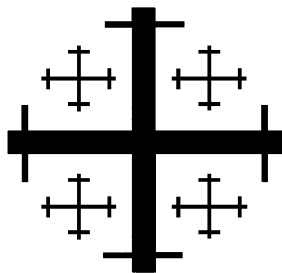


Feast of the Holy Trinity

31 May 2026

9:30 am





The Liturgy at Calvary

Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel

Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

Prelude: *Canticle of the Turning*

Setting Ellen Coman, c. 2017

Penitential Rite *Holy, Holy (W&P 60)*

Sing verses 1-4 before confession, verse 5 after

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
2 Gra-cious Fa-ther, gra-cious Fa - ther, we're so blest to be your
3 Pre-cious Je - sus, pre-cious Je - sus, we're so glad that you've re -
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and fill our hearts a -
5 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, . . .

Lord God Al - might-y; and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a
 chil - dren, gra - cious Fa - ther; and we lift our heads be - fore you as a
 deemed us, pre - cious Je - sus; and we lift our hands be - fore you as a
 new, . . . Ho - ly Spir - it; and we lift our voice be - fore you as a
 hal - le - lu - jah; and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a

to - ken of our love, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.
 to - ken of our love, gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther.
 to - ken of our love, pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus.
 to - ken of our love, Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it.
 to - ken of our love, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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L Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. The LORD shall give strength to his people; the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace (Psalm 29: 2, 11).

Silence is kept for confession and reflection

L Abba, Father,
 C **Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a person of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" (Isaiah 6:5).**

L "The angel's announcement to Isaiah is the same for us, "your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." And

like Isaiah we are called to respond to God's question.
Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" (Isaiah 6:7).

C Here I am. Send me!

Reprise *Holy, Holy, verse 5*

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.

Kyrie Eleison *"Lord, have mercy" in Greek*

All

Musical notation for the 'All' part of the Kyrie Eleison. It consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time, key of F major. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. The first staff has chords Cmi, G, Cmi, Fm, G. The second staff has chords Cmi, Fm, G7, Cmi, Ab 3, Cmi.

Cantor

Musical notation for the Cantor part. It consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time, key of F major. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: For peace in the world, for the health of the church for the un - i - ty of all for this ho - ly house for all who wor-ship and praise. let us pray to the Lord:

All

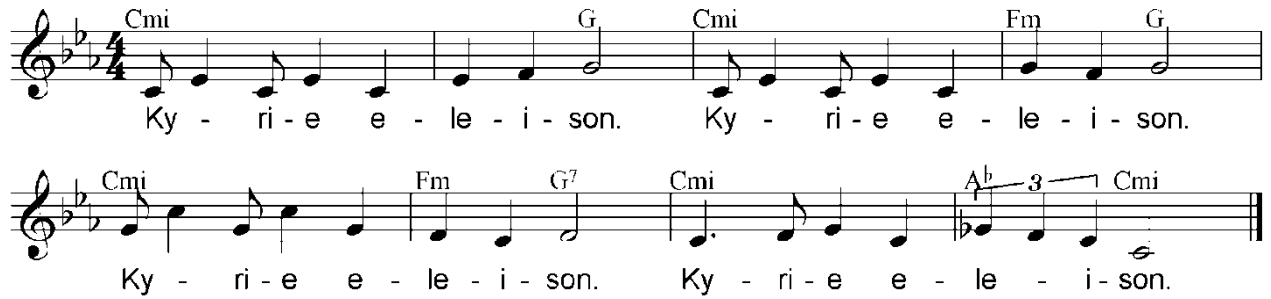
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Cantor



For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for Spir - it kind-led love
for our life in Christ, which fills us with joy, let us pray to the Lord:

All



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.



Hymn Of Praise

This is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - lu lue - ia!

1. Wor - thy is Chirst, the Lamb whowas slain whose
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His.

2. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in thehymn of all cre - a - - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry and might be to
God and theLamb for - ev - er, A - men.

3. For the Lamb who was slain has be -
gun his reign, Al - le - lu - - ia.

This is the feast - of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 This is the feast - of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -
 lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer Of The Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray... Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please sit for today's scripture readings.

First Reading **Genesis 1:1--2:4a**

¹When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was

so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the

fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Psalm 8 *Cantor sings refrain; all echo and sing ff. vs.*

Psalm 8 Rory Cooney

REFRAIN

O Lord, our God, how glo-ri-ous is your name! How glo-ri-ous is your name o-ver all the earth!_____

1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what are we that you keep us in mind? Our children that you remember them at all?

Refrain

2. Yet you have made us little less than gods, with glory and honor you crowned us. Gave us power over the work of your hands; dominion over all that you have made. **Refrain**

3. All sheep and oxen, birds of the air, all things that swim in the sea. Beasts without number, life without names. You have placed under our feet. **Refrain**

Second Reading **2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

[Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel

Alleluia Verse/Gospel Acclamations

Halle Halle Halle

Hal - le hal - le hal - le lu - jah!

Hal - le hal - le hal - le lu - - jah!

hal - le hal - le ha - le lu - -

jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th chapter
C **Glory to you, O Lord!**

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P The Gospel of Our Lord
C **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon Pr. Kyle

Silent Reflection

Hymn Of The Day *When Long Before Time* (ELW 861)



1 When long be - fore time and the worlds were be - gun,
 2 The si - lence was bro - ken when God sang the Song,
 3 The sounds of the crea - tures were one with their Lord's,
 4 Though down through the a - ges the Song dis - ap - peared,



when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
 and light pierced the dark - ness and rhy - thm be - gan,
 their har - mo - nies sweet and be - fit - ting the Word;
 its har - mo - nies bro - ken and al - most un - heard,



and all was deep si - lence and night reigned su - preme,
 and with its first birth - cries cre - a - tion was born,
 the Sing - er was pleased as the earth sang the Song,
 the Sing - er comes to us to sing it a - gain,



and e - ven our Mak - er had on - ly a dream—
 and crea - ture - ly voic - es sang praise to the morn.
 the choir of the crea - tures re - ech - oed it long.
 our God - is - with - us in the world now as then.

5. The light has returned as it came once before,
 the Song of the Lord is our own song once more,
 so let us all sing with one heart and one voice
 the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.
6. To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise,
 to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,
 to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,
 be glory forever, through life and through death.

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Creed

A Let us profess the faith in which we are Baptized.

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Capo fret 1

Instrumental Intro

In the si - lence Lord, Hear our prayer.

In the still - ness Lord, Hear our prayer.

Our spo - ken words, our si - lent thoughts:

these we hum - bly share.

In this mo - ment Lord, Hear our prayer.

after each petition

A Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

concluding with

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord

C **Amen.**

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Offertory: *I Need Thee Every Hour*, Nigel Williams

Violin – Karen Moxley, Flute – Toni Tharp



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Two Ways to Give

Please stand as our gifts are brought to the altar.

We lift our voices, we lift our hearts, we lift our
lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our
hearts, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we
give to you, we give to you.

The musical score is written on five staves. The first four staves are in treble clef, and the fifth staff is in bass clef. The music is in 7/8 time. The lyrics are placed below the notes. There are triplets in the second and third staves. The piece concludes with a final note on the fifth staff.

We lift our voices, we lift our hearts, we lift our
lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, Holy God, mighty and immortal through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory

And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus [Latin, HOLY & BLESSED]

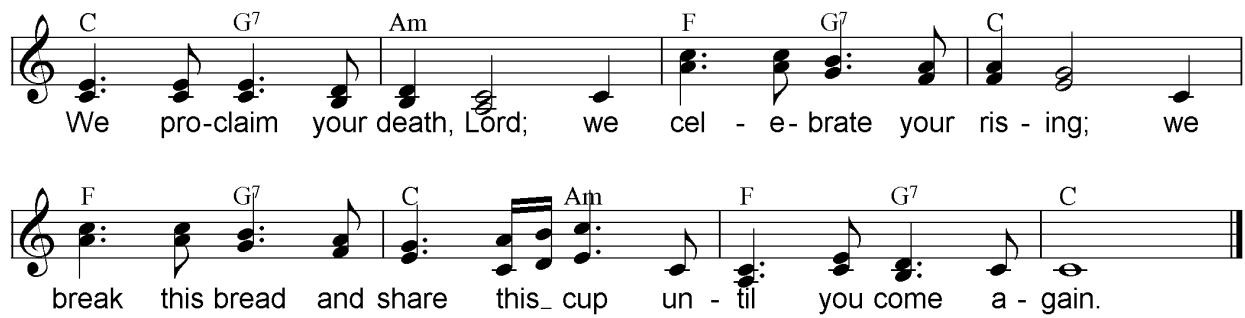
The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: "You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er - more than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand. Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here. to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead. You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness, you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord! Sing ho - san - na in the high - est! Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!" The chords are: Dm, Gm, C7, Fmaj7, Bb, A(sus4), A7, Dm.

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er - more
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
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 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

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Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Acclamation



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics: "We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel - e - brate your ris - ing; we". The second staff contains the lyrics: "break this bread and share this_ cup un - til you come a - gain." The notes are simple, often using chords, and the lyrics are written below the notes.

P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

All 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

P The body of Christ given for you.
The blood of Christ shed for you.

Agnus Dei [Latin, Lamb Of God]

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: Have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: Have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: Grant us peace. Grant - us peace.



HOLY COMMUNION

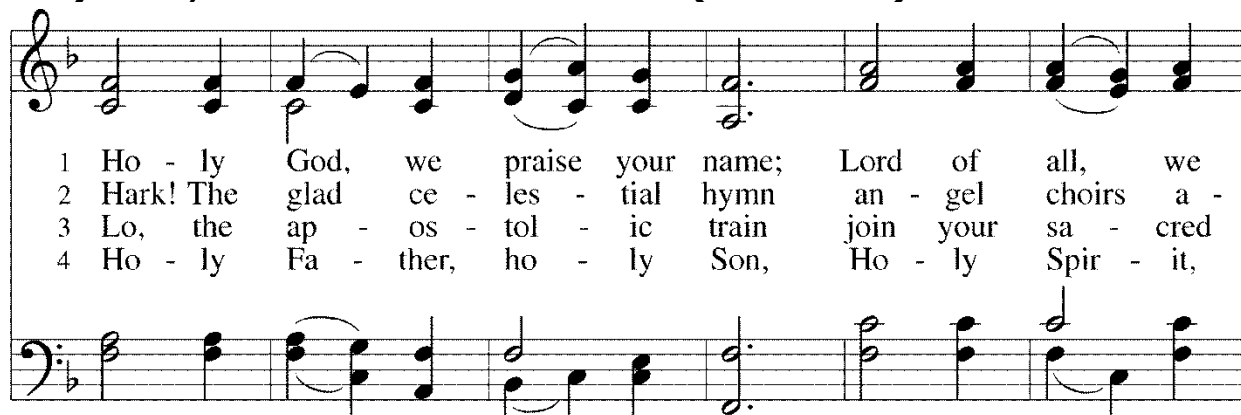
In-Person: We commune at the Altar.
 Ushers will guide. All are welcome.
 Wine is Red. Grape Juice is White
 Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

Online at Home: If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to communion each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing:

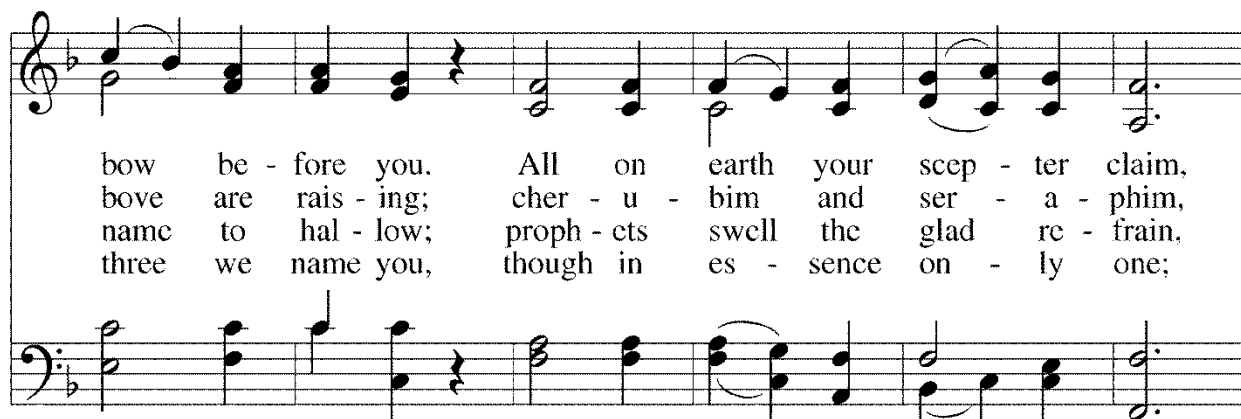
“Know that the promises of Jesus’s love are for you.”

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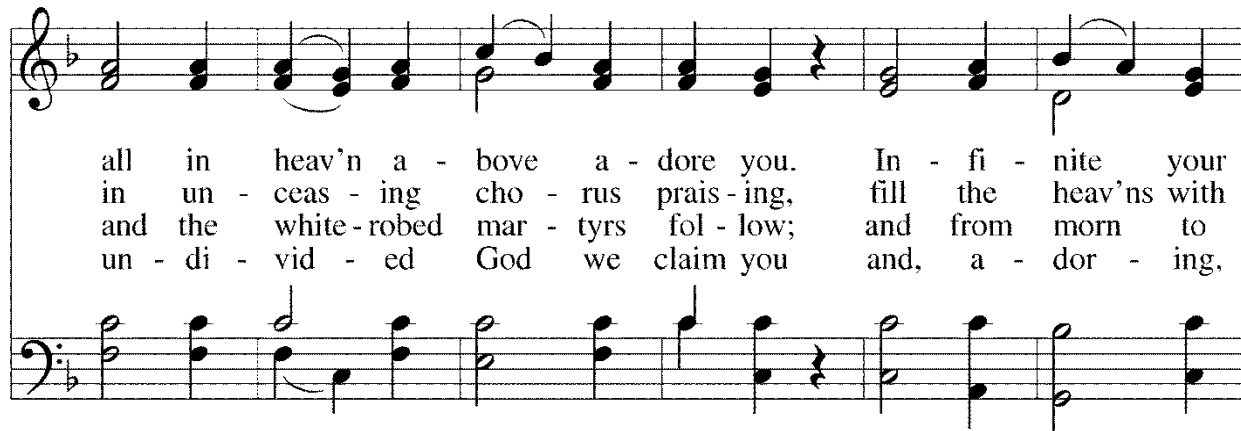
Holy God, We Praise Your Name (ELW 414)



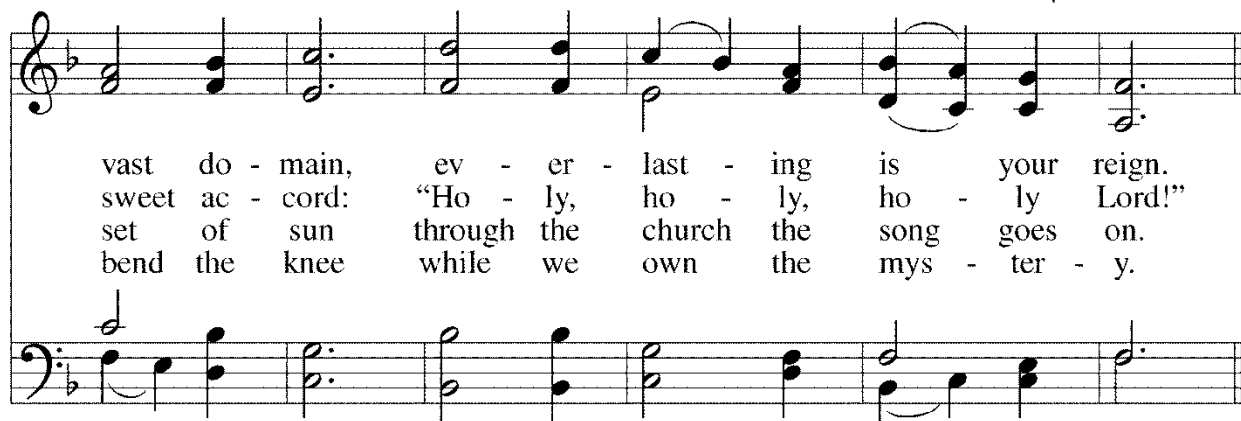
1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
 above are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
 and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900, alt. Music: GROSSER GOTT, Maria Theresa, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774.

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup (ELW 492)

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the

good-ness of God. Bread of life, cup of love,

we re-joice in your pres-ence.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times,
 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - diant,
 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us,
 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship,

praise with heart and voice; in my God I
 nev - er turn a - way. God will save in
 guard through good and ill. Those who seek the
 bless the ho - ly name. Rise to tell God's

glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
 ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
 Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.
 great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34. Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young. Text and music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
- C** **Amen**

Post Communion Canticle

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise;_ tell ev-ery
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and
 bear Christ's ho-ly name. Send us with your
 prom-is-es, O God, and lead us forth with joy! With-
 shouts of thanks-giv-ing, A-men, A-men; With-
 shouts of thanks-giv-ing A-men! A-men!

A Let us pray... Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Benediction

C Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Immortal, Invisible* (ELW 834)

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt. Music: Welsh traditional.

- A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!
C Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *Listen, God is Calling*
 Arr. Anne Krentz Organ, c. 2001

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 Blake Kitch, *percussion, vocals*

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Upcoming Commemorations

Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

Sunday, May 31, 2026

This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.

Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165

Monday, June 1, 2026

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.

Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, died 754

Friday, June 5, 2026

Boniface was a native of England who became a Benedictine monk and was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes of Germany. With fellow workers, he established churches and schools, and he also worked to reform the church.