

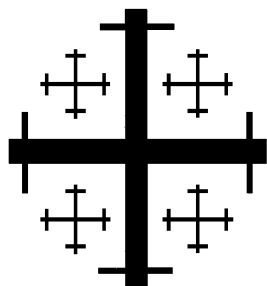
Pentecost XI

9 August 2026

9:30 am



The Liturgy at Calvary



Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

Prelude Selections from *Reflection on Hymns of Healing*
arr. By Anne Krentz Organ b. 1960

Please stand & face the Baptismal font

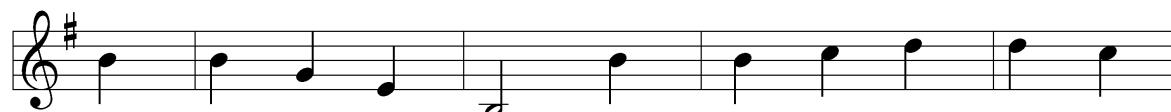
Penitential Rite Oh, Sing to the Lord (ELW 822) vs 1-3



1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 and sing to our God, and sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

1 *Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo.
 Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo.
 Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

3 *Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

2 *Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

4 *Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

5 *¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

Text: Brazilian folk song; English and Spanish tr. Gerhard Cartford, b. 1923
 Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune

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L The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved (Romans 10:8-9).

Silence is kept for confession and reflection

L The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame' (Romans 10:11).

C I believe that "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ not counting our sins against us" (2 Corinthians 5:19).

L ...hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. For Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land (Psalm 85:8-9).

Reprise Oh, Sing to the Lord vs. 4-5

Apostolic Greeting

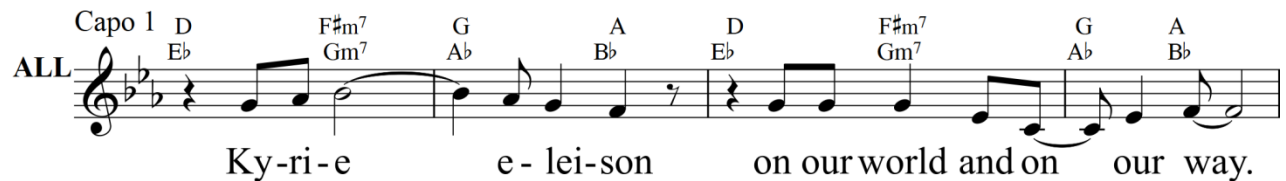
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

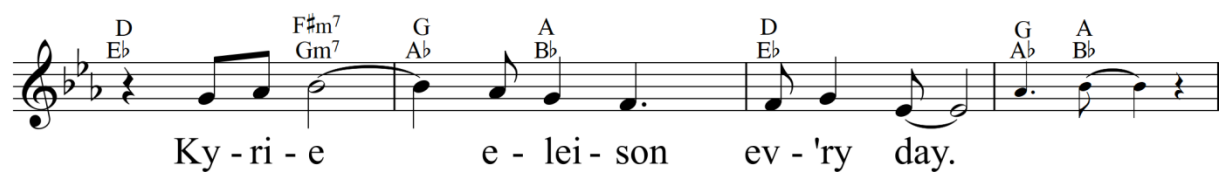
Kyrie Eleison [Greek, Lord, Have Mercy]

Capo 1

ALL



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son on our world and on our way.

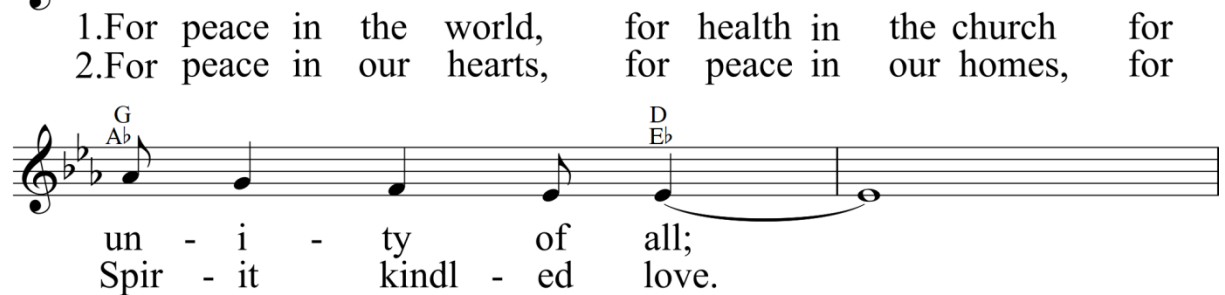


Ky-ri-e e-lei-son ev-'ry day.

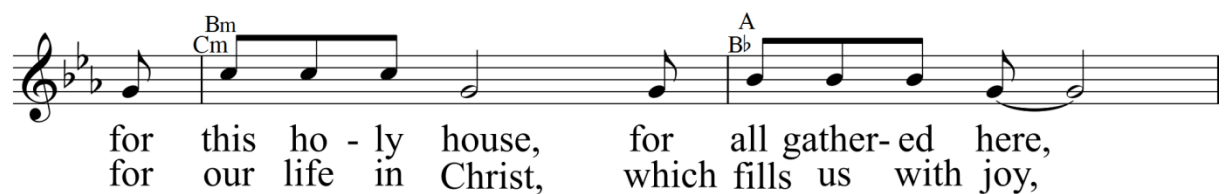
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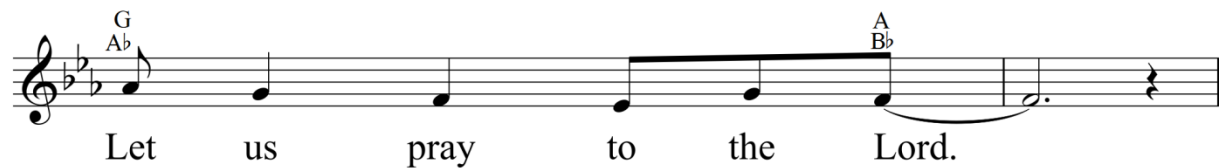
1. For peace in the world, for health in the church for
2. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for



un-i-ty of all;
Spir-it kindl-ed love.



for this ho-ly house, for all gather-ed here,
for our life in Christ, which fills us with joy,



Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL



let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

Hymn Of Praise

Capo fret 1

D Eb Em Fm D Eb Em Fm D Eb Em Fm
 I will stand in the con - gre - ga - tion and I will ex -
 I will stand in the con - gre - ga - tion and I will -
 We will join as a con - gre - ga - tion and we will ex -

D Eb Em Fm D Eb A Bb A7 Bb7
 alt _____ you. I will stand in the con - gre - ga
 praise your name; I will stand in the con - gre - ga -
 alt _____ you. We will join as a con - gre - ga -

G Ab D Eb Em D Eb Em Fm
 tion and I will ex - alt _____ you. Let the
 tion and I will praise your name; With your
 tion and we will ex - alt _____ you. We will

D Eb Em Fm D Eb Em Fm G Ab
 chil - dren of your sal - va - tion lift their prais - es too!
 peo - ple of ev - 'ry na - tion I will shout this praise!
 sing as all cre - a - tion lifts the song a new.

Em7 Fm7 D Eb Gmaj7 A7 D
 Hal - le - lu - jah!

A(sus4) Bbsus A Bb F#m7 Bm7
 3. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
 E(sus4) Fsus E F Bb Ab Bb

G A D D Em D G
 Ab Bb Eb Vm Eb Fm Eb Ab
 Let the child - ren of your sal - va - tion lift their prais - es too!

Em7 Fm7 D Eb Gmaj7 A7 D Em D
 Hal - le - lu - jah!

Prayer Of The Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray...O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please sit for today's scripture readings.

First Reading 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king

over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Cantor/choir sing REFRAIN, all echo and sing ff. verses

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1. Truly salvation is very near; God's glory dwells in our land!
Mercy and truth have met this day and virtue and peace have
kissed. **Refrain**
2. Truth is springing from the Earth and justice looks down from
the heavens. LORD, you grant us prosperity and our land will
yield its increase. **Refrain**
3. Righteousness goes before you LORD and peace is the path
for your feet. **Refrain**

Second Reading Romans 10:5-15

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you
confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart
that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one
believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with
the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who
believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction
between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is
generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the
name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not
believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have
never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to
proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they
are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who
bring good news!"

L The Word of the Lord
C **Thanks be to God**

Please stand for the Holy Gospel

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 14th chapter
C **Glory to you, O Lord**

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

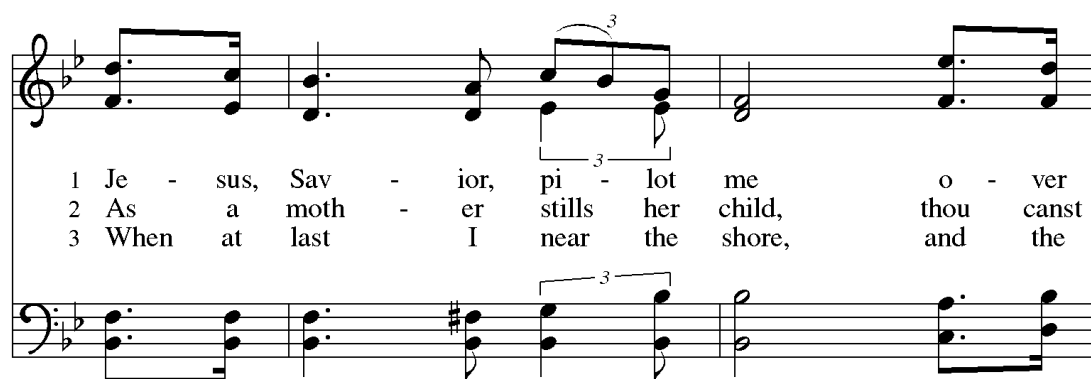
P The Gospel of Our Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ!**

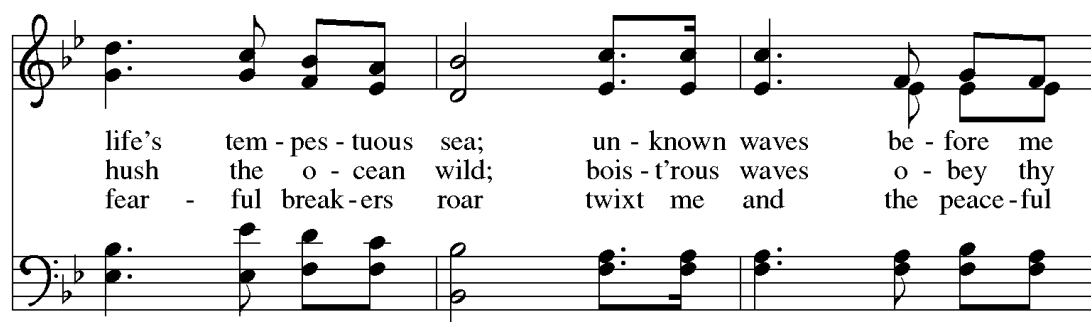
Sermon *Pr Kyle*

Silent Reflection

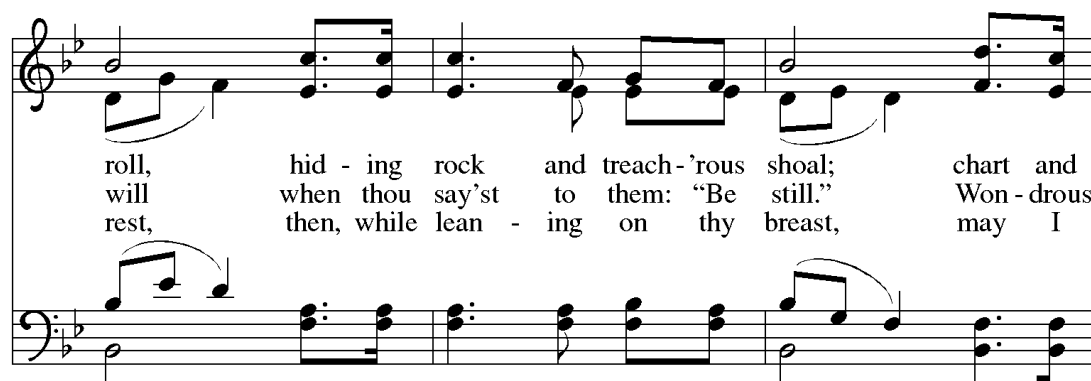
Hymn of the Day *Jesus Savior Pilot Me* (ELW 755)



1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver
 2 As a moth - er stills her child, thou canst
 3 When at last I near the shore, and the



life's tem - pes - tuous sea; un - known waves be - fore me
 hush the o - cean wild; bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy
 fear - ful break - ers roar twixt me and the peace - ful



roll, hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal; chart and
 will when thou say'st to them: "Be still." Won - drous
 rest, then, while lean - ing on thy breast, may I



com - pass come from thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 sov - 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

Text: Edward Hopper, 1818-1888
 Music: PILOT, John Edgar Gould, 1822-1875

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.

Chords: E, F, A, Bb, E, F, A, Bb, E, F, A/E, Bb/F, E, F, F#m, Gm, B7, C7, E, F, A, Bb, A, Bb, E, F, F#m7, Gm7, E, F, B(sus4), Csus, B, C, F#m, Gm, E, F, B7, C7, B, C, E, F, A, Bb, E, F.

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.

Back to School Blessing

*Teachers, staff, and students of all ages are invited to come
forward for a blessing.*

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord

Offertory *Known* Tauren Wells, Jordan Sapp 2017 Dale Taylor, guitar and Pam Robinson, vocals

It's so unusual it's frightening
You see right through the mess inside me
And you call me out to pull me in
You tell me I can start again
And I don't need to keep on hiding

Refrain

I'm fully known and loved by You
You won't let go no matter what I do
And it's not one or the other
It's hard truth and ridiculous grace
To be known fully known and loved by You
I'm fully known and loved by You

It's so like You to keep pursuing
It's so like me to go astray
But You guard my heart with Your truth
A kind of love that's bullet proof

And I surrender to Your kindness

Refrain

How real, how wide How rich, how high is Your heart

I cannot find the reasons why You give me so much

How real, how wide How rich, how high is Your heart

I cannot find the reasons why You give me so much

Refrain

It's so unusual it's frightening

I'm fully known and loved by You



Two Ways to Give

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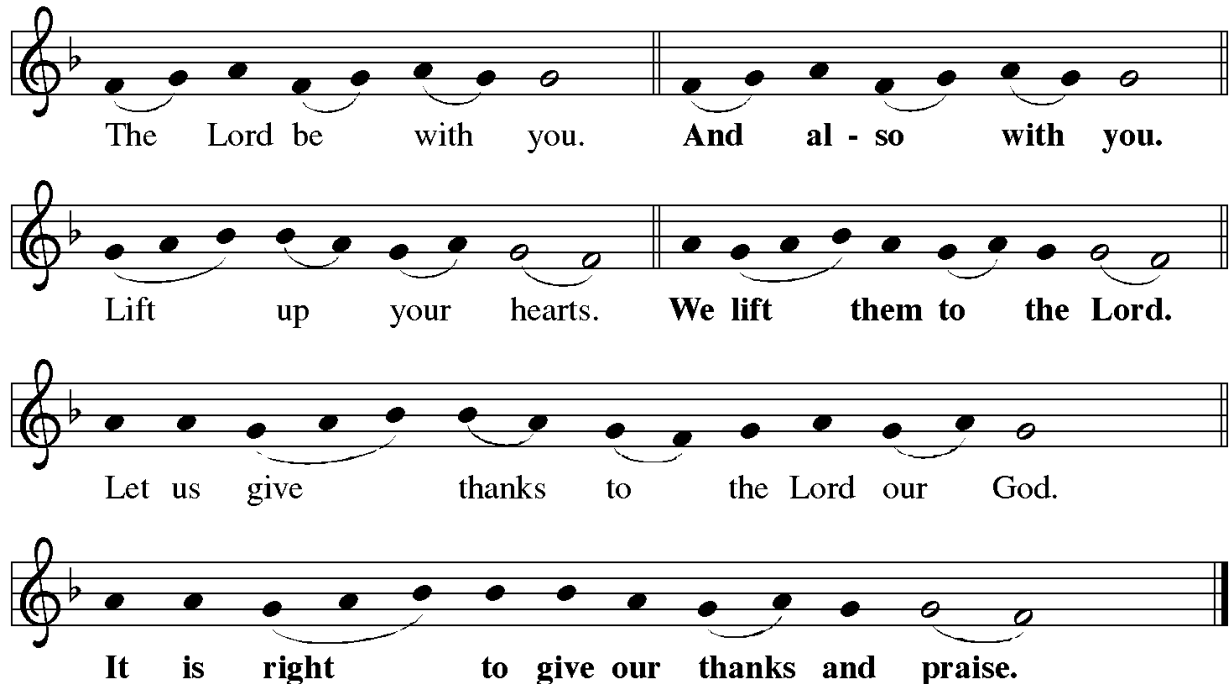


Please stand as our gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time. It consists of 12 measures across 6 staves. The lyrics are: "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. We lift our voices we lift our hearts, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer- ing. We are an of-fer- ing." The score includes various musical notations such as rests, eighth notes, quarter notes, and triplet markings. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: G, C2, Dm7, C2, F, C, Dm7, G, C2, Dm7, C2, F, G7, Em7, Asus, Dm7, G7sus, E, D, E, Am, Dm7, C2, Bb, Dm7, G, C2, Dm7, C2, F, C2, Dm7, G, C, and Dm7.

- 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 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 and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;

Who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

Sanctus [*Latin, Holy*]

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is our

God. God, the Lord of earth and heav - en. Ho - ly ho - ly is our

God Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is our

God God the Lord of all of his - t'ry Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.

The musical score for the Sanctus is written in F major (one flat) and 3/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 3/4 time signature. The melody starts on a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note Bb4. The lyrics 'Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is our' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with a half note C5, a quarter note D5, and a half note E5. The lyrics 'God. God, the Lord of earth and heav - en. Ho - ly ho - ly is our' are written below. The third staff continues with a half note F5, a quarter note G5, and a half note A5. The lyrics 'God Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is our' are written below. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a half note Bb5, a quarter note C6, and a half note Bb5. The lyrics 'God God the Lord of all of his - t'ry Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.' are written below. Chord symbols F, C7, and F are placed above the first, second, and third staves respectively.

Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Acclamation

We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel - e - brate your ris - ing; we

break this bread and share this cup un - til you come a - gain.

The musical score for the Eucharistic Acclamation is written in F major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts on a whole note C4, followed by a half note D4, a quarter note E4, and a half note F4. The lyrics 'We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel - e - brate your ris - ing; we' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note Bb4. The lyrics 'break this bread and share this cup un - til you come a - gain.' are written below. Chord symbols C, G7, Am, F, G7, and C are placed above the first staff, and F, G7, C, Am, F, G7, and C are placed above the second staff.

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**

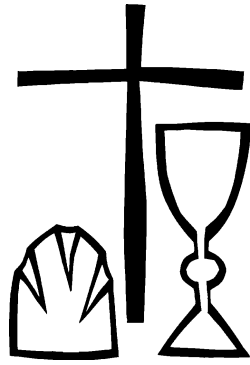
P The body of Christ given for you.
The blood of Christ shed for you.

Agnus Dei [*Latin, Lamb of God*]

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

Chord symbols: F, C, F, F, B^b, F₁, B^b, C, F, F, C, F, F, B^b, F₁, B^b, C, F⁷, B^b, E, F₁, B^m, B^b, F, G^m, F₁, B^b, C, F.

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HOLY COMMUNION

In-Person: Everyone is welcome to commune at the Lord's table.

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 commune 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."

The following songs may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament:

Calm Me Lord

Margaret Rizza

D A Bm Bm G D

Calm me Lord, as you calmed the storm. Still me Lord.

Em A D A Bm⁷

Keep me from harm. Let all the tumult within me

G D Bm Em⁷ A

cease. En - fold me Lord, in your peace

Last time

Bm Em⁷ Asus A D

Lord, en - fold me in your peace.

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My Life Flows On In Endless Song (ELW 763)



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

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!

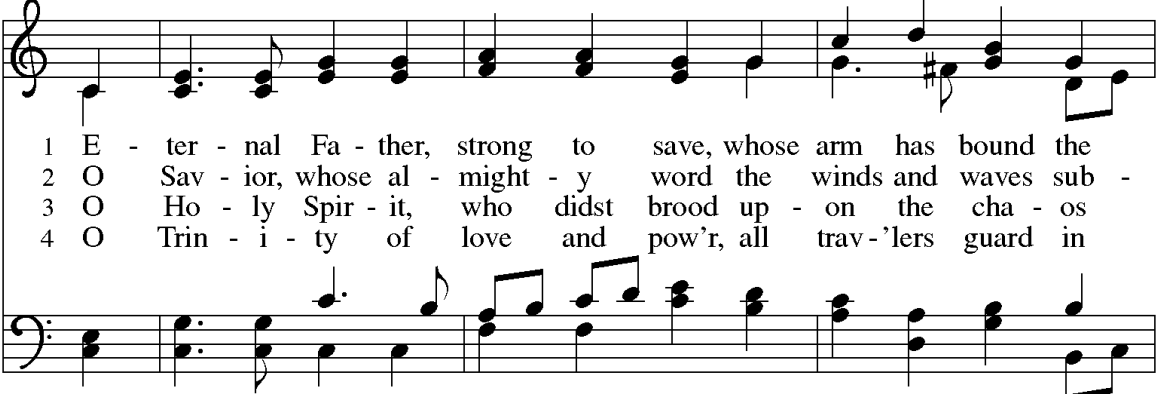
A Let us pray... Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now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

C **Amen**

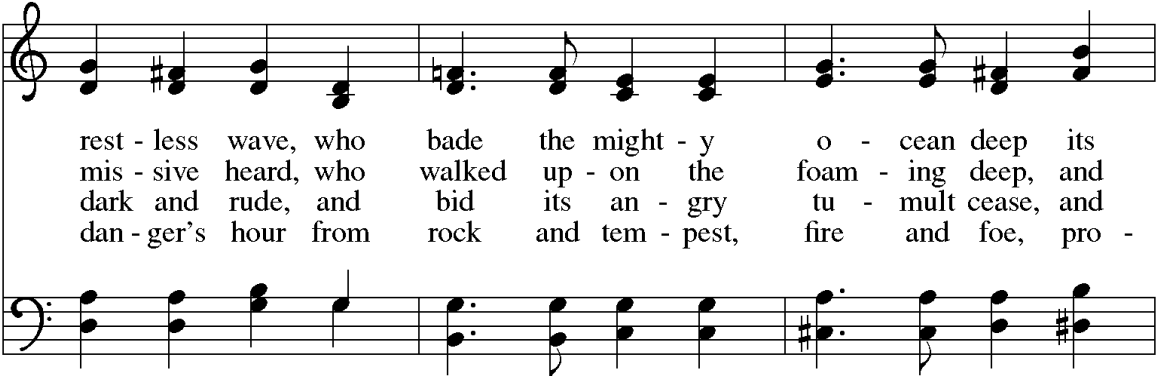
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C **Amen**

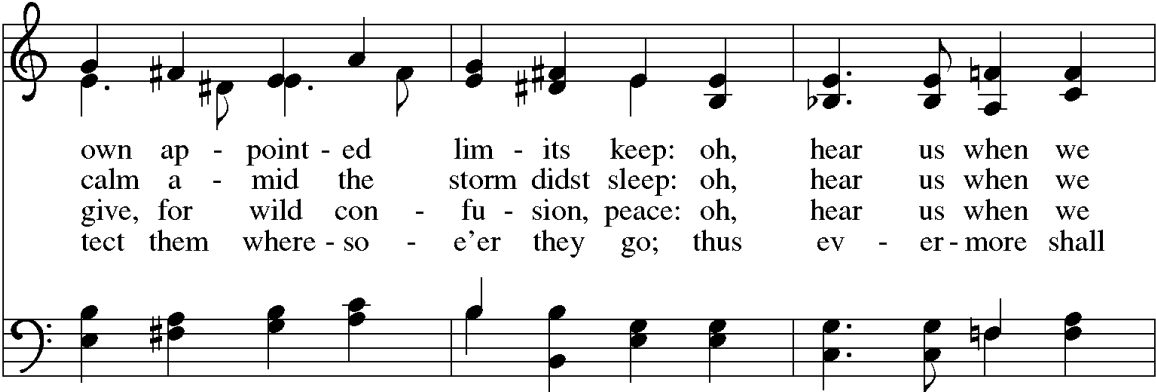
Sending *Eternal Father Strong to Save* (ELW 756)



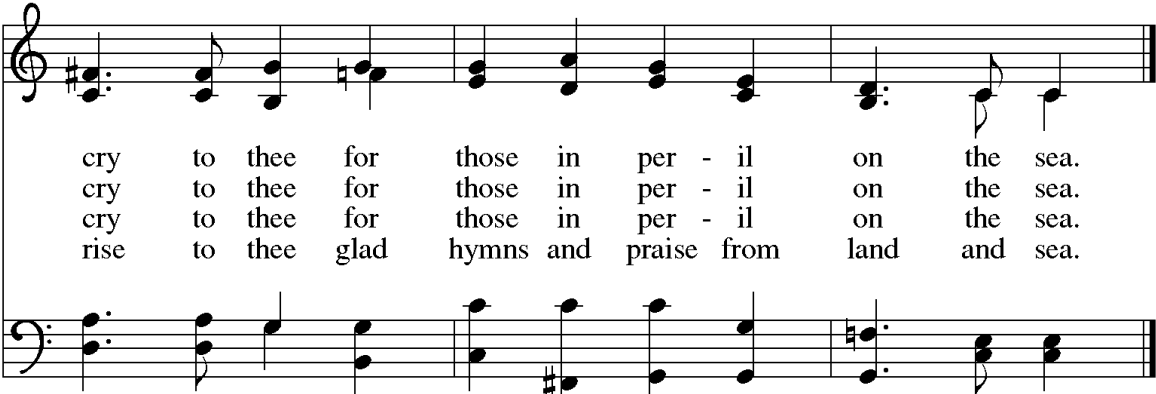
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *To God be the Glory* Christopher Tambling c. 1998

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Upcoming Commemorations

Lawrence, deacon, martyr, died 258

Monday, August 10, 2026

As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the emperor to gather the church's treasure, he presented a collection of orphans, lepers, and the like. The enraged emperor had him put to death.

Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals.

Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society

Thursday, August 13, 2026

Nightingale was born in England, and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War, and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease.

Maximilian Kolbe, died 1941; Kaj Munk, died 1944; martyrs

Friday, August 14, 2026

Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest arrested by the Nazis and confined in Auschwitz. Kolbe gave generously of his meager resources, and finally volunteered to be starved to death in place of another man. A Danish Lutheran pastor and playwright, Munk strongly denounced the Nazis who occupied Denmark in the Second World War. His sermons and articles helped to show the anti-Christian nature of the movement.

Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Saturday, August 15, 2026

The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.