

Keep awake, therefore,
for you know
neither the
day nor the hour.

Matthew 1:13 nrsv

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Incline Your Ear, O Lord St. John Choir

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations, whose
compassion never slumbers.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation.

We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.

We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others.

We are not awake to the coming of your reign.

Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy.

Amen.

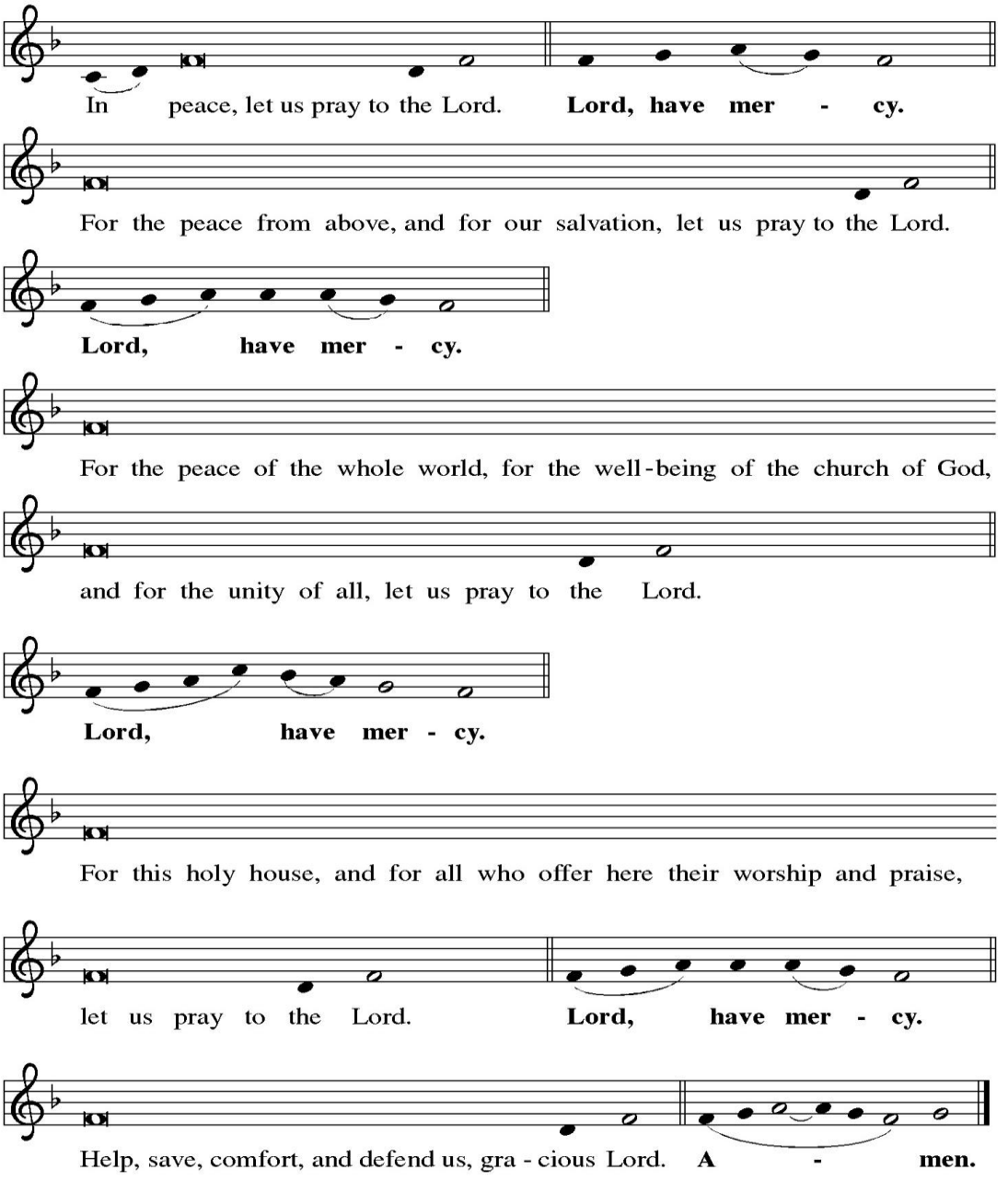
P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

ALL: Amen.

GATHERING SONG Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers Hymn #244
5 verses

GREETING AND KYRIE

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.**



This Is the Feast





P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

First Reading **Amos 5:18-24**

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the
Lord? It is darkness, not light, 19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by
a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten
by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn
assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing
stream.

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

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have
died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we
believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with
him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that
we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede
those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the
archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and
the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught
up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be
with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks Be to God**



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL READING **Matthew 25:1-13**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying Hymn # 436
3 verses

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God, In Your Mercy
C: Hear our prayer.



HOLY BAPTISM of Walker Blausey

Presentation

P: People of God, do you promise to support Walker and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **C: We do.**

Profession of Faith:

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the commun-ion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Welcome

P: Through baptism you have been received into the household of God entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit.

C: 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.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

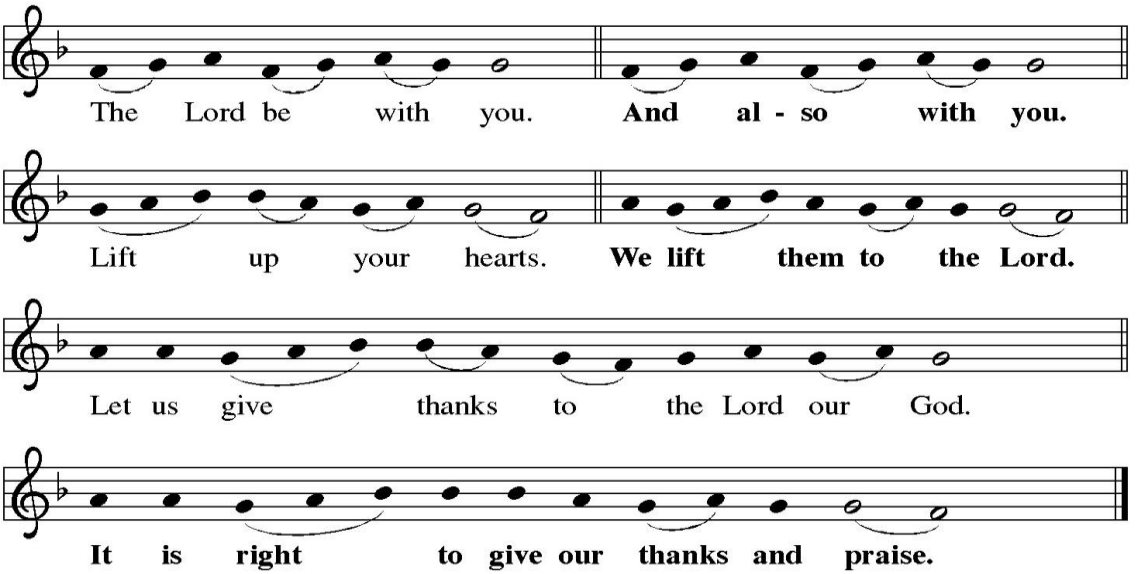
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AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

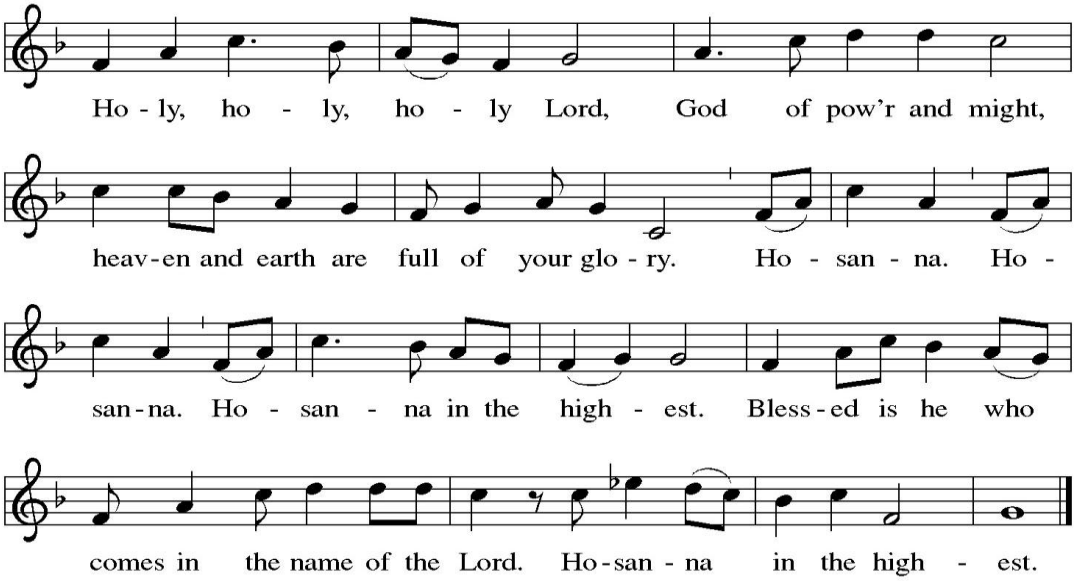


OFFERING PRAYER

P: Eternal God, **C: our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



P: 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:

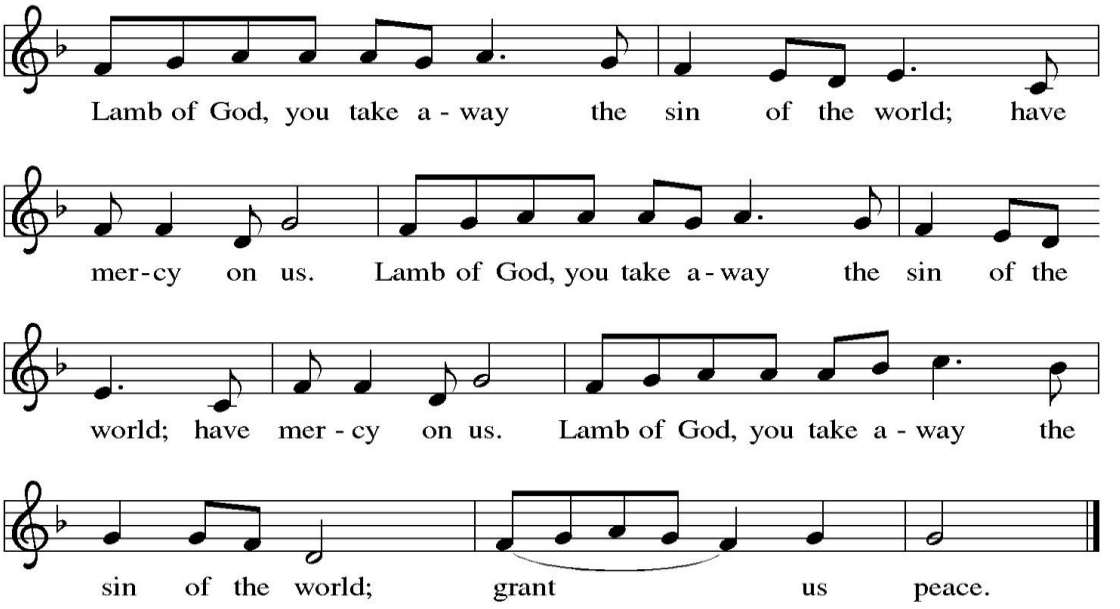


THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Holy God,

C: we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Holy Trinity, Father, † Son and Holy Spirit bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C: Amen

SENDING SONG Blessed Assurance Hymn # 638
3 verses

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Welcome!

St. John practices "open communion". All who are baptized and instructed are welcome to share the Lord's Supper with us today. Starting with the right side of the church, followed by the left when they are finished, the Pastor will distribute the bread and the communion assistant will serve the wine. We will also have pre-sealed elements available for those who would prefer the more hygienic option (or those who wish to receive grape juice instead of wine). Indicate to the Pastor that you would like pre-sealed elements and skip the wine server. Those who wish to receive a blessing should indicate their wishes to the Pastor by crossing their arms over their chest.