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Worship is live streamed on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/princeruprtlutheran/>

Welcome to Worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

Weekly Prayer Petitions

Local: Kaien Community Church

Synod: Dunbar Lutheran, Vancouver; For our BC Synod Staff and Synod Council

ACC: Bishop, clergy and people of the Diocese of British Columbia

ELCIC: Dean, council, and congregations of the Lower Mainland of the BC Synod

Discipleship Opportunities

1. The Pastor will be Public at Javadotcup, Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:30 AM
2. We celebrate today with Rhoda Burke as she is baptized into the Christian faith and becomes one with us in the body of Christ, a sibling in the universal church!
3. Tonight is our monthly potluck and game night! We eat at 6:00 PM. Come on out!!
4. Senior Centre Lunch – Tuesday at 11:00.
5. Worship Team meeting – Tuesday at 2:00 PM.

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

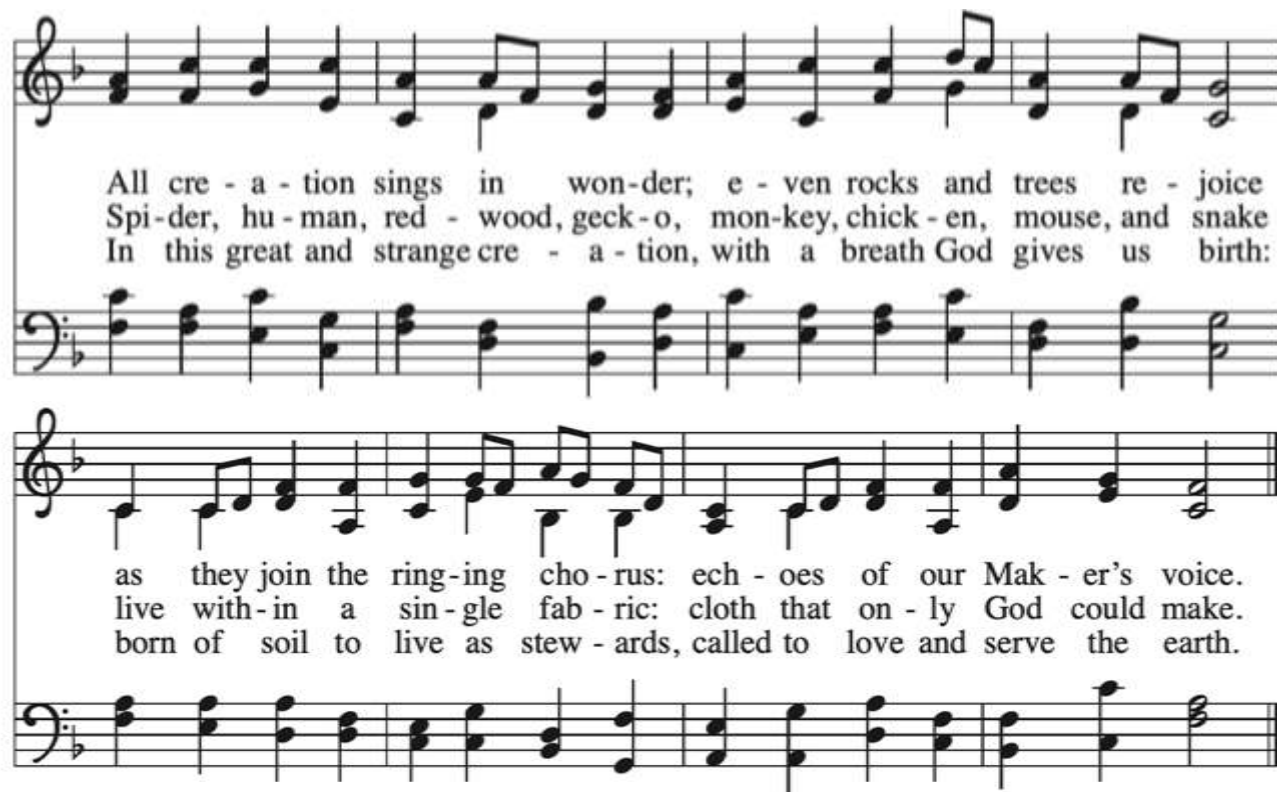
Gathering Hymn

Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom

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1 Earth is full of wit and wis-dom, sound-ing God's de-light-ed laugh,
2 Earth is full of wit and wis-dom, wo-ven in-to har-mo-ny.
3 Earth is full of wit and wis-dom: pen-guin, pla-ty-pus, and snail,
from the ti-ny ro-ly-po-ly to the tree-top-tall gi-raffe.
Ev-'ry crea-ture has a pur-pose, ev-'ry flow'r and bum-ble-bee.
cac-tus, sea slug, oak, and al-gae, from the mi-crobe to the whale.

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All cre - a - tion sings in won-der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice
 Spi-der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon-key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
 In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:

as they join the ring-ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
 live with-in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
 born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

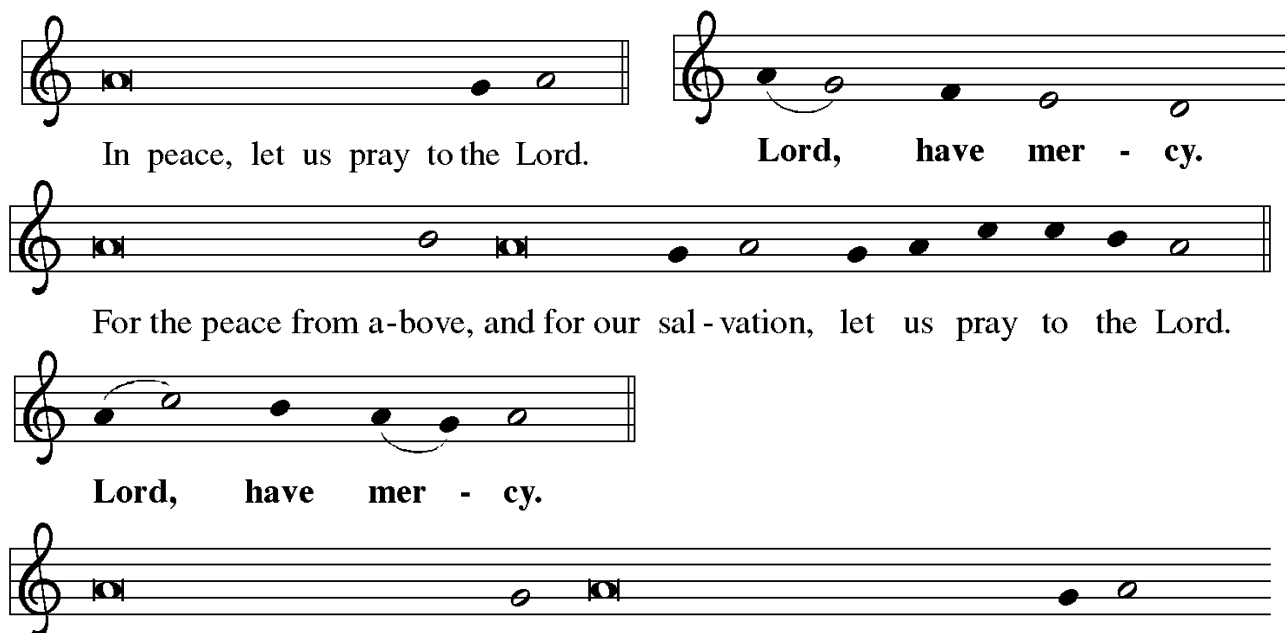
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 Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version
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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

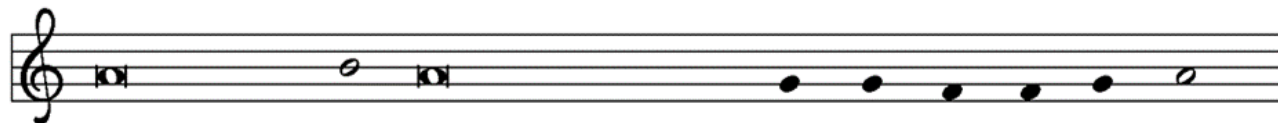
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Hymn of Praise

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Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

Let us pray together our Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Our first reading is from Genesis, beginning at the 2nd Chapter

2:18-24

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, 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. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

We read Psalm 8 responsively: (*leader - light print, congregation - bold*)

O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! —

you whose glory is chanted above the heavens

out of the mouths of infants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,

human beings that you should care for them?

Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

You have made them rule over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet:

all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,

and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Our second reading is from Hebrews, beginning at the 1st Chapter

1:1-4;2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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The holy gospel according to Mark, beginning at the 10th chapter

10:13-16

Glory to you, O Lord

People were bringing little children to [Jesus] in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.


Sermon

Rev. Diana Edis

Hymn of the Day

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

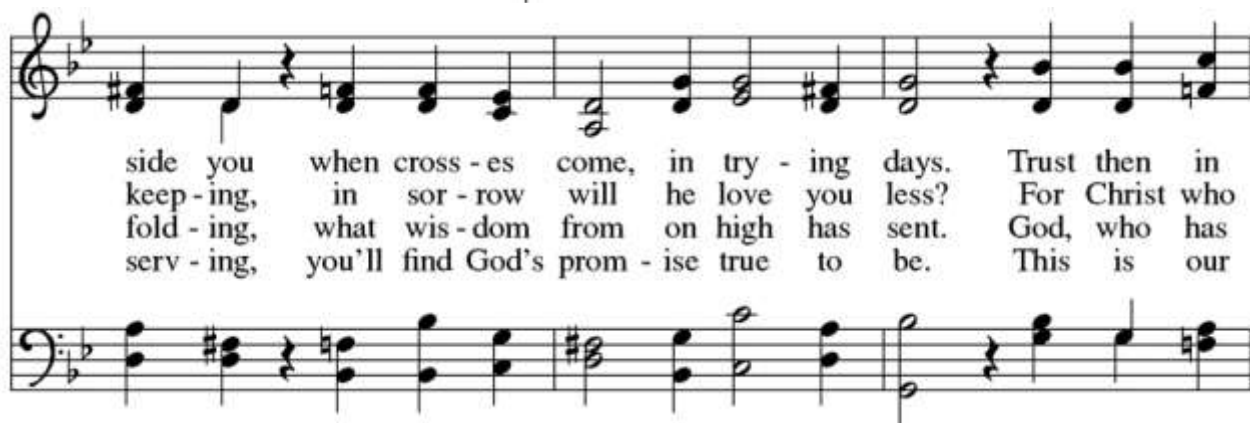
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1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621–1681; tr. composite
 Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark
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Baptism
(the baptismal party gathers at the font)

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: We present Rhoda Burke for baptism.

Rhoda, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ? (if so, answer, "I do.")

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture our sister Rhoda in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? (If so, answer, "I do.")

People of God, do you promise to support Rhoda and pray for her in her new life in Christ? If so, answer, "We do."

We do.

Please stand as you are able. Along with Rhoda, you may all may respond with these professions of faith.

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? (If so, answer, "I renounce them.")

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? (If so, answer, "I renounce them.")

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? (If so, answer, "I renounce them.")

I renounce them.

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.

Water is poured into the font

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Rhoda, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. (*Laying hands*)

Sustain Rhoda 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.

(The sign of the cross is marked on Rhoda's forehead as an indelible mark indicating her adoption into Christ's family)
Rhoda, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

(sponsor lights baptismal candle from the Pascal Candle and presents it to Rhoda as another sponsor says:)
S: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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.

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation. Hearing the words "God of grace," God's people may reply, "hear our prayer."

A brief silence.

God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and justice. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering. Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. We pray now, either aloud or silently, for all those in our hearts and on our minds... God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. In particular today, Lord, we ask your hand to guard and guide our sister Rhoda in her new life in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection, you prepare a place in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.
Amen.

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offerings may be mailed to the church, placed in our mailbox, sent by e-transfer to offering2stpauls@citywest.ca, or given at CanadaHelps to St. Paul's Lutheran, Prince Rupert

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

We enter a time of communion. All people are invited to receive God's meal. If you wish to receive, this meal is for you. If you would like to learn about communion please speak with the pastor after worship. Those at home may prepare bread and wine or juice for your worship space. When you receive the elements and eat and drink you may respond, "Amen." We have bread or gluten-free wafers, wine or juice; please let your server know which options are needed.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The image displays four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff continues with 'heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.'. The third staff has 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The fourth and final staff concludes with 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'.

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.

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal 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.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world. Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one across time and space by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using whatever version of that prayer comforts you. We 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.**

If the Holy Spirit calls you to this feast of bread and wine or juice, I invite you to receive that which has been prepared. Whether you are distant or present, all of us are gathered together around the table of Christ and we are united, made whole in the body of our Lord. Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Everyone is welcome.

Lamb of God

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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.

Hymn during communion:

There Is a Balm in Gilead

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Refrain

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

- 1 Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *Refrain*
- 2 If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." *Refrain*
- 3 Don't ever be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

The body and blood of our Lord and Saviour strengthen you to eternal life.

Amen

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

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1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv-en,

who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re-joic-es;
with ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir-it blest, who reign in high-est heav-en,

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Now Thank We All Our God'. It features two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system contains three lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
Thanks be to God.