Now the Feast and Celebration

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Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Stand

P: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P: Most merciful God,
- C: have mercy on us.

We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

P: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gathering Hymn #708 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love vs. 2 & 3



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

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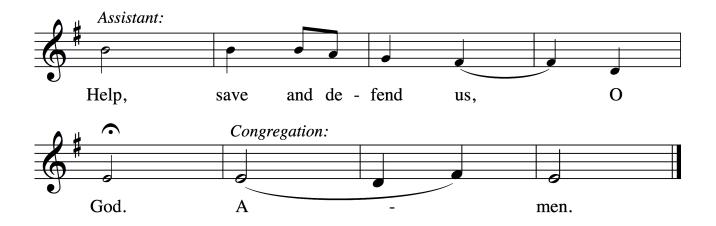
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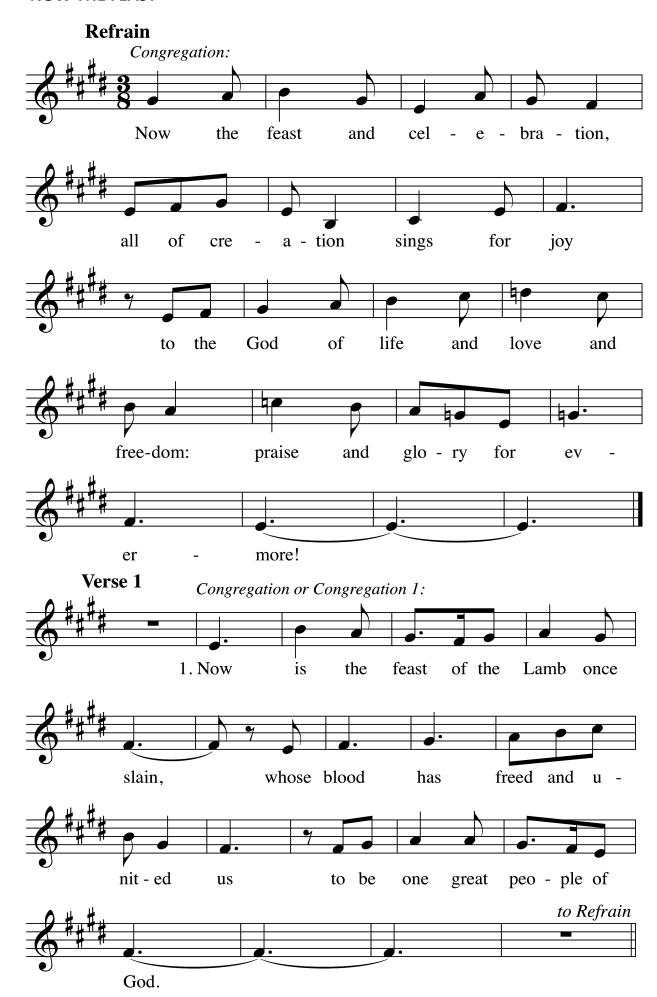
A: In peace, in peace . . .

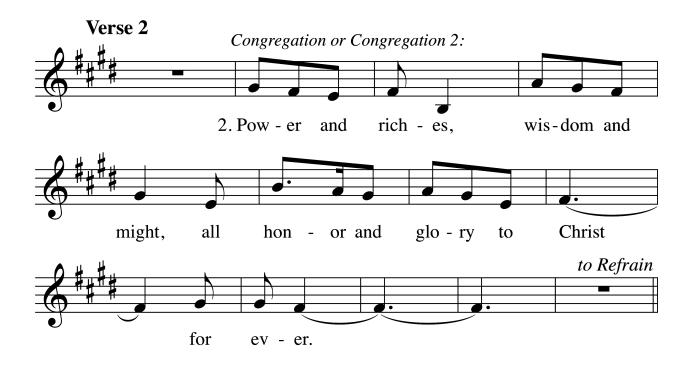


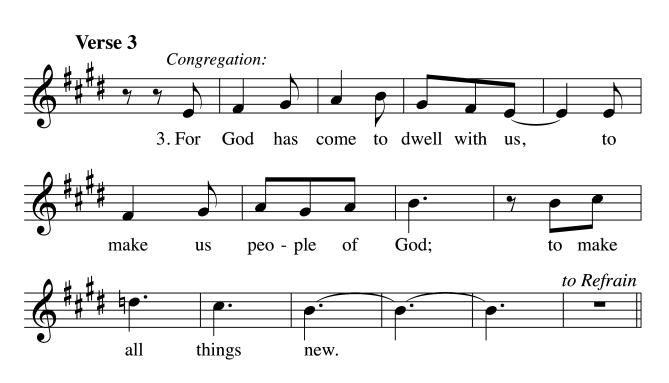
- A: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)
- A: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)



NOW THE FEAST







SALUTATION



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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A: Let us pray together;

C: O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

R: Our first reading is from the book of Genesis, chapter 45.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.' " ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

- R: ¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- C: ² For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.
- R: ³ Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- C: ⁴ Take delight in the Lord,

who shall give you your heart's desire.

- R: ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.
- C: ⁶ The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.
- R: ⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

C: ⁸ Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;

do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

R: ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off,

but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

C: 10 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there.

R: ¹¹ But the lowly shall possess the land;

they will delight in abundance of peace.

- C: ³⁹ But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O Lord; you are their stronghold in time of trouble.
- R: ⁴⁰ You, O Lord, will help them and rescue them; you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

R: Our second reading is from the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the

spiritual that is first but the physical and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, made of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As one of dust, so are those who are of the dust, and as one of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust, we will also bear the image of the one of heaven.

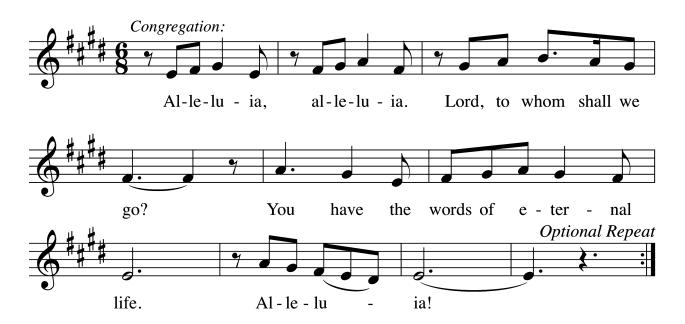
⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

[Jesus said:] ²⁷ "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sit

Kidtalk



SERMON: Loving your enemy: Jesus gets radical

Stand

Sermon Hymn #644 Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue vs. 3 & 4

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

and his kingdom will have no end.

Prayers of Intercession

A: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- A: Surprising God, you call us to love our enemies and to show kindness in the face of cruelty. Let our actions be a shining witness of your overwhelming grace for all. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: As animals hibernate and fields lay dormant, let them be a reminder that life and faith are not static but always changing and growing. May we, with all creation, trust that the ending of one thing promises life in a new way. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: We pray for leaders and policymakers who work to reduce violence in our nations, cities, and towns. Give your wisdom and discernment amid heated arguments and differing viewpoints. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: We pray for the victims of abuse and violence. Provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing domestic violence and dangerous situations. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care (*especially*). God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: Empower our faith communities to be signs of your gracious love. Bless the local ministries of parish nursing and caregiving, that they will be a voice for those in need in our communities (other ministries may be named). God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: We give thanks for the enduring witness of those who have died before us (*especially Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna*). May their lives in you provide a witness of your everlasting grace. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
- C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

The offering is received as the table is prepared. Stand as the gifts are received.

As the Grains of Wheat



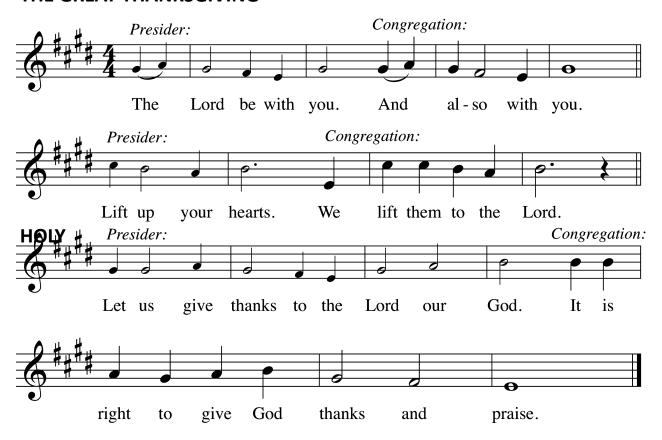
OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

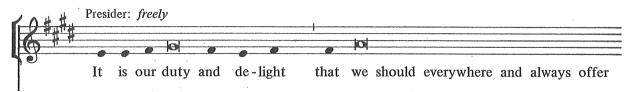
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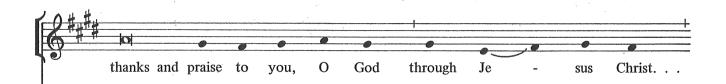
C: everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

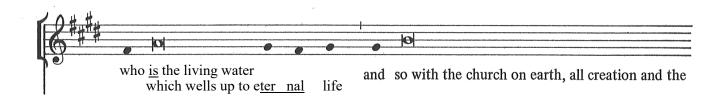
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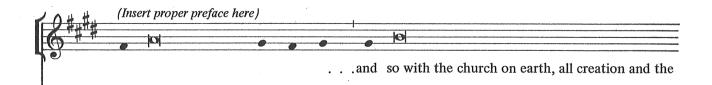


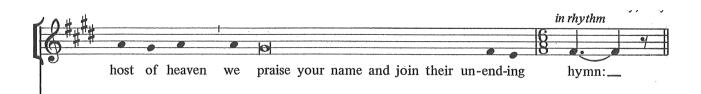
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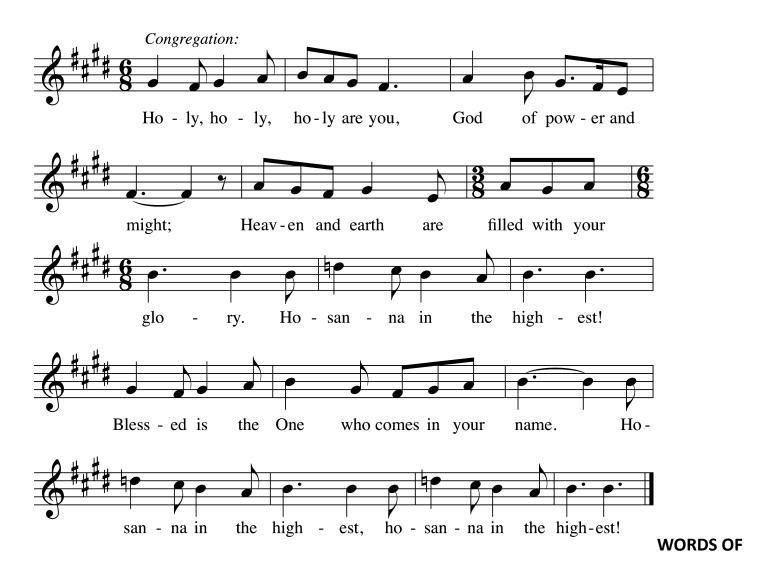












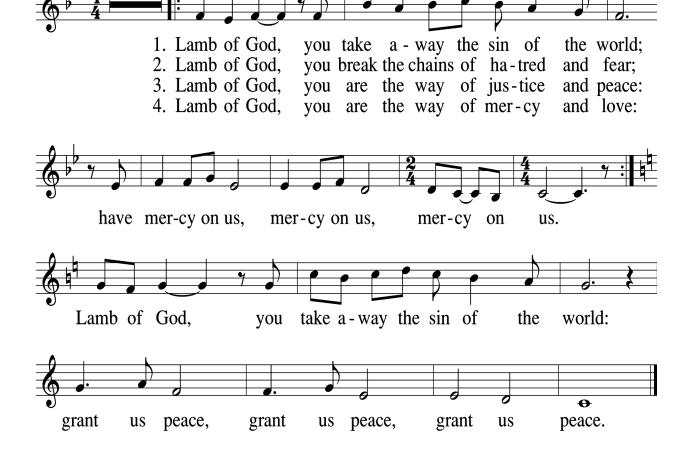
INSTITUTION (Use red book on altar - words of your choice)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD



After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words:

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THANKS BE TO YOU



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

C: Amen.

Silence for reflection

BLESSING

Sending Hymn - Build a Longer Table vs. 1-4





DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

THANK YOU

to those who helped with worship today:

Presider: Pastor Bill Dohle Accompanist: Carrie Trujillo Sound Technician: Fabian Lobato, Gary Buxman Choir Director: Neal Figueroa

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Ushers: 8:00: 10:30: Dave & Marlene Delehant

Acolyte: 8:00: 10:30:

Power Point 8:00: Rober Johnson 10:30: Logan Lucero Attendance: 8:00: Glenna Baldwin 10:30: Kenna Lawson

Fellowship: Gene Johnson

Altar Care: Claudia Stubenrouch, Freda Miltner

Counters: Glenna, Diane

Readings and Psalm for March 2, 2025

Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36

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