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The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod



David H. Brooks, Pastor – October 6, 2024

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TODAY'S VERSE:

"He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'" - Matthew 22:37

PRELUDE

..... WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8)

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)
- C** Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *Gather Comp. 499 "Sing Out Earth and Skies"*

Verses

Cantor:



All:



1. Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O
 2. Come, O God of wind and flame: Fill the earth with
 3. Come, O God of flash-ing light: Twin- kling star and
 4. Come, O God of snow and rain: Show- er down up -
 5. Come, O Jus- tice, Come, O Peace: Come and shape our

Cantor:



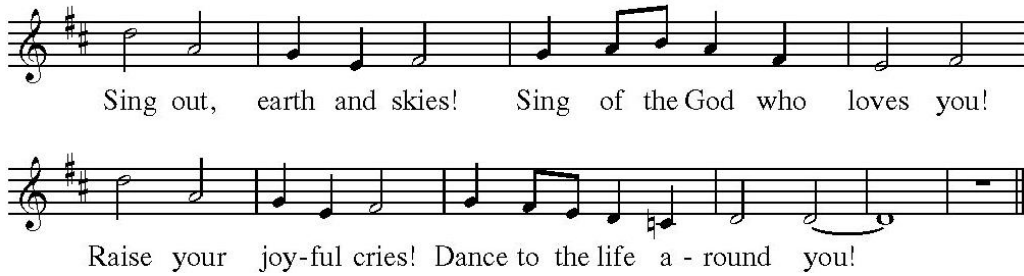
Right- eous One; Come, and bring our love to birth:
 right- eous- ness; Teach us all to sing your name:
 burn- ing sun; God of day and God of night:
 on the earth; Come, O God of joy and pain:
 hearts a- new; Come and make op- pres- sion cease:

All:



In the glo- ry of your Son.
 May our lives your love con- fess.
 In your light we all are one.
 God of sor- row, God of mirth.
 Bring us all to life in you.

Refrain

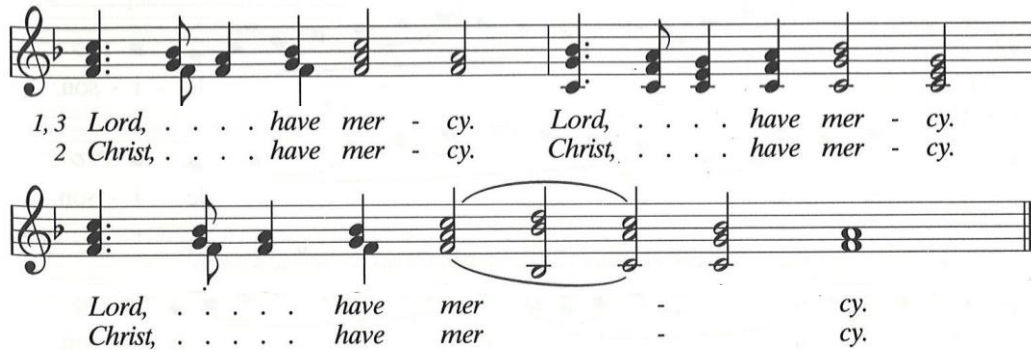


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WE WELCOME OUR LORD

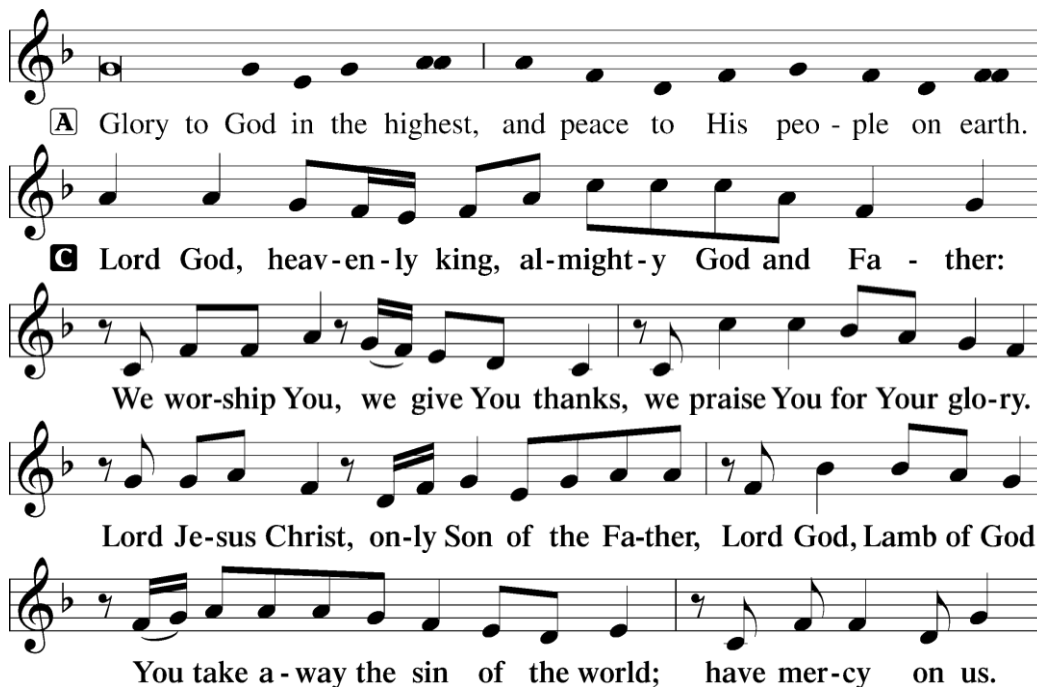
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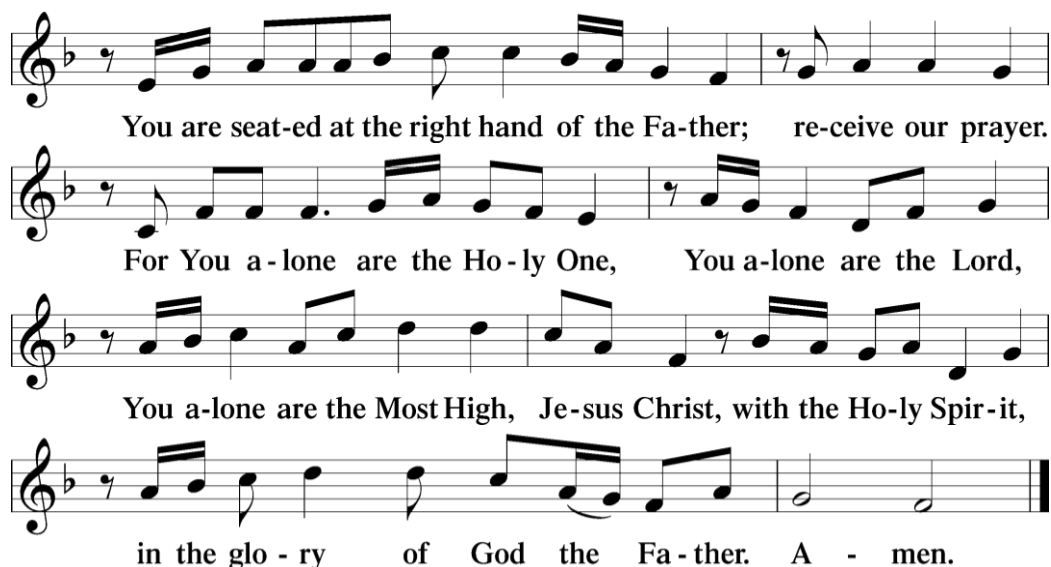
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Music: Russian Orthodox

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: **LSB Page 154**





SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

..... OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Genesis 2:18–25 (*Pew Bible, pg. 2*)

The Old Testament Lesson is from the 2nd Chapter of Genesis.

¹⁸Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man He made into a woman and brought her to the man.

²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

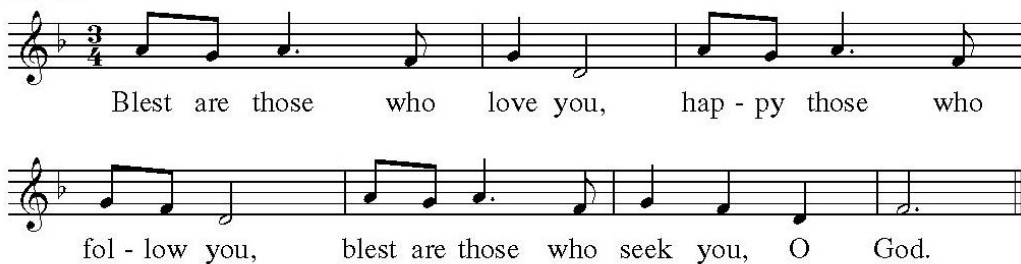
²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 128: ***"Blest Are Those Who Love You"*** Gather Comprehensive 125

Refrain



Verses

1. Happy all those who fear the Lord, and walk in God's pathway;
you will find what you long for: the riches of our God.
2. Your spouse shall be like a fruitful vine in the midst of your home,
your children flourish like olive plants rejoicing at your table.
3. May the blessings of God be yours all the days of your life,
may the peace and the love of God live always in your heart.

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THE EPISTLE LESSON:

Hebrews 2:1–18 (*Pew Bible, pg. 1001*)

The Epistle Lesson is from the 2nd Chapter of Hebrews.

¹Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.

²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every

transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by

signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His will.

⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking.

⁶It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that You are mindful of him, or the son of man, that You care for him?"

⁷You made Him for a little while lower than the angels; You have crowned Him with glory and honor, ⁸putting everything in subjection under His feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to Him, He left nothing outside His control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to Him.

⁹But we see Him Who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰For it was fitting that He, for Whom and by Whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

¹¹For He Who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying, "I will tell of Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise."

¹³And again, "I will put my trust in Him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given Me."

¹⁴Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

¹⁶For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham.

¹⁷Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

¹⁸For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE:



HOLY GOSPEL:

Mark 10:2–16 (*Pew Bible, pg. 845*)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth Chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²*Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”*

³*He answered them, “What did Moses command you?”*

⁴*They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.”*

⁵*And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart He wrote you this commandment.*

⁶*But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’*

⁷*‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸and they shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh.*

⁹*What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”*

¹⁰*And in the house the disciples asked Him again about this matter.*

¹¹*And He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”*

¹³*And they were bringing children to Him that He might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them.*

¹⁴*But when Jesus saw it, He was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.*

¹⁵*Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”*

¹⁶*And He took them in His arms and blessed them, laying His hands on them.*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON: The Rev. Dr. Dave Brooks

HYMN OF THE DAY: **LSB 706 “Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”**

1 Love in Christ is strong and liv-ing, Bind-ing faith-ful
2 Love is pa-tient and for-bear-ing, Cloth-ed in Christ's hu-
3 Love in Christ a-bides for-ev-er, Faint-ing not when

hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv-ing.
mil-i-ty, Gen-tle, self-less, kind, and car-ing,
ills at-tend; Love, for-giv-ing and for-giv-en,

May His will in us be done.
Reach-ing out in char-i-ty.
Shall en-dure un-til life's end.

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APOSTLES' CREED:

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker 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 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.

..... WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

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

[†] meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of the Christian doctrine

Lord in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

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:

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, with the 'hand wave of peace', as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).

OFFERTORY: *Piano Offertory* (no choir)

OFFERTORY:

A musical score for a piano offertory, consisting of six staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a red 'C' in a square box. The music is in a simple, melodic style with a mix of eighth and quarter notes.

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

..... OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE:



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

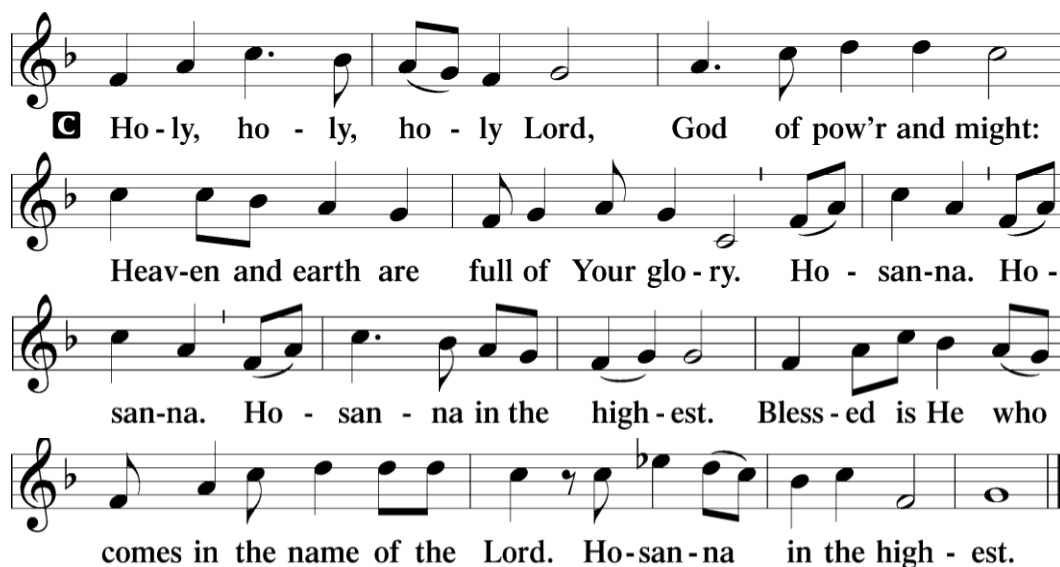
P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,... Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed...

P Remembering, therefore, His death, resurrection, and ascension, we await His coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of Your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

AGNUS DEI:



C 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



HOLY COMMUNION:

Receiving Holy Communion

As Lutheran Christians, we believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ gives us His own true Body and Blood via the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 10:16). We trust His promise that this Supper is for the forgiveness of our sins, the increase of our faith, and the strengthening of our life as the Church. Baptized Christians who share our confession, repent of their sins, and seek the Lord's blessing are welcome to receive. *First time guests are kindly asked to speak to our pastor or an usher before receiving communion.* Those not communing are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

[For silent prayer before communing]

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[For silent prayer after receiving the Sacrament]

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: **LSB 752 "Be Still, My Soul"**



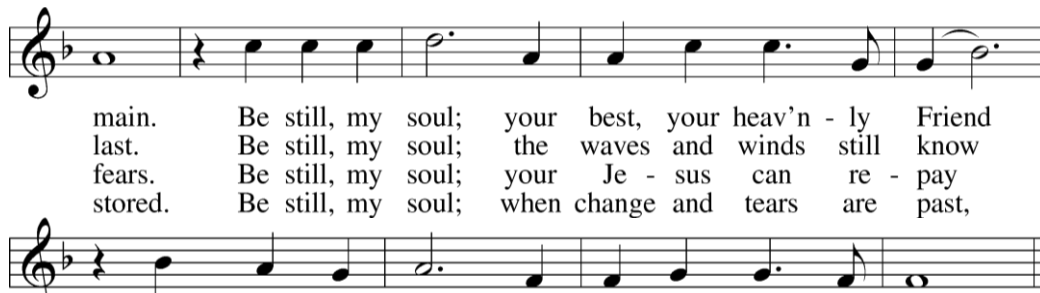
1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa - tient-
 2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take To guide the
 3 Be still, my soul; though dear - est friends de - part And all is
 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or - der
 fu - ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con - fi - dence let
 dark - ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet - ter know His
 be for - ev - er with the Lord, When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and



and pro - vide; In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re -
 noth - ing shake; All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at
 love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your
 fear are gone, Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -

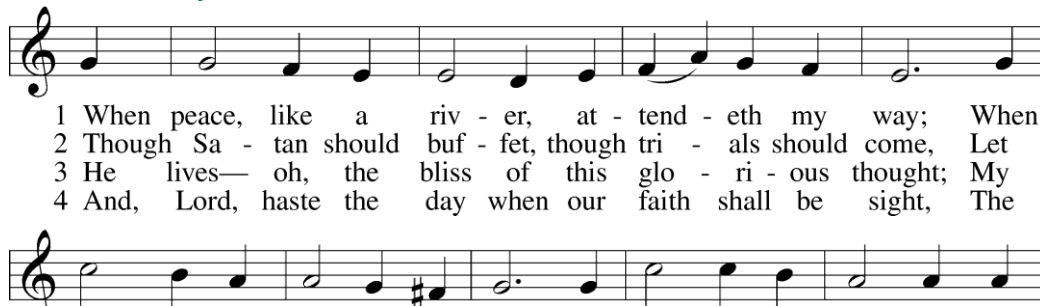


main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly Friend
 last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
 fears. Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay
 stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,

Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.
 From His own full - ness all He takes a - way.
 All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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LSB 763 “When Peace, like a River”



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the

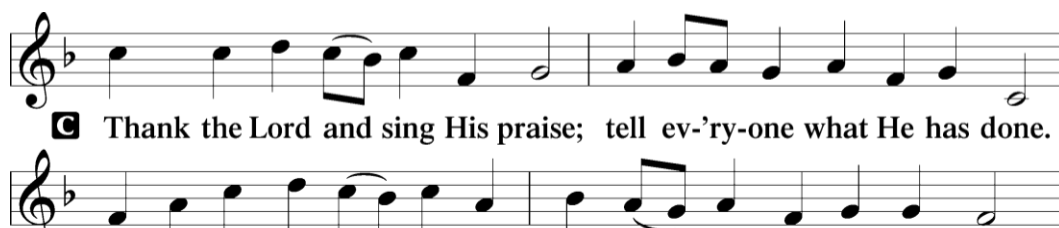
taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain
 It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

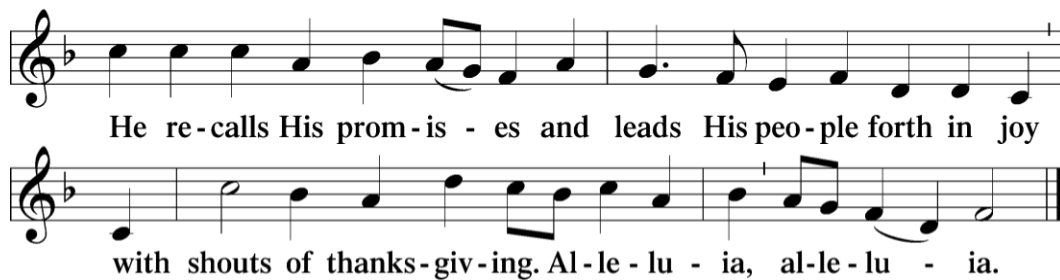
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WE THANK OUR LORD

THANK THE LORD:



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

P Let us pray.

Thanks and praise to You, O God for this feast of victory that You have shared with us. We believe we have been redeemed by the breaking of Christ's body, and the pouring of His blood. Help us rely on this sacrament for strength, confident that what we now hold in hope, we will enjoy in true fulfillment in heaven; through our Lord Jesus Christ Who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit now and forever.

C Amen.

..... GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

BENEDICTION:

P May almighty God shield you as you go, wherever He may lead you.
The hand of the Father touching you, the blessing of the God of life.
The yoke of Jesus upon you, the blessing of the Christ of love.
The power of the Spirit within you, the blessing of the Breath of grace.
The blessing of the ✠ Holy Trinity be upon you. Now and forevermore.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: **LBW 142 "Hail Thee, Festival Day!"**

Refrain



(Pentecost) Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;

Day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the world with his grace. grace.

1st time *2nd time*

(Pentecost) 1 Bright and in like - ness of fire, on those who a -
 3 God the Al - might - y, the Lord, the rul - er of
 5 Spir - it of life and of pow'r now flow in us,

wait his ap - pear - ing, He whom the Lord had fore -
 earth and the heav - ens Guard us from harm with -
 fount of our be - ing, Light that en - light - ens us

Repeat Refrain once after each stanza

told sud - den - ly, swift - ly de - scends:
 out; cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
 all, life that in all may a - bide:

(Pentecost) 2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
 4 Je - sus, the health of the world, en - light - en our
 6 Praise to the giv - er of good! O Lov - er and

glo - ry of blos - som; Heav - en her gates un - bars,
 minds, great re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
 Au - thor of con - cord, Pour out your balm on our

Repeat Refrain once after each stanza

fling - ing her in - crease of light:
 preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:
 days; or - der our ways in your peace:

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go forth! Walk in the light of Christ to the glory of God and for the care of the neighbor.

G: We go in the peace of God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY:

Organist: Erin Hodge

10:10 AM **Ushers**
Dave Pittman &
Tom McGill*

Reader
Joe Milko
Greeter: Kathy Pittman

Communion Assistant
Gary Stuhlmiller

Altar Guild: Sally Sump,
Setup & Clean up

A/V Operator: John Kolba

*Acolyte



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