

# Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 23, 2022

8:00 & 11:00am

11:00am livestream



*Jesus and Nicodemus* by Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1899

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## Welcome & Announcements

### Prelude

*Please stand, as you are able*

**P** *Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\text{\textt{T}}$  one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.*

**C** **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** *Most merciful God,*

**C** **we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

**P** *Rejoice in this good news: In  $\text{\textt{T}}$  Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.*

**C** **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

ELW #729

### The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - - times  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and never live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698-1768

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**P** *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

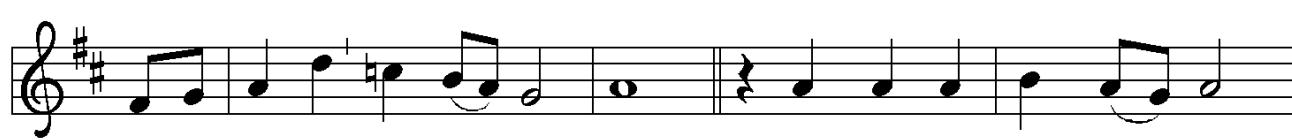
**C** **And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise

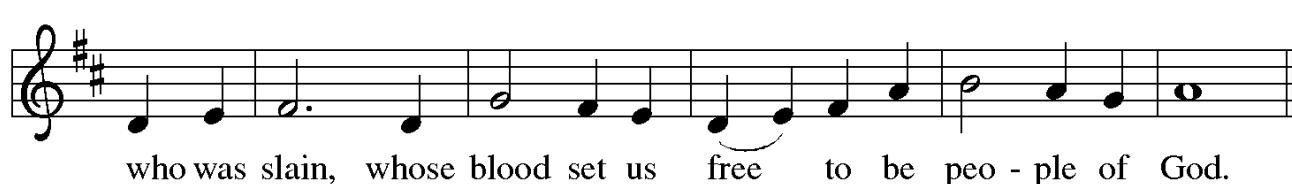
*Refrain*



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

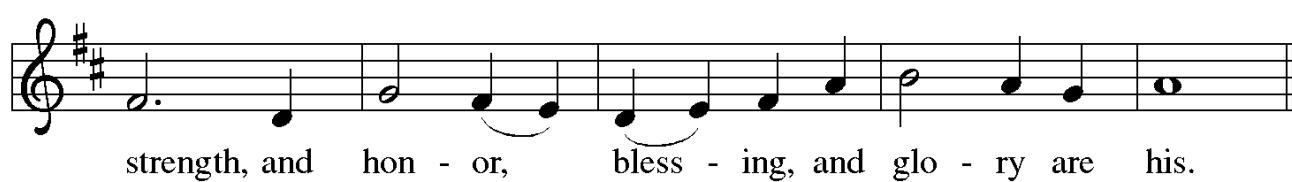
*Refrain*



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

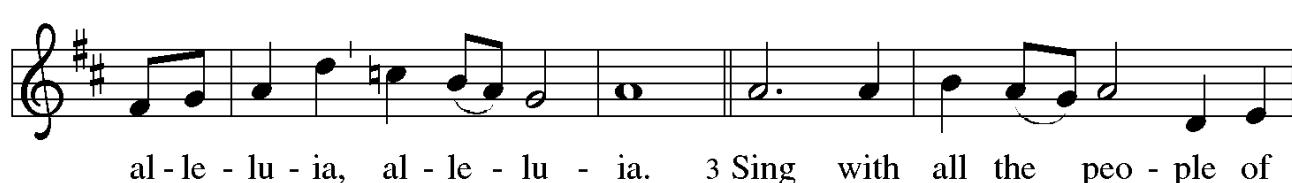


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



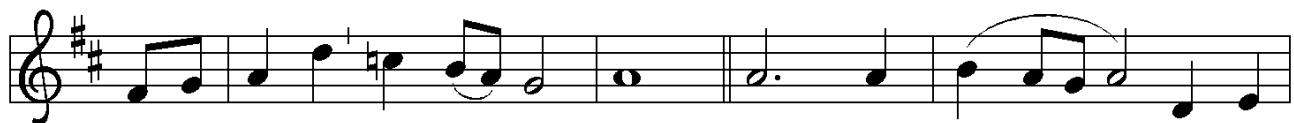
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.



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

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** *And also with you.*

**A** *Let us pray. O God, our leader and guide,*  
**C** **in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Gospel Reading**

John 3:1-21

**A** *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.*  
**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>*Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?*

<sup>11</sup>*Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into*

*heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.*

*<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.*

*<sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."*

**A** *The Gospel of the Lord.*  
**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Children's Message & Sermon**

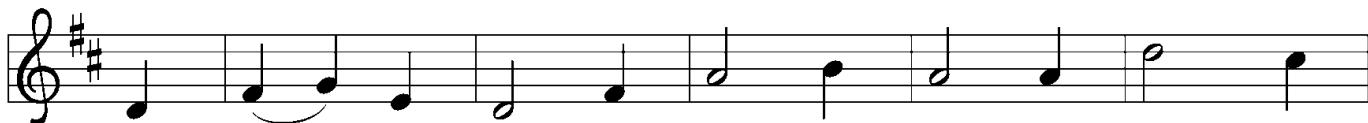
The Rev. Chasity Wiener

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**Hymn of the Day**

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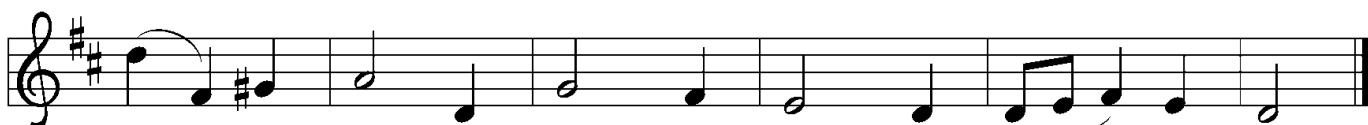
## God Loved the World



1 God loved the world so that he gave his Son - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.  
 Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

**A** *Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:*  
**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**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 into hell. 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.**

**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.**

**A** *The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.*

*A brief silence.*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**A** *God of grace,*

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** *Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

**C** **Amen.**

**P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C** **And also with you.**

*After sharing a non-contact sign of peace from your pew, please be seated.*

## **Offering & Offertory**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**A** *Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.*

**C** **You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** **And also with you.**

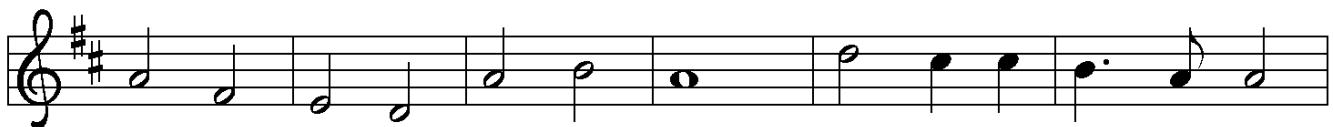
**P** *Lift up your hearts.*

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

*The thanksgiving continues with the preface; the congregation responds:*



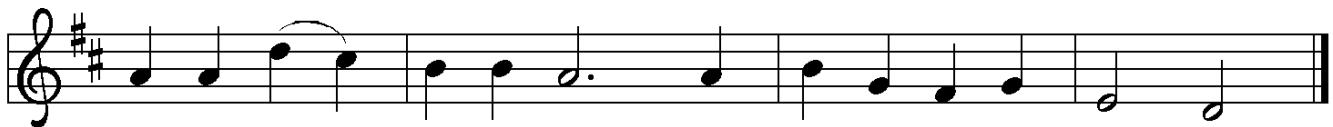
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

**P** *Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.*

*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.*

*Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light. By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.*

*Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.*

**C** **Amen.**

**P** *Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:*

**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.**

**P** *Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.*  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

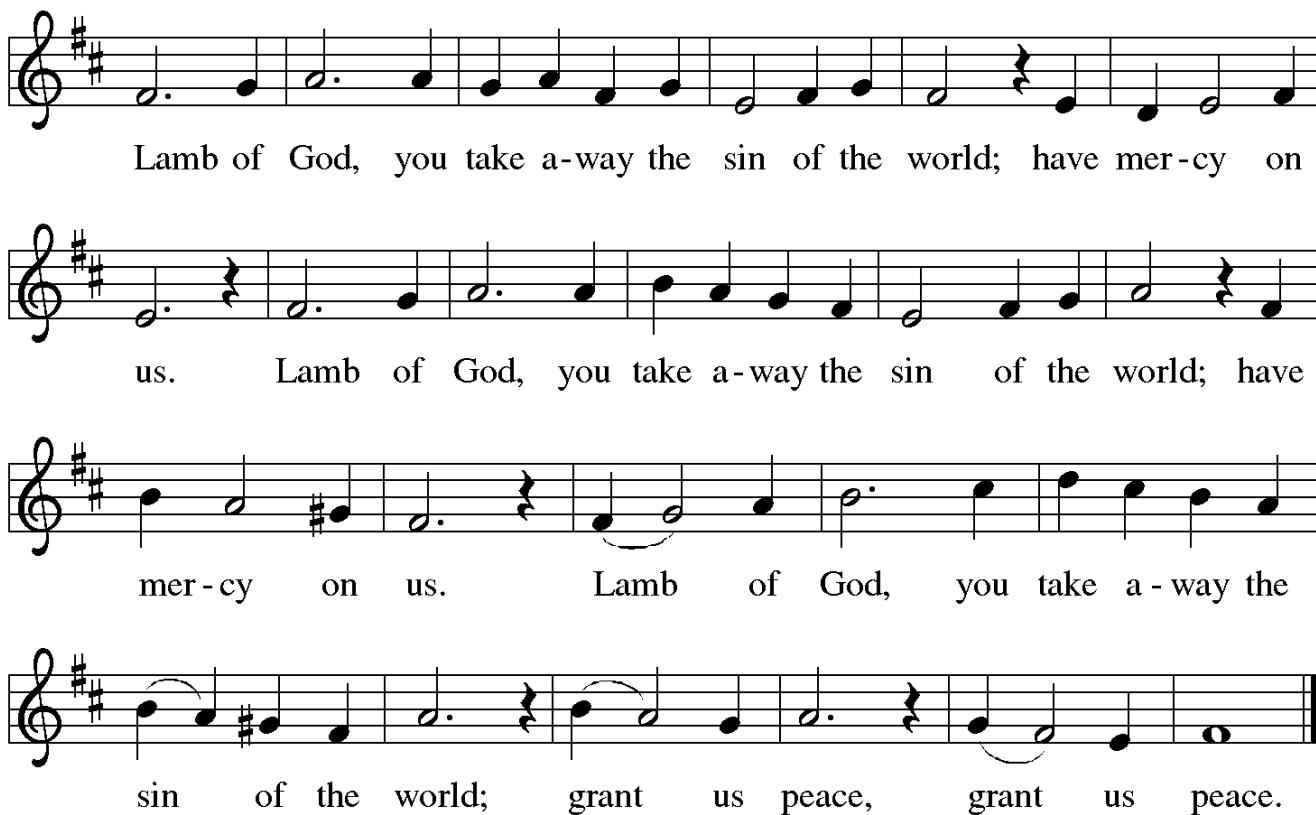
*Please be seated.*

*We welcome to the table all baptized Christians who proclaim with us that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and the wine. (Note: should you prefer, we also offer gluten free wafers and grape juice.*

*Just let the Pastor or Assistants know.)*

*If you require communion be brought to you in the pew, please alert an usher.*

*During the distribution, the following is sung:*

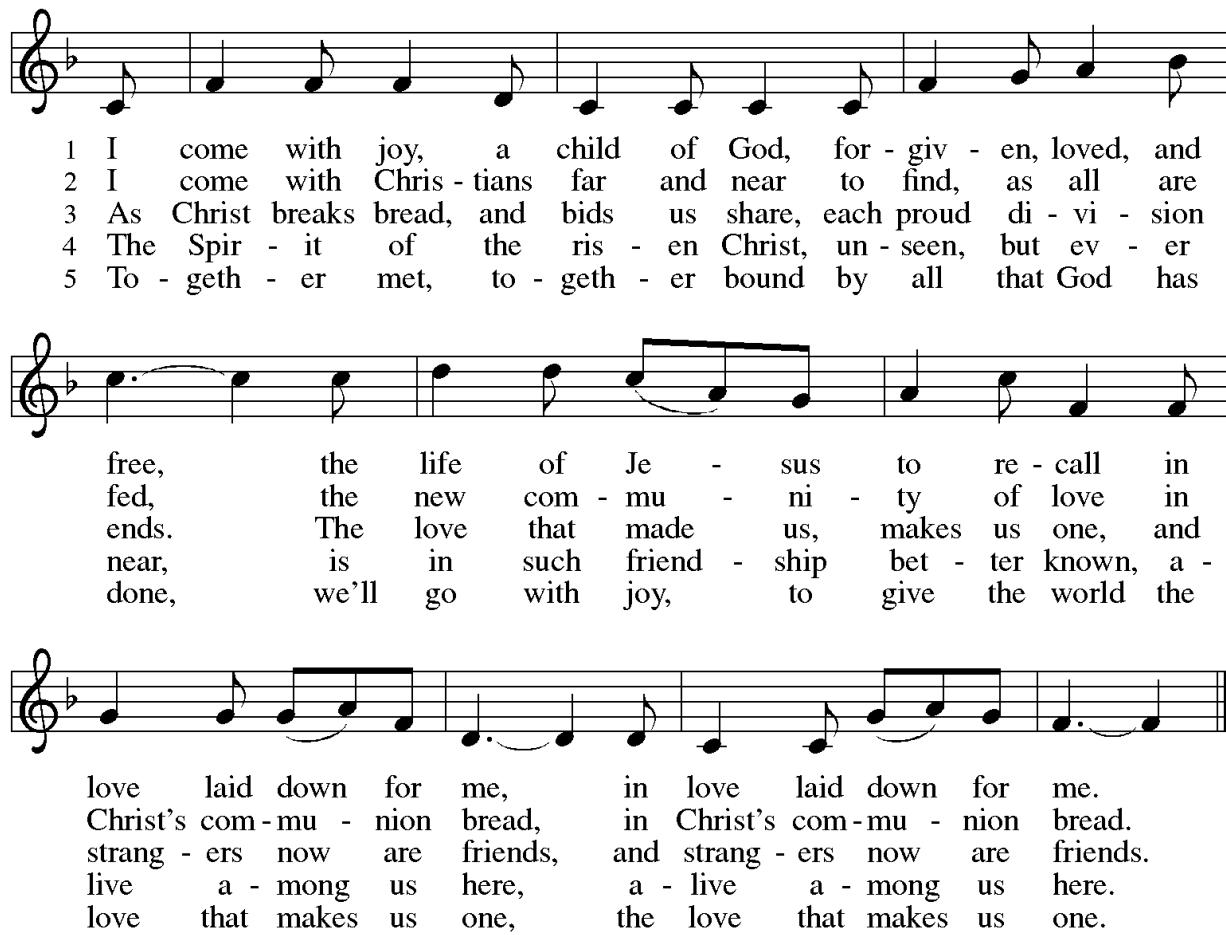


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Hymns

### I Come with Joy

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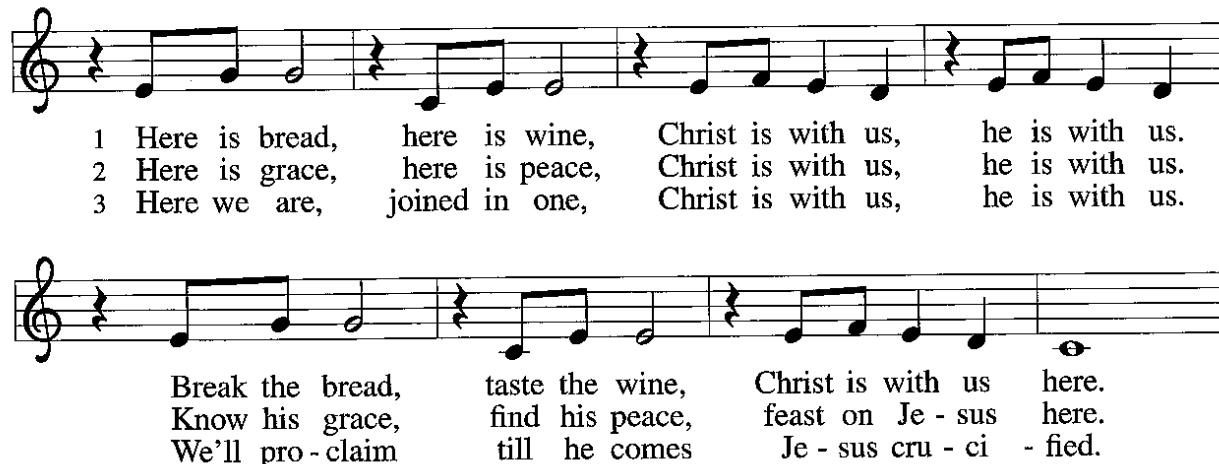
1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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### Here Is Bread



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.

Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.  
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.  
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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HERE IS BREAD

3 3 4 4 3 3 5 and refrain

After all have communed, please stand, as you are able.

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

**C** **Amen.**

**A** *Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God,*

**C** **for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**P** *God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.*

**C** **Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

### **Borning Cry**

**ELW #732**



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.

2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;

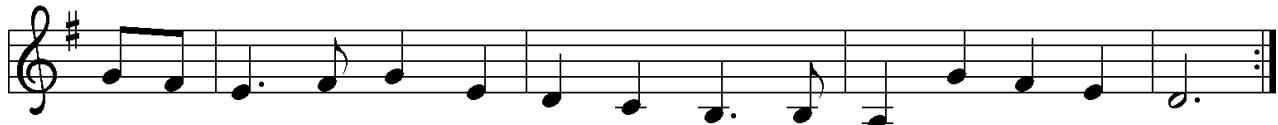
3 "In the mid -dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap -tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

**A** *Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.*  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*We welcome and thank Pastor Chasity Wiener for being with us today. Pastor Chasity will be our guest preacher on Sundays while Pastor Greg is on sabbatical, through February 6, 2022.*

**Daily Readings and Reflections**  
*from Living the Word Small Group Guides*

### **Monday—Read John 3:22-30**

John the Baptist humbles himself and lifts up Jesus as the Messiah. Dip your finger into water, trace a cross on your forehead, and remember that you are a baptized child of God.

### **Tuesday—Read John 3:31-36**

John continues to proclaim Jesus as being sent from God. Choose an additional chapter from one of the Gospels to read and reflect on today.

### **Wednesday—Read Luke 3:19-20**

John is put into prison. Find a local prison ministry, and make cards or cookies to be sent to bring hope to those in prison.

## **Thursday—Read Matthew 11:2-6**

John experiences a crisis of faith. Where can you turn when you doubt like John or experience a “dark night of the soul”?

## **Friday—Read Matthew 11:7-15**

Jesus explains that John was a prophet to prepare the way for the Messiah. Look at the headlines for today and find an example of a person today who did something to “prepare the way” for the Messiah and his reign.

## **Saturday—Read Matthew 11:16-19**

Jesus bemoans the fact that people lack understanding of the kingdom of God. Spend two minutes in silent meditation, asking God to show you areas where you might be misunderstanding God’s ways.

### **Text for next Sunday**

The Woman at the Well

*John 4:1-42*

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*Al & Tricia Horst in celebration of their Anniversary*

### **Pray for Those That Need God’s Healing**

*Claudia, Elijah, Joan, Donna, Lind, Joan, Don, Betty, Elsie-Marie, Laura, Helen, Jim, Theresa, Lowell, Harry, Pam, Charles, Elaine, Georgeann, Jean, Paul, Juanita, Lois, Steve, Jim, Paul & Wenda*

### **Pray for Our Service Men and Women**

*Josh, Michael, Nick, Derek, Christopher, Kyle, Andrew, Jason, Matt, and Christopher*