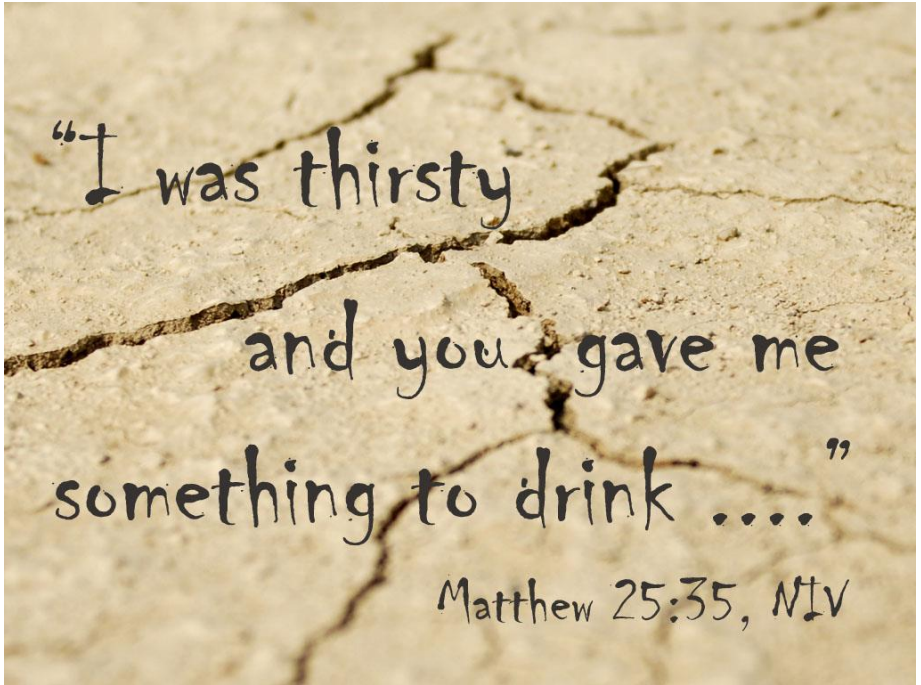


**Christ the King Sunday**  
**November 26, 2023**  
**10:30 AM**



*"Christ- Students- Community Coming Together"*

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*The Lord Jesus was not wealthy or famous. He did not promise his followers that they would possess riches, power, or prestige. He was named a king only in his death. He reigned from the cross, leaving his disciples the treasure of his body and blood.*

*Today we gather at the table of Christ, our merciful and loving ruler. We wear the crown of baptism and trace his royal sign--the holy cross--over our brows and bodies. We leave here strengthened to serve those who are hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, sick, and imprisoned. We look for the day when all earth's people will see him coming with the scepter of peace and the crown of justice.*

**PRELUDE**

*Stand*

**INVOCATION**

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

**BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**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.

*Kneel/ Remain Standing*

**P** Most merciful God, **C** Have mercy on us.

**C** 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!

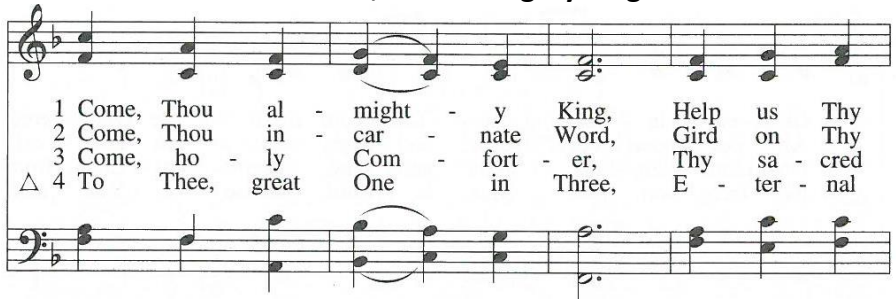
*Stand*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

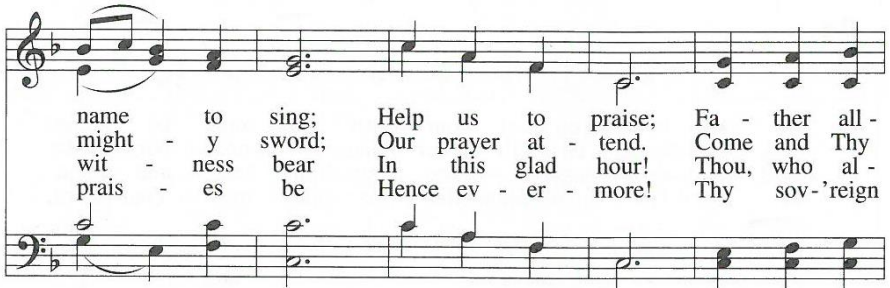
*Introduce yourself to those around you, greeting them with the greeting of peace.*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

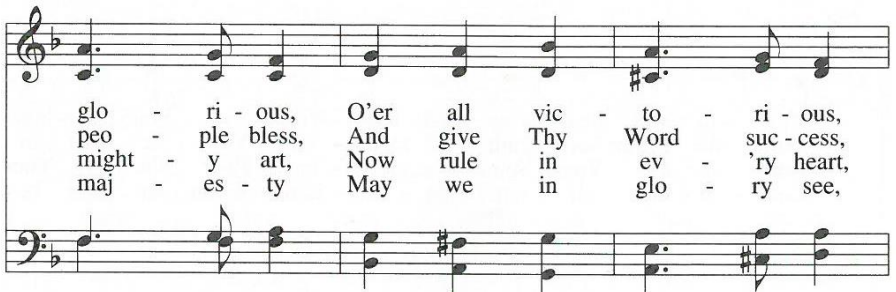
### OPENING HYMN: "Come, Thou Almighty King"



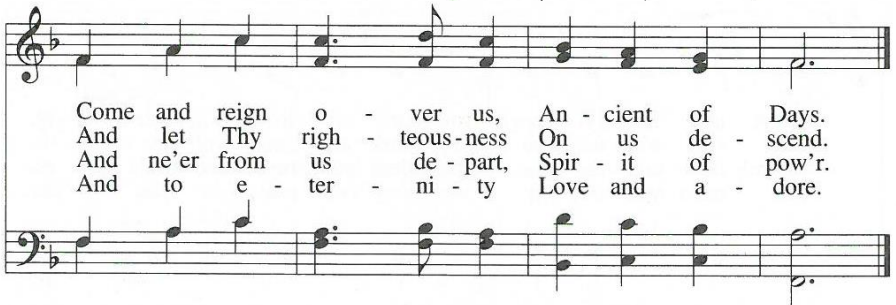
1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy  
 2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
 Δ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -  
 might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy  
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -  
 prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign

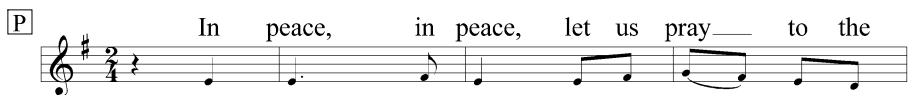


glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,  
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,  
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.  
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

**[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.**



**C** Lord.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

For the reign of God, and for peace through-

Lord, have mer - cy.

out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray — to the

Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

For your peo - ple here, who have come to

Lord, have mer - cy.

give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray — to the

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**C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Help, save, and de -

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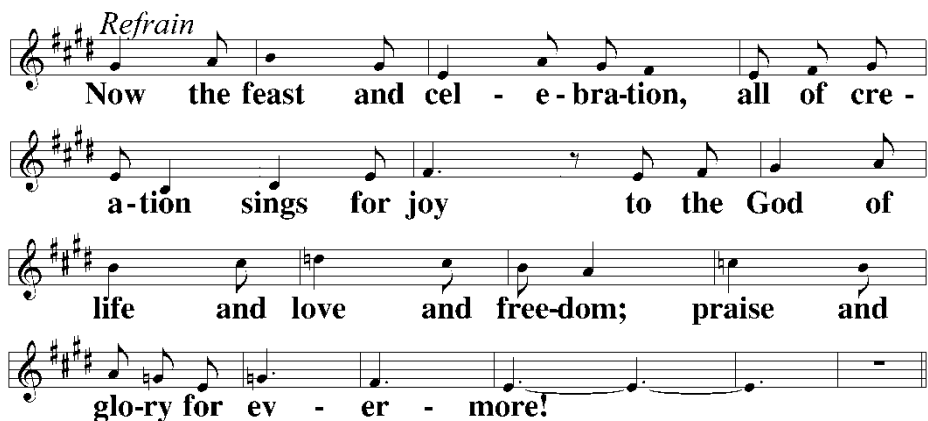
fend us, O God.

**A** -

(accompaniment/intro)

men.

Continue the following without interruption. All sing the Refrain.



1. *Choir or soloist:* Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. *(brief interlude, then all sing the Refrain above)*
2. *Choir or soloist:* Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. *(brief interlude, then all sing the Refrain above)*
3. *Choir or soloist:* For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new. *(brief interlude, then all sing the Refrain above)*

## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

**[P]** The Lord be with you. **[C]** **And also with you.**

**[P]** Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **[C]** **Amen.**

*Sit*

*Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.*

## THE LESSONS

### **FIRST LESSON:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

*The term "shepherd," which was another image for "king" in the ancient Near East, was suggestive of the care, concern, and protection that a shepherd/king was to show on behalf of his flock of citizens. When Israel's kings prove to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares from exile in Babylon that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd.*

**[R]** Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they

have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23**

*On Christ the King Sunday, we read this prayer of thanksgiving for the Ephesian Christians, a prayer that exalts Christ as head of the church and Lord of the universe.*

**R** I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

# ALLELUIA



| - - - - Introduction - - - - - |

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

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-

ter-nal life. Al-le-lu - ia! (Repeat, starting after intro.)

# GOSPEL

[P] The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 25, beginning at verse 31. [C]

## Glory to You, O Lord.

*Jesus tells three stories about the second coming in this chapter. The final story--today's gospel--contains a surprise: when he does return, people will discover he has come to them before, in ways they did not recognize.*

[P] Jesus said to the disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord. [C] **Praise to You, O Christ.**



**APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
from thence 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.

*Sit*

**MESSAGE**      “Service Fit for a King” Matthew 25:31-46

*Stand*

**HYMN**      “Beautiful Savior”

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of

God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -

serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Text: *Münsterisch Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904  
 Tune: Silesian, 19th cent.; setting: *Service Book and Hymnal*, 1958

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## PRAYERS

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

*Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,” to which the congregation responds, “hear our prayer.” The prayers conclude:*

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

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SERVICE OF THE TABLE

#### OFFERING

*You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.*

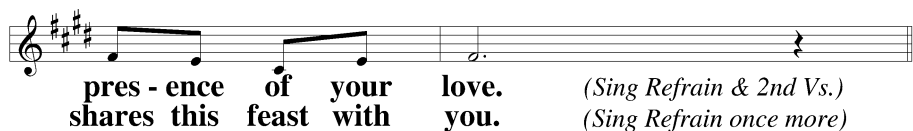
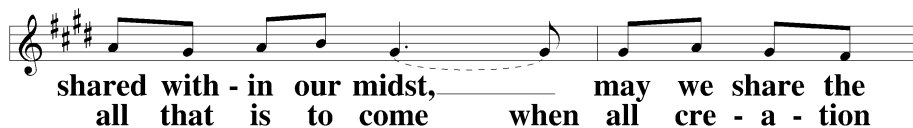
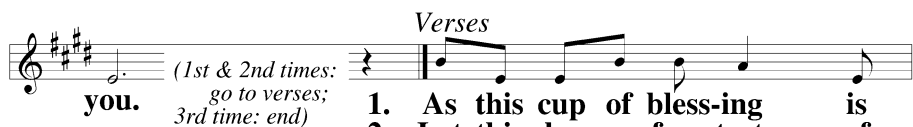


Give Now

*Stand*

#### OFFERTORY SONG

**C** 
 ----- introduction ----- | *rit.* *Refrain*  
 As the grains of wheat once  
 scat-tered on the hill were gath-ered in - to one to be -  
 come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

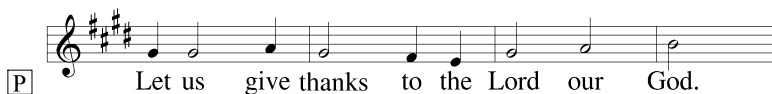
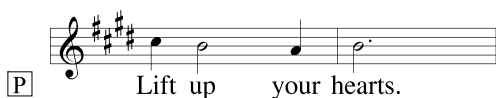


(Sing Refrain & 2nd Vs.)  
 (Sing Refrain once more)

**[P]** Let us pray. Loving God,

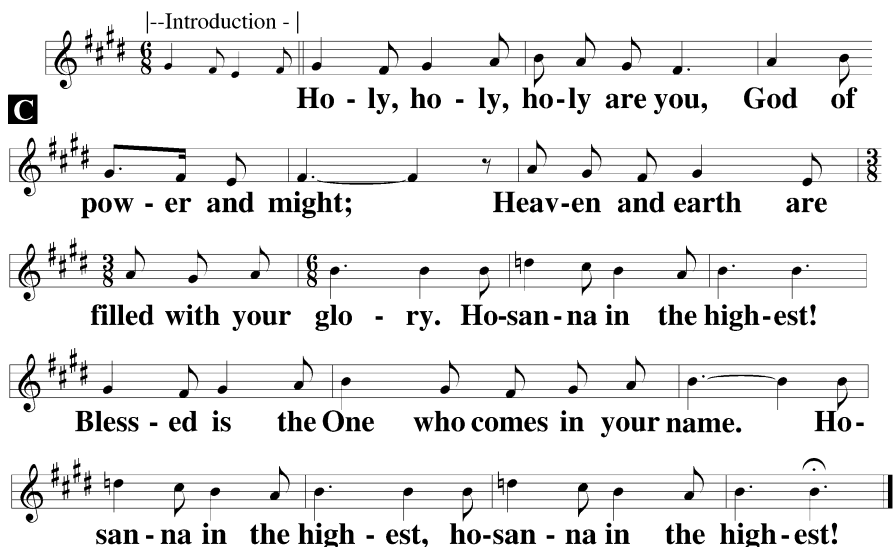
**[C]** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING





**P** It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** 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.

**P** 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

*Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.*

**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

AGNUS DEI

----- Introduction -----

**C**

1) Lamb of God, you take a -  
2) Lamb of God, you are the

way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us,  
way of mer-cy and love: have mer - cy on us,

(hold) mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us. (Sing vs. 2 above)  
(hold) mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us. (Sing vs. 3-->) 3) Lamb of

God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

**THE DISTRIBUTION** You are invited to approach the altar to receive the elements from the common loaf and an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Pre-packaged gluten free options are also available.

HYMN “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -  
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the  
3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the  
4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the  
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more

continued on next page



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head  
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree  
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee  
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise  
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the  
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the  
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the  
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the  
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the  
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the  
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed  
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was  
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er -  
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy  
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly

up lift - ed up. (2 Thine the)  
 loss lift - ed high. (3 Thine the)  
 more ev - er - more. (4 Thine the)  
 feast at Thy feast. (5 Thine the)  
 Thee on - ly Thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926  
 Music: Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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### Stand

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

### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER

**C** 1) Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to  
 2) From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to  
 you for - ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and  
 you for - ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have  
 low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er! (sing vs. 2)  
 taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er! (cont.-->)  
 Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -  
 mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of life with us.

Praise to you O God of mer-cy: Thanks be to you for -  
ev - er! Rais-ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to  
you for - ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

**[P]** Let us pray. We give 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 towards you and in fervent love towards one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C] Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

- [P]** 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. **[C] Amen.**
- [P]** Go in peace; serve the Lord. **[C] Thanks be to God.**

## CLOSING HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave.

Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who

hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 down - ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,  
 Enthroned in worlds above,  
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n  
 The wondrous name of Love.  
 Crown Him with many crowns  
 As thrones before Him fall;  
 Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
 For He is king of all.

## POSTLUDE

----- *The liturgy is ended; let the service begin* -----

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## Our Confession about Communion

### Our Confession

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;

b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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