers: Randy & Nancy Nye
Greeters: Tom & Jan Sinn
Council Coordinator: Tom Sinn

The altar flowers this week are given
by Del & Letty Newkirk
in honor of Del's birthday,
and their wedding anniversary.

Prayers for those with health and safety concerns

Elif Ogan, Jan Ellis, Caretta Van Ruler, Anne Smith, Carole Kirsch, Tim Kirsch, Roger Sasse, Paula Ionescu, Audrey Alpers, Deborah O'Brien, Casey-Marie, Mike Ost, Seth Lahn, Erin Wyatt, Bob Osborn, Gwen Powell, Andrew Halvorson, Doug Bauder, Yvonne Leber, and Penny Filiatrault.

Contact the church office for inclusion in this list of concerns and to be included in the Sunday prayers.

A separate, confidential prayer chain is also available. Contact **Susan Colston** at skcolston@aol.com to join the prayer chain or make a request for prayer.

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