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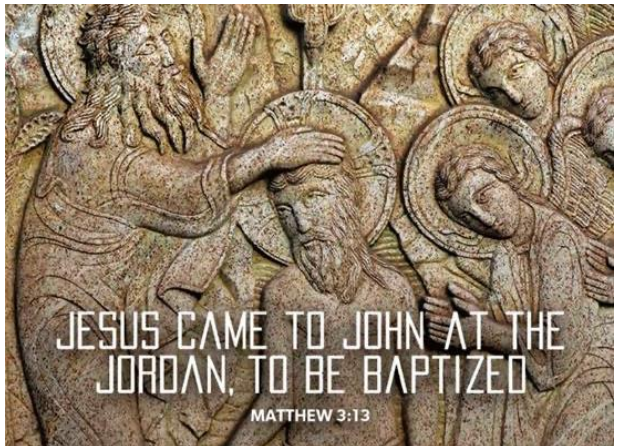


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## Baptism of Our Lord

### Worship Service for January 15, 2023

*In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.*



## GATHERING SONG

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God through word and song.*

### Shall We Gather at the River



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

#### *Refrain*



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

## GREETING

*The greeting brings presiding minister and assembly together in heavenly union with God.*

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.**

## LITURGY OF HOLY BAPTISM

*God gives us the water and the word that frees us from our sin and welcomes us into God's kingdom.*

## PRESENTATION

*The candidate(s) for baptism, parents, and sponsors gather with the ministers at the font. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Sponsors or parents for the candidate present them.*

I present *Layla Jane Johnson* for baptism.

*The presiding minister addresses the parents of the candidate.*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Layla* baptized into Christ?

*Response:* I do.

As you bring *Layla* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:  
to live with her among God's faithful people,  
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in her hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture her in faith and prayer,  
so that she may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses the sponsors.*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *these persons* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support *Layla* and pray for her in her new life in Christ?  
**We do.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The presiding minister the parents and sponsors. The assembly may join in the responses.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:* I renounce them.

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*(\*catholic in its original translation means "universal," as in the whole church.)*

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

*Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock.

Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **BAPTISM**

*The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:*

*Layla Jane Johnson, I baptize you in the name of the Father,*

*Water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:*

and of the Son,

*Water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:*

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Alleluia!**

**You belong to Christ,**

**in whom you have been baptized.**

**Alleluia!**

*Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized receives a baptismal garment. The presiding minister continues:*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the presiding minister prays:*

Sustain Layla with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the presiding minister prays:*

Layla child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

## WELCOME

*A lighted candle may be given to the parents or sponsors of the new baptized as a representative of the congregation says:*

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me  
will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming  
word to all the world. Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

*In the song of praise, we join in the hymn of the angels in celebration of the Father's gift of His Son (Luke 2:1 4, John 1:29).*

### On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounce - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge  
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us  
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
way for God with - in, and let us all our  
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -  
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.  
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*The Salutation is a reciprocal prayer of the presiding minister and the assembly before petitions to God are offered together (Jud 6:12; Luke 1:28; 2 Tim 4:22) The Prayer of the Day is focused on today's lessons, led by the presiding minister (John 14:13, 15:16).*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*God speaks to us to in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9**

*The First Lesson is almost always from the Old Testament and relates directly to the Gospel Lesson (2 Tim 3:15-17; Heb 1:1-2).*

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup>I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,

<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>I am the Lord, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

The word of God, for the people God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL: Psalm 29

*The Gradual, name because it was originally sung from a step (a "gradus" in Latin) of the altar, provides a musical echo of the First Lesson and a transition into the Second.*

**R** *The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)*

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the <sup>1</sup> Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glo- <sup>1</sup> ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the Lord the glory <sup>1</sup> due God's name;  
worship the Lord in the beau- <sup>1</sup> ty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of <sup>1</sup> glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the <sup>1</sup> mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the Lord is a pow- <sup>1</sup> erful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a <sup>1</sup> voice of splendor. R**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the Lord breaks the <sup>1</sup> cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the ce- <sup>1</sup> dars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**The Lord makes Lebanon skip <sup>1</sup> like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a <sup>1</sup> young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice <sup>1</sup> of the Lord  
bursts forth in <sup>1</sup> lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the Lord <sup>1</sup> shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilder- <sup>1</sup> ness of Kadesh. R**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the <sup>1</sup> forests bare.  
And in the temple of the Lord all are <sup>1</sup> crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>**The Lord sits enthroned a- <sup>1</sup> bove the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for- <sup>1</sup> evermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O Lord, give strength <sup>1</sup> to your people;  
give them, O Lord, the bless- <sup>1</sup> ings of peace. R

## SECOND LESSON: Acts 10:34-43

*The Second Lesson, also called the Epistle which is Greek for "letter," is usually taken from the New Testament letters of the Apostles. (Acts 13:15-16)*

A reading from Acts.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after



the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of God, for the people God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The Alleluia is a song of joy at the hearing of the Word of God. The accompanying verse reflects the theme of the day. (John 6:68)*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, | the Beloved,\* with whom I | am well pleased." Alleluia! Alleluia! (Matt. 3:17)*

## **GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3:13-17**

*The Gospel, Greek for "Good News," is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word. It presents the central theme of the day, using either the words of Christ Jesus or an eyewitness account of his acts.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **MESSAGE**

*Silence for reflection follows the message.*

## SONG OF THE DAY

*The principal song of the service, relating to the theme of the day.*

### Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.  
2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.  
3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.  
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.  
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.  
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,  
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.  
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.  
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*The Church performs her communal and priestly role by representing the people of the world before God in prayer. Corporate intercessory prayer has always been a part of public worship (Acts 2:42; 1 Tim 2:1-4).*

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need...

*Each petition will end with:*

Merciful God,

*Please respond with:*

**Receive our prayer.**

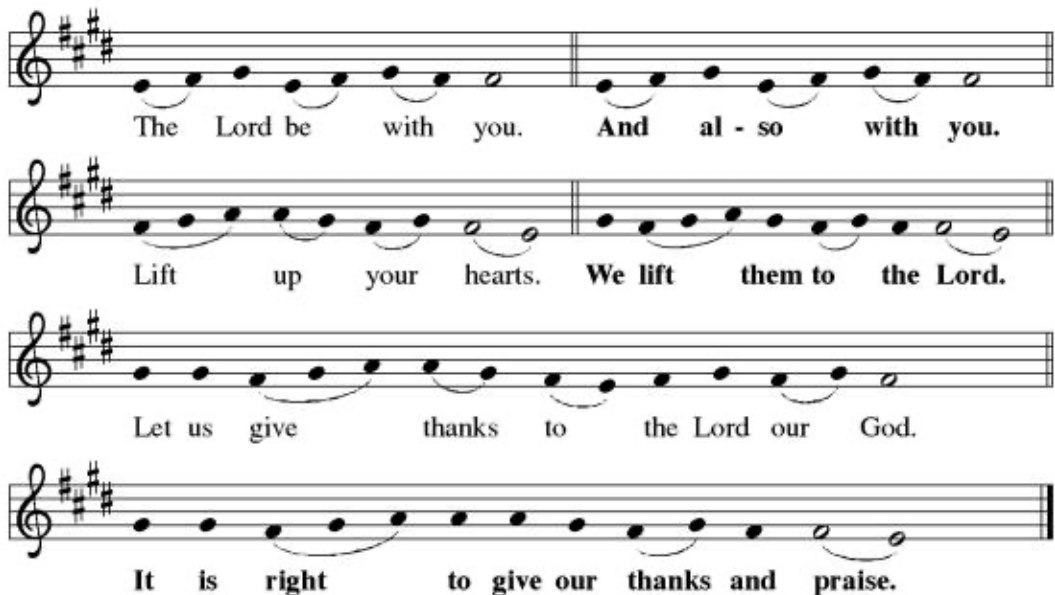
...We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

*God feeds us and makes us one with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### PREFACE

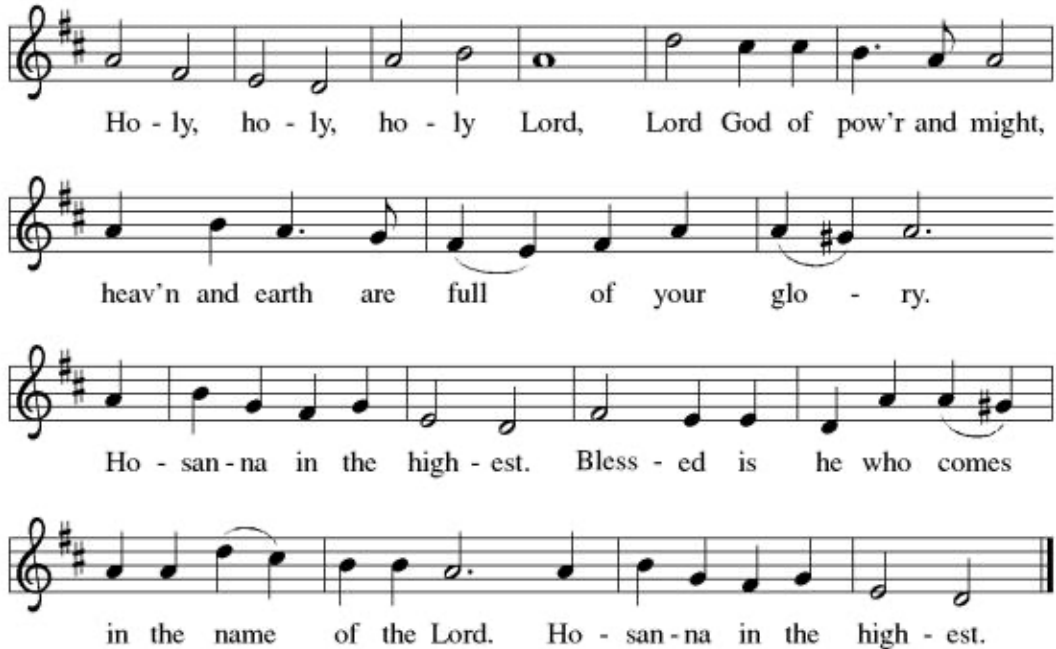
*The Preface begins the Liturgy of Holy Communion. It begins with a simple but powerful dialogue between the presiding minister and the assembly, which united the whole body of believers in reverence, adoration, joy, and thanksgiving in anticipation of the Sacrament, and moves into a common preface that unites the Church with the angelic hosts (Jud 6:12; 2 Tim 4:22; Lam 3:41; Ps 50:14; Col 3:1; Ps 136).*



It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*In the "Sanctus," Latin for "Holy," the assembly joins with the angelic hosts in proclaiming the glory of the Father, in praising Christ Jesus as our Savior, and in singing the song of the children of Jerusalem as they welcomed the Messiah on the first Palm Sunday. "Hosanna" means "save us now" in Hebrew.*



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*The highpoint of the Holy Communion Liturgy, the Words of Institution focuses all our thoughts on the acts and words of Christ Jesus and expresses the real presence of his body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. It is here where God reminds us lovingly that God's only Son died for us and for our salvation (Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25).*

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread... Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup... Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*As God's children, we address God as "Our Father," praying the same way Christ Jesus himself taught us to pray (Matt 6:9-13; Luke 11:1-4).*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

**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.**

## PEACE OF THE LORD

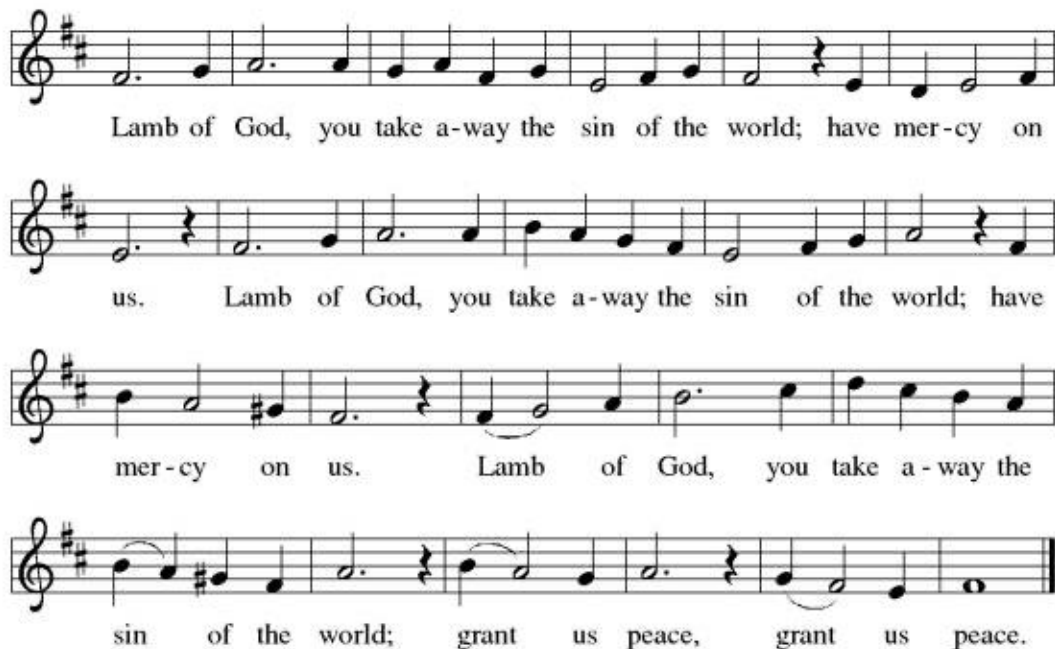
*The Pax Domini, Latin for the "Peace of the Lord," is the same greeting spoken by the risen Christ Jesus on Easter morning. We share the peace with one another, giving Christ's blessing before we approach him at the table to receive his gifts of forgiveness and new life (Luke 24:36; John 20:19).*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## LAMB OF GOD

*The Agnus Dei, Latin for "Lamb of God" is the assembly's song of adoration to our Savior, Christ Jesus who is truly present for us in the Sacrament. It recalls the testimony of John the Baptist when he pointed to Jesus and proclaimed "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29; Isaiah 53)*



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

## DISTRIBUTION

*By Christ Jesus's own words, "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," in the Sacrament of Holy Communion God offers, gives, and seals for us the forgiveness of sin, salvation in Christ, and life everlasting.*

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

*The Dismissal reassures the assembly of the efficacy of Holy Communion in creating a life-saving faith in Christ Jesus (Luke 2:25-32).*

May the body and blood of Christ Jesus strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

### O Lord, Now Let Your Servant



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,  
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:  
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,  
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el,  
where Christ, the bless-ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

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Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Begins with a call to give thanks and introduces the prayer of thanksgiving after communion. In this prayer, the assembly gives thanks to God for God's life-saving Sacrament, and prays that God's gift of faith strengthens us to love God and one another (1 Chron 16:34; Ps 106, 107, 118, 136).*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**for his steadfast love endures forever. Amen.**

Let us pray.

Holy One,

we thank you for the healing

that springs forth abundantly from this table.

Renew our strength to do justice,

love kindness,

and journey humbly with you.

**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

*More than a prayer for blessing, the Benediction imparts a blessing in God's name, giving the assurance of the grace and peace of God to all who receive it in faith.*

The God who faithfully brings forth justice

and breaks the oppressor's rod

✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,

today and always.

**Amen.**

# Born, Reborn

*Refrain*

Born, re - born! Born, re - born! Formed, re - formed!

Souls with glad - ness now a - dorned! Born, re - born! Born, re - born!

Formed, re - formed! Praise our God for - ev - er - more!

1 Drown us. Drown us. Raise us. Raise us.  
2 Name us. Name us. Heal us. Heal us.

Mark us. Mark us. Claim us! Claim us!  
Wash us. Wash us. Seal us! Seal us!

*Refrain*

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Go in peace. Follow the Way of Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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