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GATHERING *THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

The assembly may stand.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Mary was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.
We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection, and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.
We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.
We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN A Mighty Fortress Is Our God | ELW 504

GREETING

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

Let us pray together.
O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Mary. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

REMEMBRANCES — read by Liz Hardy

REMEMBRANCE HYMN — Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! | ELW 413

WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG.

FIRST READING — Isaiah 46:4

A reading from Isaiah.

[4]Even to your old age I am God; even when you turn gray I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.

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

PSALM 23 *read in unison*

[1]**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.**

[2]**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

[3]**You restore my soul, O LORD,**
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

[4]**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;**
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

[5]**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

[6]**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,**
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING Philippians 4:6-7

A reading from Philippians.

[6]Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7]And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

The assembly may stand.

GOSPEL John 14:1-3

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

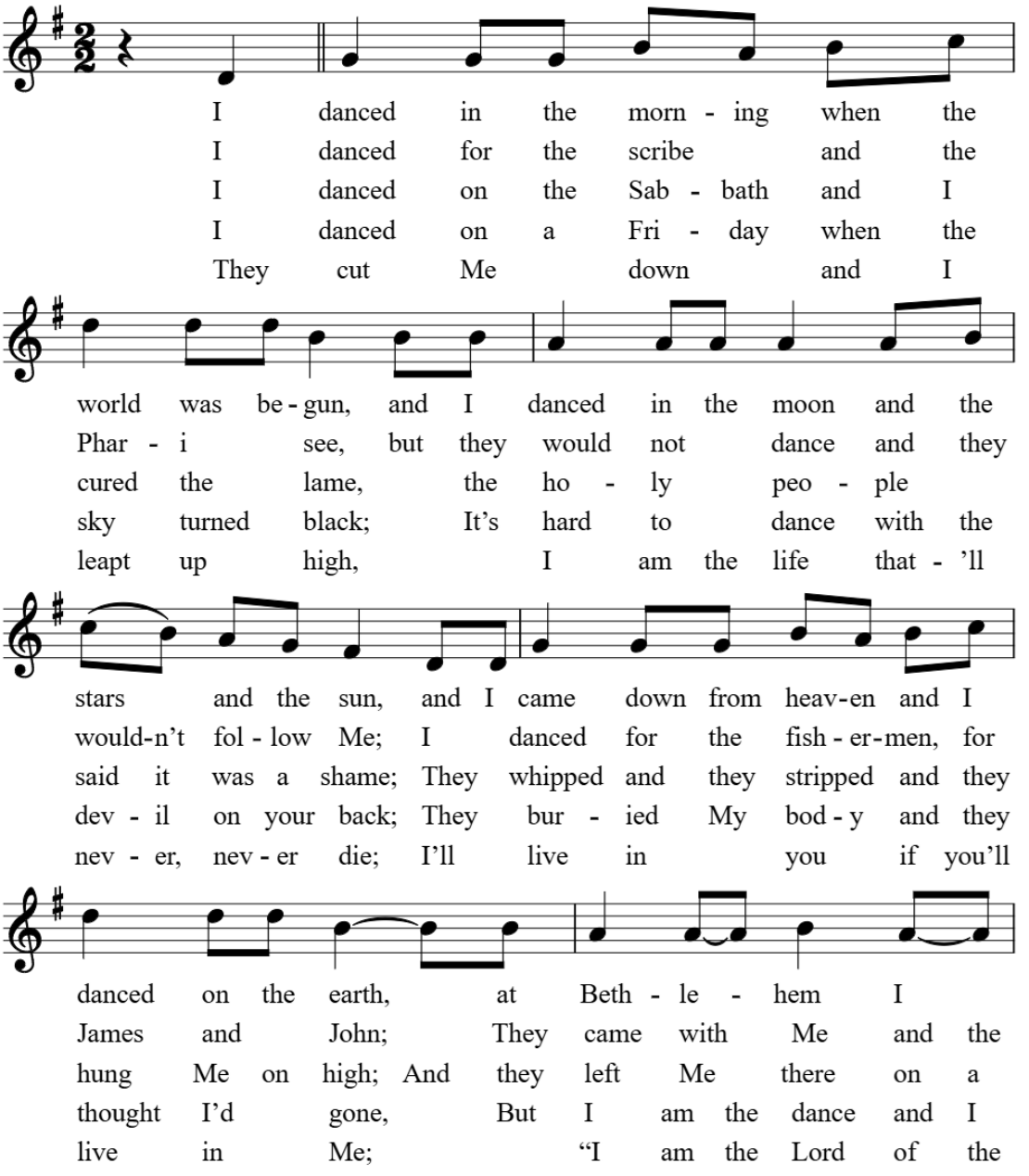
[1]Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. [2]In my Creator's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? [3]And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also."

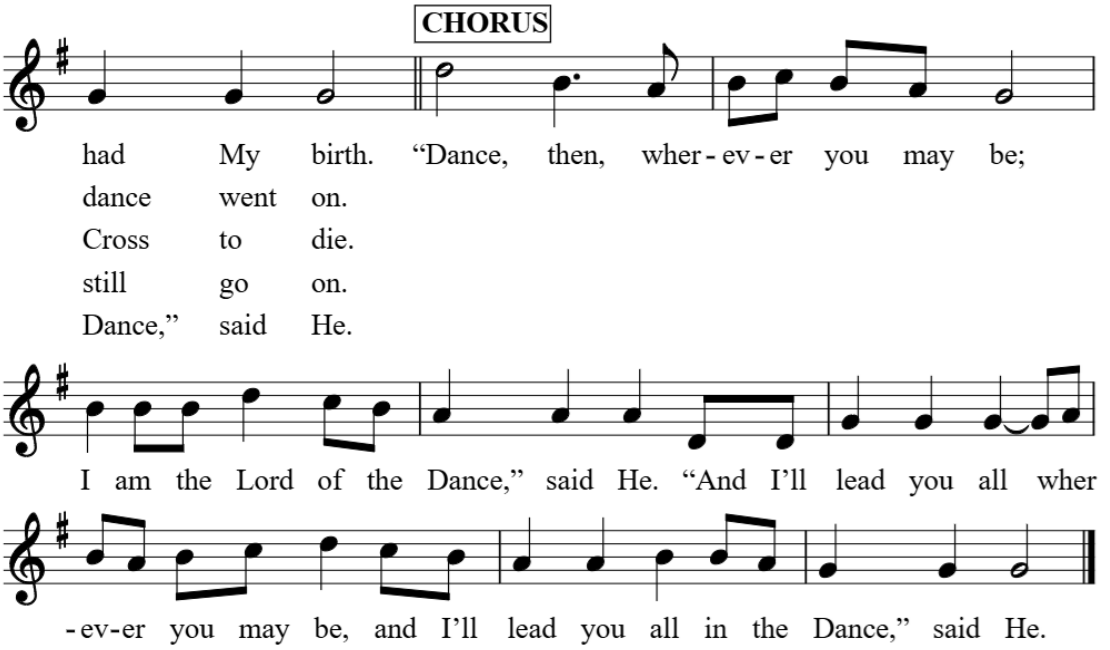
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

A MESSAGE OF HOPE Pr. Allison Bengfort

The assembly may stand.


I danced in the morn - ing when the
I danced for the scribe and the
I danced on the Sab - bath and I
I danced on a Fri - day when the
They cut Me down and I
world was be - gun, and I danced in the moon and the
Phar - i see, but they would not dance and they
cured the lame, the ho - ly peo - ple
sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the
leapt up high, I am the life that - 'll
stars and the sun, and I came down from heav-en and I
would-n't fol - low Me; I danced for the fish - er-men, for
said it was a shame; They whipped and they stripped and they
dev - il on your back; They bur - ied My bod - y and they
nev - er, nev - er die; I'll live in you if you'll
danced on the earth, at Beth - le - hem I
James and John; They came with Me and the
hung Me on high; And they left Me there on a
thought I'd gone, But I am the dance and I
live in Me; "I am the Lord of the



APOSTLES' CREED

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 THE PEOPLE

God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

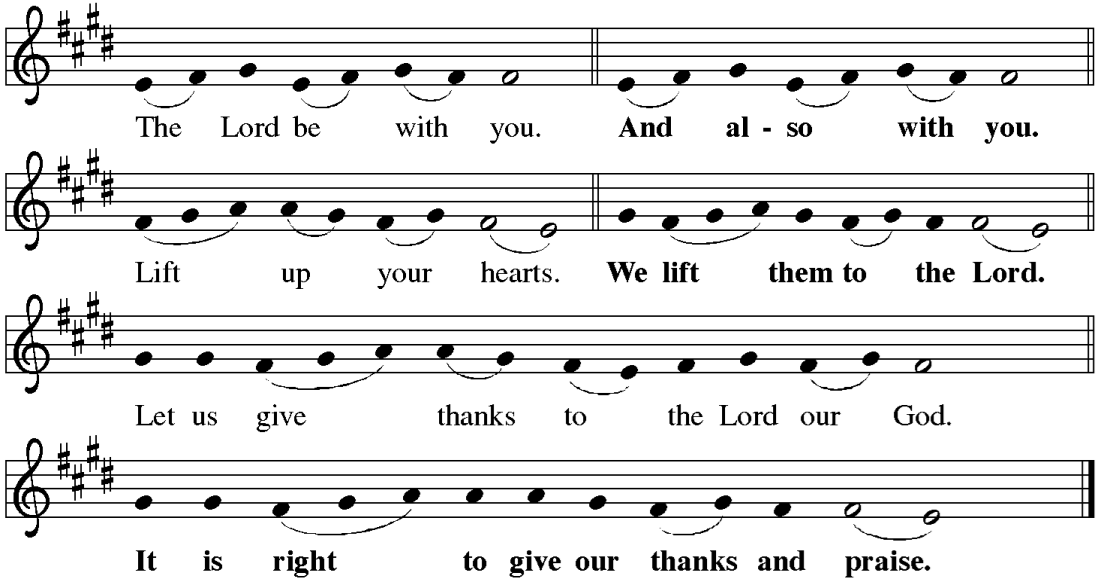
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

All are invited to share a sign of peace with one another (handshake, hug, peace sign, etc.). Placing your hands together in a praying position will signal to those around you that you prefer not to physically touch others.

MEAL

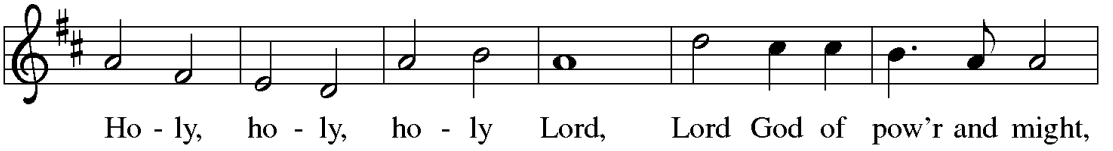
GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

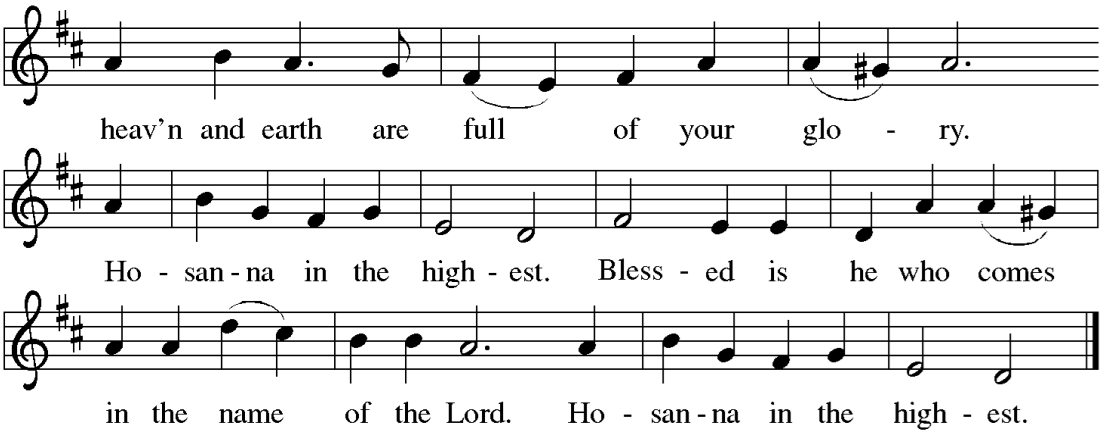
DIALOGUE



PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

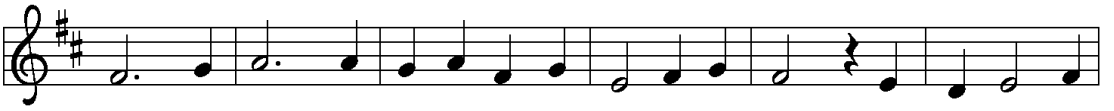
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

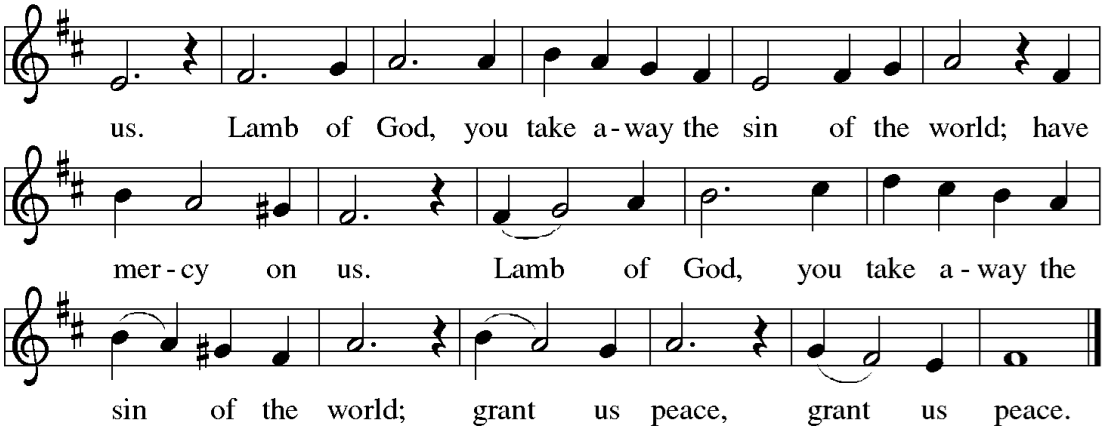
The assembly is seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited to commune without exception! At the direction of an usher, those wishing to commune may proceed down the center aisle. A piece of gluten-free bread will be placed in your hands. You may dip the bread in the wine (red chalice) or the grape juice (light-colored chalice), or you may choose to partake of bread only. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please alert an usher, and the elements will be brought to you.

LAMB OF GOD





DISTRIBUTION HYMN I Know That My Redeemer Lives! | ELW 619

The assembly may stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.
We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Mary to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Mary. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.
Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In | ACS 950

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister & Preacher:	Pr. Allison Bengfort
Assisting Minister:	Pr. Colleen Nelson
Communion Ministers:	Beverly Briggs, Pam Farr, Liz Hardy, Beth Johnson
Lector:	Kyleigh Thomson
Musician:	Karl Gustafson
Ushers:	Mary Smith, Kim Taylor-Blakemore
Tech Team:	Paul Navarre and Chase Isaacson
Altar Guild:	Liz Hardy
Worship Coordinator:	Pat Christiansen
Reception Coordinators:	Pam & Tom Jelineo

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Mary Lou Brown, age 78, passed away peacefully October 11, 2026. Born in Renton, Washington on November 15, 1947, to Dorothy and Lewis Johnson, her family relocated to Portland in May 1948 just before the historic Vanport flood. Mary grew up in North Portland, attending Ockley Green Middle School and graduating from Jefferson High School in 1965, where she shared her love of music playing the clarinet in the school band.

Driven by a lifelong passion for science and mathematics, Mary earned her Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) in 1969. She went on to receive her Medical Technology certification from Emanuel Hospital, where she dedicated many years of service as a skilled and compassionate medical technologist.

On November 17, 1973, Mary married the love of her life, Robert Dennis Brown, at Bethel Lutheran Church. Together, they built a warm, welcoming home and celebrated the birth of their son, Michael Scott Brown, on May 16, 1976.

Mary's faith and community were central to her life. As a devoted, long-time member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, she poured her energy into numerous church organizations. An avid crafter and talented quilter, she spent countless hours creating beautiful, stitched treasures for her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Her nurturing spirit extended to nature and animals; her home was permanently framed by her magnificent flower gardens, and she opened her heart to many rescue dogs adopted from local animal shelters over the years.

Mary is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Robert Dennis Brown; her son, Michael Scott Brown; her step-daughters, Debbie Sue Pair, Gail Lynn Billings, and April Graham; her beloved sister, Carol Adkison and family; and a large, cherished legacy of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to:

St. Andrew Foundation
12405 SW Butner Road
Beaverton, Oregon 97005

Those who are unable to attend this memorial in-person may access the livestream by visiting: youtube.com/live/zJh8yoTalQQ