Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church

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LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, November 29th, 2026 First Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting

A: It is difficult to gather without acknowledging the hurt all around us.
C: We acknowledge the unjust systems and harmful powers that diminish life.

A: In the season of Advent, God calls us to be alert. Pay attention. There are whispers of hope all around you:
C: in a meal delivered, a hand extended, forgiveness granted.

A: As we live between the already and the not yet, we remember salvation doesn't happen when all is right in the world.
C: The Messiah draws near now, breaking into the present through moments of compassion and flourishing.

A: In this season of holy waiting and wholly longing, we light the candle of hope.

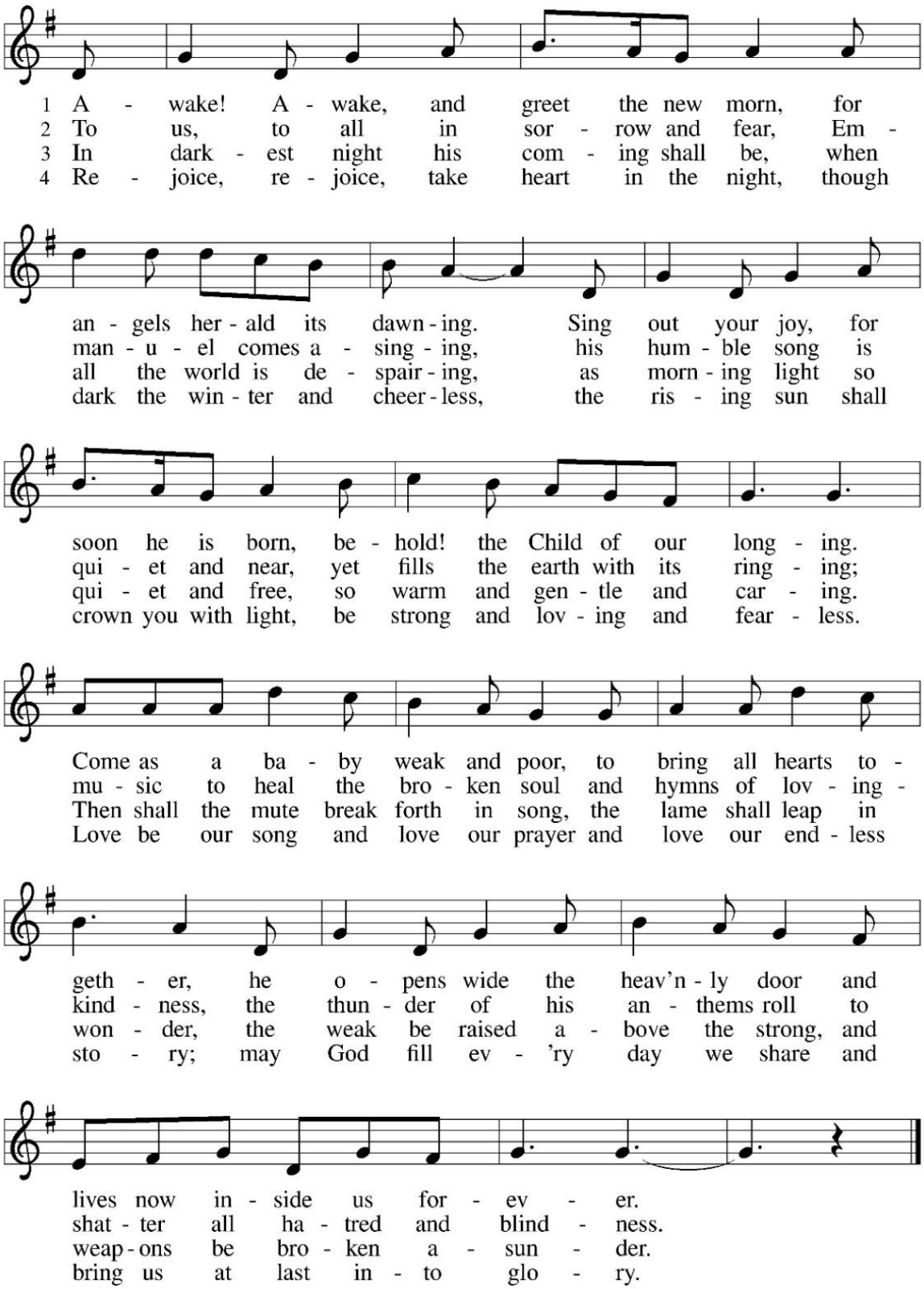
A: Saying goodbye to the powers that harm and welcoming the coming of Christ.
C: May the light of Christ and the hope of God-with-us thrill and inspire.

Welcoming One Another with Christ's Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

Because Lord of the Valley is a welcoming church, we take a moment to share Christ's peace and greet one another, especially if there is someone you haven't met or seen in a while, so that we can worship together in peace and unity.

Gathering Song "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" *ELW 242*



Confession & Forgiveness

A: Come, listen.
C: A thrill of hope is calling.

A: Come, rejoice.
C: A weary world is healing.

A: Come, watch.
C: A bright star is shining.

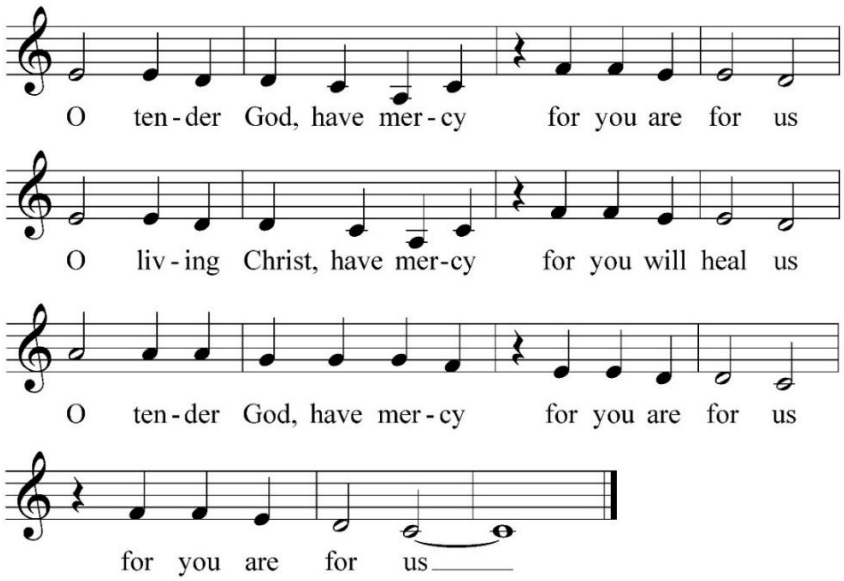
A: Come, worship.
C: The Messiah is coming.

P: With a thrill of hope for God's salvation through the coming Messiah, let us confess our sin before God and one another…

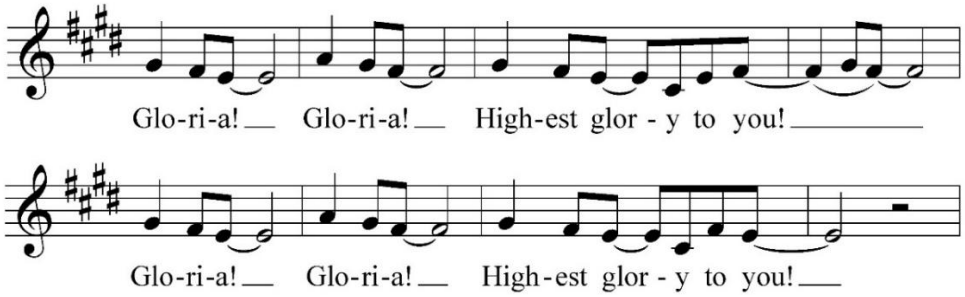
(silence is kept for reflection)

O Holy One,
C: we confess our love for power and control that separates us from one another and from you, O God.
We cling tightly to wealth because we fear vulnerability.
We insist on our own way because we fear change.
We reject love and salvation when they come to us from outside our comfort zone.
We follow our own paths instead of your own faithful leading.
Forgive us through your endless grace and guide us into your truth.
Lead us by the mercy of Jesus, who is our way and our life.
Amen.

Kyrie "O Tender God, Have Mercy"



Song of Praise "Gloria"



Leader...

O - pen now our lips and our mouths shall give praise.
O Lord, rush to help to de - liv - er your world.
Mak - er, Spi - rit, Friend, you are Great My - ster - y

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,
C: O Holy One, you reveal yourself to us in signs, seasons, and surprises. Awaken us to signs of your kingdom among us in acts of courage, compassion, and generosity. Grace us with your presence in the holy darkness. Teach us to be vigilant and patient as we await the coming of Christ, our salvation. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in the Scriptures, preaching, and song.

Scriptures

Isaiah 64:1-9 – Prayer that God would come with power and compassion

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

[5] You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
[6] We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
[7] There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you,
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
[8] Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
[9] Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

R: The Word of God for the People of God.
C: Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 – Gifts of grace sustain those who wait for the end

[3] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

[4] I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, [5] for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—[6] just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—[7] so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8] He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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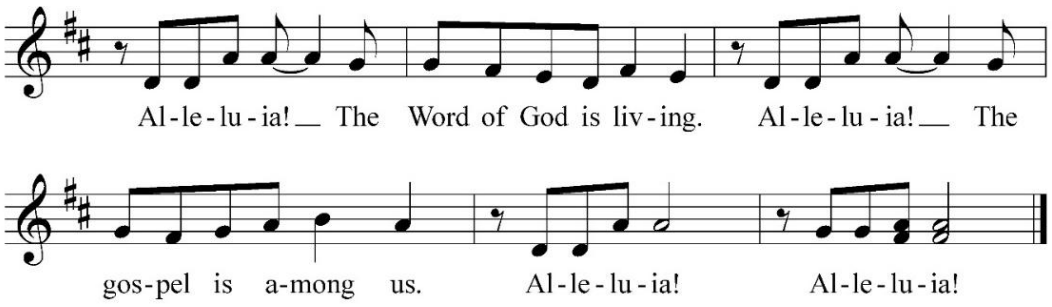


Gospel

Mark 13:24-37 – The sudden coming of the Son of Man

[Jesus said:] [24] "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,

[25] and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
[26] "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. [27] Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

[28] "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. [29] So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30] Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. [31] Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

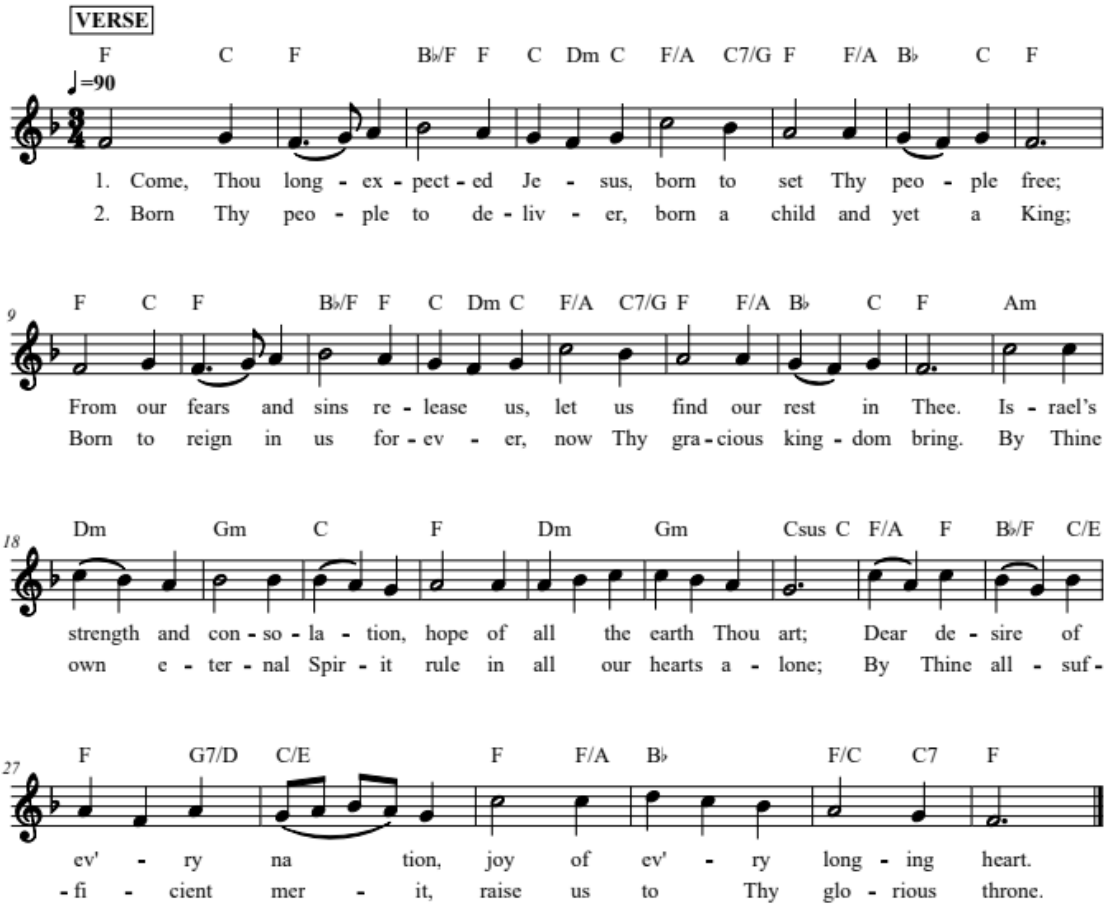
[32] "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. [33] Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. [34] It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. [35] Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, [36] or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37] And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message & Sunday School

Sermon

Song of the Day *"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" Music by Rowland Hugh Prichard*



Apostles' Creed

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 People

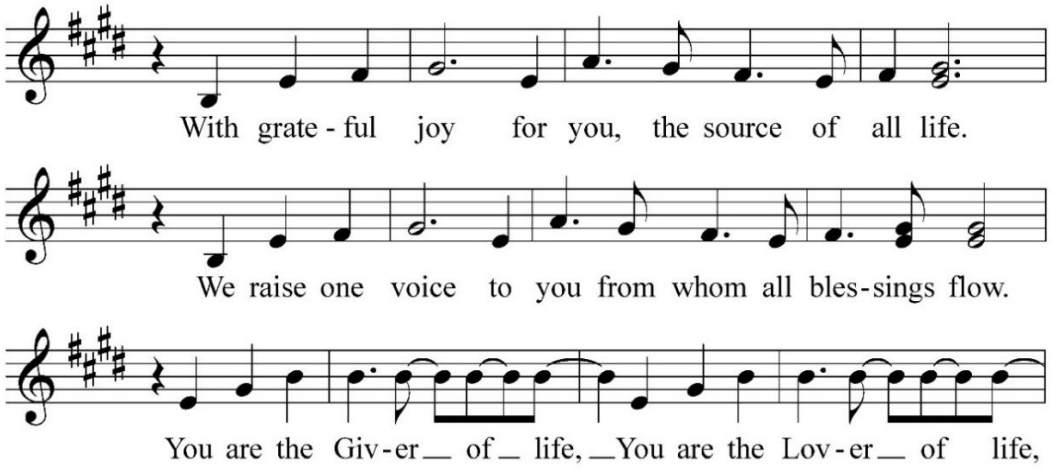
L: With a thrill of hope…
C: Receive our prayers, O God.

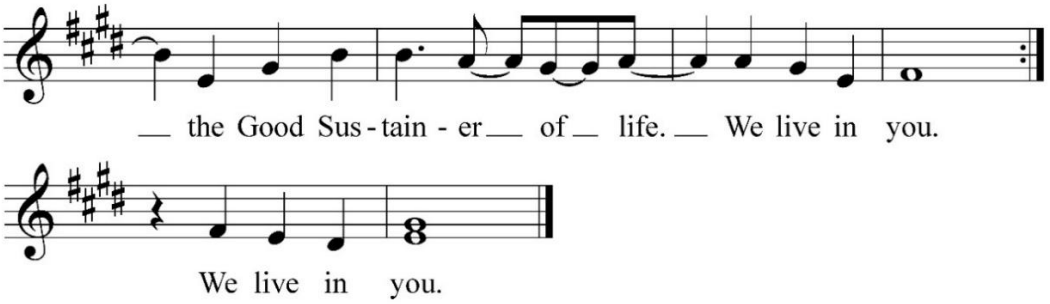
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offertory Song *"With Grateful Joy"*

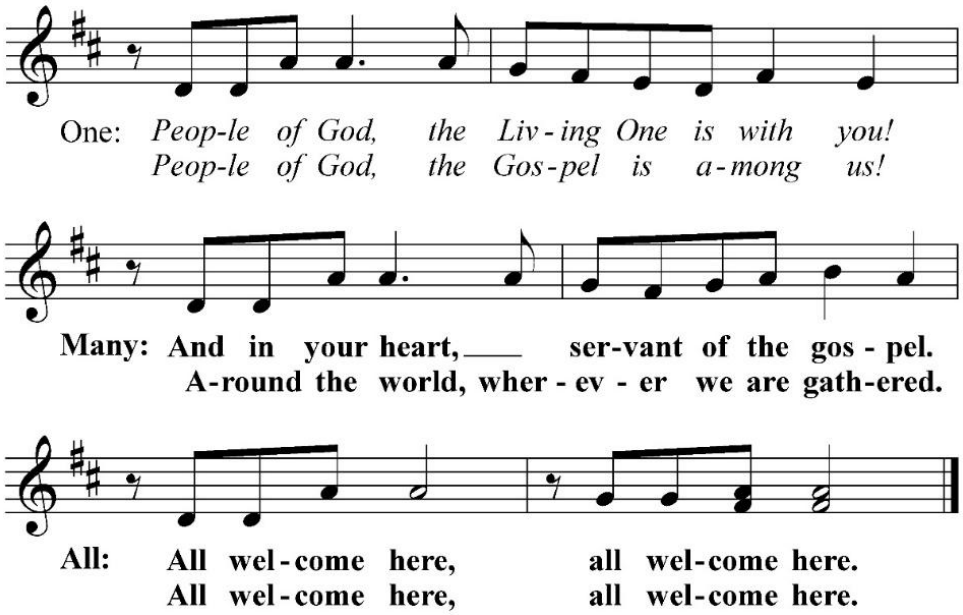




Offering Prayer

A: Gracious God,
C: in this Season of Advent, as we wait for the Messiah, we offer ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your abundance. May these offerings work to bring about healing, justice, belonging, and the thrill of hope to a weary world. Amen.

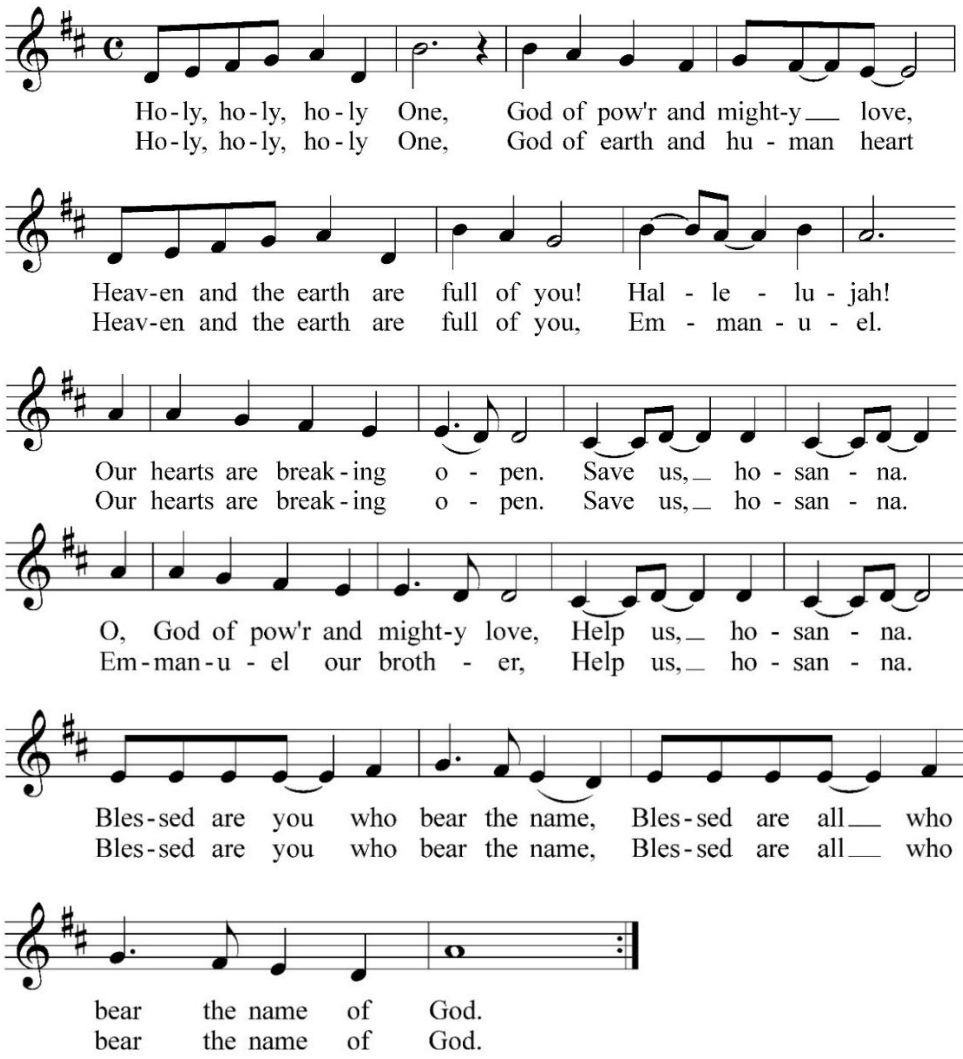
Communion Greeting "People of God"



Invitation to the Table

P: Across generations, people have cried out for healing, justice, and peace…

Carried by the faith that Christ is with us and the hope that Christ will come again, we give thanks and praise to God, singing with all people of faith, in every time and in every place the unending hymn around the throne of God:



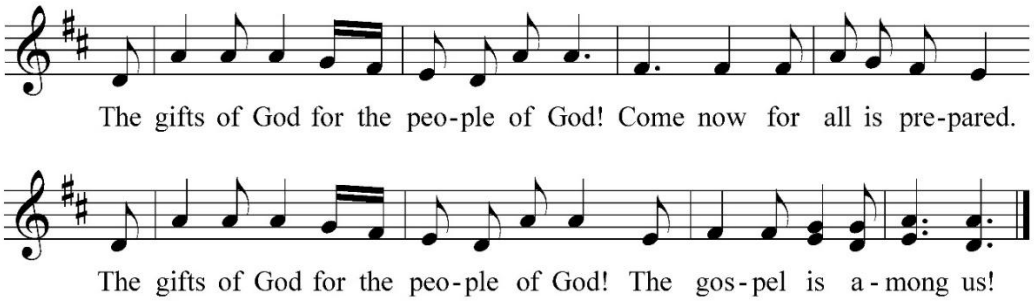
Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray;

C: 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.

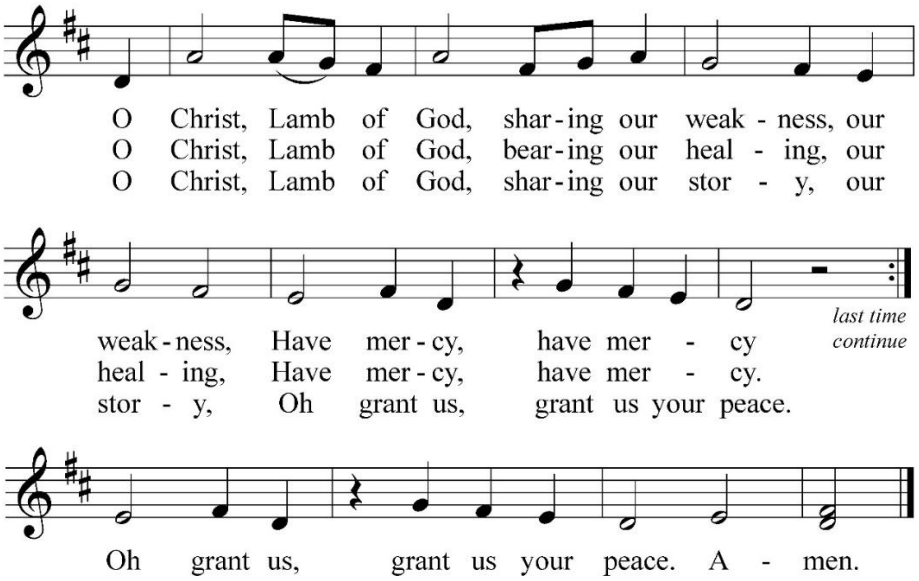
P: The gifts of God, for the people of God!



Distribution of Communion

We invite all who come in faith to the Lord's Table as we celebrate Holy Communion in our worship today. For those who prefer, grape juice and gluten free wafers are available, let the server know as you approach. Those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

"O Christ, Lamb of God"



Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

A: God of hope,

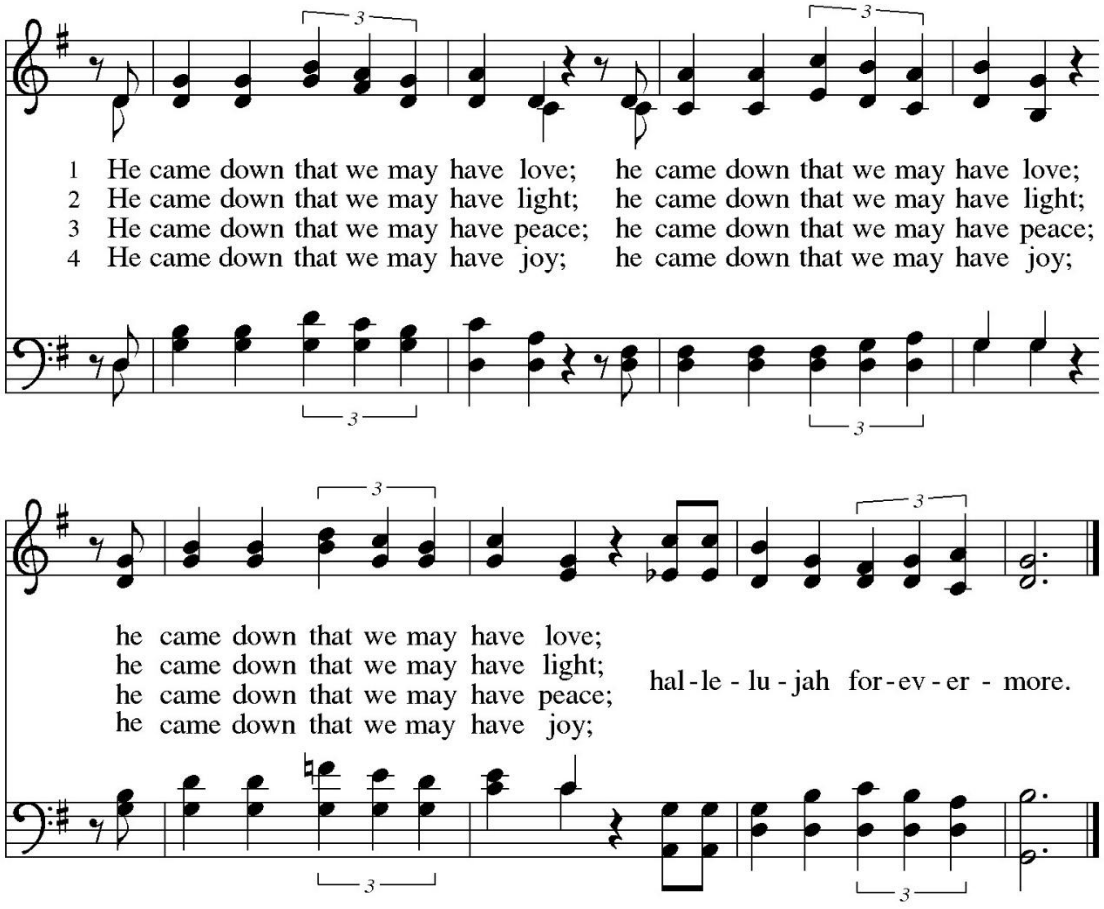
C: through this meal, you nourish us in our weariness and strengthen the community of faith. Energize our spirits to stay alert to your saving presence in the world. Send us out as storytellers, not withholding what we have heard and felt while gathered together in this space, but sharing with all who are curious and all who long for restoration. In Jesus' we pray. Amen.

SENDING

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

Blessing

Sending Song *"He Came Down"* *ELW 253*



Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Share good news to the brokenhearted.

C: Thanks be to God.

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