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Being the Body of Christ

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

150 VIDEO

Stand

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

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**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **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**

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. **Amen**

OPENING HYMN

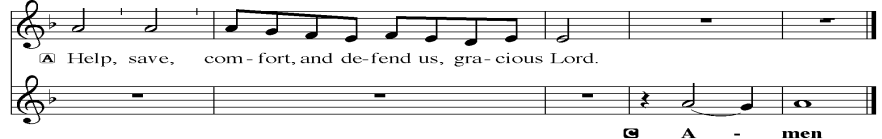
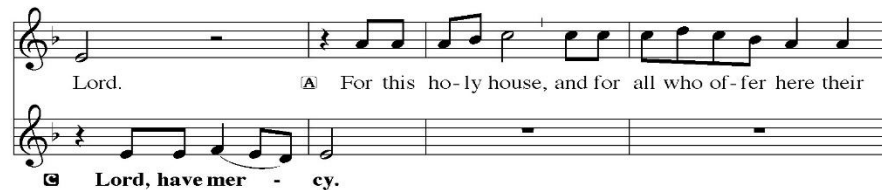
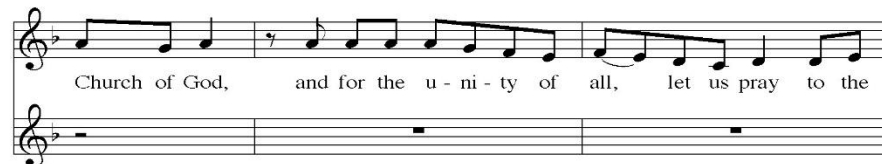
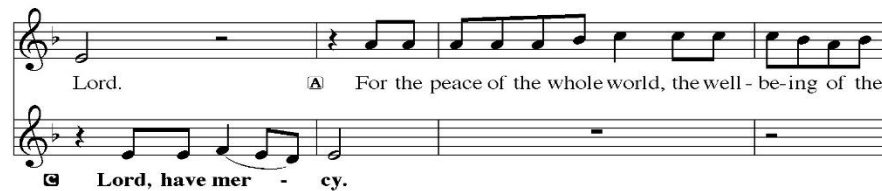
Rise Up O Saints of God

LBW #383

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.**

KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE

I This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. **II** Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and

I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: **II** Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men

I This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

I This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Sit

FIRST LESSON: Amos 8:4-7

- ⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵ saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain,
 and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?
 We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
 and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals
 and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
⁷ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
 Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand VERSE



GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the sixteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the

children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Take My Life that I May Be*

Refrain/Estrillo
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;
To stanzas | *Last time*
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing,
4 Take my will and let me thine;
at not the im - pulse of thy love;
al - a mite - ly would I for with - hold;
it - shall on be no lon - ger King;
mine;
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my lips and let them be ev - 'ry
take my heart, and let it be filled with
thy own; it shall
Refrain/Estrillo
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

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Stand
APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

THE PRAYERS

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each petition: God of grace, receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

Sit

OFFERING *Let Streams of Living Justice*

WOV #763

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OFFERTORY

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Refrain

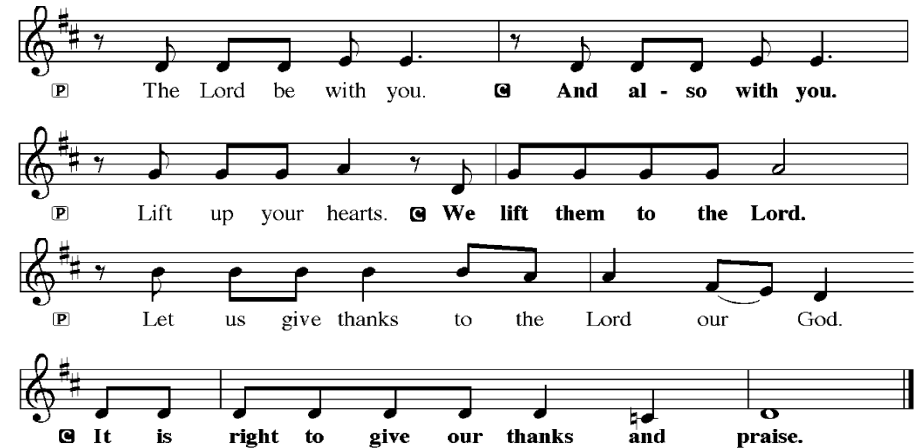


Through - out all of his - to - ry, Christ is the same.
Yes - ter - day, to - day, to - mor - row pro - claim. Be -
fore, be - side, for - ev - er - more: Christ is the same.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

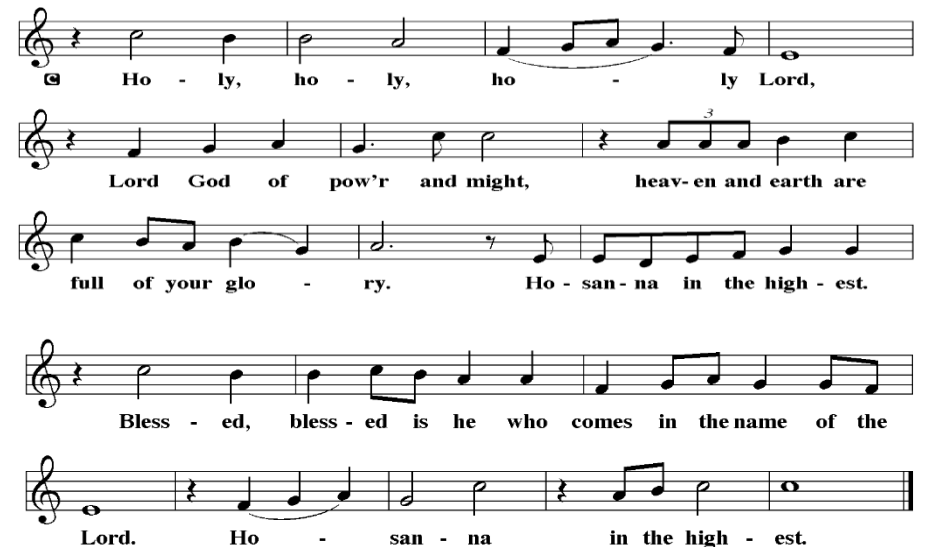
Let us pray. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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/ SANCTUS



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

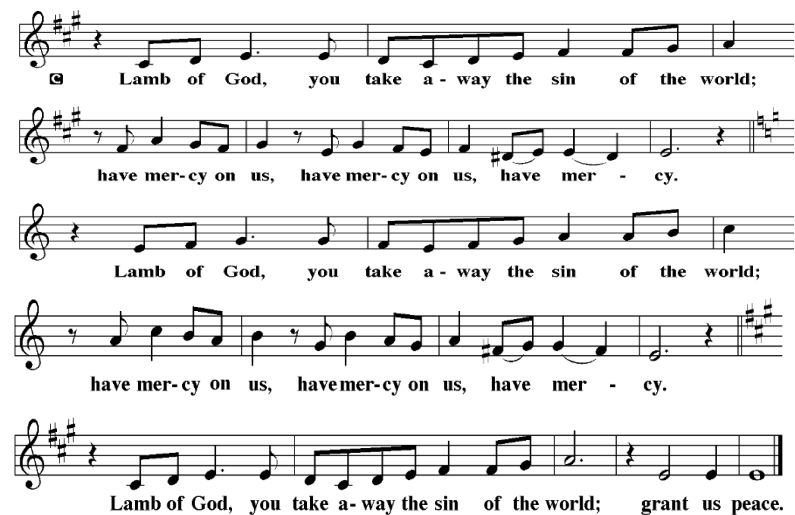
LORD'S PRAYER

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

LAMB OF GOD



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

COMMUNION

One Bread, One Body

WOV #710

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING/ CANTICLE

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
 Amen



☐ Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev- 'ry -
 one what God has done. Let all who
 seek the Lord re - joice, re - joice and
 bear Christ's ho - ly name. Send us, O God, with your
 prom - is - es, and lead us forth in joy
 with shouts of thanks-giv- ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of
 those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make is 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, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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