

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

PRELUDE 10:30am

WE GATHER TOGETHER

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WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN 10:30am

WE GATHER TOGETHER



1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;  
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;  
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.  
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!  
thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Words: Anon. 1625; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). Music: *Kremser*, from *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626; arr. Eduard Kremser (1838-1914).

## OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

Presider        We meet in the name of God,  
                    Creator of the universe,  
                    source of True humanity.  
                    Mother and Father of all.

People         **Amen.**

Presider        We meet in the name of Jesus,  
                    Word made flesh,  
                    Savior of fallen humanity,  
                    lover of all.

People         **Amen.**

Presider        We meet in the name of the Holy Spirit,  
                    Lord and giver of life,  
                    Midwife of new humanity,  
                    Inspirer of all.

People         **Amen.**

Presider        Come then, eternal God,

People         **Be present here,  
Befriend us here,  
Renew us here.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider        Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our heart by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People         **Amen.**

## GLORIA

*At 8:30am, spoken.*

1. Glo - ry to God, source of love from the  
dawn of cre - a - tion, and Je - sus  
Christ, who was born to be love's in - car -  
na - tion! And cease - less praise  
be to the Spir - it al - ways,  
pow - er of love's trans - for - ma - tion!

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Most Gracious God, who in Jesus of Nazareth showed us an alternative to the kings, queens and emperors of history, help us to revere and emulate Jesus' leadership: To love, and to seek justice for all people. Help us to recognize the true grandeur and life-changing power based in loving you and all of our neighbors. In Christ Jesus with you and the Holy Spirit, may we co-create a world ruled not through domination, but in that radical and all-powerful compassion and love.

People **Amen.**

## WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

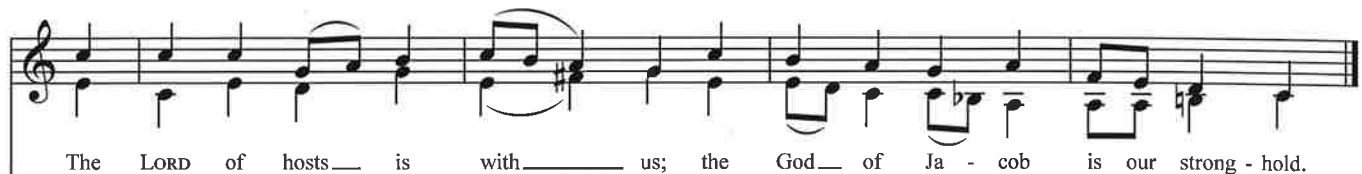
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALM OF THE DAY

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*At 8:30, all spoken. At 10:30, the congregation sings the antiphon one time through before the spoken verses.*



God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

Though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult. **ANTIPHON**

The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be overthrown;  
God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away. **ANTIPHON**

The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,  
what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth." **ANTIPHON**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Reader	A reading from the second letter to the Colossians.	1:11-20
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May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.

People	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>
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Stand and sing verse 1 and refrain.

Refrain

Rain down, rain down, rain down your

1 love on your peo - ple. 2 love, God of life.

Verses

1. Faith-ful and true is the word of our God. All of God's

1. works are so wor-thy of trust. God's mer-cy falls on the

1. just and the right; full of God's love is the earth. to Refrain

## THE GOSPEL

Deacon A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

23:33-43

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**GOSPEL ANTIPHON** *At 10:30, sing refrain from music on previous page one time through.*

**SERMON** *Sit*

**THE REV. LAURIE ANZILOTTI**

**THE NICENE CREED** *Stand*

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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary  
and was made 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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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 THE PEOPLE

Deacon            Faithful God, as we give voice to our needs and share our thanksgivings, teach us to trust what Jesus taught. When we ask, we will receive. When we search, we will find. When we knock, the door will be opened. O God; hear us; answer us; and send us forth.

*After each prayer, please respond "**hear us; answer us; and send us forth.**"*

Presider            Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: In this fellowship of love and prayer, as you know and love us in your Son Jesus, Christ our Lord, accept and fulfill our petitions.

People            **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon            Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

People            **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider            Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People            **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Presider            Not an easy peace  
not an insignificant peace, not a halfhearted peace,  
but the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you all.

People            **And also with you.**

Presider            Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

*We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sit*

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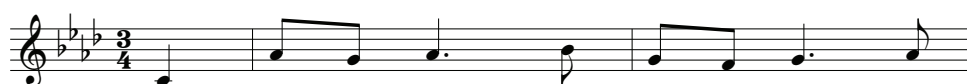


## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*We return with thanksgiving the gifts God has given us. This includes bread and wine of the earth and financial offerings from our labor. Representatives of the congregation bring these to the common Eucharistic table.*

### OFFERTORY 10:30am

### CHRIST, WHAT CAN IT MEAN FOR US



1. O Christ, what can it mean for us To  
2. You came, the im - age of our God, To  
3. Though some would make their great - ness felt And  
4. You chose a hum - ble hu - man form And



claim you as our king? What roy - al face have  
heal and to for - give, To shed your blood for  
lord it o - ver all, You said the first must  
shunned the world's re - nown; You died for us up -



you re-vealed Whose praise the Church would sing? As -  
sin-ners' sake That we might rise and live. To  
be the last And serv - ice be our call. O  
on a cross With thorns your on - ly crown. But



pir - ing not to glo - ry's height, To  
break the law of death you came, The  
Christ, in work - place, church, and home Let  
still, be - yond the span of years, Our

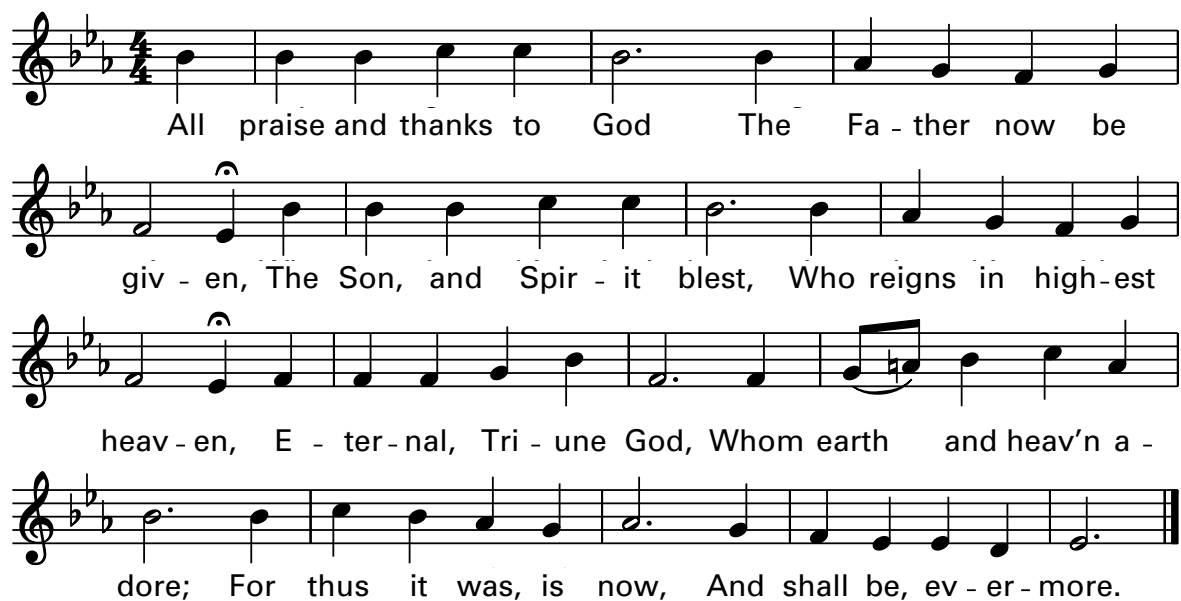


pow - er, wealth, and fame, You walked a dif - f'rent,  
law of love to bring: A dif - f'rent rule of  
none to pow - er cling; For still, through us, you  
glad ho - san - nas ring, For now at God's right



low - ly way, An - oth - er's will your aim.  
right-eous-ness, A dif - f'rent kind of king.  
come to serve, A dif - f'rent kind of king.  
hand you reign, A dif - f'rent kind of king!

**DOXOLOGY** 10:30am



All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be  
giv - en, The Son, and Spir - it blest, Who reigns in high - est  
heav - en, E - ter - nal, Tri - une God, Whom earth and heav'n a -  
dore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be, ev - er - more.

*From here, continue to the bulletin labeled "An Order for The Celebration of The Holy Eucharist," page 4, and return to this insert for Communion Hymn and Sending Hymn.*

Refrain



Take and eat; take and eat: this is my bod - y



giv - en up for you. Take and drink; take and drink:



this is my blood giv - en up for you.

Verses



1. I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
2. I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;
3. I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;
4. I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid;
5. I am the light that came in - to the world;
6. I am the first and last, the Liv - ing One;



I am the seed that died to be re - born;  
 I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;  
 I am the gate that guards you night and day;  
 A cho - sen stone and pre - cious in his eyes;  
 I am the light that dark - ness can - not hide;  
 I am the Lord who died that you might live;



I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;  
 I am the life that rais - es up the dead;  
 You are my flock: you know the shep-herd's voice;  
 You are God's dwell - ing place, on me you rest;  
 I am the morn - ing star that nev - er sets;  
 I am the bride-groom, this my wed - ding song;

*From here, continue to the bulletin labeled "An Order for The Celebration of The Holy Eucharist," page 9,  
 for the Post-Communion Prayer.*



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!

2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and

3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and



1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -

2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who

3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his



1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and

2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and

3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who



1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.

2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.

3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

*Continue to the bulletin labeled "An Order for The Celebration of The Holy Eucharist," page 10.*