2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 14, 2020
Online Service

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Dear friends in Christ, God loves you and delights to be with you — here and everywhere, today and always. Welcome.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Presider: In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen

Presider: 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 unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Presider: Most Merciful God,

Congregation: Have mercy on us.

All: **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.**

Presider: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GATHERING SONG

PASTORAL GREETING

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.

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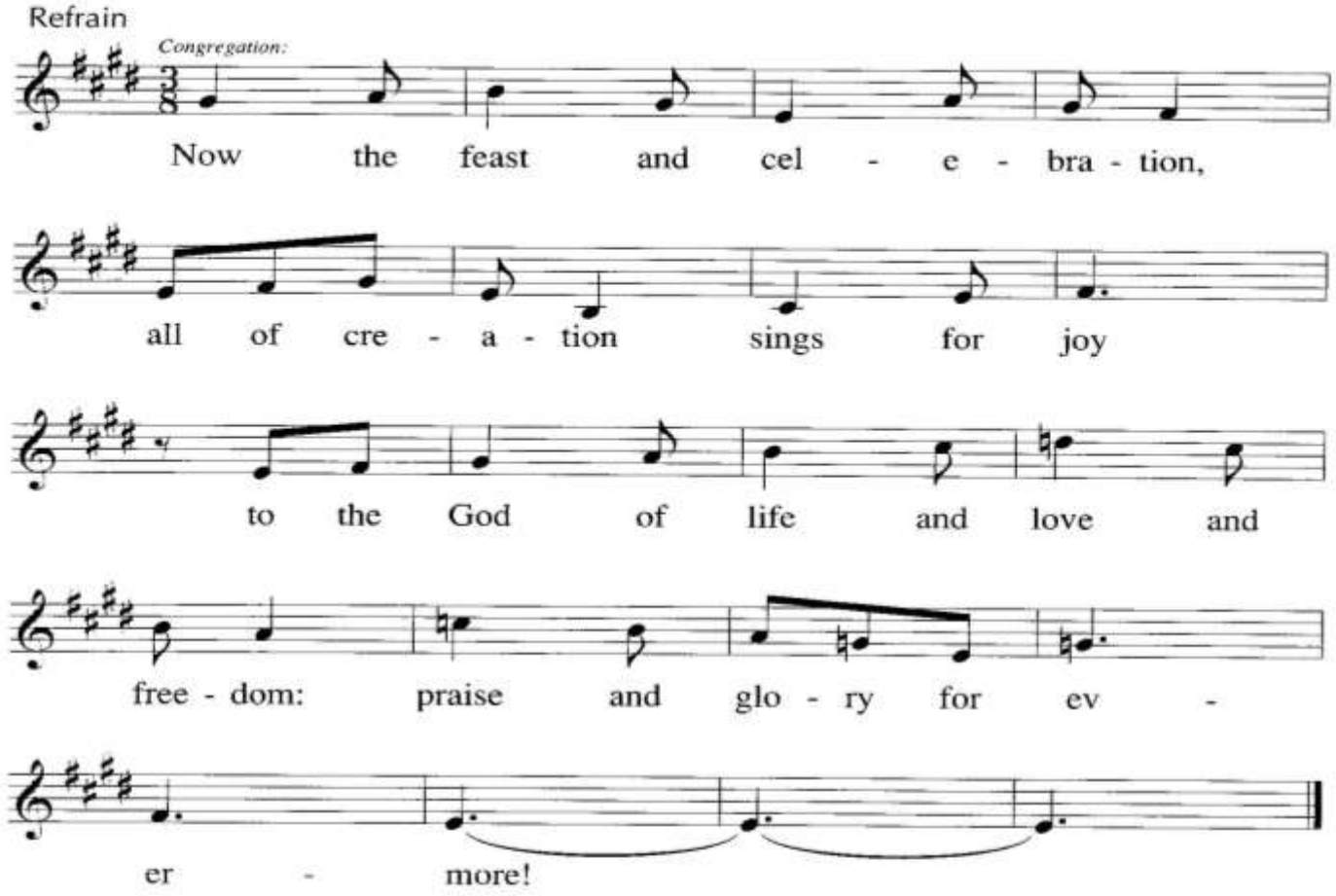
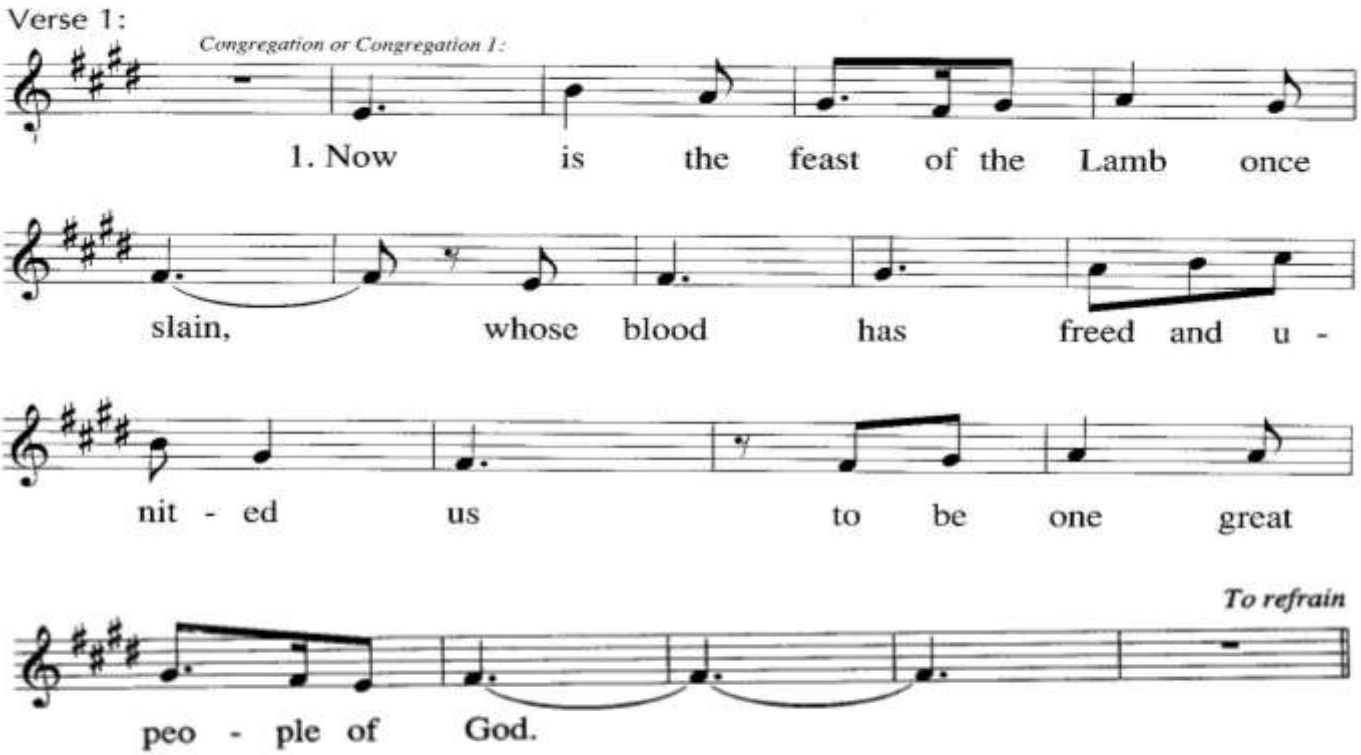
NOW THE FEAST





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray…… God, our maker and redeemer, you have made us a new company of priests to bear witness to the Gospel. Enable us to be faithful to our calling to make known your promises to all the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

CHILDRENS SERMON

FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a

L: The First Lesson is from Exodus the 19th chapter, beginning at the 2nd verse:

2 [The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and
camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. 3 Then
Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus
you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: 4 You have seen what I
did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to
myself. 5 Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be
my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, 6 but
you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that
you shall speak to the Israelites."

7 So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all
these words that the LORD had commanded him. 8a The people all answered as one:
"Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

L: The Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 100

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;

serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

2 **Know this: The LORD himself is God;**

he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and call upon his name.

4 **For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting;**

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

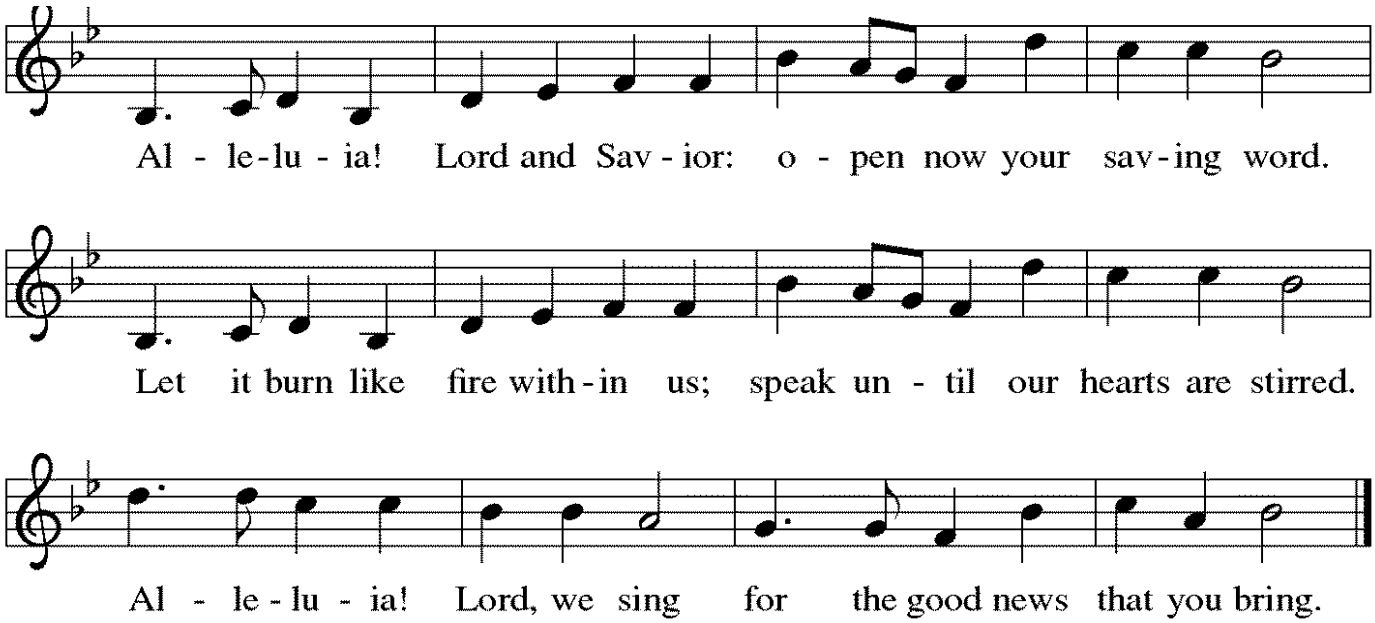
L: The Second Lesson is from Romans the 5th chapter, beginning at the 1st verse:

[1]Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, [2]through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. [3]And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, [4]and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, [5]and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

[6]For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. [7]Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. [8]But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

L: The Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23]

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 9th chapter, beginning at the 35th verse:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

35 Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and
proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every
sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they
were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his
disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore ask the Lord
of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

10:1 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over
unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.
2 These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and
his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; 3 Philip and
Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and
Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere
among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, 6 but go rather to the lost
sheep of the house of Israel. 7 As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of
heaven has come near.' 8 Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out
demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [9 Take no gold, or
silver, or copper in your belts, 10 no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals,
or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. 11 Whatever town or village you enter, find
out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. 12 As you enter the house,
greet it. 13 If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy,
let your peace return to you. 14 If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your
words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. 15 Truly I
tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of
judgment than for that town.

16 "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as
serpents and innocent as doves. 17 Beware of them, for they will hand you over to
councils and flog you in their synagogues; 18 and you will be dragged before

governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles.
[19]When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you
are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; [20]for it is not
you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. [21]Brother will
betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents
and have them put to death; [22]and you will be hated by all because of my name. But
the one who endures to the end will be saved. [23]When they persecute you in one
town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the
towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."]

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

APOSTLE'S CREED

A: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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 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.
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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

Holy One, you bring us together and call us your own. Bless theologians, teachers, and preachers who help us grow in faith. Guide your church, that we might be a holy people. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy One, the whole earth is yours. Where there is fire, bring cool air and new growth. Where there is flooding, bring abatement. Where there is drought, bring rain. Inspire us to care for what you have provided. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy One, we have created divisions you will not own. In places of conflict, raise up leaders who work to develop lasting peace and reconciliation. Encourage organizations and individuals who care for all forced to leave their homes. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Holy One, you care for those who are harassed and helpless. Protect and defend those who are abused. Heal those who are sick. Feed all who hunger. Empower all whose voices go unheard, and help us respond to the pressing needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Gracious God, watch over and care for all persons who serve in the military……. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy One, you provide a plentiful harvest of gifts and resources. Prepare us to labor and gather the fruits of this congregation, that we might discover new ways of living. Minister to us in our work, that we do not lose heart. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy One, you bring all people to yourself. We give thanks for the holy people who have gone before us. Sustain us in your mission until the day you bear us up to join the saints in light. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let us greet one another with a sign of God's peace.
The congregation is invited to greet one another with a gesture of peace (hand shake or hug) using these or similar words – *God's peace be with you.*

OFFERING

Gathering of Offerings
Offertory
Presentation of our Gifts

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray…. God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C: Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: 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:

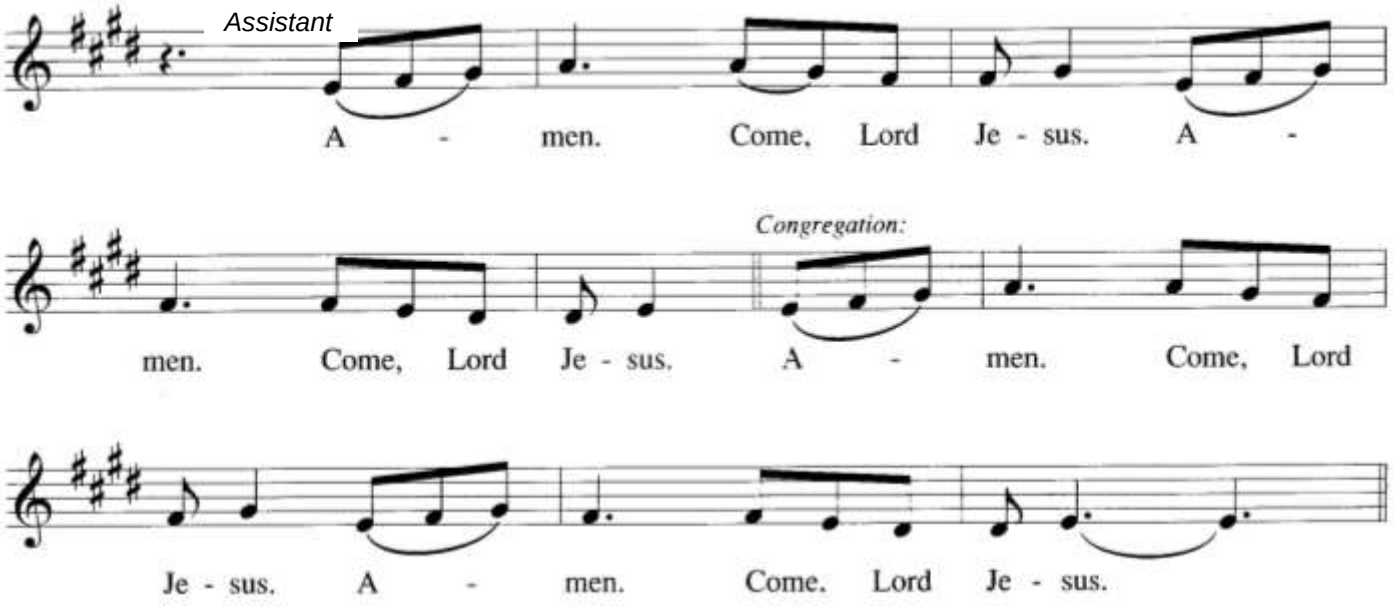
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which has 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.

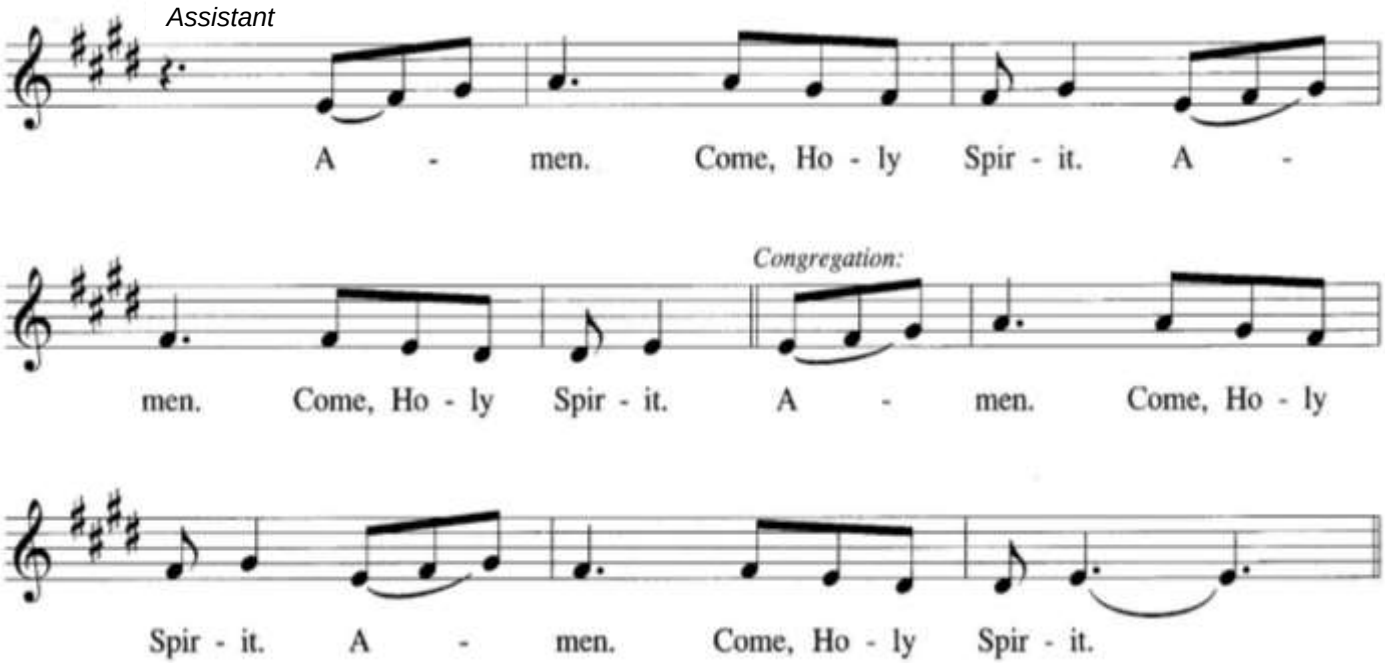
On the night of his betrayal our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is by body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

P: Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

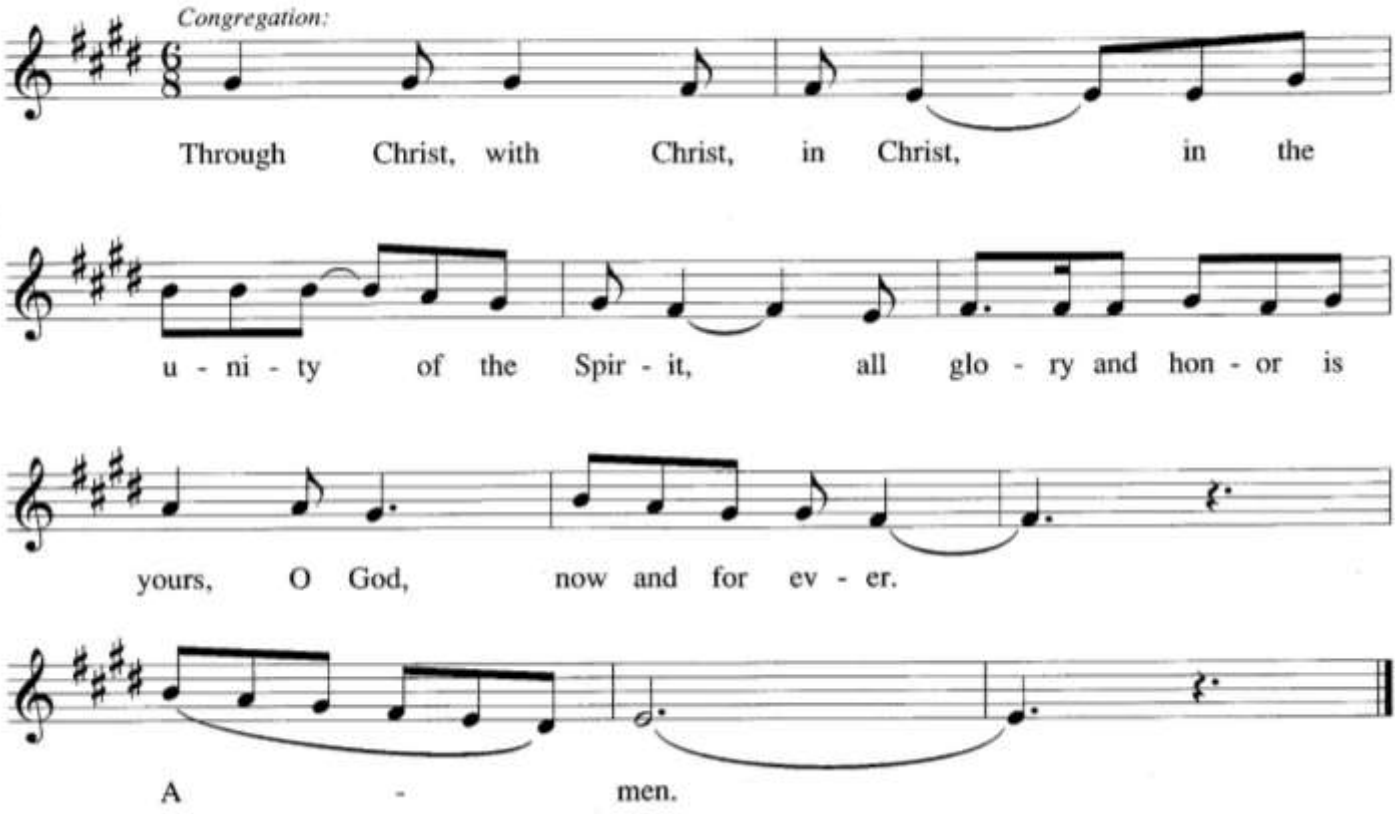


P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.



P: This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST



LORD'S PRAYER

P: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

C: 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

DISTRIBUTION

We welcome you to the Lord's Table to share the Sacrament of Holy Communion with us. Holy Communion is served with both red wine and white grape juice. It is your choice to receive either one.

Empty cups may be placed in the bowl to the left or right as you return to your seat.

COMMUNION - Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the bread of life for us all:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray… Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Harvest of Compassion

Jesus sends out his disciples to labor for the kingdom. He uses the metaphor of a harvest and says there is plenty to harvest but that there are not enough workers. The church has seen itself throughout the centuries as being sent to labor for the harvest. Most often, the assumption has been that the harvest is people, and the goal is making them members of the church. Much of the missionary impulse and institutional focus of the church have been about increasing numbers and making more members.

But notice how Jesus describes the labor of the harvest: proclaim, cure, cleanse, raise, cast out. The focus is not on making people a part of the church (although welcoming others is certainly part of the good news). The goal of the labor—the harvest—is healing, helping, liberating, renewing. The world is full of great unmet needs, and many people are suffering; hopelessness and despair abound. The harvest of the kingdom is a harvest of compassionate deeds.

What happens when no one is available to harvest the crops? They sit in the field and eventually go bad. What happens to people when no one joins in the harvest of compassion? People continue to suffer, lives are diminished, and God's intentions of abundant life for all are left to rot. Jesus is inviting all who are willing to join in the harvest of compassion, and the time is now.

What happens when the church shifts its mission from harvesting people to harvesting acts of compassion? The witness of the church becomes rooted in concrete acts of care for others, and suffering is alleviated. The good news of Jesus is known in the great ingathering of compassion and justice done in Jesus' name. It begins at the table every Sunday, when we celebrate the feast of the kingdom that Jesus himself brought to fruition through his own life, death, and resurrection. May that gift now bear fruit in our lives by his grace.