

HOLY COMMUNION

Monday

August 8

Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

Commemorations illuminate various aspects of the church's life and mission through the lives of women and men who have followed Christ in succeeding generations.

— Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Altar Edition



- 1170 born in Calaruega, Spain
- 1206 became itinerant priest, preaching against heresies and calling for clergy reform
- 1216 became the head of the newly founded Order of Preachers
- 1221 died in Bologna, Italy

Dominic believed that the clergy of his day needed to combat heresy, not by violence and condemnation, but by gentle and learned preaching and by exemplary lives of poverty and humility. As a friar rather than a cloistered monk, Dominic traveled widely, preaching and teaching. Dominic's spirit lives on in the Dominican Order of Preachers, "O.P.," a Roman Catholic order of clergy dedicated to learned study, persuasive preaching, and saintly living.

In art, Dominic is shown wearing the Dominican habit of white robe and black cope. Sometimes he is shown with a star at his forehead and, to designate his learning, holding a red-bound book. Because Dominicans were seen as watchdogs defending the flock of believers, and because of a pun on *Domini canis* (dog of the Lord), he is often pictured with a dog.

**Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword;
wear humility rather than fine clothes.** — Dominic

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Gathering

Gathering Song

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

The assembly stands to sing, turning toward the baptismal font.

Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.
1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.

Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.
It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
nor rootless liberty;
turn disquiet to contentment,
doubt into certainty.

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
which you alone assure.

Affirmation of Baptism

...we praise you, O God, for the waters of earth:
we praise you, O God, for the waters of earth!

...we honor you, O God, for the waters you send:
we honor you, O God, for the waters you send!

...we glorify you, O God, for your word in baptismal water:
we glorify you, O God, for your word in baptismal water.

To you comes the praise of all your people, now and forever. Amen.
To you comes the praise of all your people, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering Song

Let Streams of Living Justice

The people are sprinkled with water as a joyful reminder of the gift of baptism.



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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.

Holy God, hope of the poor and balm of the brokenhearted,
stir up in us the gift of your Spirit,
that we may hear your good news and proclaim it in word and deed;
through Jesus your anointed, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated to hear the word of God.

Word

Reading

Isaiah 61:1-11

The reading concludes:
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:24-24, 35b

Choir Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.



Assembly **How manifold are your | works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.
Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,
living things both | small and great.**

**There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.
All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season.**

**You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.
When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

Choir Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.



Assembly **You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

**You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.
May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

Choir Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Reading

Romans 8:6-11

The reading concludes:
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu,
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Verse, sung by the choir: The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor,
and to proclaim release to the captives.

The alleluias are repeated by all.

Gospel

Luke 4:16-21

The gospel is introduced:

The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

By Grace God Calls Us into Life

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

1 By grace God calls us in - to life, a bless - ing, just to be;
2 The Spir - it calls the church of Christ with - in God's heart to dwell;
Choir 3 Christ calls this tribe - less tribe to dare to fol - low where he leads;
4 Bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed soul, those bound in chains, un - chain;
5 By grace God calls us in - to - life, a bless - ing, just to be;

so called, so blest, let us de - light in God's com - mu - ni - ty.
so called, so loved, let us u - nite to love our neigh - bor well.
so called, so sent, let us pre - pare to serve with ho - ly deeds.
pro - claim good news: God's love ex - tol, pro - claim God's gra - cious reign.
so called, so blest, let us de - light and praise the Trin - i - ty.

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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

Each petition concludes:

God of new life,
hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers, Faithful God, and hear us when we call.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, by the power of your life-giving Spirit.
Amen.

Meal

Peace

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.
Y también contigo.

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

Offering and Setting the Table

Today's offering has been designated for Disability Ministries, a priority of Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA. 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 choir makes an offering: Lobet den Herrn from Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied, BWV 225, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

Praise the LORD for mighty acts,
Praise the LORD for surpassing splendor!
Let everything that breathes praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

The assembly stands as the communion ministers gather around the table.

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 . . . join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Praise be to you, O God, for the power of your loving Spirit ...

... come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Together we plead for your Spirit ... God of unity and justice, now and forever.
Amen. **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.**

Communion

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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.

During communion, the assembly sings, as time allows:

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.

Ukuthula (African Prayer for Peace) arranged by André van der Merwe

In this sinful world, through the blood of Jesus we find peace,
we are saved, we are filled with gratitude,
we will conquer, we are consoled, we find peace.

I'm Going on a Journey

1 I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to - day. My
head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me;
it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!

2 I'm be-com-ing this day a saint of God. It
real-ly does-n't mat-ter what roads I trod. Wher-ev-er I go, God's
been there, too. God's love has touched me and will car-ry me through.

3 There are oth - er saints who have said a-men. They'll
keep me faith-ful to my jour-ney's end. A - long the way
I want to be the kind of per-son that God set free.

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

There's a Sweet Spirit in This Place



There's a sweet, sweet Spir-it in this place, and I know that it's the



Spir - it of the Lord; there are sweet ex - pres-sions on each



face, and I know they feel the pres-ence of the Lord.

Refrain



Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en-ly Dove,



stay right here with us, fill - ing us with your love;



and for these bless-ings we lift our hearts in praise; with-out a



doubt we'll know that we have been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free

Come, O Lord, and set us free;

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a dotted quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with a half note G3, a half note Bb3, and a quarter note C4.

give your peo - ple peace.

The second system continues the melody. The treble staff has a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a dotted quarter note F5, and a quarter note G5. The bass staff has a half note G3, a half note Bb3, and a quarter note C4. A fermata is placed over the final G5 note in the treble staff.

Come, O Lord, and set us free;

The third system repeats the first system's melody and accompaniment.

come, Lord Je - sus, come.

The fourth system continues the melody. The treble staff has a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a dotted quarter note F5, and a quarter note G5. The bass staff has a half note G3, a half note Bb3, and a quarter note C4. A fermata is placed over the final G5 note in the treble staff.

After all have communed, the assembly stands.

Oremus.

Oh Dios, te damos gracias
por habernos preparado este banquete,
el cuerpo y la sangre de tu Hijo.
Fortalécenos por tu Espíritu para servir
a todos los que necesitan
y para que podamos ofrecernos
a nosotros mismos como
pan para los que sufren hambre,
por Jesucristo nuestro Señor.

Amén.

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

Blessing

Dios todopoderoso, Padre, + Hijo y Espíritu Santo,
les bendiga ahora y siempre.

Amén.

Song

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus', name.

Dismissal

Go in peace, empowered by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

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