



# Pentecost Season

LIFE TOGETHER

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PRELUDE

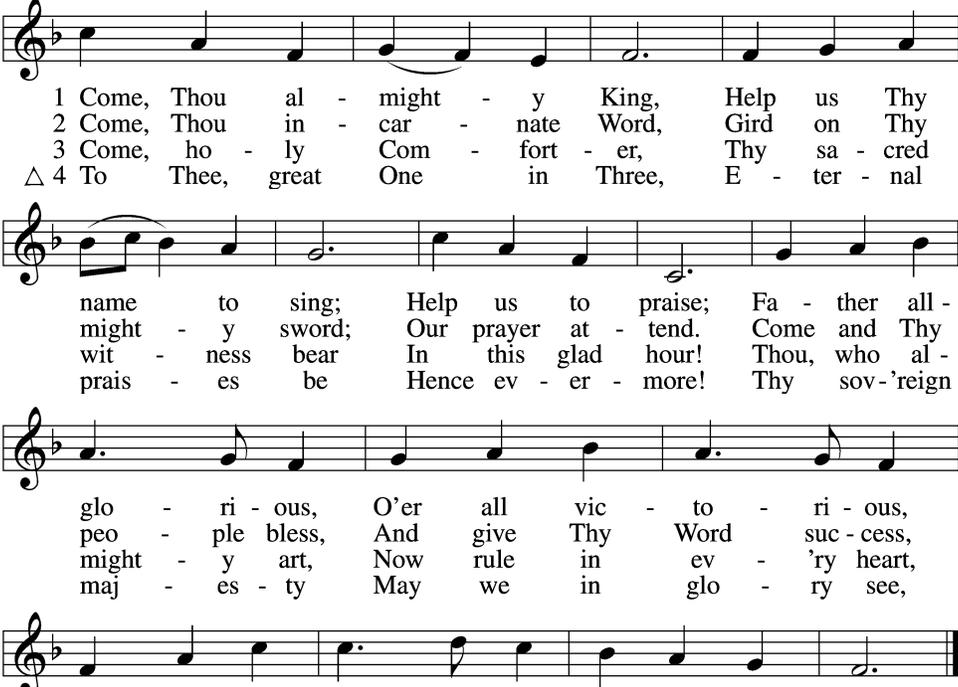
*Come, Thou Almighty King*

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WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

*Come, Thou Almighty King*



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy  
2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal

name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -  
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy  
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -  
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign

glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,  
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,  
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,

Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.  
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 50:1, 3-5, 14-15; John 15:7, 16; Romans 12:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
  
- P** Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- C** The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.

- P** Jesus says, “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”
- C** He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people.
- P** The apostle Paul writes, “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”
- C** God says, “Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!”
- P** Jesus said, “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you.”
- C** “Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”
- P** Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Silence for reflection on the God’s Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Most merciful God,
- C** we call upon You because we are troubled by our sins—our sinful thoughts, words, and actions. We are equally troubled by those times when we have failed to act or speak up. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who delivered us through His perfect life, death, and resurrection so that we may glorify You with our lives.
- P** Our God hears our prayers for mercy and graciously forgives our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace.
- C** Amen.

## KYRIE

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of all, let us pray to the Lord.

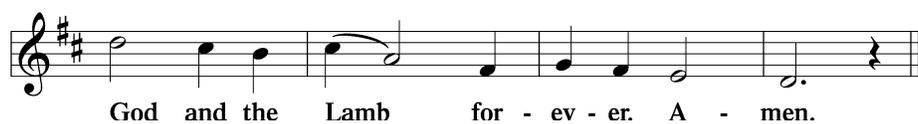
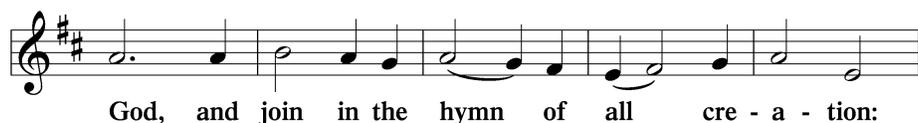
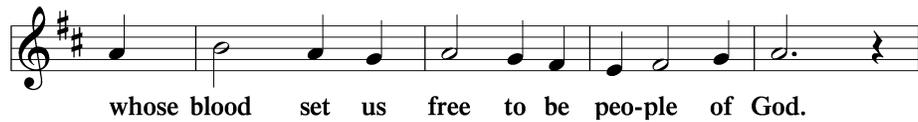
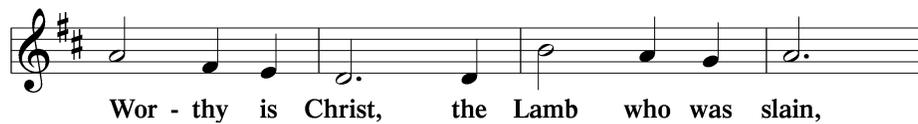
**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### *This Is the Feast*



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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, Your grace and mercy have strengthened Your people throughout the ages and emboldened them to come before You in all circumstances. Strengthen our faith and confidence so that we come to You boldly, consistently, and persistently; through Jesus Christ with whom You rule and reign with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 18:17–33*  
 [pew Bible page 13]

The Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” Then the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.” So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are

found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

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

## EPISTLE

*Colossians 2:6 – 19*  
[pew Bible page 984]

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 11:1 – 13*  
[pew Bible page 869]

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.” And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and

say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

**R** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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.

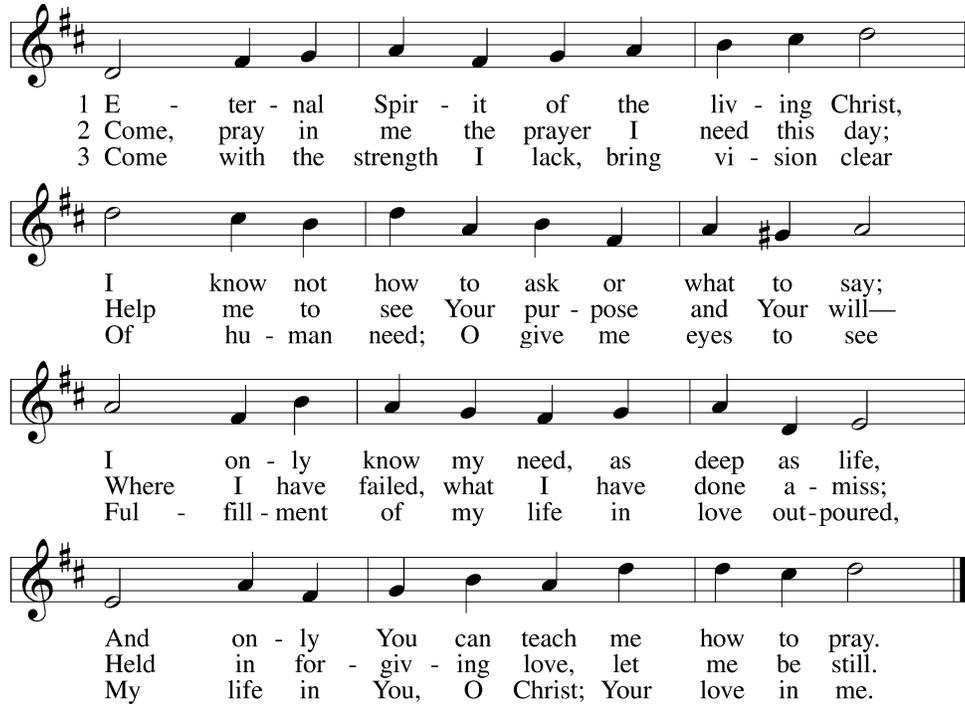
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

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.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ*



1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ,  
 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;  
 3 Come with the strength I lack, bring vi - sion clear

I know not how to ask or what to say;  
 Help me to see Your pur - pose and Your will—  
 Of hu - man need; O give me eyes to see

I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,  
 Where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;  
 Ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured,

And on - ly You can teach me how to pray.  
 Held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.  
 My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

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## MESSAGE

### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.

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Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?  
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

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## FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO DAVE RUETER

### PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**P** ...Lord, in Your mercy,

**ALL:** *Sung once after each petition:*



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;



When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O



Lord, hear my prayer; Come and lis - ten to me. O

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**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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.

### *Our Communion Statement*

*I believe that in Holy Communion, our Lord graciously shares His Body and Blood with us through bread and wine. He does this in order to forgive our sins, assure us of our salvation, strengthen us for Christian living, and unite us more closely as members of His family, the Church. Repenting of my sins, believing in the presence of Christ in this Sacrament, and rededicating my life to live according to His will, I announce my desire to receive Holy Communion.*

*Those who would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament may come to the table.  
Folding your arms across your chest will signify you wish to receive a blessing.*

### CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

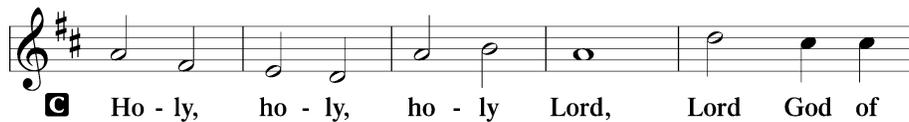
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

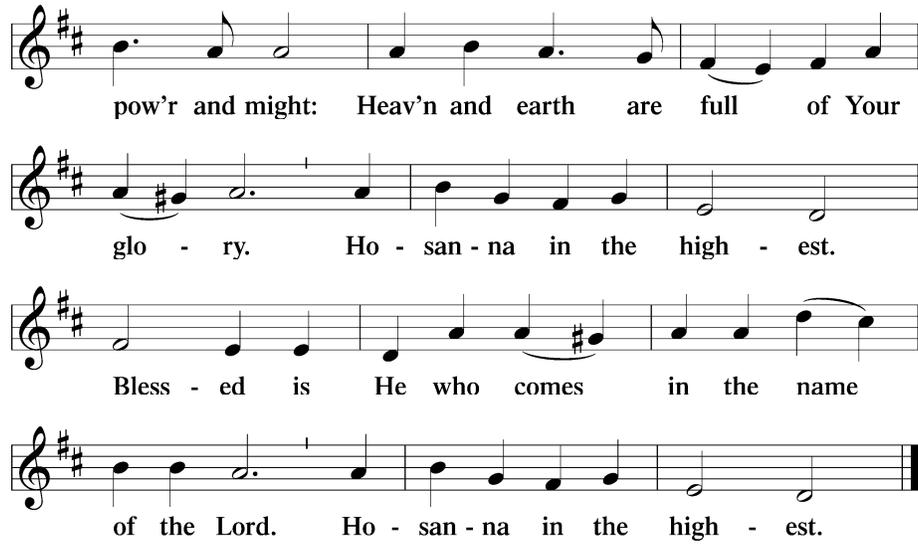
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, our merciful God who desires that all might be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. We praise and thank You that, in Your infinite mercy, You sent Your one and only Son, Jesus, to die for the sins of the world. It is through Him, the mediator between God and man, that we come to You in boldness and confidence, knowing that You hear us and will respond to our prayers according to Your good and gracious will. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### SANCTUS



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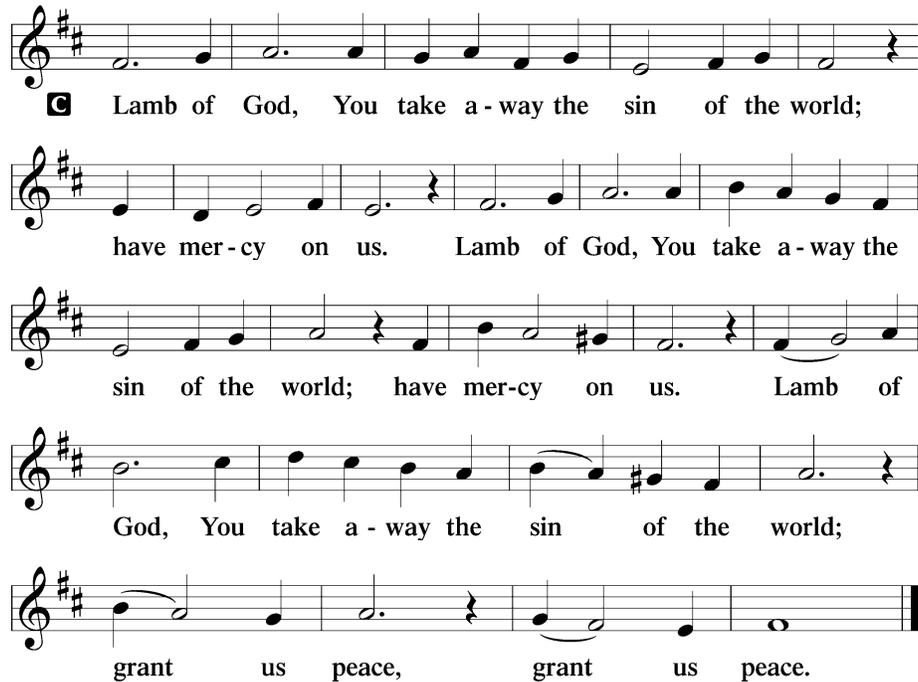
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** And also with you.

### AGNUS DEI



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

### *Come, My Soul, with Every Care*



1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care, Je - sus loves to an - swer prayer;  
2 Thou art com - ing to a King, Large pe - ti - tions with thee bring;  
3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move this load of sin;  
4 Lord, Thy rest to me im - part, Take pos - ses - sion of my heart;



He Him - self has bid thee pray, There - fore will not turn a - way.  
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ev - er ask too much.  
Let Thy blood, for sin - ners spilt, Set my con - science free from guilt.  
There Thy blood - bought right main - tain And with - out a ri - val reign.

5 While I am a pilgrim here,  
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;  
As my guide, my guard, my friend,  
Lead me to my journey's end.

6 Show me what is mine to do;  
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.  
Let me live a life of faith;  
Let me die Thy people's death.

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### *In Holy Conversation*



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion We speak to God in prayer,  
2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions Be - gin in child - like ways;  
3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, In si - lence or by word,



And at His in - vi - ta - tion Our deep - est thoughts we share.  
We bring our sup - pli - ca - tions And words of thanks and praise.  
In ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion Through Je - sus, we are heard.



We come, His will o - bey - ing, As chil - dren bring - ing needs;  
With care our Fa - ther lis - tens To ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,  
So let us pray se - cure - ly, Ex - press - ing hopes and fears

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And to sup - port our pray - ing, His Spir - it in - ter - cedes.  
Then an - swers our pe - ti - tions In ways He knows are best.  
With con - fi - dence that sure - ly Our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

O God our Father, You are the source of all that is good. In Your mercy, You canceled the record of our debts that stood against us by nailing them to the cross. We thank You for nourishing us with the body and blood of Your Son. Continue to build us up into Him as You knit us together in one holy communion. Lead us to walk in Him, established in the faith that we have been taught; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

*2 Thessalonians 2:16–17*

**P** May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
6 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:  
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.  
Be Thou our guard while trou - bles last And our e - ter - nal home!

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## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Paul Soulek

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