

HOLY COMMUNION

Friday

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Gathering

Gathering Song

Of the Father's Love Begotten

The assembly stands to sing.



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

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.

O Light unseen, O Love unknown, O Life unending,
your Word came as one among us to draw us to your loving heart
and give us your abundant life.

Pour out upon your wounded world grace upon grace,
through your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Light and our Salvation.

Amen.

The assembly is seated to hear the word of God.

Word

Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Procession

The Glory of the Father, Egil Hovland

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.

In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God.
In him was life; and the life was the light for all.
He came to his own, and his own received him not.

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Gospel

John 1:1-18

*Just as Jesus came to live among God's people,
the gospel is proclaimed from the midst of the assembly.*

The gospel is introduced:

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

Let Our Gladness Have No End

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.



1 Let our glad - ness have no end, Hal - le - lu - jah!
2 Proph - e - sies in days of old, Hal - le - lu - jah!
3 See the love - liest bloom - ing rose, Hal - le - lu - jah!
4 In - to flesh is made the Word, Hal - le - lu - jah!



for to earth did Christ de - scend. Hal - le - lu - jah!
God has sent the one fore - told. Hal - le - lu - jah!
from the branch of Jes - se grows. Hal - le - lu - jah!
our true ref - uge and our Lord. Hal - le - lu - jah!

Refrain



On this day God gave us Christ, the Son, to



save us; Christ, the Son, to save us.

Nicene Creed

**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

Each petition is concluded:

God among us,

hear our prayer.

Sealed by your Holy Spirit, we trust you hear the prayers on our lips and in our hearts.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Word made flesh for the world.

Amen.

Meal

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

After sharing Christ's peace, the assembly is seated.

Offering & Setting the Table

Today's offering has been designated for ELCA World Hunger. Offerings may be made in cash, by check (payable to the ELCA) or with a credit card by visiting the registration desk or ELCA.org/offering.

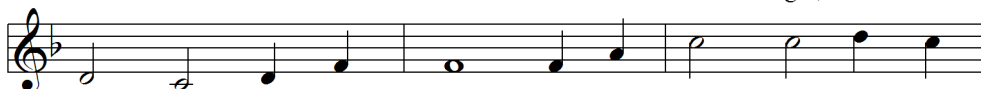
As the gifts are received, the assembly sings, Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken. The assembly stands as the communion ministers gather around the table.



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
4 By the loaves you break and give_ us, send us in your



le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun_ ger, words that



food for - ev - er - more.
came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
with you; do not fear!"
tell your love and care.



for us; by your wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a -



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

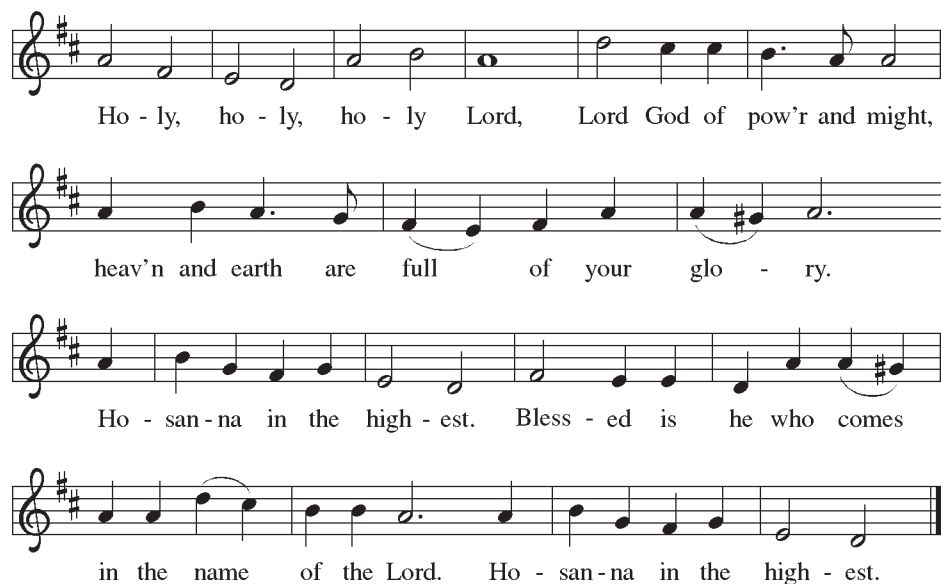
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of 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.

We give you thanks ... both now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

A note about healing

In *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, at the beginning of the Healing service, we read: "Here all who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives may join in prayer for others and themselves. Here each person may come to receive a word of blessing and prayer. Here each one may also receive a physical gesture of healing: the laying on of hands, which may be accompanied by anointing with oil. These signs, first given in baptism, tell us again that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked forever with the cross of Christ, who is health and salvation for the world. In its ministry of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather, the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith.

Communion

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh,
come and feast on God's grace.

*After the bread is broken and all are invited to communion, the assembly is seated.
Come to communion at the station in front of you, exiting your row to the left.*

*Be assured that Christ is fully present by receiving only the bread or the wine. For
pressing reasons of health, wheat-free wafers or dealcoholized wine is available.
Simply let the minister know if you require these elements.*

*Anointing is available at the stations around the periphery of the room. Please
move freely to those stations before or after receiving communion, as desired.
See a note about healing on page 6.*

During this time, the assembly sings, as time allows:

Come to the Table of Grace

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. _____ Come to the
ta - ble of grace. _____ This is God's ta - ble; it's
not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace. _____

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the talbe of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

Mothering God

1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of
morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and
breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

I Will Give You Rest

The musical score consists of three systems, each with three staves. The top staff is the vocal line, and the bottom two are piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Come un - to me and I will give you rest." The music is in a minor key with a 3/4 time signature.

*After all have received communion, the assembly stands for prayer.
Anointing at healing stations may continue.*

Sending

Blessing

Creator of all light and truth keep you all the days of your life.
The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you;
and the blessing of God, who creates, redeems and heals,
be with you now and forever.

Amen.

Song

Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Dismissal

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

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Preacher	Louise E. Williams
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Anointing Ministers	Faith Practices Team
	Members of this Assembly
Communion Ministers	Representatives from Separately Incorporated Ministries
	Members of this Assembly
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	Assistants to Synodical Bishops
Ushers	Volunteers to this Assembly
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