Order of Worship

GATHERING
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN:

GREETING

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD
God speaks to us in Scripture.

First Reading is from the Book of Isaiah, Chapter 25:1-9

1 O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
2 For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will
never be rebuilt.
3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
4 For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the
rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
5 the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of
the ruthless was stilled.
6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged
wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
7 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread
over all nations;8 he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all
faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.
9 It will be said on that day, “See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is
the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

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

PSALM:
We will read Psalm 23 responsively.

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
2 The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
3 You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Second Reading is from Paul's letter to the Philippians, Chapter 4:1-9.

[1] My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
[2] I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. [3] Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.
[4] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5] Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. [6] Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
[8] Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9] As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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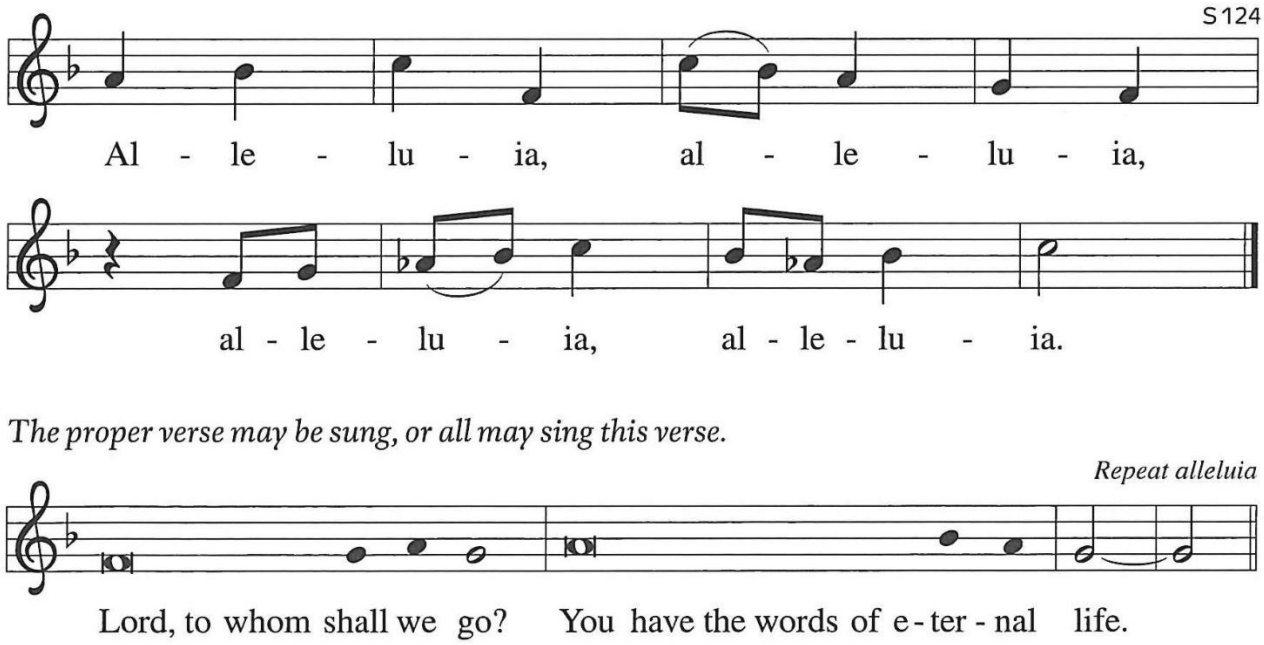
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

[1] Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: [2] "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a
king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. [3] He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the
wedding banquet, but they would not come. [4] Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have
been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and
everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' [5] But they made light of it and went away, one to his
farm, another to his business, [6] while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. [7] The
king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. [8] Then he said to
his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. [9] Go therefore into the main streets,
and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' [10] Those slaves went out into the streets and
gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.
[11] "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding
robe, [12] and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was
speechless. [13] Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer
darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' [14] For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

780 Shepherd Me, O God

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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 INTERCESSION
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
We encourage individuals who are online to share the peace with each other in chat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

ANTHEM: APLC Ensemble – *O Lord, You Know Me Completely* by Hal H. Hopson

OFFERING HYMN:

You Are Holy

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GATHERING

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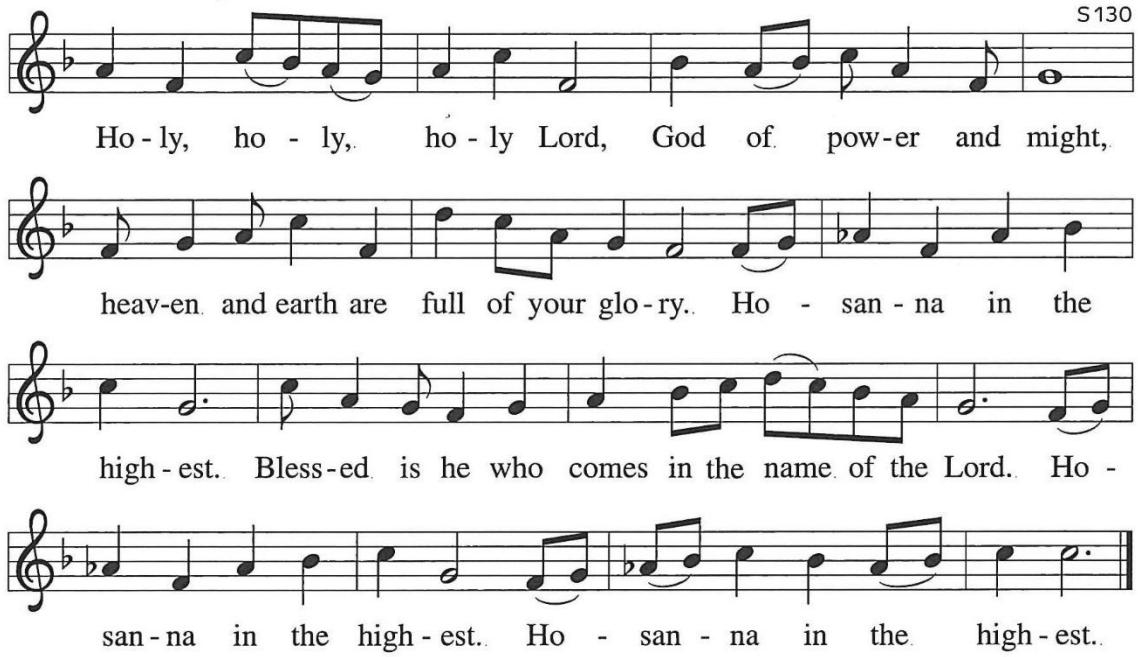
* *May be sung in canon.*

OFFERING PRAYER
God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE 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.**



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE
You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.
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.
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

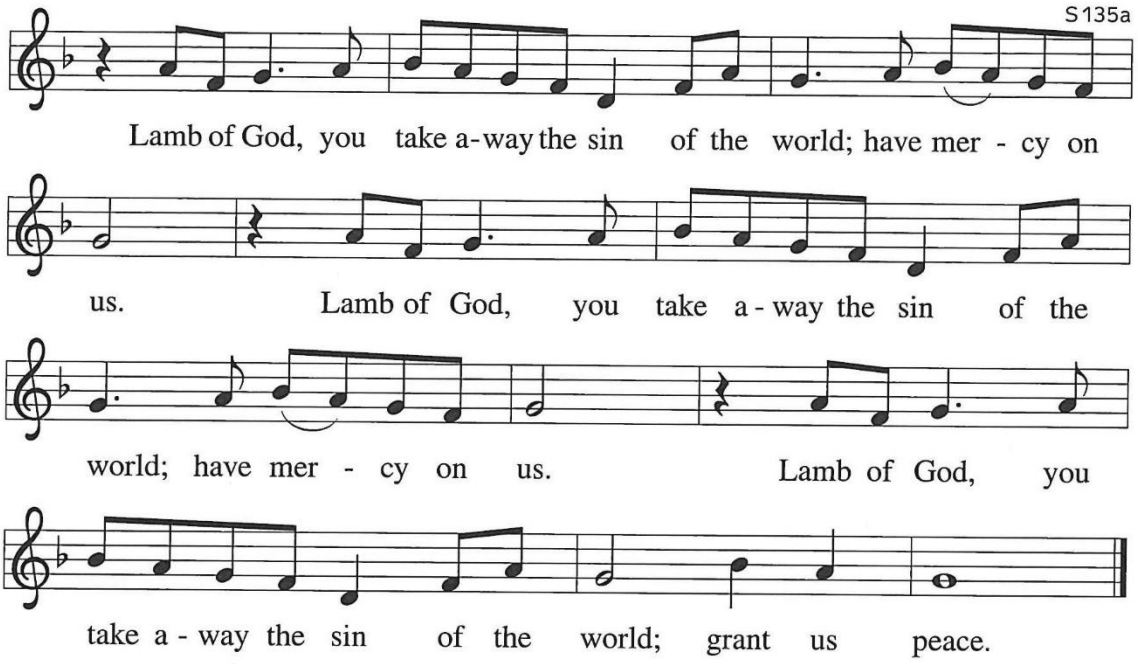
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER
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.

or

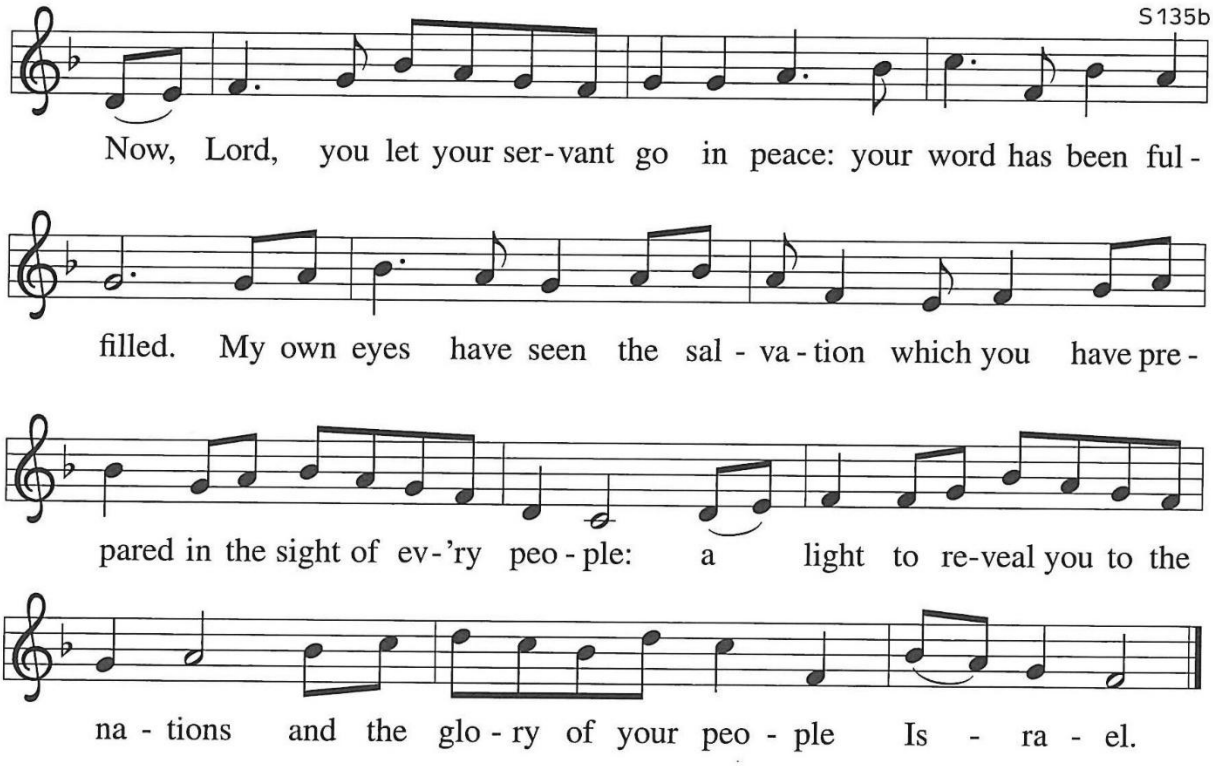
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION



COMMUNION HYMN:

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

873 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE