# SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

**8:30 AM**

**November 29, 2026 - First Sunday of Advent**

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** *Come Jesus Come* Stephan McWhirter

**MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP - ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY:**

- **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- **PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES AND SMART WATCHES**
- **WELCOME TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY**

*[ Please stand as you are able ]*

**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: 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.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives 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.

**C: Amen.**

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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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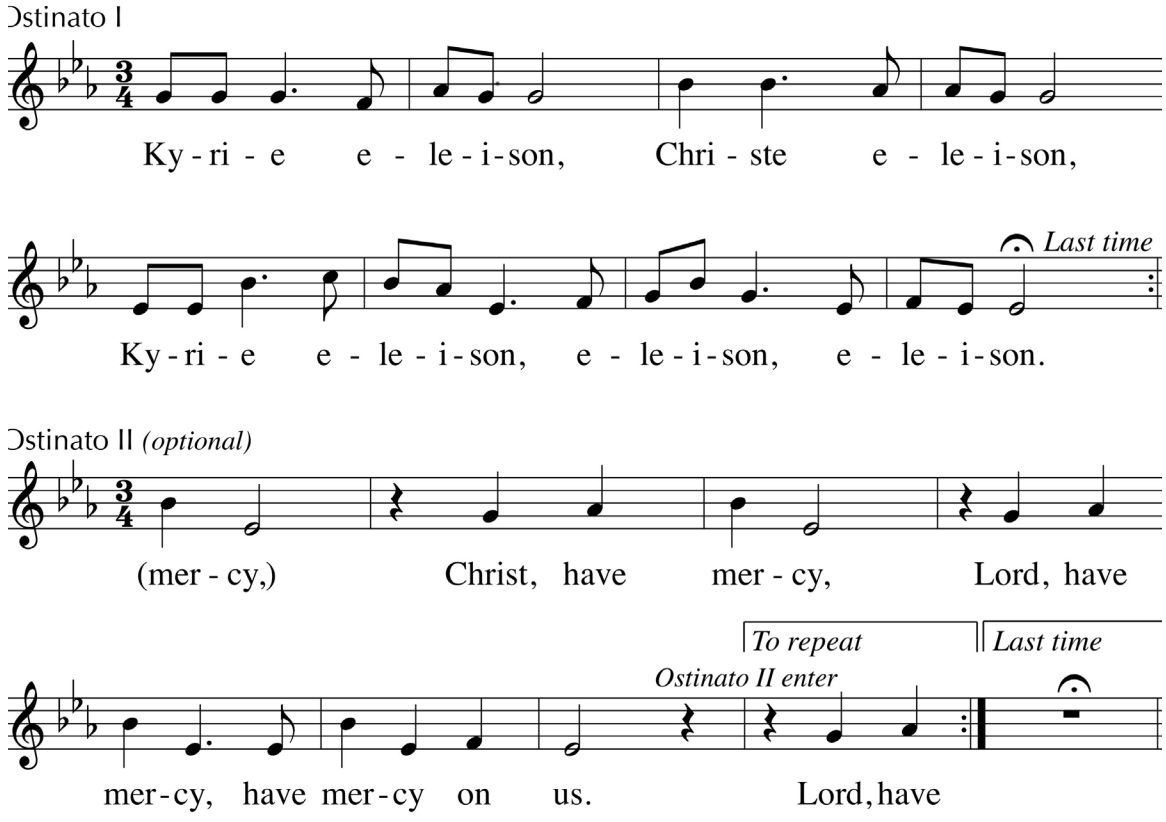


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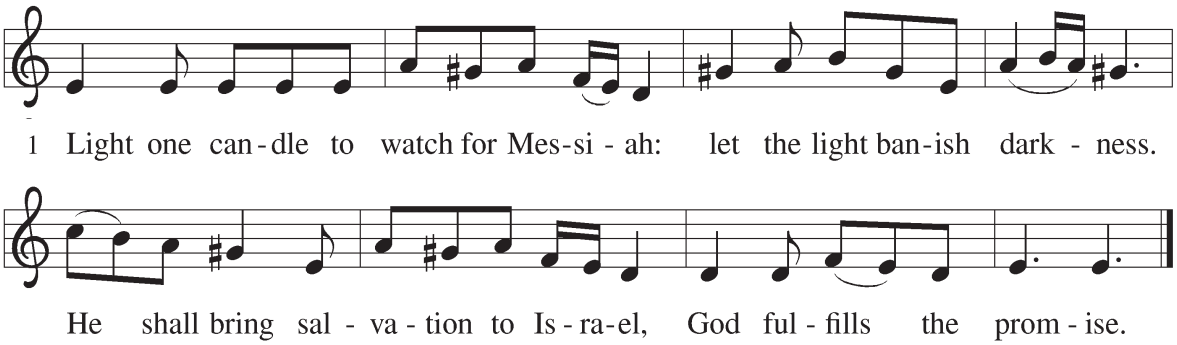
**BLESSING OF THE ADVENT LIGHT**

P: Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory forever! You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation.

**C: Blessed be God forever.**

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE** *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* **ELW 240 v1**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray…(*silence*) Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*[ Please sit ]*

## WORD

**FIRST READING Isaiah 64:1-9**

*This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account - to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.*

Lector: A reading from Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence — as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**.

**PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19**

L: Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
**C: In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,**
**stir up your strength and come to help us.**
L: Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
**C: O Lord God of hosts,**
**how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**
L: You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
**C: You have made us the derision of our neighbors,**
**and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
L: Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
**C: Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,**
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

L: And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
**C: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;**
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

**SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

*As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.*

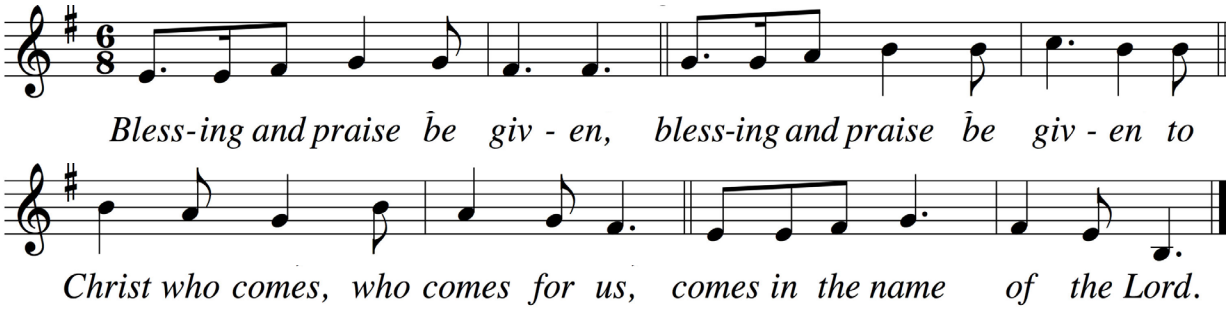
Lector: A reading from First Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*[ Please stand as you are able ]*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**HOLY GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37**

*In today's reading, Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.*

P: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus according to Saint Mark.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

P: The Holy Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*[ Please sit]*

**SERMON** **Pastor Finley**

*[ Please stand as you are able ]*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ***The King Shall Come*** **ELW 260**

**PROFESSION OF 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;**
**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,**
**and was made man.**
**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,**
**and his kingdom will have no end.**
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**
**who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**
**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**
**He 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**

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

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

**A: God of heaven and earth, come. Come with your power and might. Frighten us into acknowledging you as Lord of our lives. Your anger passes and your love redeems. Deliver us from our sins and shape us in your image once again**

**A: Let us pray to the Lord.** **C: Lord have mercy.**

**A: Shepherd of Israel, come. Your people are scattered throughout the world you formed. Be present with all government leaders that they may lead their nations with wisdom, justice and mercy. Restore us, your people, so we might look with compassion on our neighbors. Turn us back to you**

**A: Let us pray to the Lord.** **C: Lord have mercy.**

**A: Son of Man, come. Nourish all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. For those who battle addictions; for those who live in fear for their lives; for the hungry and the homeless; for those who are persecuted by prejudice, we pray. Come in power and might to gather them and us within your love.**

**A: Let us pray to the Lord.** **C: Lord have mercy.**

**A: Strong God, come. Reach out to touch the lives of those who know you and those as yet unknowing. Give them the strength to overcome illness, depression, anxiety, weakness, loneliness and whatever threatens their wholeness. Today we lift in prayer these we name silently in our hearts and with our voices now… (long pause) … Grace them with your love so they are not lacking in any spiritual gift as we wait for you.**

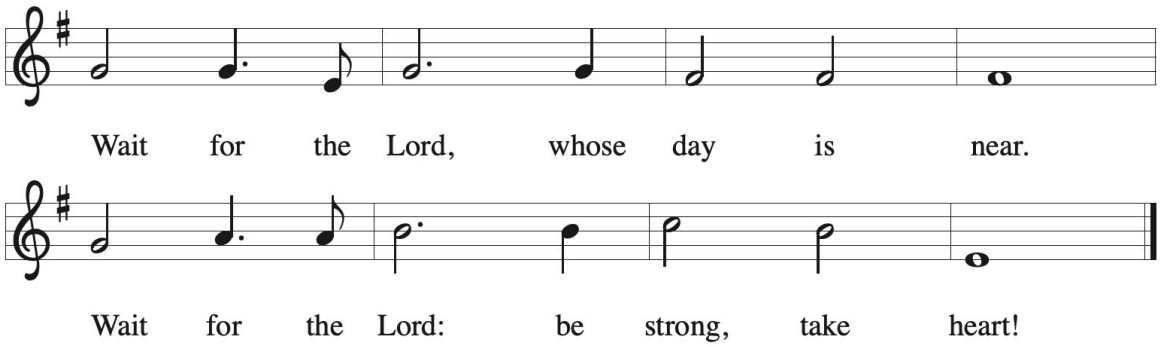
**A: Let us pray to the Lord.** **C: Lord have mercy.**

**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.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**THE OFFERTORY** *Wait for the Lord* **ELW 262**

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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: Blessed are you,
**C: 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.**

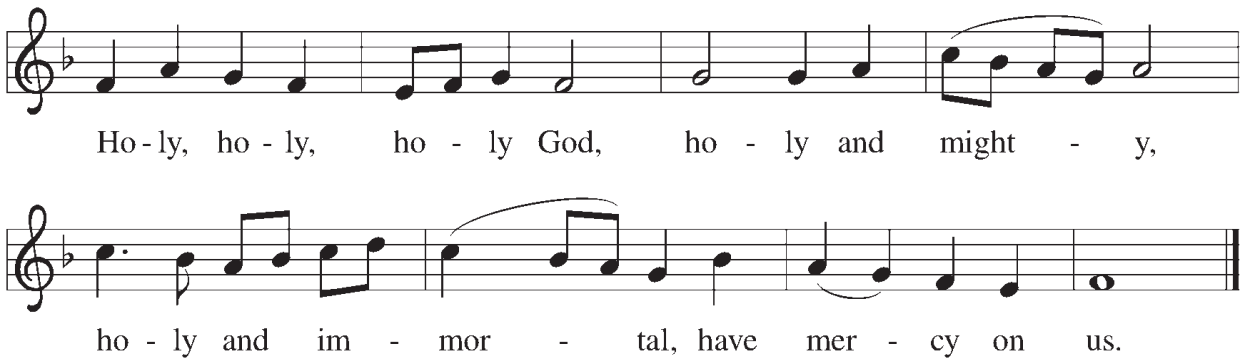
## MEAL

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.
**C: And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts.
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE**
P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** **ELW 160**

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**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations.
You rescued Israel, your chosen people.
Through the prophets you renewed your promise;
and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,
who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of his body and drink of his blood
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with Christ's body and blood
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**C: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**INVITATION & FRACTURE**

P: Our Lord, Emmanuel, shares his life with us.

**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

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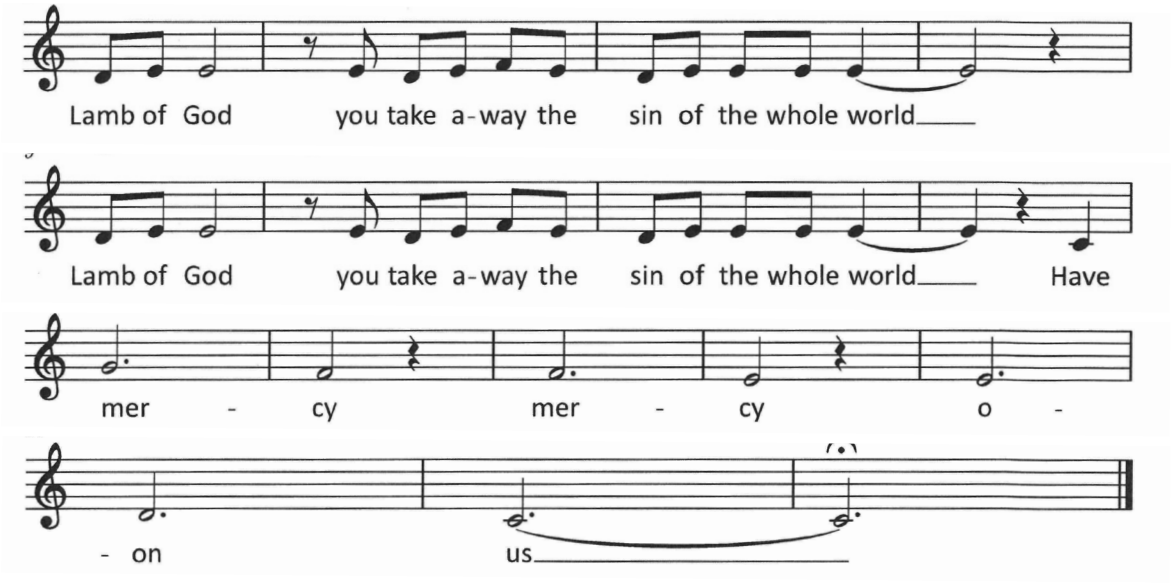
**LAMB OF GOD**




Arr. Chad Watkins

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: INTINCTION AND COMMON CUP**

**MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION** *Soon* Brooke Ligertwood

*[ Please stand as you are able ]*

**TABLE BLESSING**

P: May this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## SENDING

**SENDING HYMN** *Soon and Very Soon* **ELW 439**

**BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
**C: Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

A: Glorify God. Spread the Word. **C: Love One Another.**

**POSTLUDE**

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