Welcome to Worship for

Reformation Day



Sunday, October 25, 2026

All Saints Lutheran Church

722 Rockbridge Road | Lilburn, GA 30047

Rev. James Hilden-Minton, Pastor
John Womack, Director of Music

Welcome to worship! We are so glad that you are here. Please feel free to utilize this QR code using your smart phone to access our website, Facebook & Instagram pages, and to give online. Your generosity for God's church and presence is making a difference, both here in this ministry and throughout the community. Thank you!

---GATHERING---

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

PRELUDE **John Womack**

During this time of meditation the assembly is asked to remain silent.

The congregation stands.

GATHERING SONG **ELW 504**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

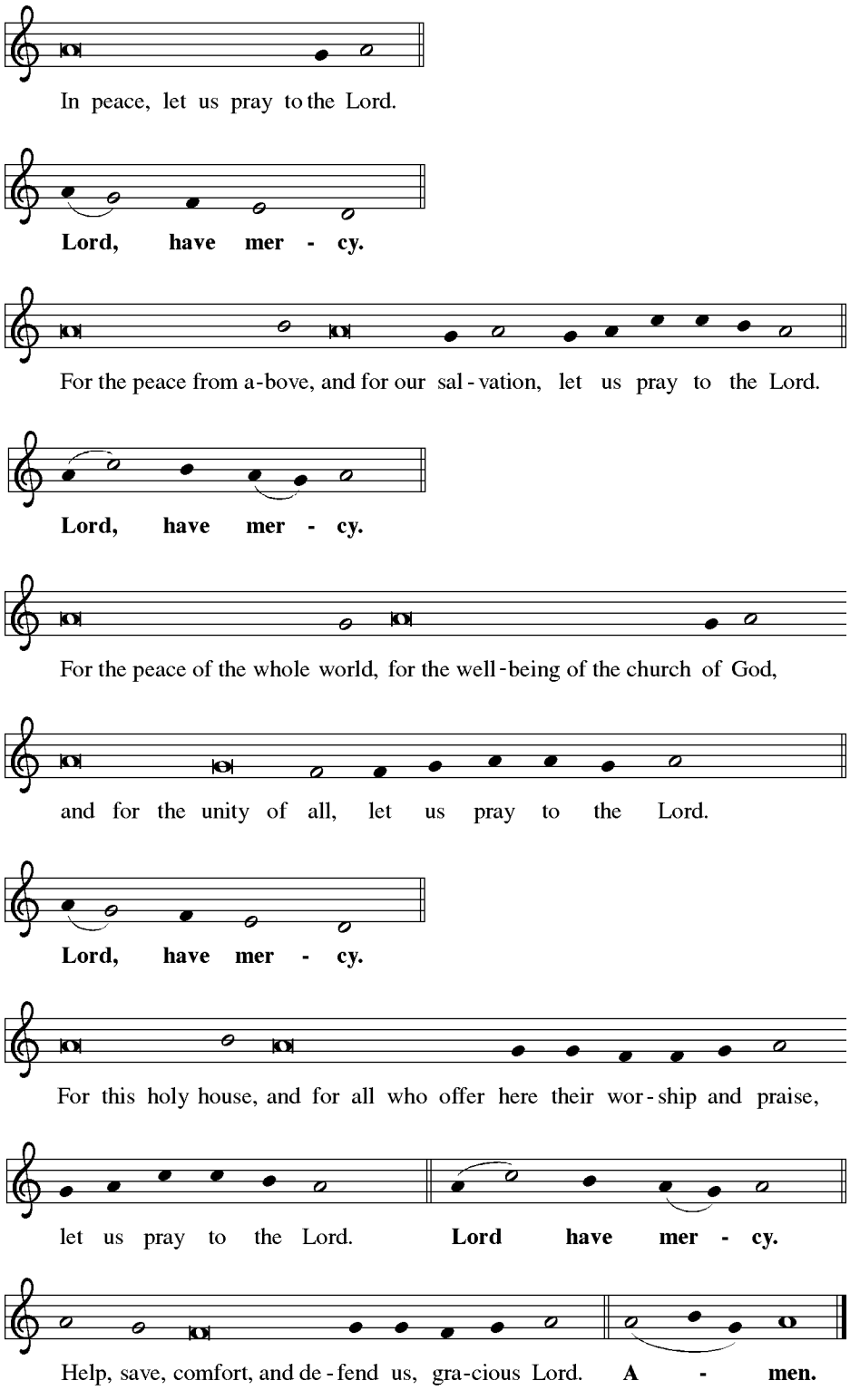
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.



KYRIE


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
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.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



GREETING **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The congregation is seated.

---WORD---

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34 **Kelly Kraus**

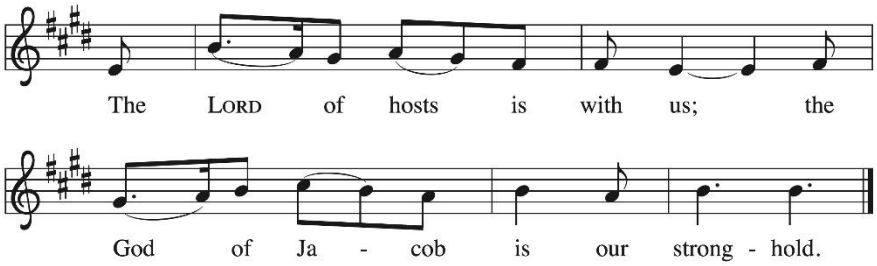
31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new
covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be
like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the
hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke,
though I was their husband, says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I
will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put
my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their
God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another
or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the
least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity
and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM 46 **John Womack**



Psalm 46:7
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1 God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,**
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
3 though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
4 **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,**
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.
6 **The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;**
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R
7 The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
8 **Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,**
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;
9 behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
10 **"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;**
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."
11 The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28 **Kelly Kraus**

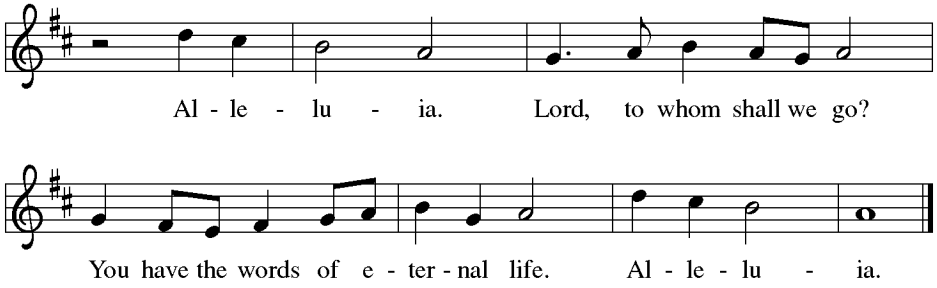
19 Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been
disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness
of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no
distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they
are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in
Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his
blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness,
because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously
committed; 26 it was to demonstrate at the present time his own
righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the
faith of Jesus.
27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of
law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. 28 For we hold that a
person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

The congregation stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 8:31-36 Rev. James Hilden-Minton

The holy gospel according to St. John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my
word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth
will make you free." 33 They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham
and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You
will be made free'?"
34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin
is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the
household; the son has a place there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you
free, you will be free indeed."

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

The congregation is seated.

SERMON **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

The congregation stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 710**

Let Streams of Living Justice



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Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934
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NICENE CREED **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION **Kelly Kraus**

The congregation sits or kneels.

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and human greed. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.
We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.
We ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering

We offer you now the concerns of our hearts, either silently or aloud.
A brief silence

- We pray for Ruth; Nancy; Sharon; Martha; Hannah.
- We pray for Sharon and her family.
- We pray for Kellen; Willie; Lorraine and Bob; Gary.
- We pray for Roger; Jim; Kathryn; Robin and Cathy.

Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

- We pray for peace and reconciliation among the nations, especially in Iran, Gaza, Israel, Ethiopia, Syria, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ukraine, and Myanmar.
- We pray for safe and positive environments for students, teachers, and all school personnel.
- We pray for justice around the world and here at home, that God may delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion, and peace.

Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.
With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.
Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

If you are joining us online, reach out by phone, text, email, or social media this week to share the Peace of Christ.

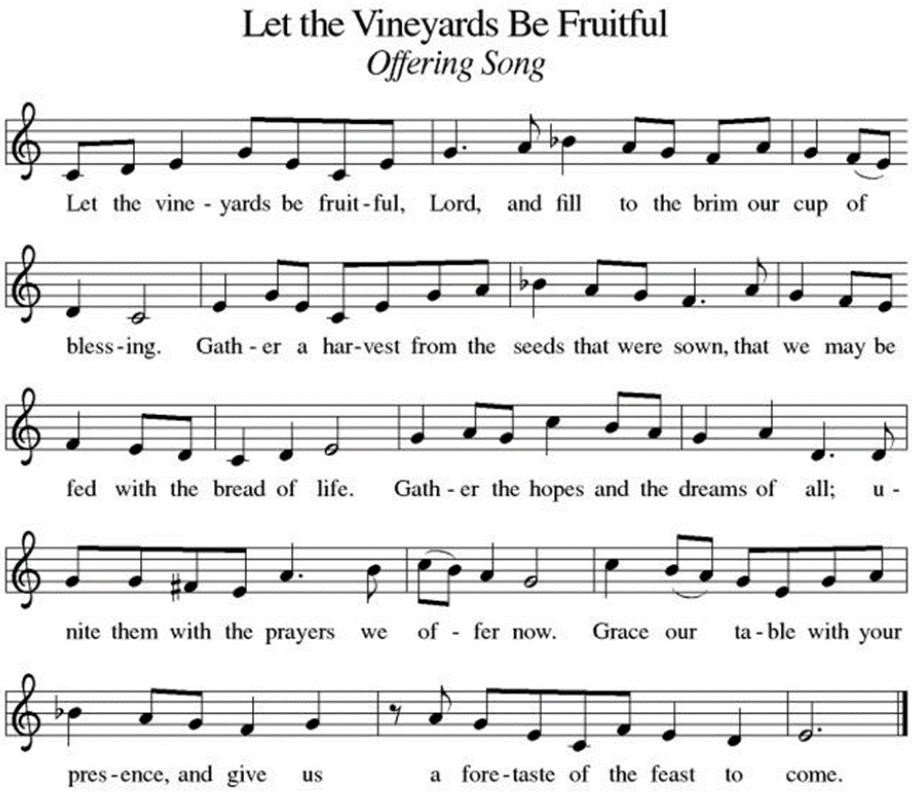
---MEAL---

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING **Kelly Kraus**

We have several ways to receive your offering. There is a basket on the table by the sanctuary doors, or you can utilize the QR code on the front of your bulletin to submit your offering online. If you're joining us online, a link is available in the comments. Mailing your offering to the church is also an option.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE **ELW 182**



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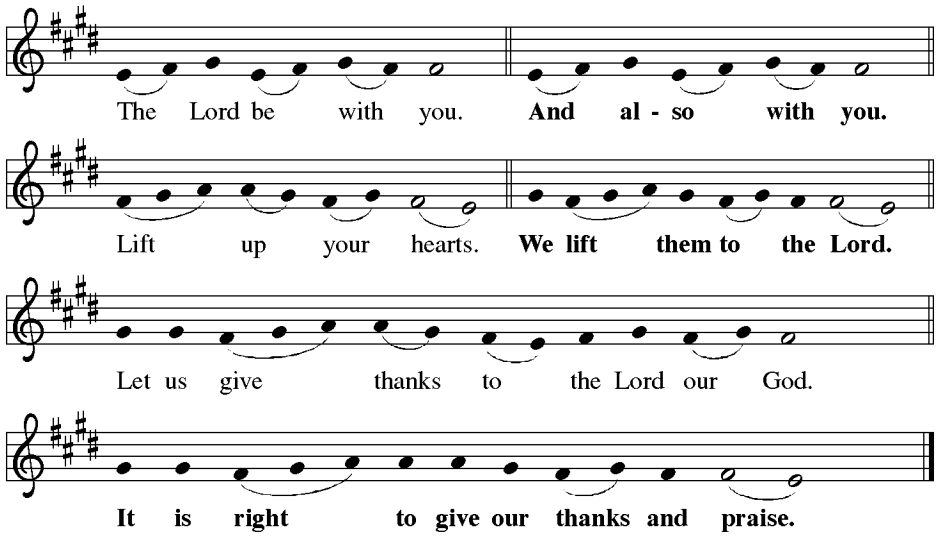
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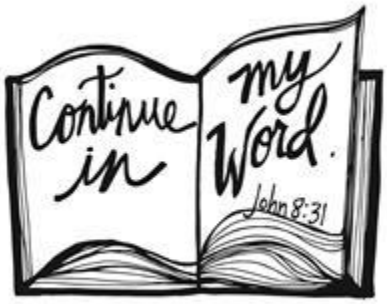
OFFERING PRAYER **Kelly Kraus**

Let us pray.
Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
Amen.

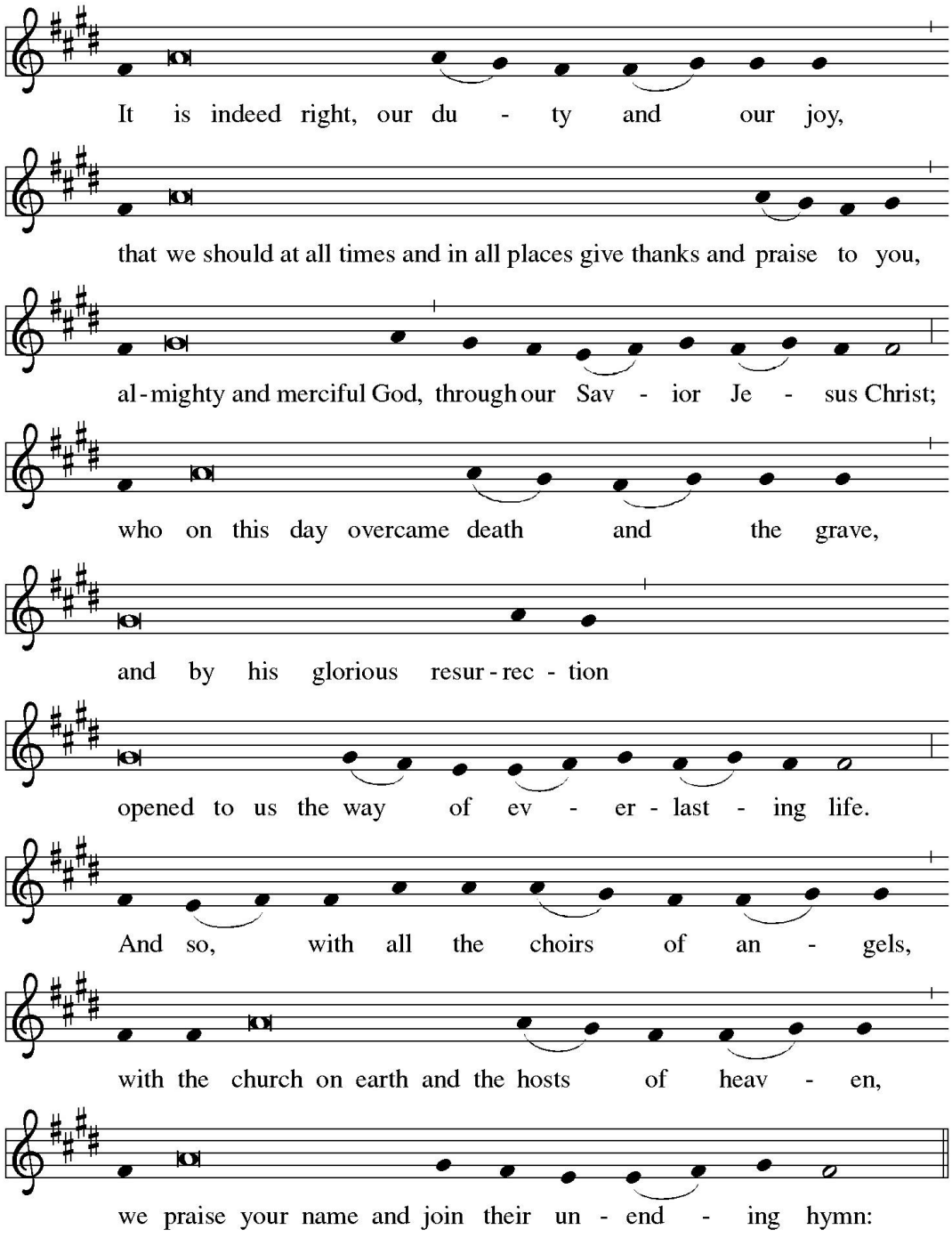
+GREAT THANKSGIVING **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

+DIALOGUE



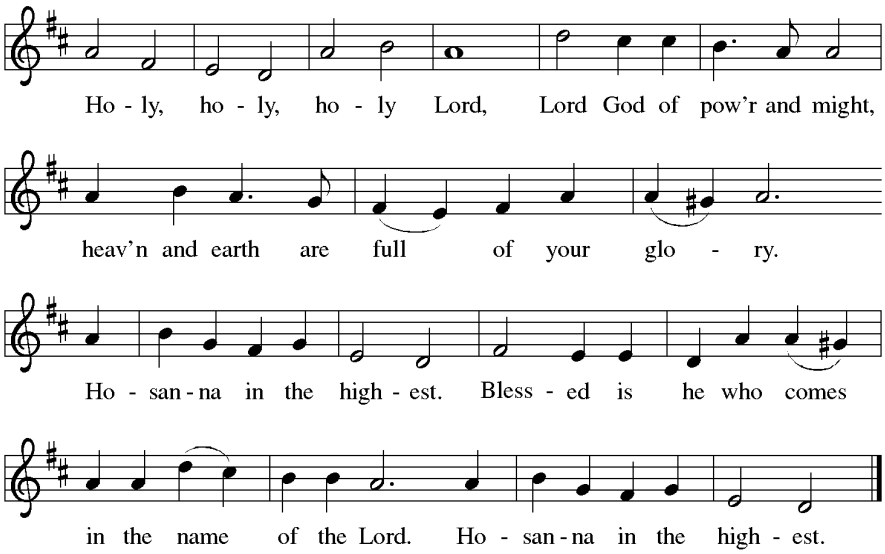


PREFACE



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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



+THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

Holy God,
you alone are holy,
you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars;
beneath the sea;
within each cell;
with every breath.
We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water;
by night and day;
across the wilderness;
out of exile;
into the future.
We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner;
among the poor;
with us now.
We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.

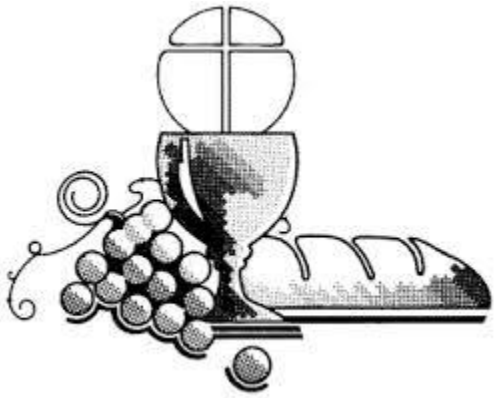
Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.
Amen.

+LORD'S PRAYER
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

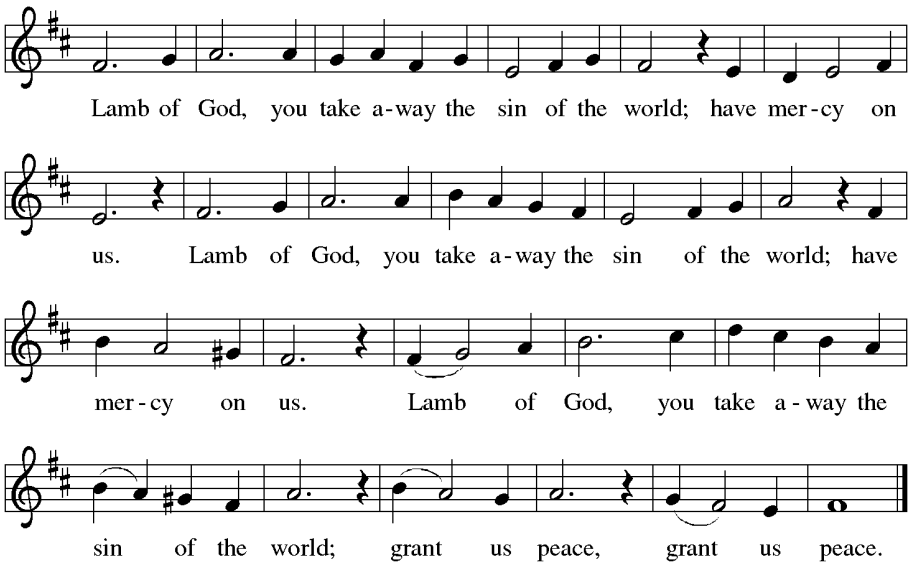
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

The congregation is seated.



COMMUNION SONG



MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

The congregation stands.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace unto life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION **Kelly Kraus**

Let us pray.
O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

---SENDING---

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

BLESSING **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG **ELW 631**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

DISMISSAL **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

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