Worship Plan for Sunday, October 15, 2023
Lectionary 28
Proper 23
20th Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting Eight
Sunday, October 15, 2023

Introduction to the day
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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Stand

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

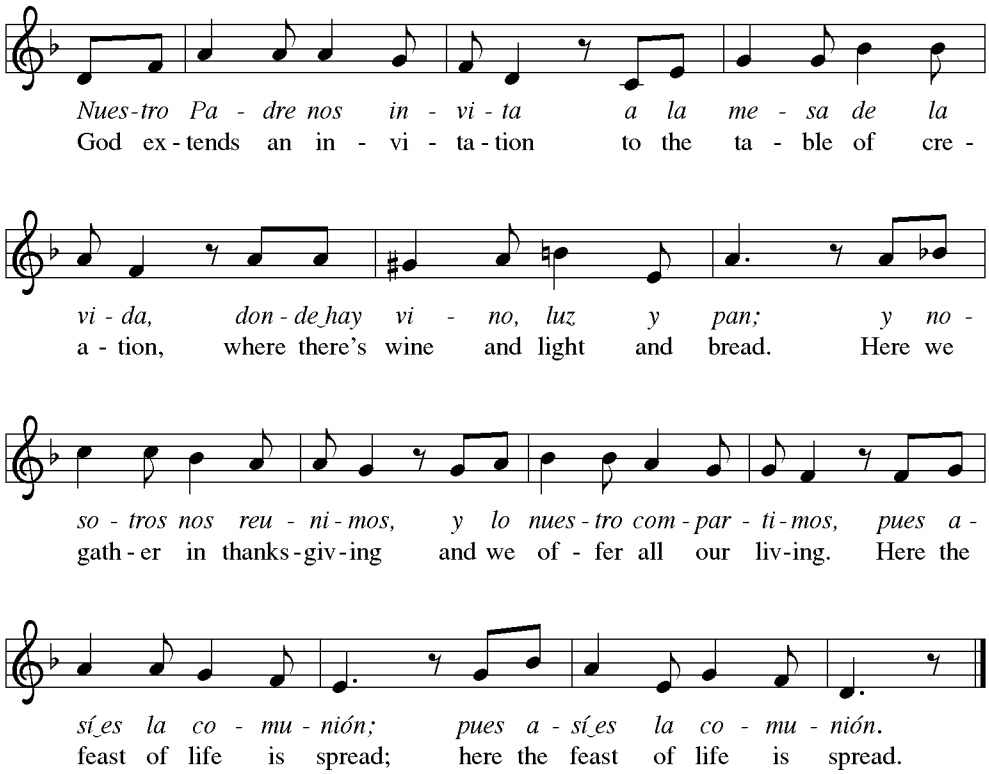
Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

Beloved of God:
your sins are forgiven ✠ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG *God Extends an Invitation: Nuestro Padre nos invita* (ELW 486)



GREETING

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

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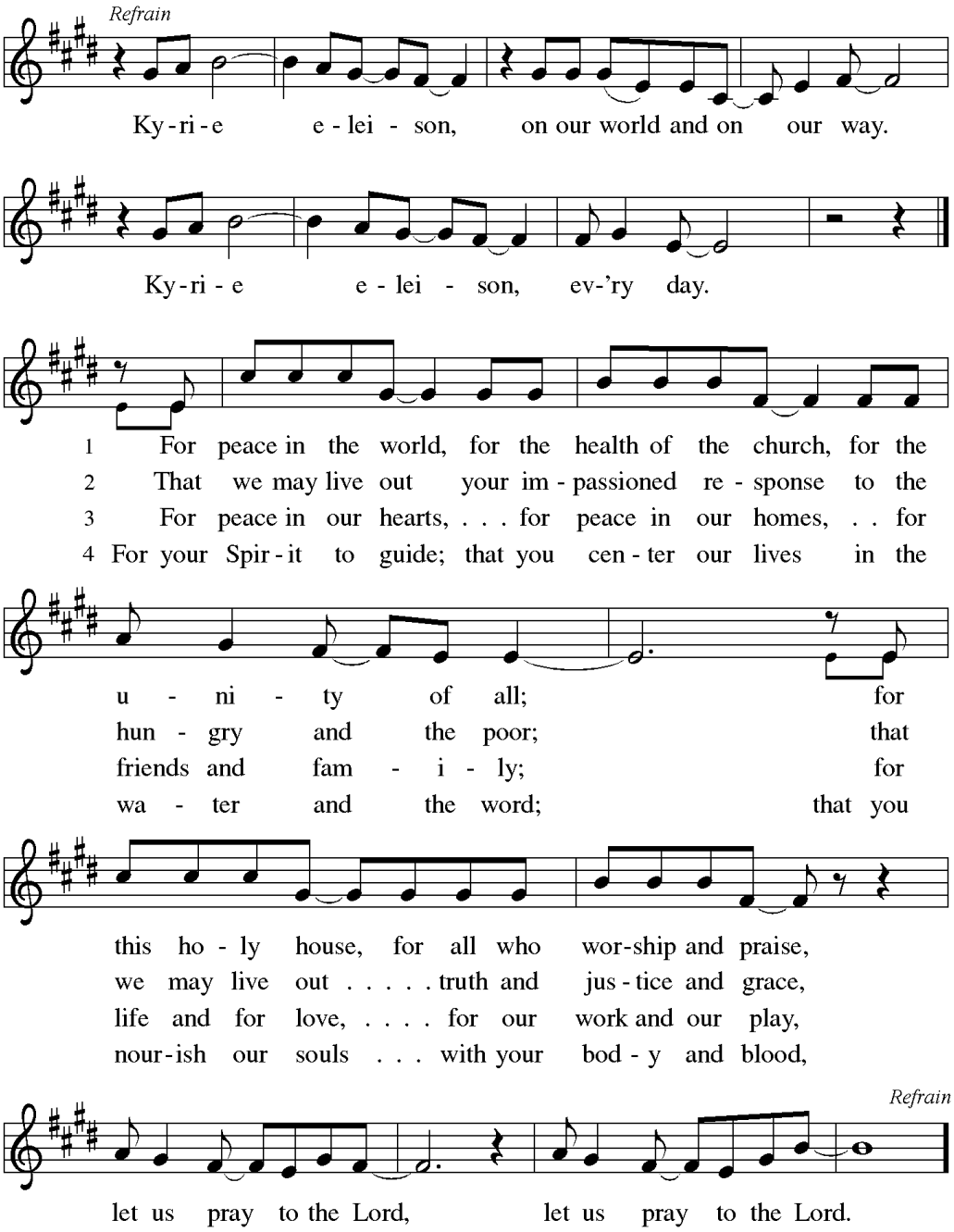

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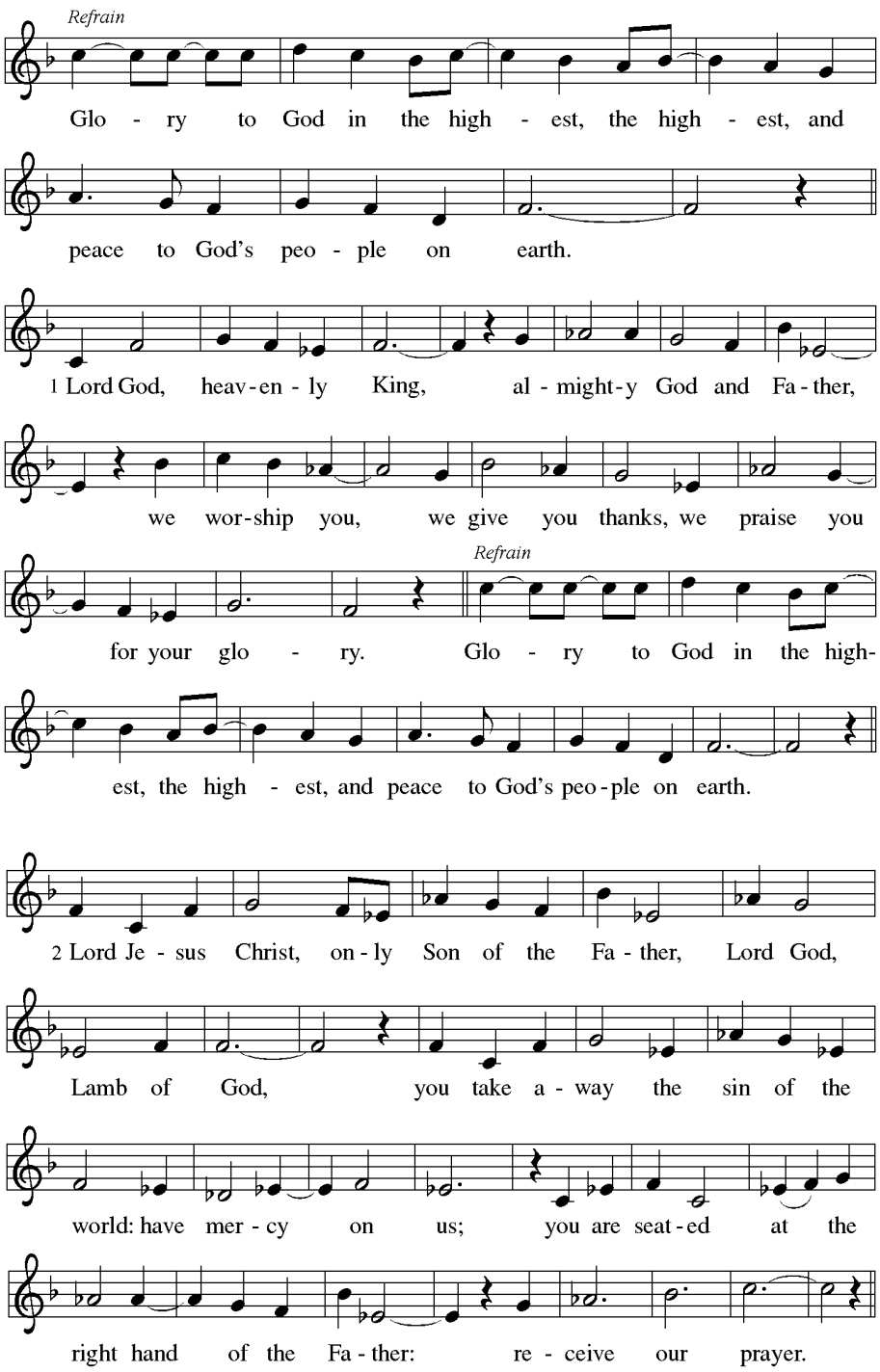

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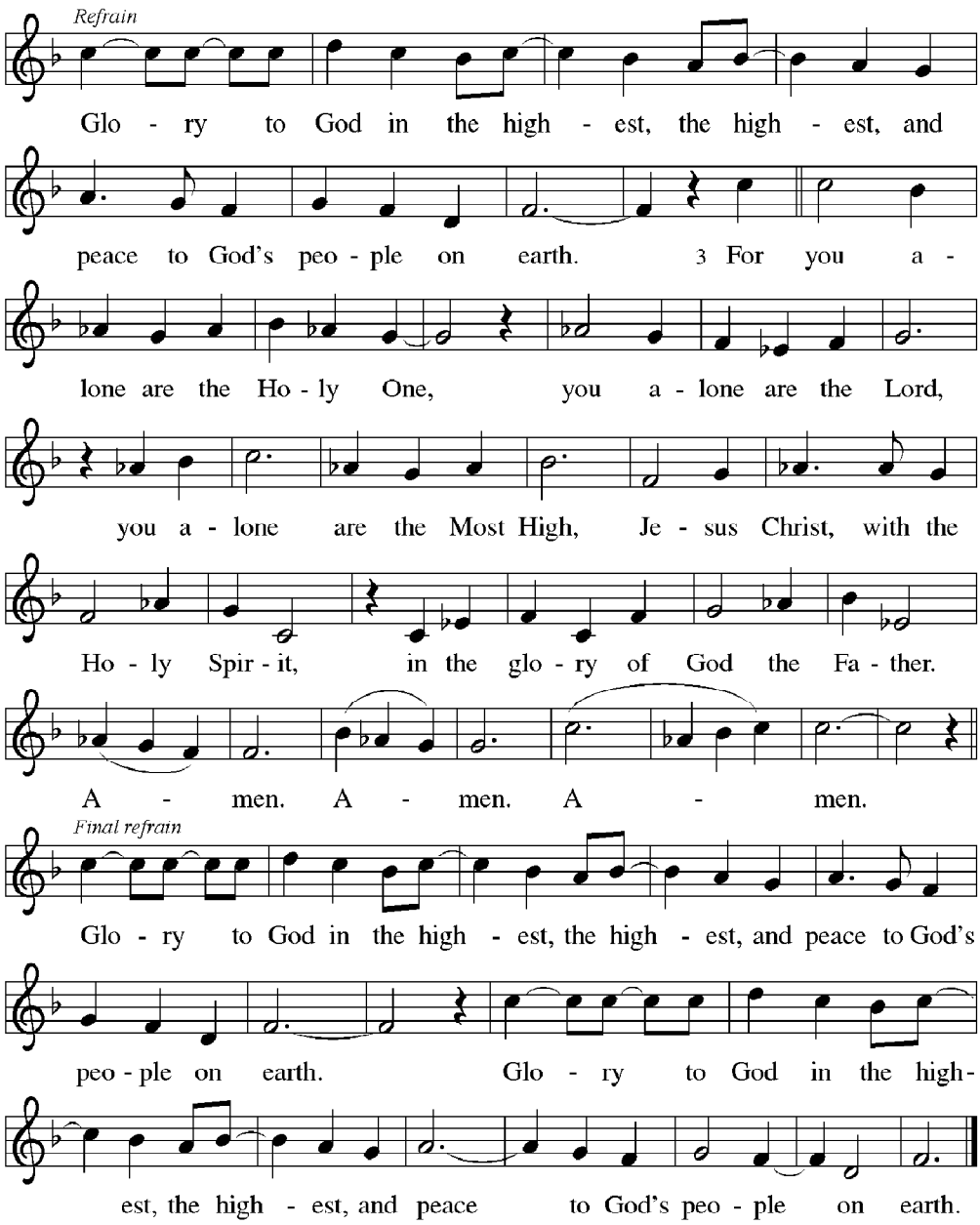


PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

[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 aliens 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 aliens 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 sheet 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,
Lo, 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. Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23
[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.
[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.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

[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.

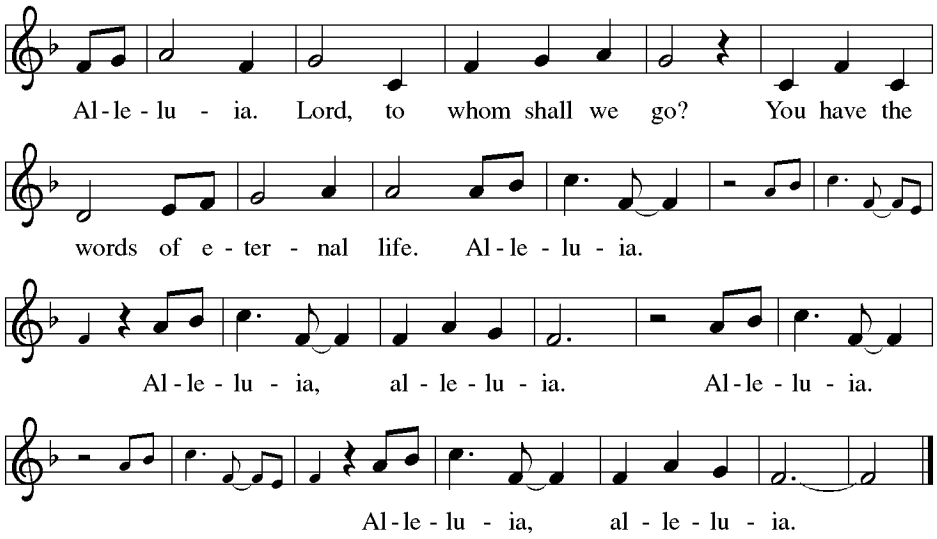
[2]I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. [3]Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

[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 worry 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, beloved, 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]Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
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."

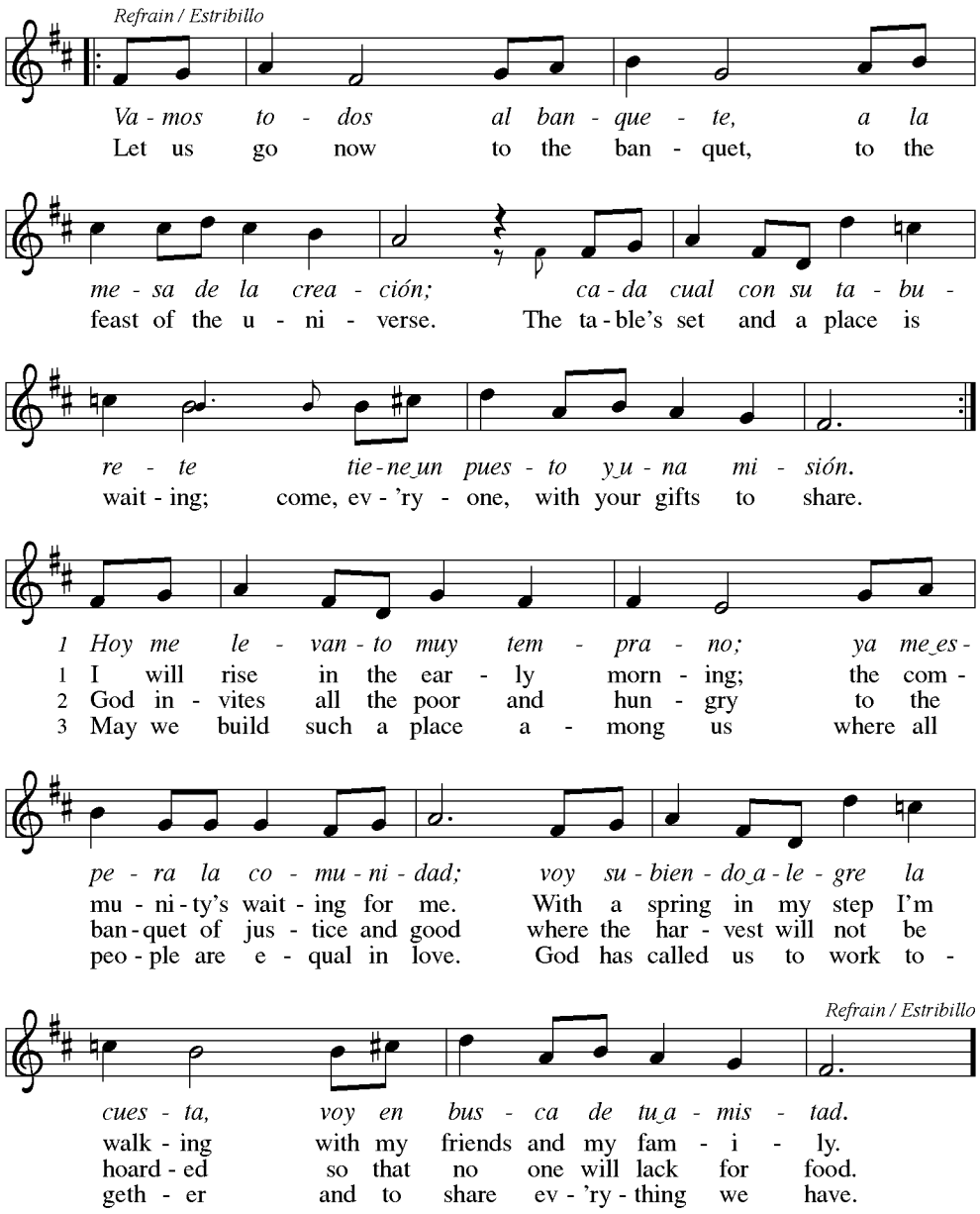
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Let Us Go Now to the Banquet: Vamos todos al banquete* (ELW 523)



2 *Dios invita a todos los pobres*
a esta mesa común por la fe,
donde no hay acaparadores
y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

3 *Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo*
una mesa donde haya igualdad,
trabajando y luchando juntos,
compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

Stand

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 INTERCESSION

A Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land, that all followers of Christ share the mind of Christ and strive to live together in peace, staying firm in the Lord. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A For green pastures and still waters and all the beauty of the natural world, that creation flourishes and humankind lives in right relationship with all you have made. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A For the nations of the world and all who hold positions of authority, that they govern in accordance with God's vision of justice, providing shelter and refuge to all in need, striving toward the goal of peace and prosperity for all. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A For all experiencing valleys of illness and grief, that they be healed and comforted and find rest in the presence of the Good Shepherd who walks beside them. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A For this community of believers, that wherever there is conflict or discord, the love of Christ may keep us united and make us mindful of all that is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, and excellent. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A In thanksgiving for the beloved saints who now rest in your mercy, that their faithful witness guides your church until the day we join them at your heavenly feast. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

Stand

OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray.
Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

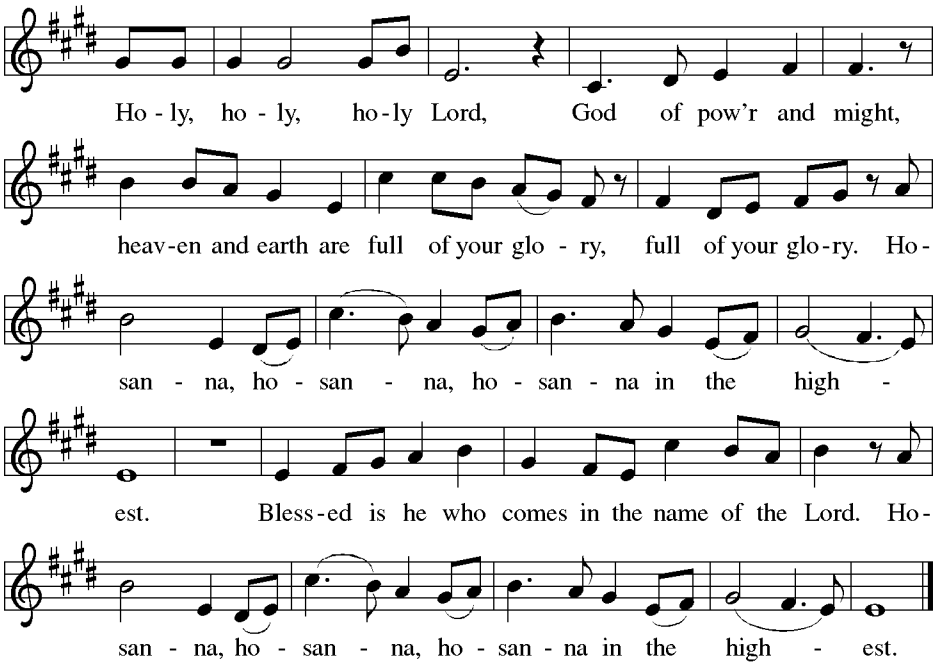
DIALOGUE
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

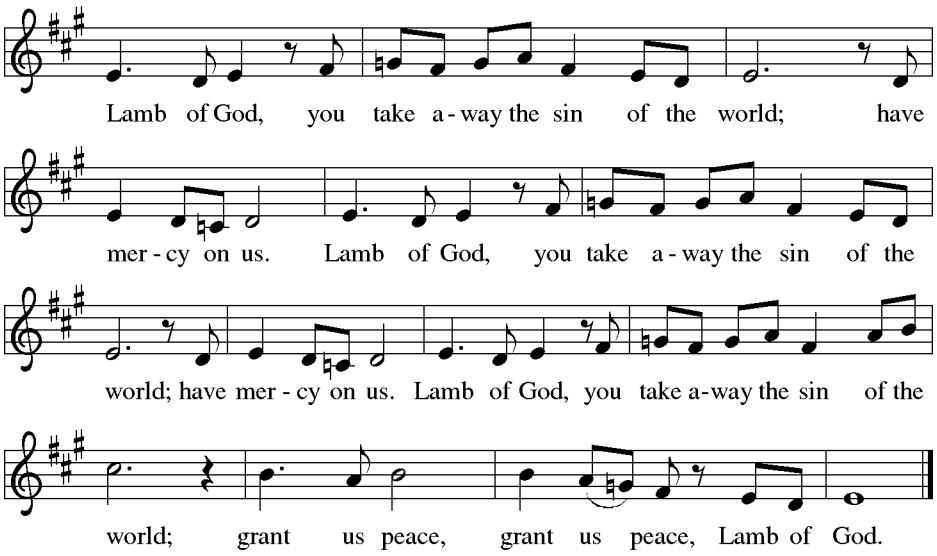
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



Stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Let us pray.
God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

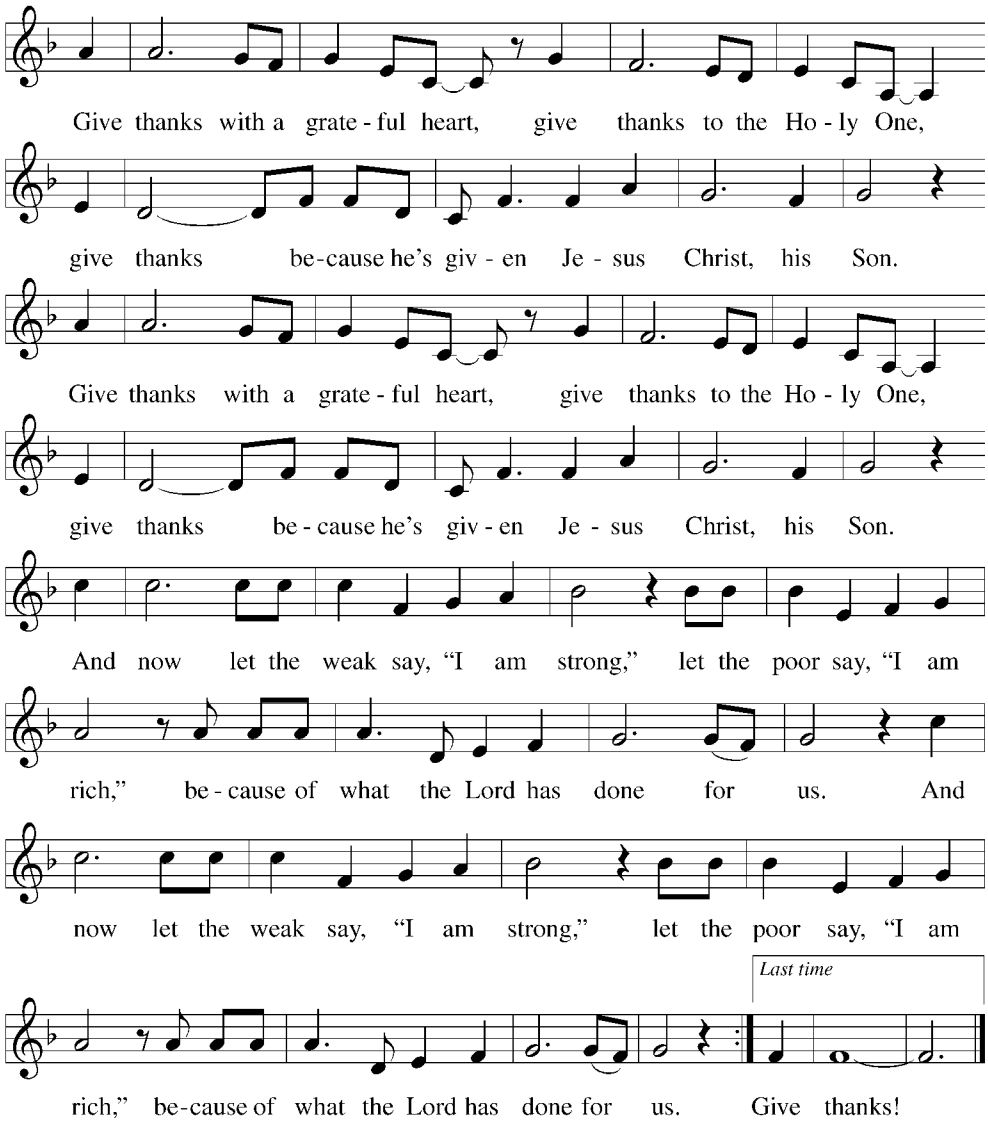
The assembly is seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING
God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *Give Thanks* (W&P 41)



DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.