



WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

** Indicates a time to stand in body or in spirit*

The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together As The People Of God

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

INTRODUCTION

L Lent has traditionally been a time of repentance and renewal. In the early church, this was a time of preparation and instruction for those to be baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday.

Later, this idea of preparation and instruction was applied to baptized Christians as well.

In our Lenten observance on these Wednesday evenings, we will focus on five of the six great themes of Luther's Small Catechism in our homilies.

They are: The Ten Commandments (God's Law), The Apostles' Creed (Faith), The Lord's Prayer (Prayer), The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Grace), The Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion). This year, we are just leaving out Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness).

Tonight, our service order will be centered around Holy Communion, as a way of unifying our faith and in loving response to the Gospel of our Lord.

[Please stand if you are able.]

*CALL TO GATHER

P We gather in the name of God: Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

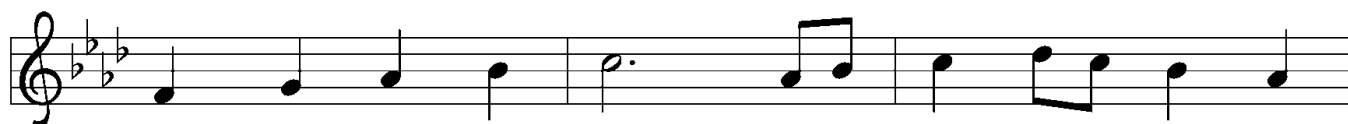
*INVITATORY

P Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*

C Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

[Please, be seated.]

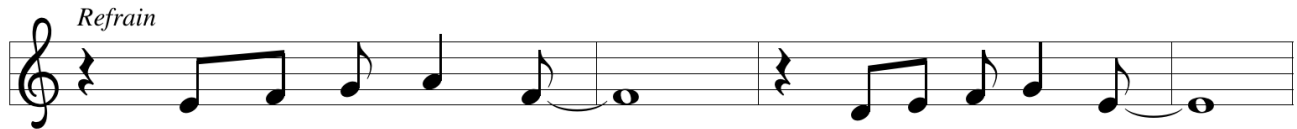
We Are Called To Confess And Repent Of Our Sins.

A BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

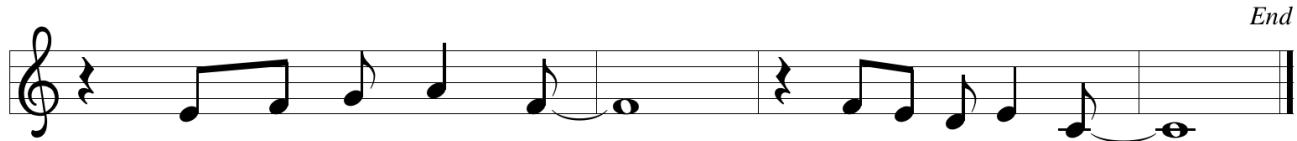
- P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love,
 according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.
- C Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my
 sin.**
- P For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- C Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in
 your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and
 blameless when you pass judgment.**
- P Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

- C** You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- P Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- C** Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- P Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
- P Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- C** Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.
- P Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
- C** Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
- P O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
- C** For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- P Through faith, the gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
- C** Amen. (Psalm 51:1-16)

[Please, stand if you are able.]



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

[Please, remain standing if you are able.]

In Gratitude We Build the Church of Christ

WE RESPOND TO GOD

***THE GREETING**

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

C **And also with you.**

P Please give each other the sign of Peace, saying, “the Peace of Christ be with you.”

***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Together we pray,

C **Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may**

receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[Please, be seated.]

THE OFFERTORY

P Let us bring our offerings of Love to the Lord.

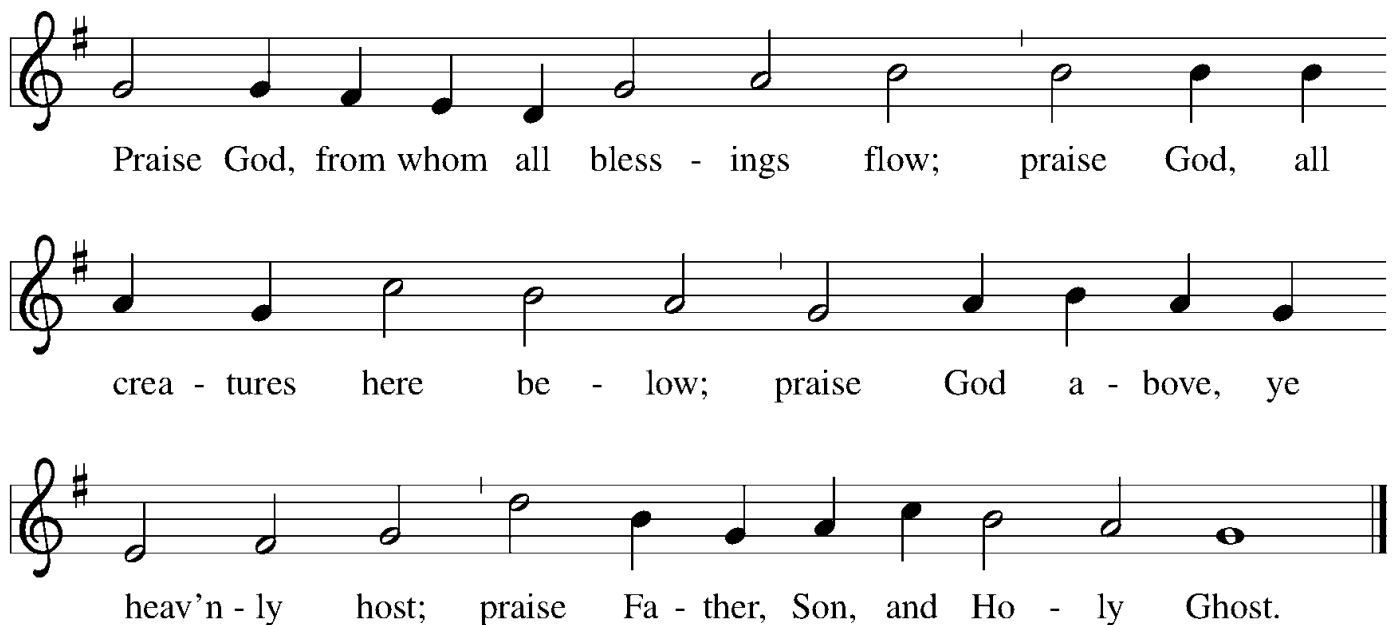
AN OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

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*The Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*OFFERING PRAYER

P Together we pray.

C Gracious God, accept these gifts, and with them our lives, to be used in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[Please, be seated.]

We Thank God For God's Precious Words And Commandments

THE WORD IS READ, PROCLAIMED, AND SUNG

EXHORTATION

L Brothers and sisters: Our Lord Jesus Christ has given the Sacrament of Holy Communion as a gracious gift for the Church. In this holy meal, bread and wine are joined to the Word of promise and become a true participation in the body and blood of Christ. In Holy Communion, the crucified and risen Christ is truly present, giving the very body given into death and the very blood shed on the cross.

C **Let us therefore come to the Lord's Table with reverence and faith, trusting the promise given for us.**

L For in this sacrament, the Triune God gathers the Church into communion. The Father invites and provides, the Son gives the body and blood for the life of the world, and the Holy Spirit creates and sustains faith through this holy gift. In this meal, sinners receive forgiveness, the weak are strengthened, and the faithful are united as one body in Christ. As often as this bread is eaten and this cup is shared, the Lord's death is proclaimed until Christ comes again.

C **This mystery is received not by human understanding, but by faith in the Word of promise.**

L Therefore, Holy Communion is not only a remembrance of what has been done, but a present gift and a foretaste of the feast to come. Here, Christ serves the people of God, renewing hope, deepening love, and anchoring lives in divine mercy. Strengthened by this meal, the Church is sent into the world to live in peace, to love neighbors, and to bear witness to the grace revealed in Jesus Christ.

C **Thanks be to God for this holy supper. May all who receive it be nourished in faith, united in love, and kept steadfast in the promise of eternal life. Amen.**

[Please, stand if you are able.]



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
 2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
 they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!
 Hal-le-lu-jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



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[Please, be seated.]

THE HOMILY

PASTOR ESTEVEZ

[Please, stand if you are able.]

*PRAYER OF RESPONSE

P Together we pray.

C O Lord, as grain is gathered and used to make one loaf of bread, and as grapes from many vines are pressed into one cup of wine, so gather your Church from every nation, language, and place into one body. Bind together the whole communion of saints, and keep your people steadfast in hope, until all are brought to the fullness of your kingdom. Amen.

God Blesses Us And Sends Us On A Mission To The World.

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

P May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

*Closing Hymn

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

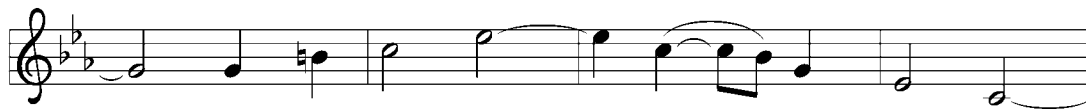
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1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
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*THE DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and always remember to pray the prayer our Lord taught us.

C We will, with God's help.

POSTLUDE