CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2026

PRELUDE Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland – BWV 599 *J.S. Bach*

✢ BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH ✢

Stand

P Behold the Lord shall come and all His saints with Him;
C **and in that day the light shall be great. Alleluia!**

P Beloved in the Lord, as we begin the season of Advent, let this wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom. As we continue to wait expectantly for His glorious return, let us pray with the Psalmist for divine deliverance:
C **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, the true light who comes into the world to enlighten all people, bless us as we light the candles of this wreath in preparation for Your coming, and enkindle in our hearts the fire of Your love that we may receive You with joy and gladness and evermore remain steadfast in the faith; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✢ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this wreath for use in His Church throughout this holy season of Advent.
C **Amen.**

The first candle on the Advent wreath is lit.

✢ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION ✢

INVOCATION

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

EXHORTATION & OPENING SENTENCES

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel. If you are unable to kneel, please remain standing.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

ABSOLUTION

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

✢ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✢

INTROIT *Psalm 25:4–5, 21–22; antiphon: vv. 1–3a* ***(sung by Cantors)***

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.
Let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.
Let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame.

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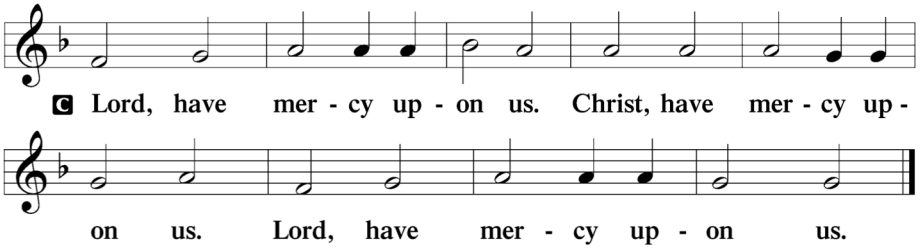


SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.
Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Jeremiah 23:5–8**

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

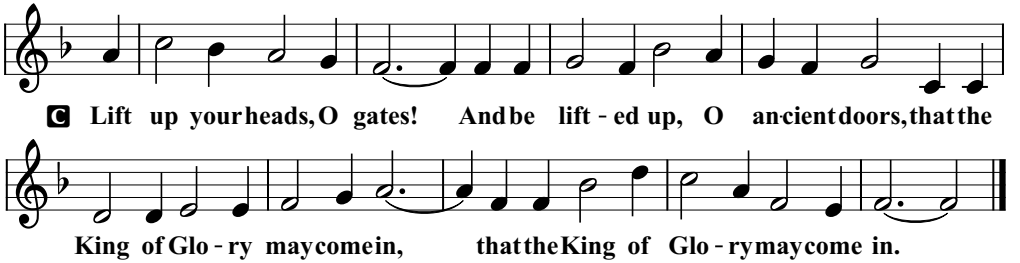
"Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' but 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.' Then they shall dwell in their own land."

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY *Psalm 24* ***(sung as indicated)***

I *Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in, that the King of Glory may come in.*

Refrain



I *The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,*
for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.
Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

Refrain

I *He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.*
He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Refrain

I *Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!*
Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Refrain

EPISTLE READING **Romans 13:8–14**

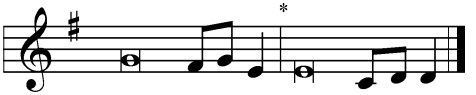
Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

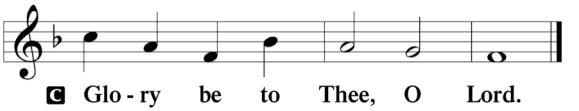
VERSE OF THE DAY *Psalm 85:7* ***(sung as indicated)***



I *Alleluia. Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD, * and grant us your salvation. Alle- | luia.*

HOLY GOSPEL READING **Matthew 21:1–9**

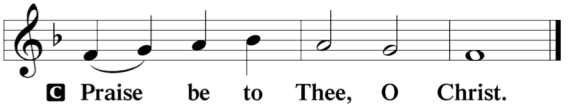
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st Chapter:



When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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HYMN OF THE DAY Savior of the Nations, Come **332**

(sung as indicated)

Stanza 1	***All***	***Stanza 5***	***Men***
Stanza 2	***All***	***Stanza 6***	***Men***
Stanza 3	***Women & Children***	***Stanza 7***	***All***
Stanza 4	***Women & Children***	***Stanza 8***	***All***

SERMON

Stand

NICENE CREED

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✢ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Lisa Weaver

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

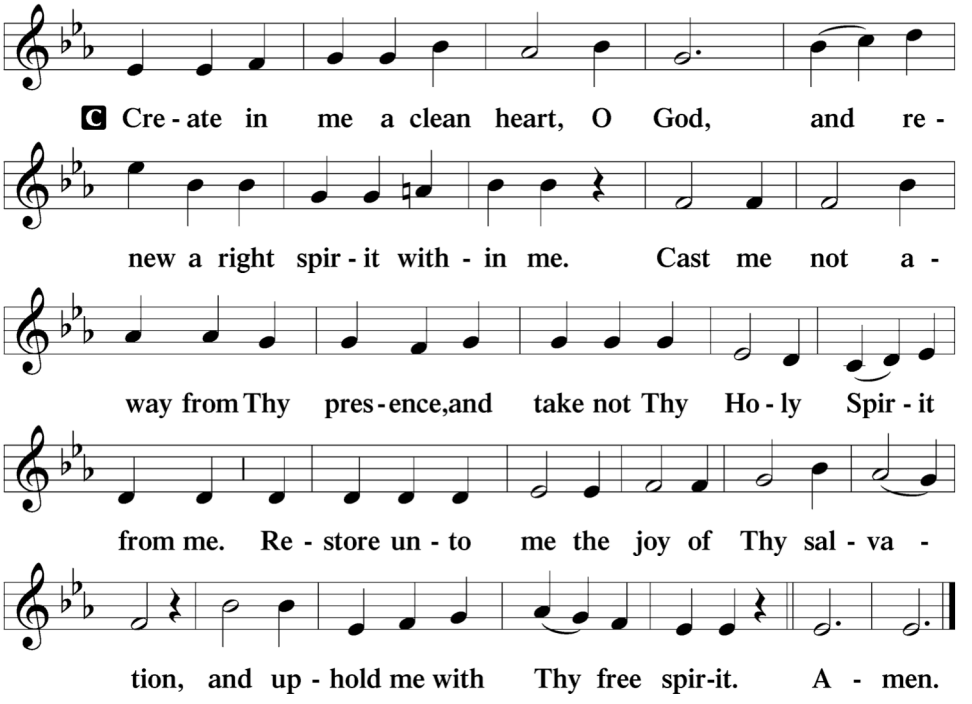
P Lord, in Your mercy:

C **Hear our prayer.**

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

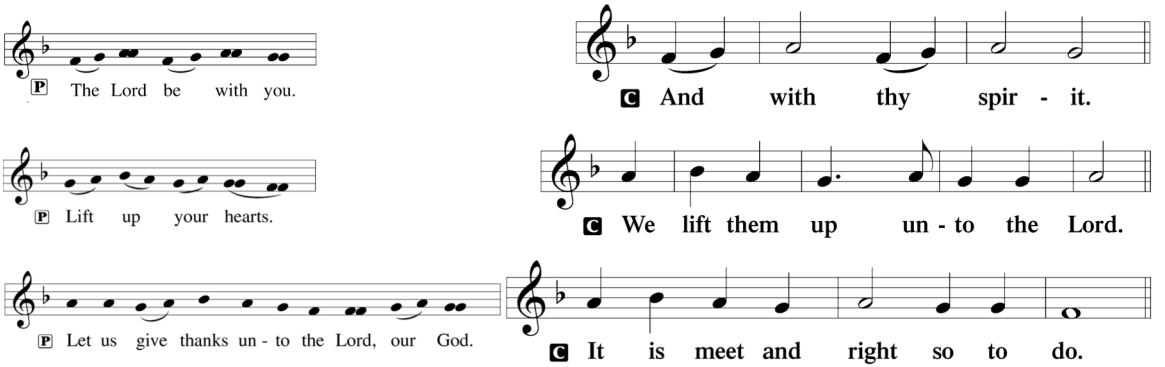
Worshipers may leave offerings in the plates near the sanctuary doors.

OFFERTORY



✢ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✢

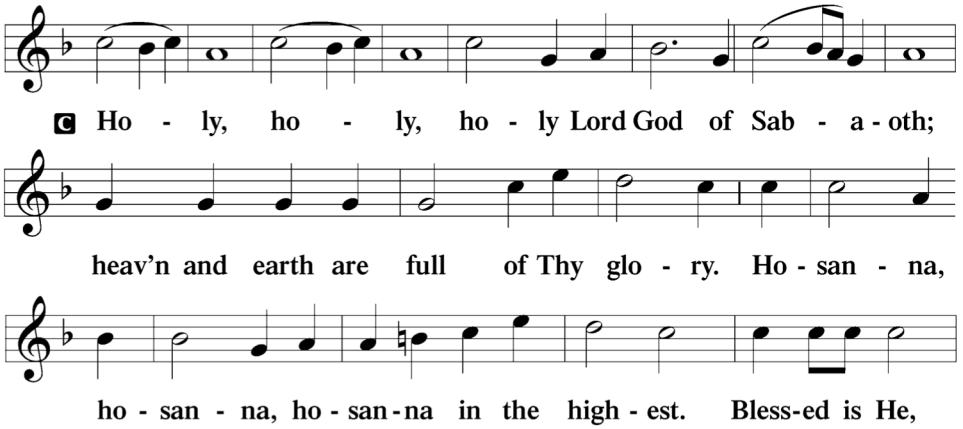
PREFACE



PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly meet, 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



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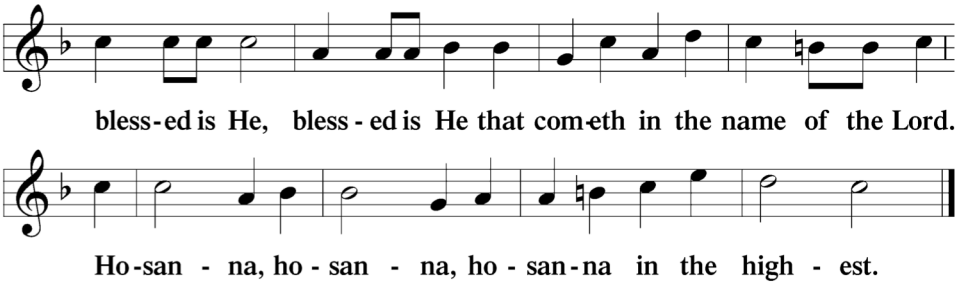

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord Jesus Christ, almighty and everlasting Son of the Father. For by the sacrifice of Yourself upon the cross, offered once for all, You have perfected those who are sanctified. As a memorial and seal of this, You have ordained Your Holy Supper, in which You give us Your Body to eat and Your Blood to drink, so that being in You, even as You are in us, we may have everlasting life and be raised up at the Last Day.

Most merciful and exalted Redeemer, we humbly confess that we are not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth that You have shown to us. Because of our sins, we are too impure and weak to receive Your saving gifts. Sanctify us, therefore, in our bodies and souls by Your Holy Spirit. Prepare us to come to Your Supper, to the glory of Your grace, and to our own eternal good.

From the fullness of the merits of Your bitter suffering and death, O Lord, graciously supply whatever we may lack in true repentance and sorrow for our sins, in living faith and trust in Your merits, and in an earnest purpose to amend our sinful lives. Grant us this, so that we who in this present world partake of You, our only Consolation and Savior, in the Holy Sacrament, may at last see You face to face in Your heavenly kingdom and dwell with You and all Your saints 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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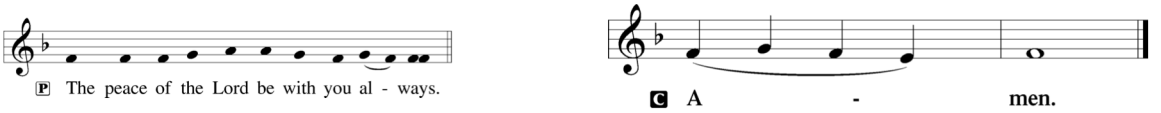

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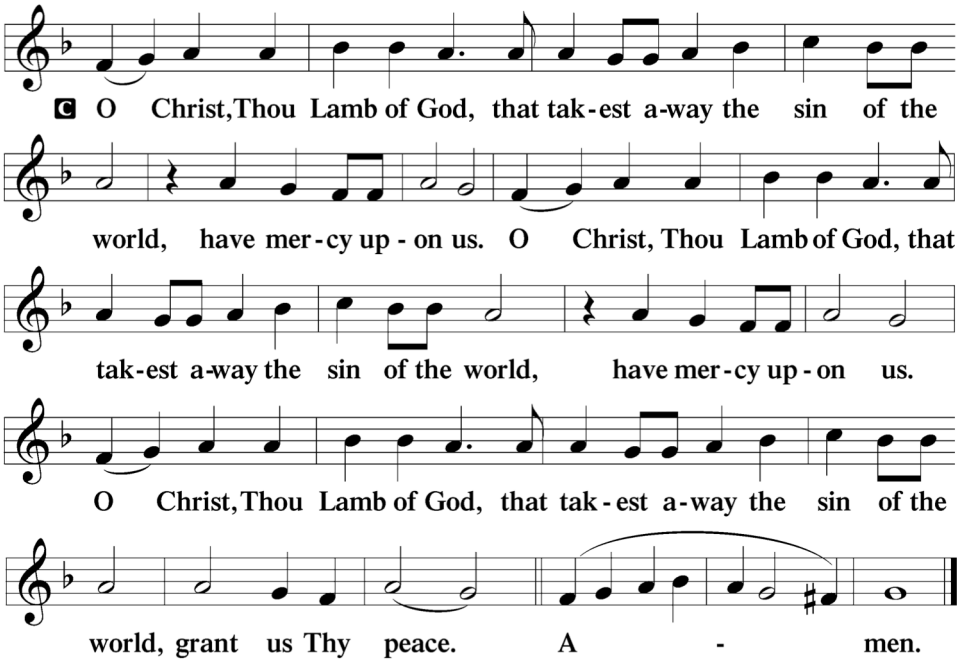

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RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Please note the Communion Statement printed in the bulletin. Follow the ushers' instructions to approach the communion rail. Individuals who are not communing may receive a blessing; please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire a blessing.

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come	**350**
O Bride of Christ, Rejoice	**335**
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates	**341**

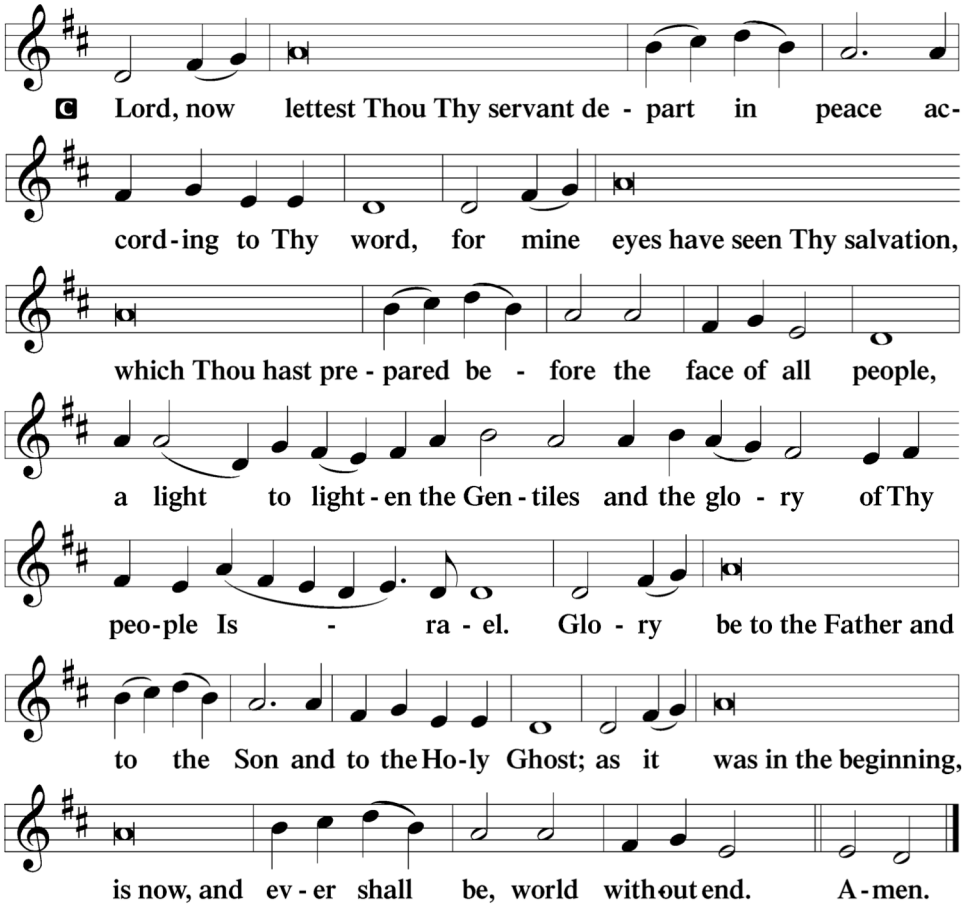
Stand after the Presiding Minister has placed the sacramental vessels in order.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C **Amen.**

NUNC DIMITTIS



THANKSGIVING & POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, **C** **and His mercy endureth forever.**

P Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you. **C** **And with thy spirit.**

P Bless we the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN Prepare the Royal Highway **343**

POSTLUDE Prepare the Royal Highway *arr. Michael Burkhardt*

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