

# FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

*Thursday, August 16, 2018 | 1:30pm*

## PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP

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To participate in the service, follow along in this service folder. Lutheran worship is specifically designed to include the participation of the people. We are not here to be an audience, we are here to speak and sing the Word of God to each other.

Parts marked **B**, **A**, **P**, or **L** are spoken by a leader, and parts marked **C** are spoken by the congregation. Congregational parts are also printed in bold. It looks like this:

**B**, **A**, **P**, **L**      Spoken by the Bishop, Assisting Minister, Preacher or Lector respectively.

**C**                      Spoken by the congregation.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

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**Bishop**.....The Rev. John Bradosky  
**Assisting Minister & Chaplain** .....The Rev. Ken Hohag  
**Preacher**.....The Rt. Rev. Charles Masters  
**Musical Worship Leader**.....Missie Bonser

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*The Lutheran Church is a liturgical church. Lutherans believe that the Gospel is not only good news that Jesus has saved sinners, but also a power God uses to create and strengthen faith in Jesus. Lutheran worship places the Gospel as the central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. In message and meal (Holy Communion), in specially selected Bible readings and in carefully crafted songs, prayers and confessions, the liturgy points to Jesus as the Savior of all.*



## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

¶ *We gather together to worship the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit*

### INVOCATION

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¶ *The People stand as they are able.*

- ⓑ In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Ⓒ Amen.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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- ⓑ Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Ⓒ Amen.

### CONFESSION

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- ⓑ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- ¶ *The People kneel or remain standing, as they are able, for silent reflection and self-examination.*

**B** Most merciful God,

**C** We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

## ABSOLUTION

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*¶ The Bishop stands and addresses the congregation.*

**B** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## ENTRANCE HYMN

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*¶ The People stand to sing, turning to face the cross as it enters in procession.*

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Reginald Heber & John B. Dykes*

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

GREETING

- A** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- G** And also with you.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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**A** The Lord be with you.

**G** And also with you.

**A** Let us pray:

**G** God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*¶ The People sit.*



# THE WORD

*☪ We proclaim and respond to the Word of God*

FIRST LESSON

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."

**L** The Word of the Lord.      **G** Thanks be to God.

*Refrain**Ada Ruth Habershon & Matthew Merker*

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
 For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
 you discern my thoughts from afar.

<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down  
 and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue,  
 behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

<sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before,  
 and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
 it is high; I cannot attain it. *Refrain*

<sup>7</sup> Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
 Or where shall I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there!  
 If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

<sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning  
 and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

<sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me,  
 and your right hand shall hold me.

<sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
 and the light about me be night,"

<sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark to you;  
 the night is bright as the day,  
 for darkness is as light with you. *Refrain*

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.

<sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

<sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup> both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup> And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup> For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; <sup>18</sup> even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; <sup>20</sup> the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. <sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

📖 The Word of the Lord.      🙏 Thanks be to God.

 *The People stand as they are able.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, beginning with chapter fifteen.

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup> “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. <sup>27</sup> And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>4b</sup> “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

<sup>12</sup> “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord. **G** Praise to you, O Christ.

☞ *The People sit.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

☞ *The People stand to sing as they are able.*

*Holy Spirit*

*Keith Getty & Stuart Townend*



1. Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing  
 2. Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - bide with - in, may Your joy be seen in all I  
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to all that God has



soul. \_\_\_\_\_ Let the pres - ence of the ris - en Lord come re -  
 do. \_\_\_\_\_ Love e - nough to cov - er ev - 'ry sin, in each  
 made, \_\_\_\_\_ show Your pow - er once a - gain on earth, cause Your



-new my heart and make me whole. Cause Your word to come a - live in me;  
 thought and deed and at - ti - tude. Kind - ness to the great - est and the least,  
 church to hun - ger for Your ways. Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise;



Give me faith for what I can - not see, give me pas - sion for Your  
 gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striv - ings in - to  
 Lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the



pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it breathe new life in me.  
 works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.  
 face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

NICENE CREED

**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 worshipped 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.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*¶ Following each set of petitions:*

**A** ...Lord, in Your mercy,      **G**      hear our prayer.

*¶ At the conclusion of the prayers:*

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

**G** Amen.

#### PEACE OF THE LORD

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

**G** And also with you.

*¶ The People greet each other in the name of the Lord: "Peace be with you."*

# OFFERTORY MUSIC

 The People sit.

## He Will Hold Me Fast

Ada Ruth Habershon & Matthew Merker

5 **VERSE 1 & 2**



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;

9



When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.  
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.

13



I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;

17



For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. \_\_\_\_\_

22 **CHORUS**



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

26



For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

30 **VERSE 3**



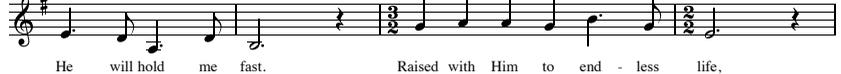
3. For my life He bled and died,

35



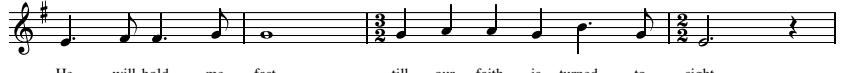
Christ will hold me fast; Just - ice has been sat - is - fied;

39



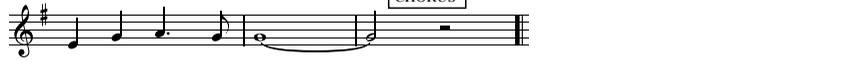
He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less life,

43



He will hold me fast till our faith is turned to sight,

47 **CHORUS**



when He comes at last! \_\_\_\_\_

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

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- B** Let us pray. Merciful Father,  
**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, 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.



## THE SACRAMENT

*¶ We feast around God's Table as he nourishes and fellowships with his people*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

## PREFACE

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- B** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus

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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.

- B** Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.
- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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- B** 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

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- 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.

## DISTRIBUTION

 *The People sit.*

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.*

*Please come forward to one of the stations to receive Holy Communion. Those unable to come forward to receive communion may let an usher know, and the elements will be brought to them. Gluten-free wafers are available at the far right station.*

## COMMUNION SONGS

 *During the distribution, the People sing together:*

*Lamb of God* ♪ *Agnus Dei*

*Twila Paris*

§ VERSE



1. Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide; But You have sent \_\_\_ Him from Your \_  
(2. Your gift of) love they cru - ci - fied; They laughed and scorned \_ Him as He \_  
(3. I was so) lost I should have died; But You have brought \_ me to Your \_

side, \_\_\_ to walk up - on \_\_\_ this guilt - y sod, \_\_\_ and to be - come the Lamb of  
died. \_\_\_ The hum - ble King \_\_\_ they named a fraud, \_\_\_ and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of  
side \_\_\_ to be led by \_\_\_ Your staff and rod, \_\_\_ and to be called a lamb of

1. CHORUS



God. 2. Your gift of God. Oh Lamb of God, \_\_\_ sweet Lamb of God. \_\_\_ I love the

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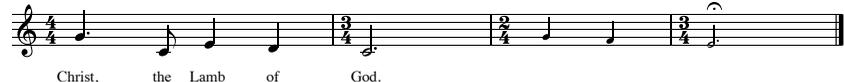


ho - ly Lamb of God. \_\_\_ Oh, wash me in \_\_\_ His pre - cious blood, \_\_\_ my Je - sus

D.S. 2.



Christ, the Lamb of God. 3. I was so blood, \_\_\_ my Je - sus



Christ, the Lamb of God.

*Revelation Song*

*Jennie Lee Riddle*

**Verse 1**

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain  
Holy holy is He  
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat

**Chorus**

Holy holy holy is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings  
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You

**Verse 2**

Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor strength and glory  
And power be to You the only wise King

**Verse 3**

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name  
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water  
Such a marv'lous mystery

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

*African American Spiritual*



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

*Refrain*

*Released*

*Tim Bergen & Missie Bonser*

**Verse 1**

This is where the broken come  
 This is where the broken come come to heal and be made whole  
 This is where the desperate come  
 This is where the desperate come come to gain a sense of hope

**Chorus**

You're the Source of all that I need  
 You're the Strength when I am weak  
 You're the One Who leaves everything for me  
 In Your heart is where I am free...

**Verse 2**

This is where the hungry come  
 This is where the hungry come come to taste the bread of life  
 This is where the thirsty come  
 This is where the thirsty come come to quench the thirst inside

**Verse 3**

This is where the weary come  
 This is where the weary come come to find a place of peace  
 This is where Your children come  
 This is where Your children come come to have their sins released

*Eat This Bread*

*Jacques Berthier & Taizé Community*

*Refrain*

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
 OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger."

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'It Is Well With My Soul'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written between the two staves. The lyrics are: 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.' followed by 'Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.'

*It Is Well With My Soul*

*Kristine DiMarco, Horatio Gates Spafford  
& Philip Paul Bliss*

**Verse 1**

Grander earth has quaked before  
 Moved by the sound of His voice  
 Seas that are shaken and stirred  
 Can be calmed and broken for my regard

**Chorus**

Through it all through it all my eyes are on You  
 Through it all through it all it is well  
 Through it all through it all my eyes are on You  
 It is well with me

**Verse 2**

Far be it from me to not believe  
 Even when my eyes can't see  
 And this mountain that's in front of me  
 Will be thrown into the midst of the sea

**Bridge**

So let go my soul and trust in Him  
 The waves and wind still know His name

**Ending**

It is well with my soul  
 It is well with my soul  
 It is well with my soul  
 It is well it is well with my soul

♩ *After the distribution, the People stand, as they are able.*

## DISMISSAL

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- B** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
- C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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- A** Let us pray.
- We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.



## THE SENDING

*¶ We go forth in God's name with his blessing and commission*

## BENEDICTION

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- B** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the Name of the Father, and of the  $\dagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## OPENING OF CONVOCATION

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- B** As in one body we have many members,  
**C** so we, who are many, are one body in Christ.
- B** Where two or three are gathered in my name, says the Lord,  
**C** I am there among them.

**B** Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called;  
**C** with all humility and gentleness, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**B** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**B** Let us pray.

O God, You open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us Your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in Your peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**B** I declare this Convocation to be in session in the name of the Father, and of the  $\dagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.



RECESSIONAL HYMN

♩ The People remain standing to sing, turning to face the cross as it exits in procession.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## NOTES ON THE LITURGY

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**Invocation:** We call upon God to be present with us. We worship the Triune God, remembering our baptism in his name. Amen means "So be it, it is true!" (Matthew 28:19; Matthew 18:20; Ephesians 2:18)

**Prayer of Preparation:** The prayer of preparation is a collect for purity, both for the pastor and for the people. In it, we declare that the one whom we are here to worship knows all and sees all. We are also reminded that as we approach the altar of God, we ask that our Lord will cleanse our hearts in order that we may prefer nothing to Christ. (Hebrews 4:13; Psalm 139:1, 11)

**Confession:** We examine ourselves and publicly confess our sins. Such a confession at the beginning of the service provides a climate of acceptance. In spite of our sins, we are accepted by God, and in turn we can accept each other. (1 John 1:8-10; Romans 7:14-8:4)

**Absolution:** Christ said to his disciples, "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven." The pastor announces God's cleansing forgiveness to those who made confession. (John 20:23)

**Greeting:** The greeting is found all through the Scriptures. The pastor stands before the congregation as Christ's servant. As the Lord's authorized servant, he/she speaks God's peace to the congregation. As the congregation responds with "and also with you," they affirm his/her call and vocation. (2 Timothy 4:22; Ruth 2:4; Judges 6:12; Luke 1:28)

**Lord, Have Mercy:** "Kyrie eleison" is the Greek phrase for "Lord have mercy." We have already received the mercy of God for forgiveness in Holy Absolution. Now we ask his mercy for all other things we need for a God-pleasing spiritual life. (Mark 10:49)

**Prayer of the Day:** The Prayer of the Day is a short general prayer that makes a request of God based on the theme of the day. It is a 5-part prayer: 1) address, 2) basis for the petition, 3) the petition, 4) reason for the petition, 5) conclusion of praise to God. (Jude 1:25)

**First Lesson:** The Old Testament is the foundation for the New Testament. We read it and meditate on it just as Christ himself did. (Luke 4:17-20)

**Second Lesson:** Acts 2 says that the early Church was devoted to the teachings of the apostles, and so is the Church today by regular public reading of their acts and letters. (Acts 2:42; Ephesians 4:11)

**Alleluia:** Because these are the very words and deeds of Christ that we are about to hear in the Gospel, the congregation acknowledges the Lord's presence in their midst through his Gospel by standing and singing Alleluia (Praise God). (John 6:68)

**Gospel:** The final reading of the day comes from the life and teachings of Christ, as recorded by the four evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Because Christ is with us in the Gospel reading, we stand to honor his presence. The Gospel reading establishes the theme for day and is usually noticeable in the prayers, sermon, and other parts of the service that are "proper" or specific to this particular Sunday. (John 6:63)

**Sermon:** As the prophets, apostles and even Jesus himself did, the pastor speaks on behalf of God bringing his Word to shepherd his people. (1 Corinthians 1:23; 2 Timothy 4:1)

**Hymn of the Day:** The only Lutheran addition to the historic Mass, this hymn is usually doctrinal in nature, teaching the theme of the day by placing it on our lips. (Colossians 3:16; Psalm 78:4)

**Nicene Creed:** Upon hearing the Word preached, the congregation unites in one voice to speak a summary of the Christian faith just preached. The creeds signify our allegiance to Christian doctrine and unite us with Christians who have lived over 2,000 years. (1 Timothy 3:16, 6:12; Matthew 10:32-33)

**Prayers of the People:** As baptized children of God, we have a responsibility to pray not only for ourselves, but also for the world. As instructed by the Word, we also pray that earthly rulers would keep the peace that we might worship God in quietude. (1 Timothy 2:1-6; John 14:6)

**Peace of the Lord:** The resurrected Lord calmed the fears of the disciples with his peace. The resurrected Lord is present in the Supper, and so the pastor speaks peace to us on his behalf. (John 14:27; John 20:19-21)

**Offertory Music:** As the offerings are brought to the Lord's table, the worshipers sing the offertory to express gratitude for all God's blessings, dedicate themselves to God and request his continued blessings. (Psalms 13-14, 17, 19, 51:10-12, 116:12)

**Offertory Prayer:** The gifts of God's people are a response to God's blessings "as God has prospered them." Our offerings are for the support of the Church. They enable the Church to provide the written and spoken Word of God, Christian education, pastoral care, food, clothing, shelter and a helping hand to those in need. (1 Corinthians 16:2)

**Great Thanksgiving:** The pastor and people get ready to celebrate the Holy Meal by greeting each other and with an exhortation as how to celebrate the meal. (Lamentations 3:41; Psalm 86:4)

**Preface:** First recorded in AD 220, this dialog and prayer begins the liturgy of the Lord's Supper. Each season has its own unique text. (2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)

**Holy, Holy, Holy:** Sanctus means "holy." The body and blood of our Lord are present in this Sacrament and so we use the words from the angels in Isaiah's vision of God, and the crowd's response on Palm Sunday when Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem, to acknowledge the holy presence of God in this meal. (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9; Psalm 118:25-26)

**Words of Institution:** The pastor speaks the words which Jesus spoke when he instituted the Supper with his disciples in the Upper Room. With these words the bread and wine are consecrated, that is, set apart for God's use in the special meal. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20)

**Lord's Prayer:** The Lord's Prayer, given by Christ himself, is wonderfully appropriate as we approach his Supper. (Mark 11:9-10)

**Lamb of God:** Agnus Dei is a Latin phrase meaning "Lamb of God." John the Baptist spoke these words as he pointed to Jesus coming toward him. As Christ comes to us in the Holy Supper, we recognize him as the Lamb of God sacrificed for us to free us from the bondage of sin and death. (John 1:29; Isaiah 53:7)

**Post-Communion Prayer:** Having received forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, we thank the Lord for his gifts and pray that he will grant us faith to use them in love toward our neighbor. (Psalms 118, 136)

**Benediction:** The blessing spoken by the pastor is the Aaronic Benediction, the blessing God first gave to Aaron and the other priests to speak to the people of Israel. Jesus Christ, our High Priest, has come to us in a special way through this Holy Meal. The blessing is God's promise that Christ will go with us as we leave the church and return to the world to serve him. (Numbers 6:23-27)



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