Reign of Christ

November 22, 2026

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion towards all who call this place home.

COMMUNITY LIFE

[With Slide] - Felix - Christmas Hope support – contributions can be made through December 6 via your offering or etransfer.

Felix – Good Shepherd Presentation to ECM Smiles & Snacks Program

INTRODUCTION

On this final Sunday of the church year, our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

We take a moment to center our hearts and minds for worship.

GATHERING SONG "Jesus Shall Reign" ELW 434 v 1, 2, 4 & 5



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves
and the truth is not in us.
Let us confess our sin to God,
who is faithful and just,
and who has promised to forgive our sin
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

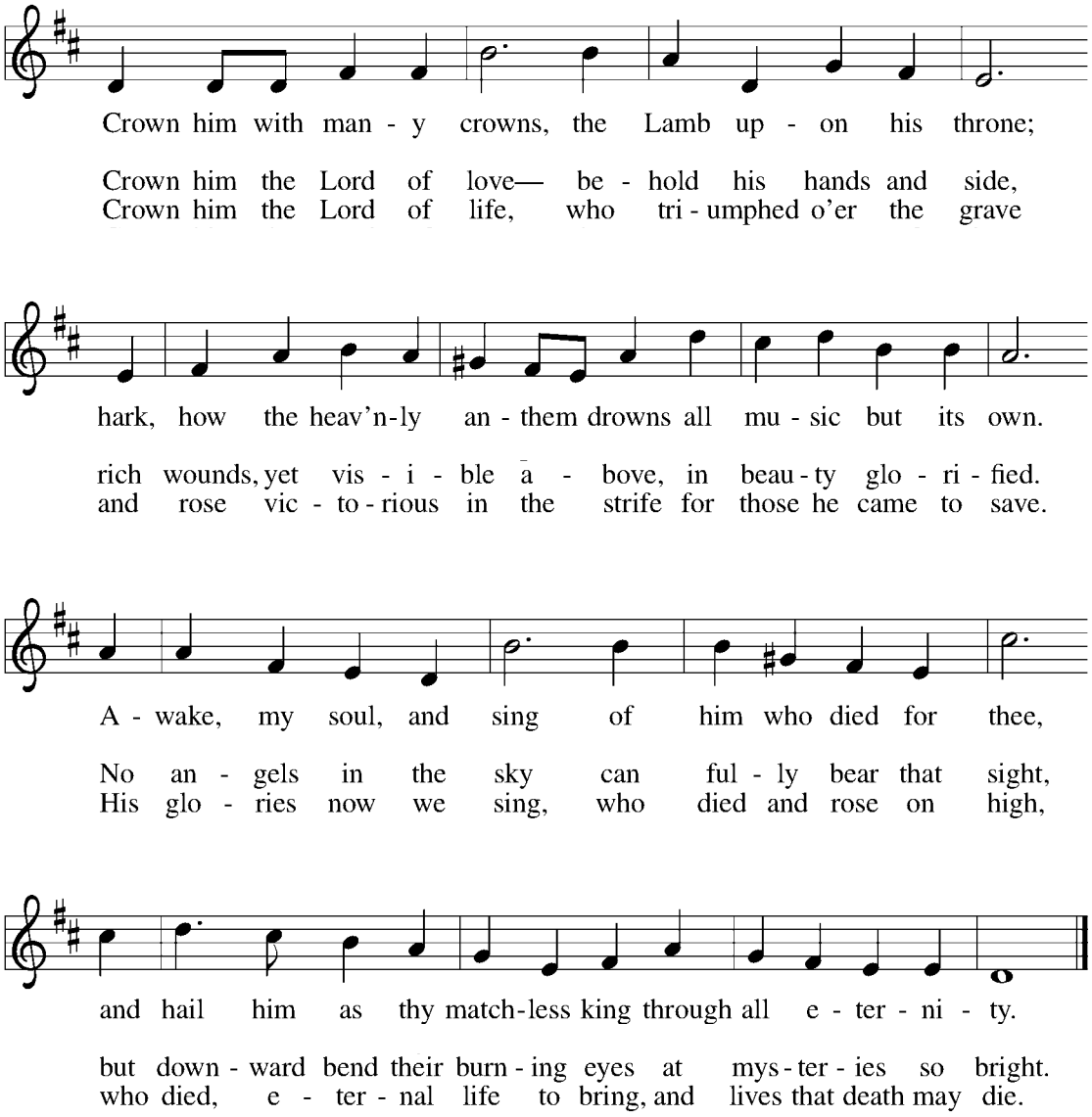
Silence for reflection

Most merciful God,
have mercy on us.

We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart;
we have not loved one another in deed and in truth.
In your compassion, forgive our sin
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives all our sin and grants us newness of life in Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE "Crown Him with Many Crowns" ELW 855 – v 1, 3, 4



GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

It is our delight to pray. O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

A reading from Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

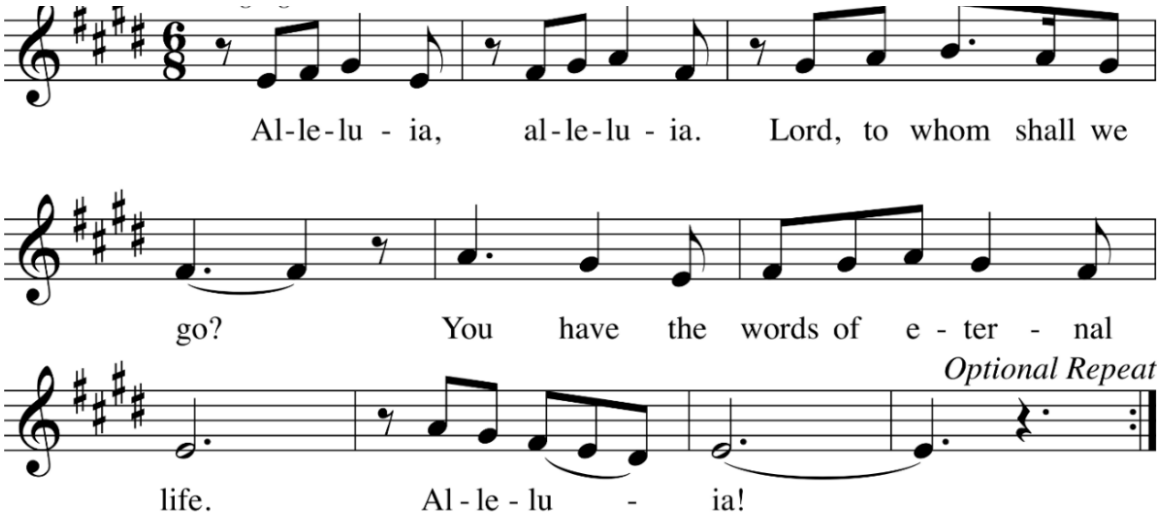
In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Alleluia" NTF



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

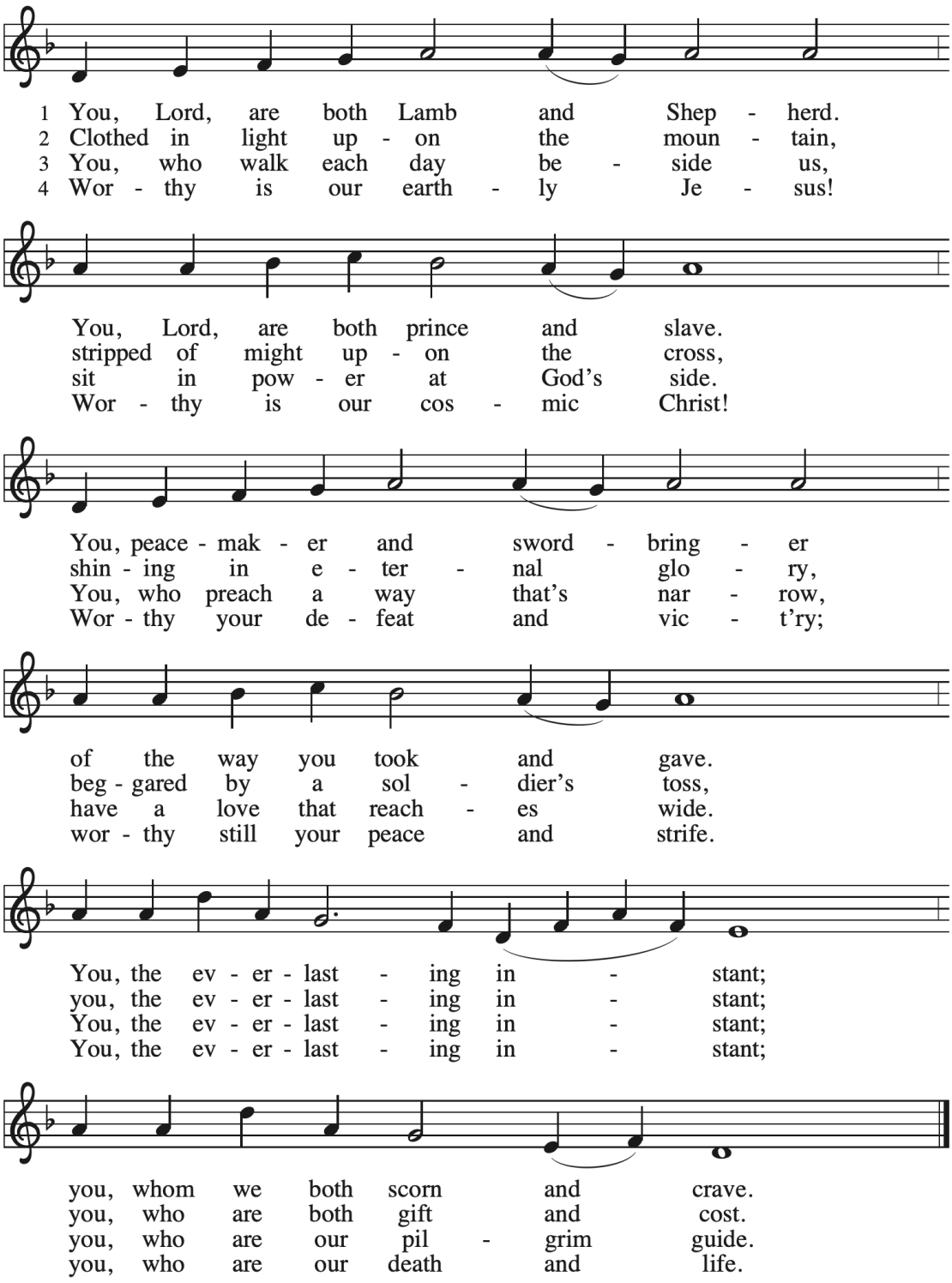
The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" ACS 954



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending presence and love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Everything on earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster, and restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. Help us to do our part in taking care of what you have entrusted to us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need especially Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Janet D, Dave, Austin, Patrick, Lois, Linda H, Carol, Murray, Shirley J., Jody, Mo, Sidonia, Jim N., Clayton P, Marlene and Darcy, Clayton and Margaret, Sheila, Ray, Nancy, Alan T, Cherylee, and those we name silently now . . . [silence]. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for this community of faith and for all the ways you have blessed us. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Bless those who prepare Coffee Fellowship and watch over Trevor, Harumi & Mayaka Gom and Norm Gunness. Our prayers are also with Pastor Joel, Vanesa and Hans as they wait to join us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Comfort all who are grieving today, especially the loved ones and friends of Dave Elliott. May they find solace in the hope of your promised new day. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up to you these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

MEAL

We set our table for the communion meal.

OFFERTORY "As the Grains of Wheat" ELW 465



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, **everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

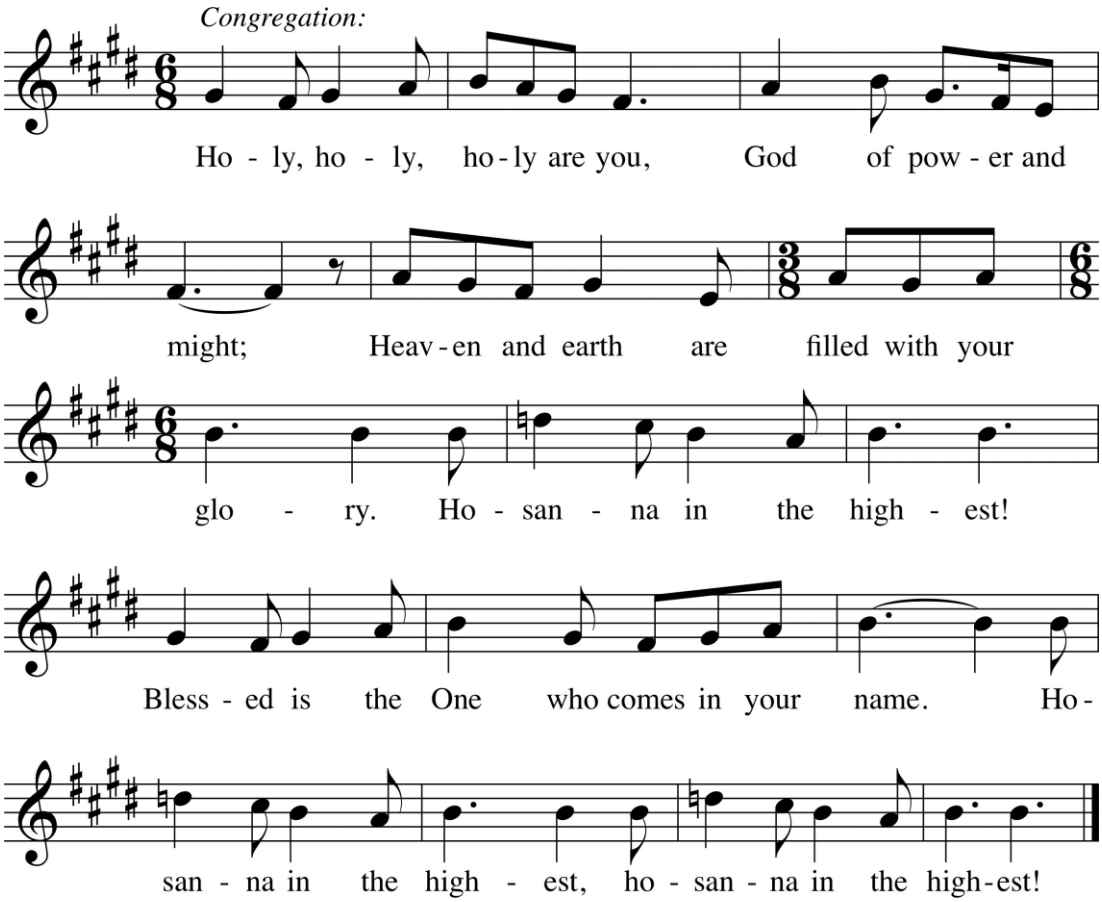
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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 our duty and delight
that we should everywhere and always
offer thanks and praise to you, O God,
through Jesus Christ,
who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love,
and so with the church on earth,
all creation and the host of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

"Holy Holy" NTF/ELW 191



You are indeed holy,
gracious and merciful God;
everything is filled with your glory.
We give you thanks for your promise and presence
which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation.
Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary,
who in word and deed announced your gentle rule
of justice, reconciliation, and peace.

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.

Remembg his command to love one another,
his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension,
we pray for his coming again.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.
Gather our prayers with those of the apostles, prophets, martyrs,
and all the faithful who have gone before us,
and unite them with the unceasing prayer of the One
who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, as our Saviour taught us, so 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.

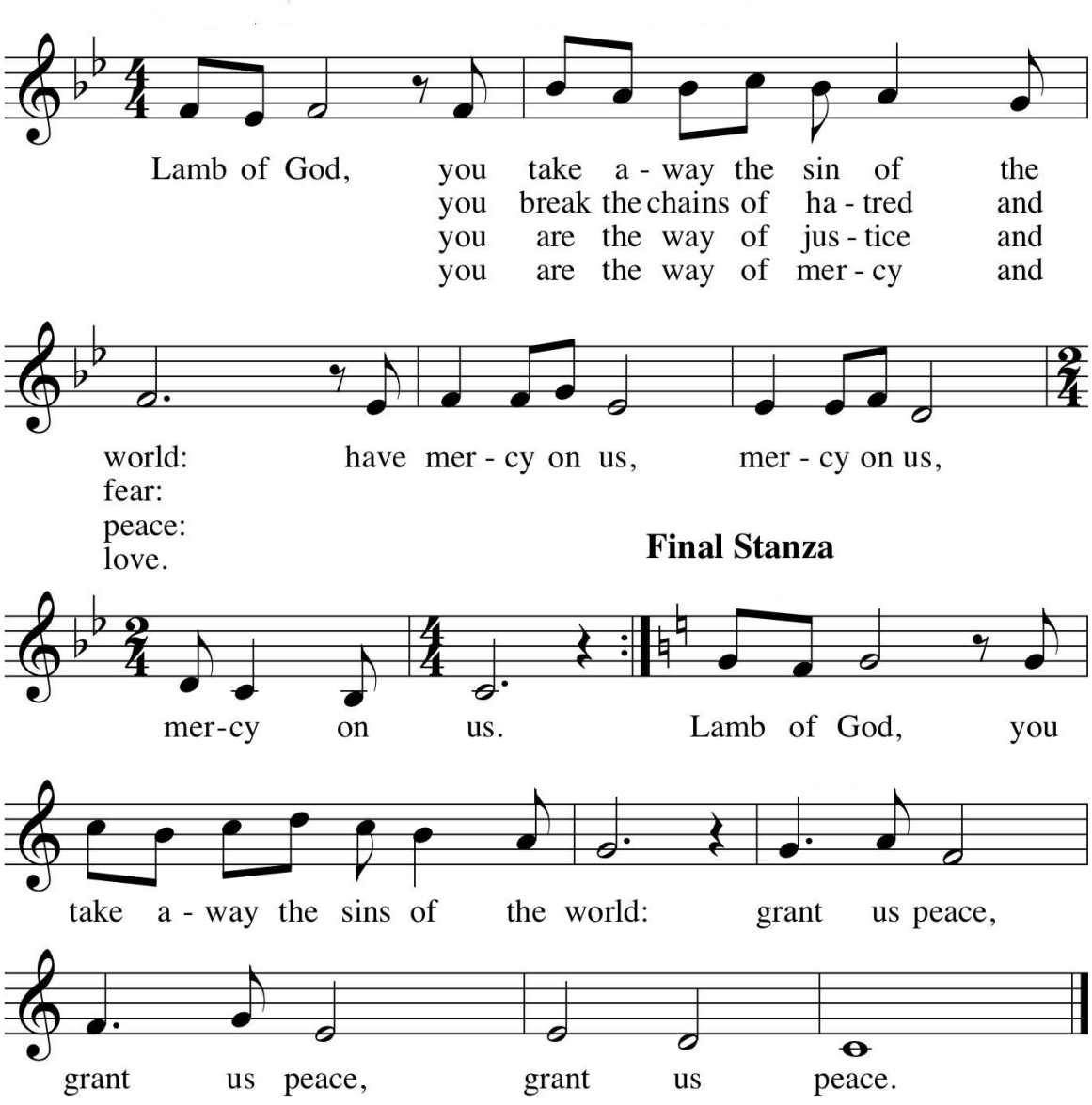
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Hunger no more. Thirst no more.
Come to the banquet of life.

Together let us take and eat, the body of Christ given for you
Together let us take and drink, the blood of Christ shed for you

COMMUNION VIDEO – Psalm 90

COMMUNION SONG "Lamb of God" NTF



"O Christ, the Same" WOV 778



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

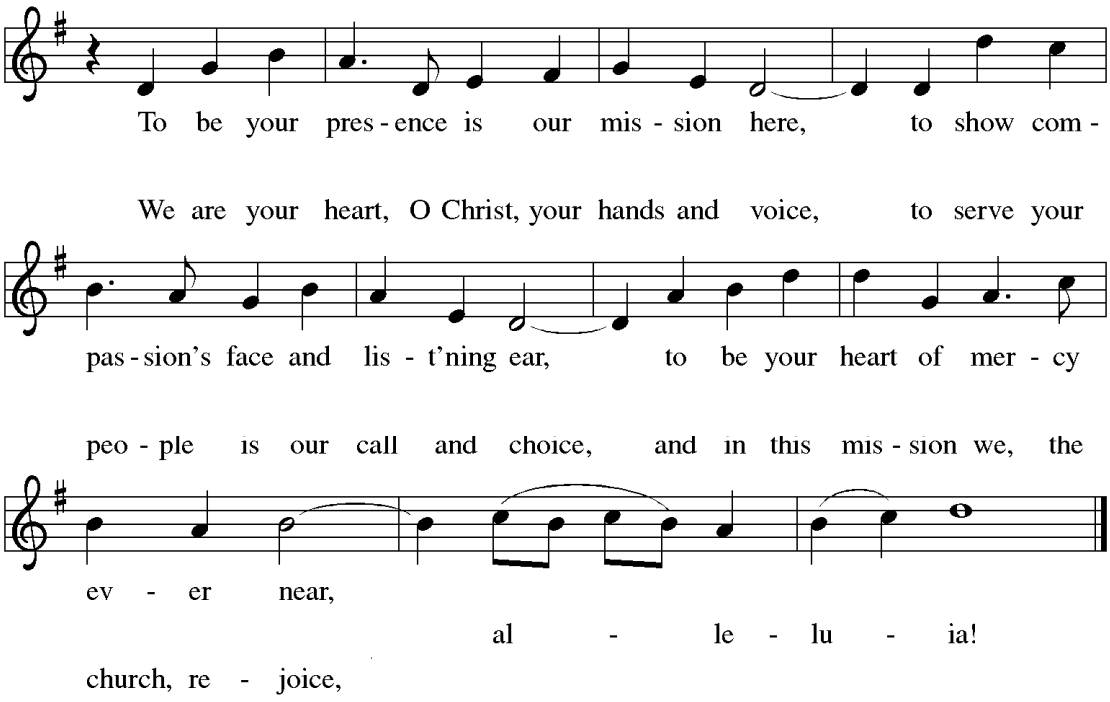
SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: Pour out your Spirit on all who share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

May God bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May God look on you with favour and ☩ give you peace. Amen.

SENDING SONG "To Be Your Presence" ELW 546 – v 1, 2, 4



SENDING

Led on by saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. We will!

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