



# ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL **CHURCH**

## **First Sunday in Lent**

### **February 21 and 22, 2026**



*Our Mission: **To know Christ and to make Christ known.***

*Our Vision: **To follow Christ's teaching in an atmosphere of love, joy, and healing.***

**All are welcome!**

**We are so glad you are here today to celebrate with us the day of the Lord!**

*Please respect those who seek time for quiet reflection before worship begins and while listening to the prelude. Guests, friends, and family, we would like to know you. Please fill out a Let's Get Acquainted card to introduce yourself to us. Let us know how the people of St Luke's can serve you and your family. Flyers about St. Luke's are available in the entry hall.*

#### **Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that we are on the ancestral and unceded lands of the Indigenous peoples of this region. This includes the Yavapai people, specifically the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe and the Yavapai-Apache Nation, as well as the Hualapai Tribe, whose historical and cultural ties to this territory are enduring. We honor the original stewards of this land, who have resided here, and their deep connection to the earth, the water, and all living things. We pledge to honor Indigenous sovereignty, listen to Indigenous voices, and work toward a more just and equitable future in partnership with Native peoples.

**Holy Eucharist**

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### **Announcements**

**The Bell**

Calls us to Worship

**Prelude**

**The Great Litany**

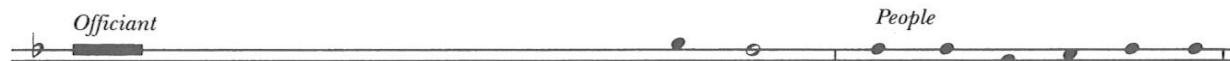
*The Officiant at the Litany may be a lay cantor.*



O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.



O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.



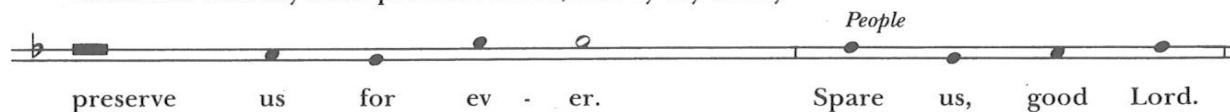
O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.



O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.



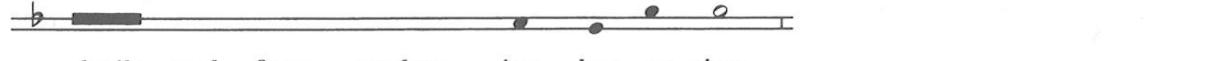
Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy



preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.



From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the



devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

*(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceptions of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

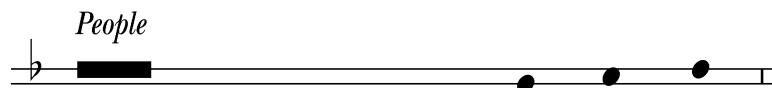
By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

*Officiant* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*People* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*Officiant*

*People*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

*Officiant*

*People*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.

*Officiant*

*People*

O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.

*On all other occasions, the Litany continues as follows:*

*Officiant* Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
*People* Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.  
*Officiant* Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## The Collect of the Day

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Priest* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## The First Reading

*Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7*

**Lector** A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**Lector** The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 32

Lector Our Psalm for today is Psalm 32. I invite you to read responsively by half verse

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
**and whose sin is put away!**
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
**and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
**because of my groaning all day long.**
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
**my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
**and did not conceal my guilt.**
- 6 I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord \*  
**Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
**when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \*  
**you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
**I will guide you with my eye.**
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
**who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."**

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*

**but mercy embraces those who trust in  
the Lord.**

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*  
**shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

**The Epistle**

*Romans 5:12-19*

**Lector** A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

**Lector** The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Praise to the Holiest in the height

*The Hymnal 1982, #446*



1 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the  
 2 O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! When all was  
 3 O wis - est love! that flesh and blood, which did in  
 4 and that the high - est gift of grace should flesh and  
 5 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the

1 depth be praise; in all his words most  
 2 sin and shame, a sec - ond Ad - am  
 3 Ad - am fail, should strive a - fresh a -  
 4 blood re - fine: God's pres - ence and his  
 5 depth be praise; in all his words most

1 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!  
 2 to the fight and to the res - cue came.  
 3 gainst the foe, should strive, and should pre - vail;  
 4 ve - ry self, and es - sence all - di - vine.  
 5 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!

Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890), alt. Music: Newman, Richard Runciman Terry (1865-1938).

## **The Gospel**

*Matthew 4:1-11*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew<sup>¶</sup>

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sequence Hymn H446 vs 3-4**

*Praise to the holiest*

**Homily**

Fr. Marc McDonald

## Nicene Creed

*Priest* I bid you remember that it is only when we love one another that we can truly say:

**All** **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lector O God, you are our God; eagerly we seek you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water. Guide us with your mighty hand and outstretched arm. Jesus Christ, Son of God...

**People** **Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth.**  
**Guide us in love.**

Lector We pray for your church throughout the world. With Christ as the rock beneath our feet and our citizenship assured in heaven, help us who bear your name to live with integrity, bringing forth fruit to nourish this hungry world. Jesus Christ, Son of God...

**People** **Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth.**  
**Guide us in love.**

Lector We pray for this nation and for all the nations of your world; wherever we are living in righteousness, strengthen us; wherever we have lost our way, guide us and make us repentant that we may find the way we should go. Jesus Christ, Son of God...

**People** **Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love.**

Lector We pray for your world that is fractured by greed and fear, and by privilege and discrimination; through your Christ make us one with yourself, not counting our trespasses, but grafting us to your gospel of reconciliation that we, your image bearers, might be transformed into the righteousness of God. Jesus Christ, Son of God...

**People** **Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love**

Lector We pray for our family, friends and neighbors who are laboring beneath burdens too heavy to bear: for refugees and immigrants, for those without homes or adequate employment, for respectable households concealing domestic violence or addiction; merciful God, join our eyes, our hearts and our hands to yours, that together we may provide them a way out and give them strength to endure. Jesus Christ, Son of God...

**People Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love.**

Lector We pray for all those who have asked us to pray. For whom else shall we pray? (pause) Forge for them a way through the wilderness; be for them a river in the desert. Jesus Christ, Son of God...

**People Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love.**

Lector We pray for those who have died (pause) that all may see your goodness in the land of the living. Jesus Christ, Son of God...

**People Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love.**

The *Priest* concludes with a Collect:

Gracious God, our refuge and stronghold, the source of all life and love, guide your people through our Lenten wilderness, have mercy on us and answer when we call. Accept, we pray, the outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way. All this we ask through Christ our Lord who is generous to everyone who calls upon him. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*All stand.*

**Priest** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Birthday and Anniversary Prayer**

**O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Commissioning of the New Vestry**

(Adapted from the Book of Occasional Services)

**Priest** Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Today we especially recognize and affirm those who have been elected to represent the congregation on St. Luke's Vestry, giving thanks for those who have served in the past year, for those who will continue to serve, and for those who are new. We have elected the following people to serve on the Vestry. Senior Warden: Dave White; Junior Warden: Rich Leon; Dave Malmquist, Treasurer; Leigh Hunt, Lauree Birchmeier, Brenda Schwartz, Eileen Griffin, Gary Nick, Vaughna Henry, Leann Bryan, Steve Dear, and Betty Doherty.

**Priest** Do you affirm that it is your will that these persons represent this church on the Vestry?

**People** **It is.**

*Priest invites members of the Vestry to approach the altar for the commissioning.*

*Priest* You have been called to serve on the Vestry. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this service, perform it with care, to the honor of God and the benefit of the church?

**People** **I will with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you uphold these Vestry members in prayer and support them in their ministry?

**People** **We will with God's help.**

*Priest* In the name of God Almighty (+), the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit, and on behalf of Jennifer our Diocesan Bishop and on behalf of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Prescott, Arizona, I hereby commission these individuals to serve as a Vestry member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Prescott, Arizona.

*Priest* Let us pray.

Blessed are you, gracious God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. In every age you call people to minister in your name and for your mission. Look with favor upon the members of the Vestry and all lay ministers whom you have called. May the work of these your servants build up your church, and may we celebrate your grace and love our city for the glory of your name now and forever.

**People** **Amen.**

*The Vestry now faces the congregation and is greeted with applause.*

# The Liturgy of Holy Communion

## Offertory Sentence

*Priest* Be imitators of God and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

## Offertory Anthem

### Presentation Hymn H-380 v.3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here, below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing. The Priest faces them and says*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Priest*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

## **Sanctus**

*(Said at 5:30 pm. Sung at 8 and 10 am)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

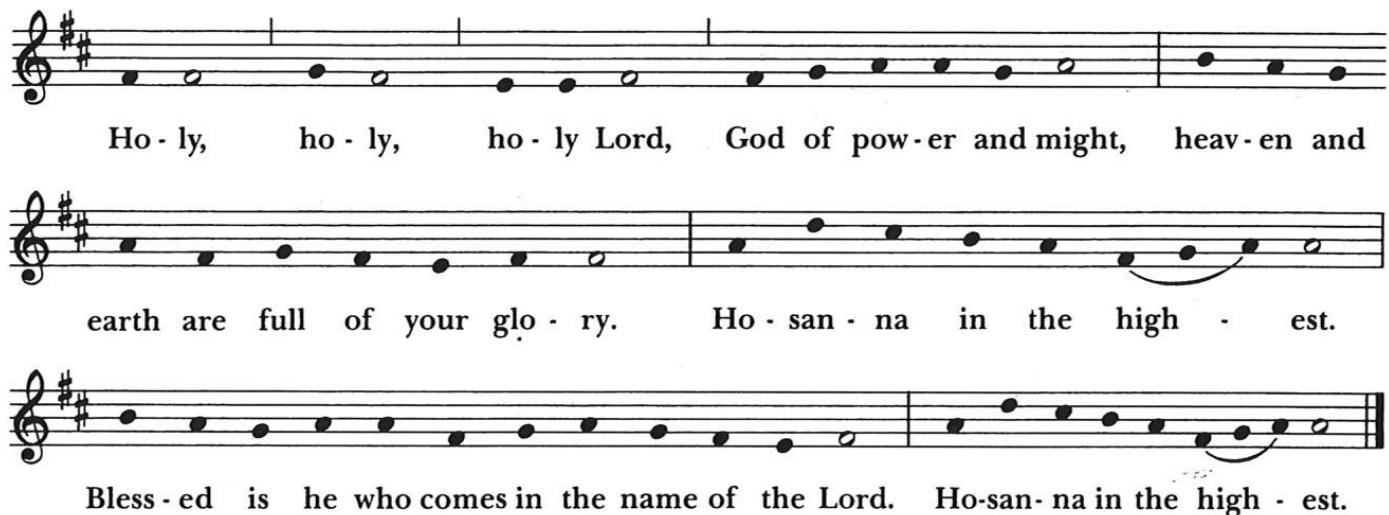
**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **The Holy Eucharist II**

**S 124**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord      *Sanctus***



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

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

## *Priest*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All            Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*The Priest continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

+ Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

+ Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with blessed St. Luke and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Priest* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread.  
A period of silence is kept.*

### **Fraction Anthem**

*(Said at 5:30 pm. Sung at 8 and 10 am)*

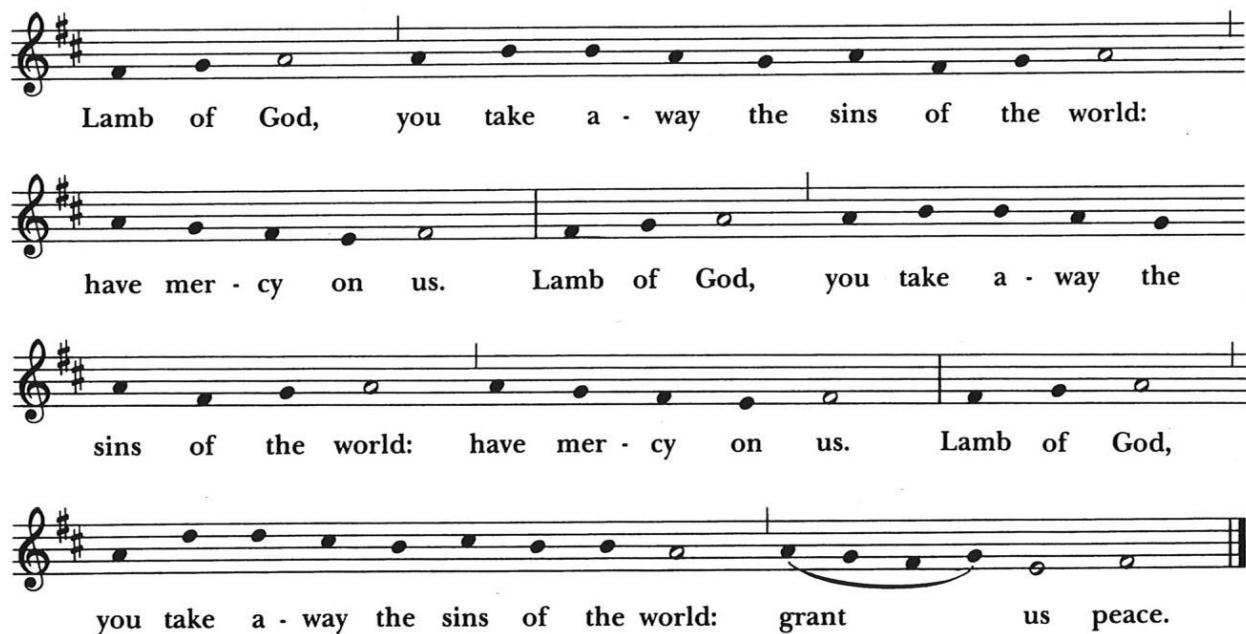
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
grant us peace.**

## Fraction Anthem S161

## *Agnus Dei, Lamb of God*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

*Facing the people, the Priest says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **The Communion of the People**

*The Table is ready and ALL are invited. So, come, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites you to meet God here. You are welcome to receive just the Body of Christ or to cross your arms in front of you to receive a blessing from the clergy. (Gluten-free option available, just let your server know.)*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

## Eucharist Hymn

## *Jesus, keep me near the Cross*

### **Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross**

Fanny J. Crosby

William H. Doane



Je - sus, keep me near the cross,  
Near the cross, a trem - bling soul,  
Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
Near the cross! I'll watch and wait,  
There a pre - cious foun - tain,  
Love and mer - cy found me;  
Bring its scenes be - fore me;  
Hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



*Chorus*



In the cross, in the cross Be my glo - ry ev - er,



Till my ran - somed soul shall find Rest be - yond the riv - er.

## **EUCHARIST VISITOR COMMISSIONING**

**Deacon** In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

**People** **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**All** **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN H690**

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

# Guide me, O thou great Jehovah H690

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**