

Traditional Worship

October 11, 2026

Time after Pentecost

Lectionary 28

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Variations on "Now We Join in Celebration"

- I. G. P. Telemann
- II. Paul Manz
- III. J. G. Walther

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL *

As the bell is rung the assembly stands for the Opening Hymn.

*A * in the order of service indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

WELCOME *

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Assembly: **And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN #522 *

As We Gather at Your Table

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever,
whose mercy is new each morning,
and whose table is prepared for all.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Leader: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Leader: Gracious God, you invite us to your feast of love,
yet we turn away and seek satisfaction elsewhere.
You call us to walk in your ways,
yet we follow our own desires.
You ask us to trust in your presence,
yet fear and worry often rule our hearts.

**Assembly: We confess that we have made idols of what we possess,
what we accomplish, and what we think will make us secure.
We have neglected our neighbors, held tightly to resentment,
and failed to rejoice in the goodness you provide.
Forgive us, O God.
Turn our hearts again toward you.
Clothe us in your mercy, feed us with your grace,
and teach us to live as people who have been welcomed to your table.
Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news:
God does not abandon us when we wander.
God prepares a feast for the weary, walks with us through every valley,
and wipes away the tears from every face.
In the mercy of Jesus Christ, † our sins are forgiven.
We are reconciled to God, renewed by the Holy Spirit,
and welcomed to the feast of God's kingdom.
Live in the freedom of forgiveness.
Rejoice in God's grace, and share that grace with the world.

Assembly: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *

Glory to God

Refrain



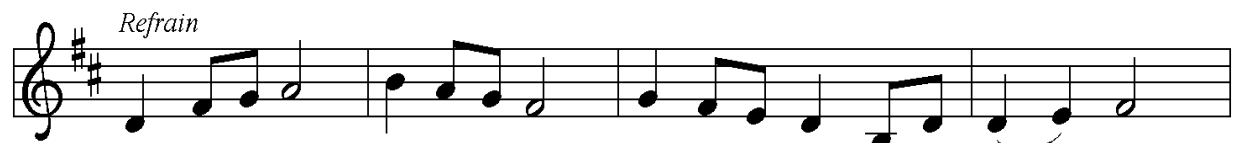
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



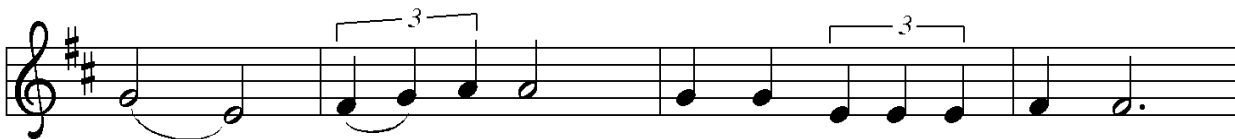
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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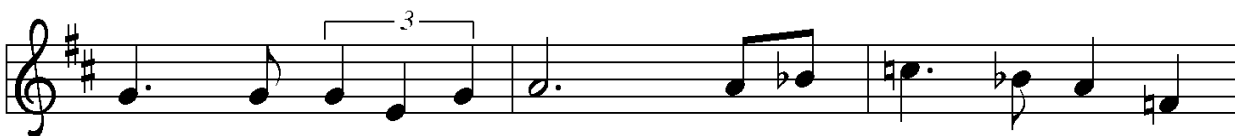
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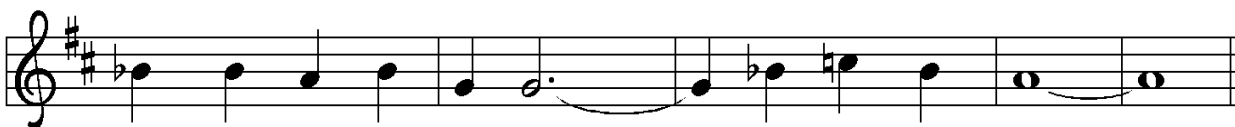
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



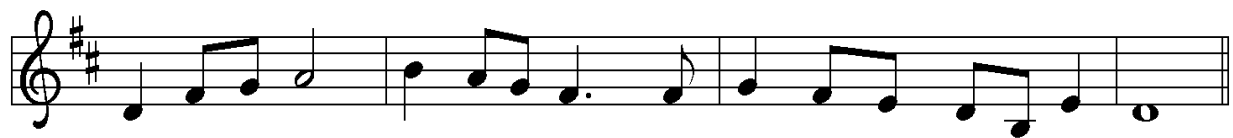
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, 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. A - men.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY *

Leader: Let us pray.

Lord of the feast,
you have prepared a table before all peoples
and poured out your life with abundance.
Call us again to your banquet.
Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure,
and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

- ¹ O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
- ² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
- ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
- ⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
"See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 23

*The Psalm Refrain is sung by the Cantor and then the Assembly joins in the Psalm Refrain.
The Cantor sings the Psalm Verses and the Assembly joins in the Psalm Refrain as indicated.*



¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

² The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³ You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me...*Refrain*

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever...*Refrain*

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *



HOLY GOSPEL*

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

Assembly: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY #462 *

Now We Join in Celebration

APOSTLE'S CREED *

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 *

The assembly responds to each petition ending in "In your mercy,"

Assembly: hear our prayer.

The assembly responds to the final petition ending with "in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord."

Assembly: Amen.

PEACE *

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Assembly: And also with you!

The assembly greets each other with "peace be with you...and also with you."

You're invited to share God's peace with those around you.

If you're worshipping on Facebook, you may also greet one another in the comments.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission.

OFFERING

As we respond to hearing God's Word and prepare to feast at God's table we contemplate the many ways we serve the Kingdom of God through our time, talents, and gifts.

Offering plates will be passed among the assembly by the ushers.

Gifts can also be given electronically using this QR Code.



I've Got a Robe

The spiritual "I've Got a Robe" draws on the biblical image of being clothed for life with God.

Its language resonates especially with today's Gospel Lesson, where Jesus describes God's kingdom as a wedding banquet. When the invited guests refuse the invitation, the king sends others to draw people in from the streets and fill the banquet hall.

The spiritual takes up the joy and hope of those who have been drawn into God's feast and clothed for the celebration. The "robe" becomes a sign of God's welcome, grace, and promise of belonging—a fitting response to Jesus' invitation to come to the banquet.

8:00 – arr. Greg Gilpin

I got a robe. You got a robe. All God's children got a robe.

When I get heaven, gonna put on my robe.

I'm gonna shout all over God's heaven.

Everybody talking 'bout heaven ain't going there, heaven.

I'm gonna shout all over God's heaven.

I got some wings...I'm gonna fly all over God's heaven...

11:10 – arr. Raymond Wise

Yeah! I've got a robe. You've got a robe. All God's children got a robe.

When I get to heaven gonna put on my robe.

I'm gonna walk around heaven all day.

I've got shoes...walk and spread the news.

When I get there how happy I will be...

When I get there the Savior's face I'll see...

Yeah! Walk around heaven all day...

Walk, and tell the story.

Shout of how I made it over.

Walk!

OFFERTORY *

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord

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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the final staff.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

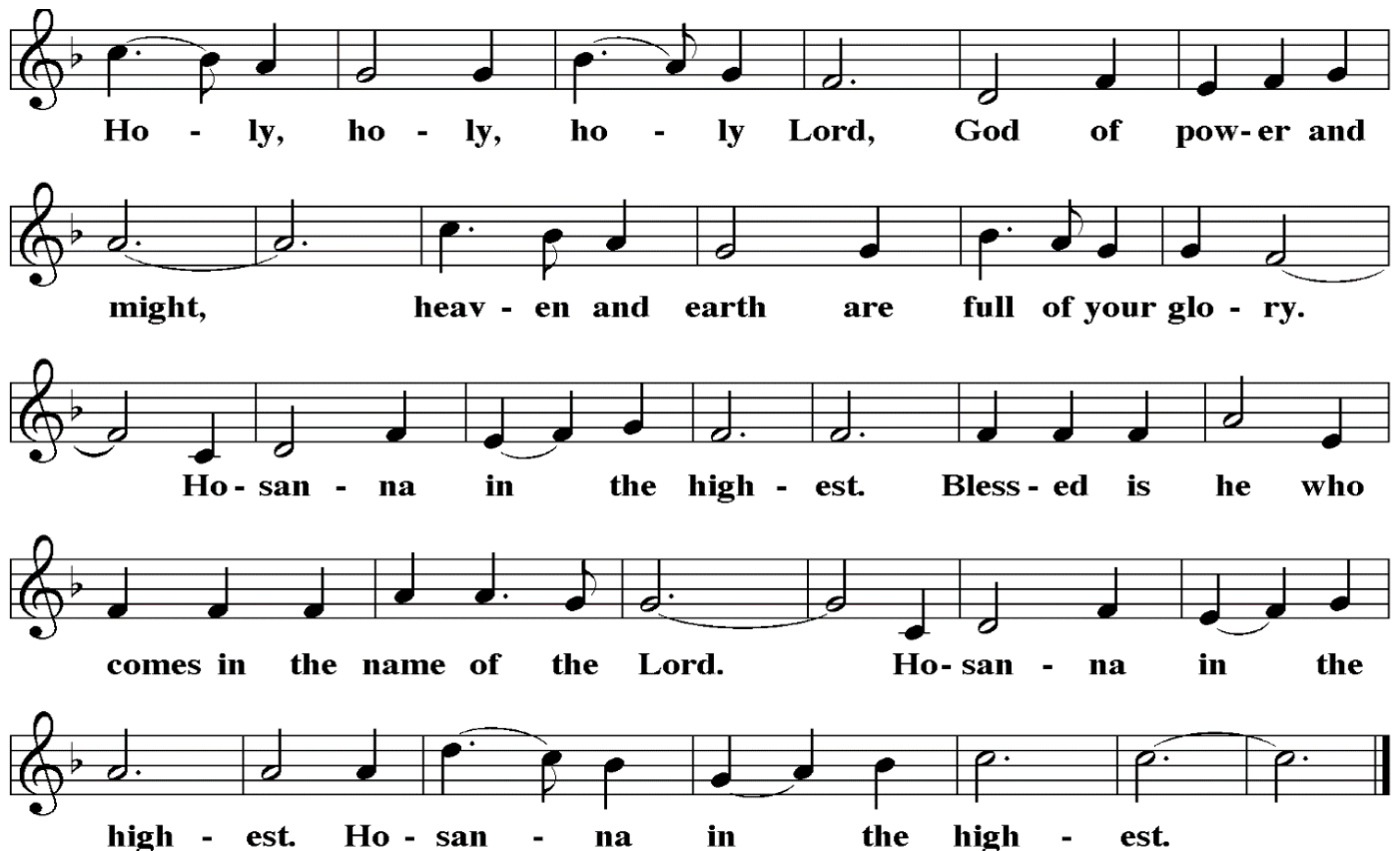
Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Assembly: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: 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.
For you prepare a feast for your people and invite us to the table of your grace.
When we turn away, you call us again;
when we wander, you seek us and draw us home.
You wipe away our tears, walk with us through every valley,
and spread a table before us in the presence of our enemies.
In Christ, you have clothed us with mercy
and welcomed us into the joy of your kingdom.
Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The musical notation is written on five staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are as follows:

- Staff 1: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
- Staff 2: might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
- Staff 3: Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
- Staff 4: comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
- Staff 5: high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *

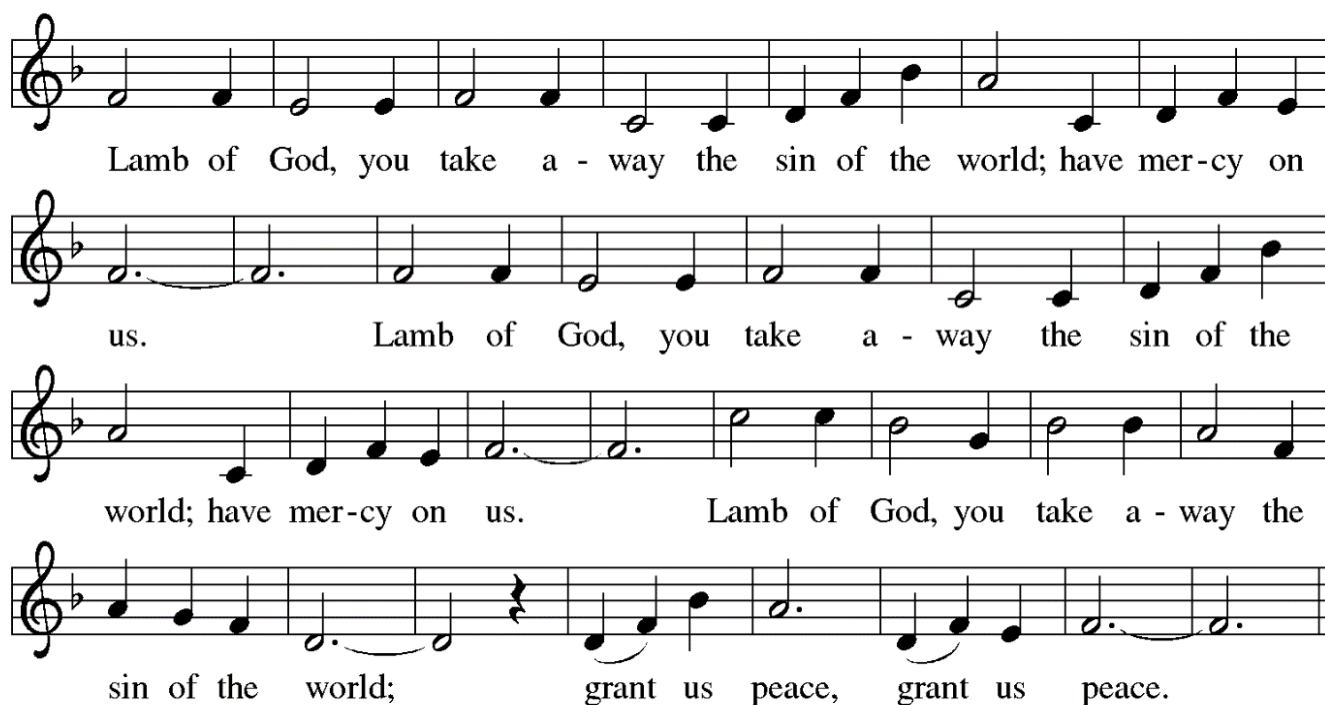
Leader: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER *

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.

LAMB OF GOD *



The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating where a single note spans multiple syllables. The text is: "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." The final staff ends with a double bar line.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

All those who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to the table.

We invite you to come forward to receive the communion elements from the servers.

You will be handed a wafer from the server and are invited to select a cup of wine from the tray.

Pre-packaged elements of grape juice and gluten free wafers are available

in the baskets at the communion rail and at each entrance to the sanctuary.

You may partake of the elements at the communion rail and dispose of the cups and packaging in the baskets at the end of each communion rail or take the elements back to your pew to partake of them and dispose of the cups and packaging after the service.

"Bread from the Lord's Table" and/or a pastoral blessing are available for children who do not yet commune.

Leader: Christ extends the invitation to all people to come and feast.

As you are served communion:

Communion Server: The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you

Communion Receiver: Amen.

Music at Distribution: *Around You, O Lord Jesus*

Organ Mediation – arr. Stephen Gabrielsen

Hymn #468

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Let us pray.

Gracious God,

you have welcomed us to your table and fed us with your grace.

Send us now in joy to share your love,

and draw others into the feast of your kingdom;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION & SERVICE

BLESSING *

Leader: May the God who prepares a feast for you fill you with joy,
strengthen you with peace, and clothe you with grace.
May Christ, who calls you to the banquet, go with you wherever you go.
And may the Holy Spirit draw you into God's love
and send you to share it with others.
In the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.

Assembly: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *(printed on next page)* *

This Is the Feast

DISMISSAL *

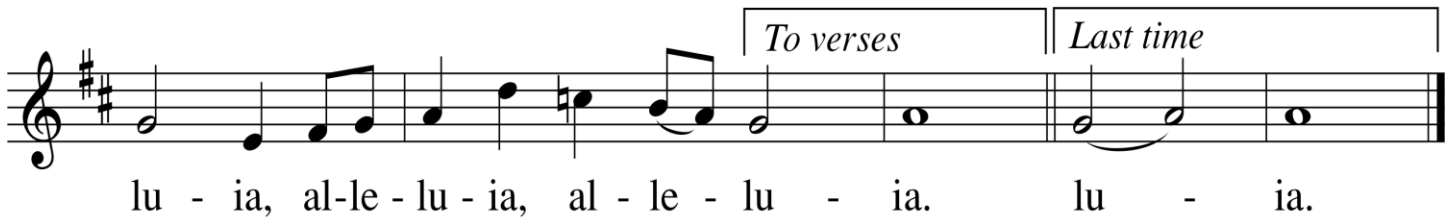
Leader: Go in peace.
God has welcomed you to the feast
and sends you now to invite others to share in the joy and love of Christ.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *

Trumpet Voluntary in D Major – Jeremiah Clarke (Henry Purcell)

This Is the Feast of Victory



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

Pastor Leslie Fox Lott, Transition Pastor

Pastor Denny Asp, Associate Pastor

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Carol Davis, Lector & Communion Assistant 8:00

Jim Davis, Lector & Communion Assistant 8:00

Tim Skamfer, Lector & Communion Assistant 11:10

Chad Baker, Director of Worship & Music

Alyse Hancock-Phillips, Cantor

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FLOWER DEDICATION:

The altar flowers are given in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary by Jim and Carol Davis.

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