Epiphany 5

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Saint James worship time moves to **11:00 am** today and continue at this time except on special occasions when we will worship together with St. Paul in one worship service, such as next week.

NEXT SUNDAY

Saint James and St. Paul will worship together
at **10:00 am** at St. Paul, 375 Lothrop
to celebrate our partnership in ministry. Bishop Don Kreiss will join us.

WELCOME

Welcome to Saint James, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Southeast Michigan Synod. Thank you for being part of this gathered assembly as we worship God and receive the sacrament. If this is your first time worshipping with Saint James, we extend a special greeting to you and invite you to introduce yourself to your neighbor in the pew. If you have questions about Saint James or are looking for a spiritual home, please reach out to Pastor Grant (pastor@stjamesgp.org).

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

WORSHIP & HOLY EUCHARIST

All of the materials needed for this liturgy can be found in this bulletin and in the cranberry red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW). The celebration of the sacrament, **Holy Eucharist** (also called the Lord's Supper and Holy Communion), is central to our worship. As host of the meal, Jesus extends a wide welcome for all to participate. Distribution information is found on page 7.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

silence for reflection

PRELUDE *God, Whose Almighty Word* Richard Proulx

GATHERING

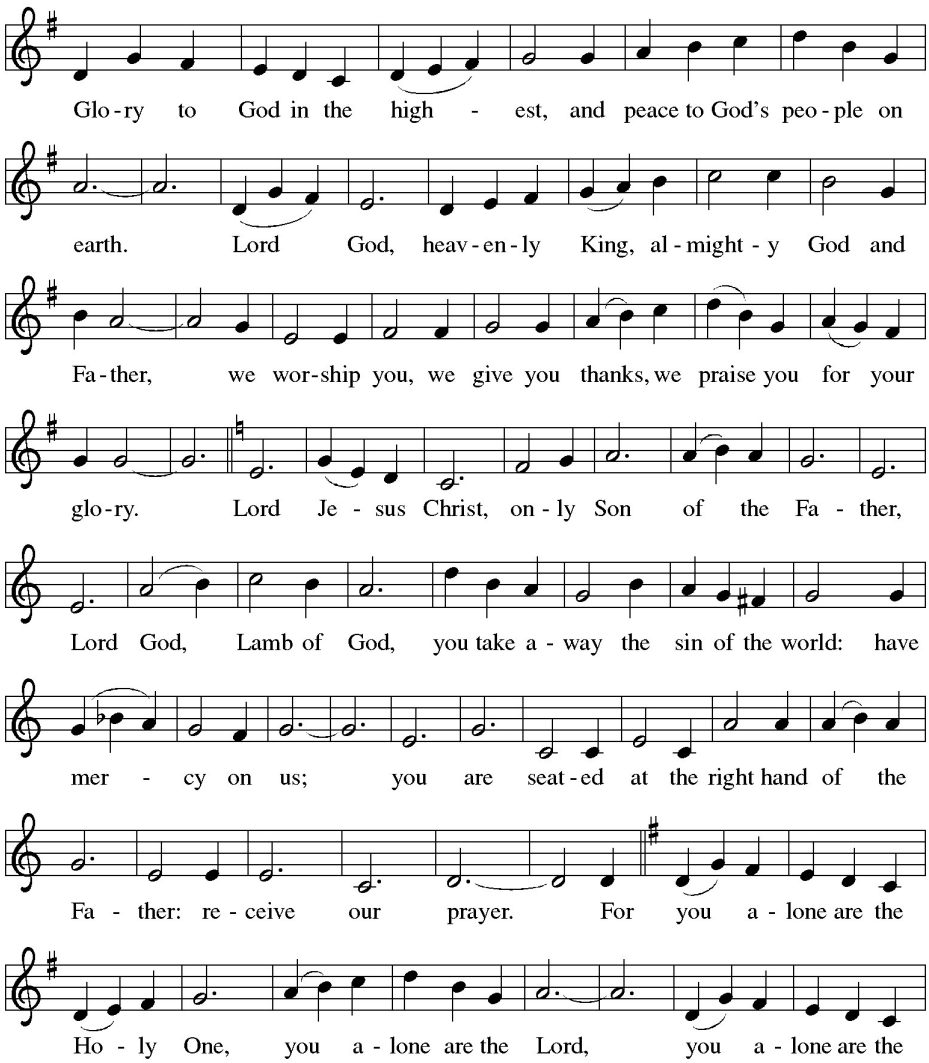
STAND
Face the entering procession.

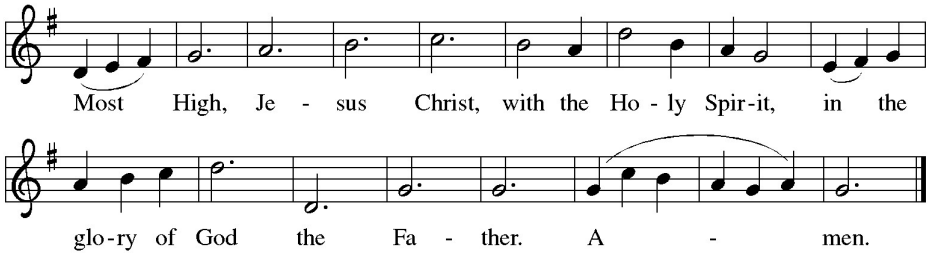
ENTRANCE HYMN ***Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky*** **ELW 553**

INVOCATION
The sign of the cross is made in remembrance of Holy Baptism.

As the processional cross passes, a sign of reverence, such as bowing of the head, may be made.

HYMN OF PRAISE





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Silence of 5 to 10 seconds is kept between the invitation to pray and the prayer itself, to give people time to collect their thoughts and focus on the presence of God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

FIRST LESSON **Isaiah 58:1=9a**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

SIT

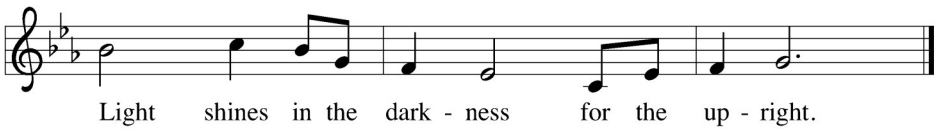
Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

[1]Shout out, do not hold back!
  Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
  to the house of Jacob their sins.
[2]Yet day after day they seek me
  and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
  and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
  they delight to draw near to God.
[3]"Why do we fast, but you do not see?
  Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
  and oppress all your workers.
[4]Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
  and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
  will not make your voice heard on high.
[5]Is such the fast that I choose,
  a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
  and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
  a day acceptable to the LORD?

[6]Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
[7]Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
[8]Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
[9a]Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

PSALM 112:1-9

The choir sings the refrain, the congregation repeats it.



Psalm 112:4
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The choir sings the verses and the congregation joins in at the refrains.

[1]Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!
[2]Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
[3]Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
[4]Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion. ***Refrain***
[5]It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
[6]For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
[7]They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
[8]Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
[9]They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor. ***Refrain***

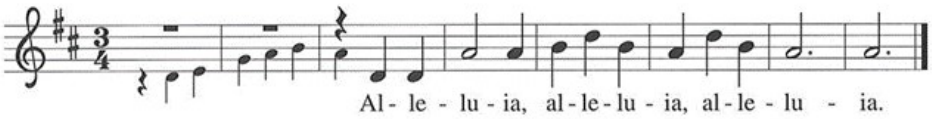
SECOND LESSON **1 Corinthians 2:1-12**

A reading from the book of First Corinthians.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *STAND & SING*



Verse: Jesus says, I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

REPEAT ALLELUIA

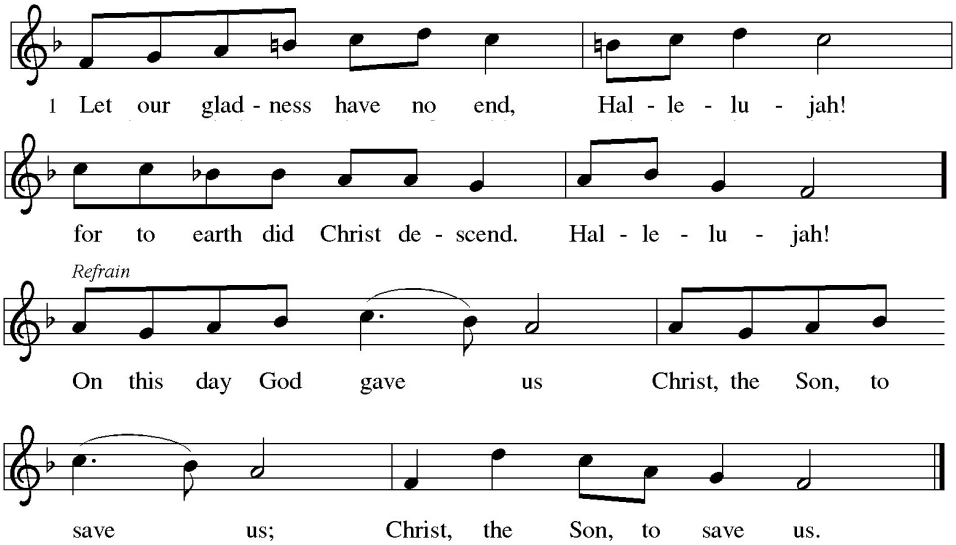
HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 5:13-20**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Gospel Acclamation is sung as the procession returns to its place.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION continued

4. Into flesh is made the Word, Hallelujah!
our true refuge and our Lord. Hallelujah!
On this day God gave us Christ the Son, to save us;
Christ the Son, to save us.

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SIT **HOMILY**

STAND **HYMN OF THE DAY** ***God, Whose Almighty Word*** **ELW 673**

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.

INTERCESSIONS

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

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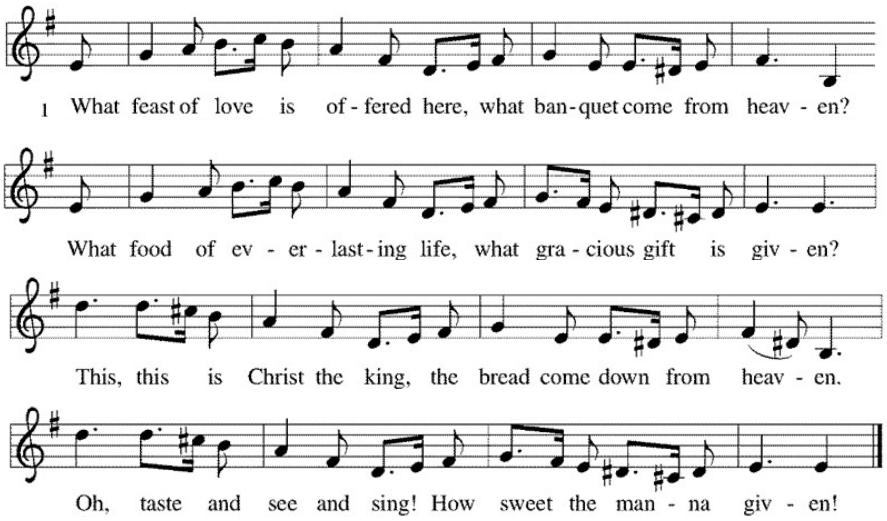
TABLE SETTING ***What Feast of Love*** **ELW 487:1 & 3**



3. What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the King, the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

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The assisting minister prepares the altar (the table) for the celebration of the sacrament.

Within the gathered assembly, at Jesus' invitation, we feast on his body and blood. Lutherans use the term 'real presence' to talk about our Lord being truly present with us as we celebrate this holy meal.

SAINT JAMES COMMUNION PRACTICE

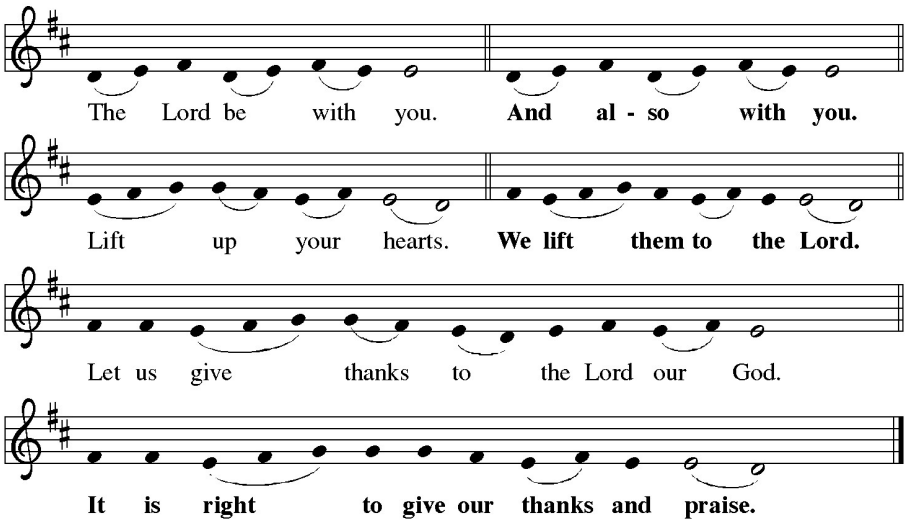
Welcome	Saint James practices an open table for Holy Communion, which means that <u>all people are invited to participate in the sacrament</u>. Jesus is the host of the meal and extends a wide welcome. Children are welcome to participate, but may also come forward with folded arms to receive a blessing.
Benefit	What is the benefit of sharing in the meal? The words "given for you" and "shed for you" show us that the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament. (Luther's Small Catechism)
Distribution	Come forward via the central aisle. Receive the host (bread/Jesus' body) in the hand; the wine (Jesus' blood) is offered in individual cups: purple wine, white juice. A gluten free option is offered by saying "gluten free" to the pastor. Return to your place via the outside aisles for private prayer.

TITHES & OFFERINGS
Instead of 'passing the plate,' Saint James receives offerings in the stationary offering plates near the sanctuary entrances, via online giving at stjamesgp.org, and via Zelle app (QR code below). Your gifts support the ministry of the church.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Great Thanksgiving is understood as an act of praise and thanksgiving. Following Jewish customs, the emerging Christian liturgies blessed God (that is, thanked God) for his kindness and love.

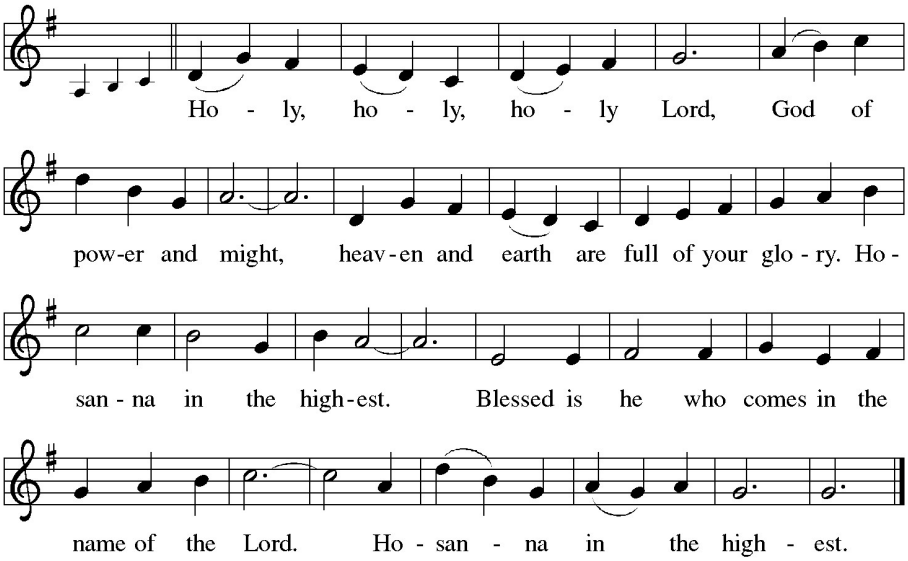


PREFACE

SANCTUS

The Sanctus *is a series of acclamations based on the angels' joyful exclamation which accompanied Isaiah's vision of God (Isaiah 6:3, Psalm 118:26).*

As Jesus entered Jerusalem the people shouted "Hosanna!" (Hebrew for save, rescue or savior) Mark 11:9-10.

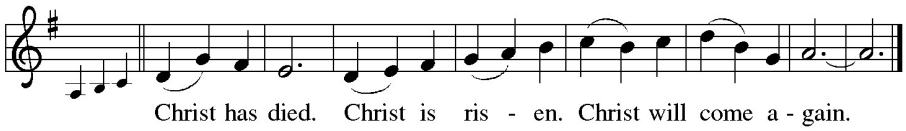


EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

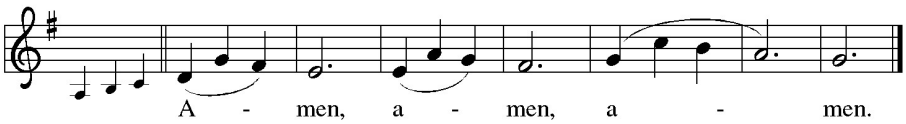
We give you thanks, O God
for in the beginning your Spirit hovered over the waters
bringing forth light and life
and establishing all creation...

Words of Institution

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



To you be honor and glory, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



In the Eucharistic Prayer, the church gives thanks for God's mighty works in the past, in creation and redemption through Jesus Christ, and thereby proclaims its faith in the blessings that come in the future both in this life and in eternal life yet to come.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom.
Our Father, who art in heaven…

Matthew 6:9-13

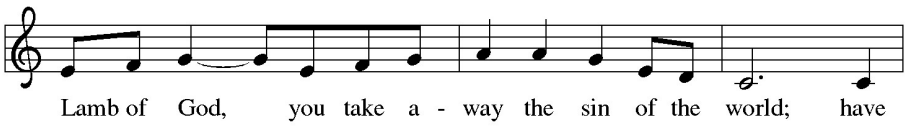
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

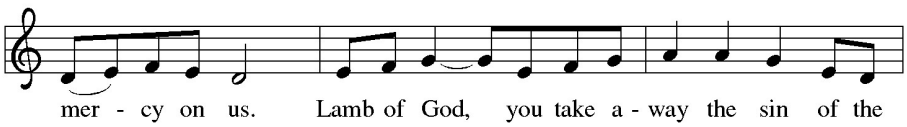
Taste and see that the LORD is good.
Blessed are those who trust in the LORD.

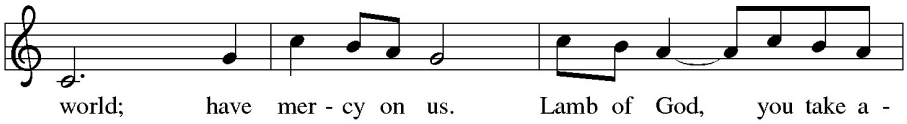
The bread is broken in silence.

The Invitation is reminiscent of Jesus' feeding the 5000. All were welcome to eat, all shared in the one meal, all were fed and satisfied.

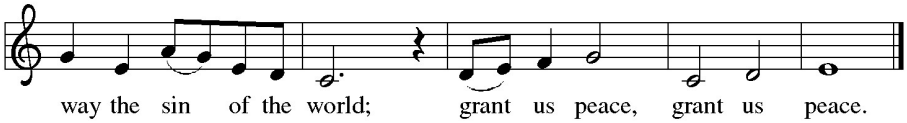
AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)







The Agnus Dei or Lamb of God is drawn from the Gospel of John;



SIT **DISTRIBUTION** *see page 7 of this bulletin for Saint James communion practice*

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

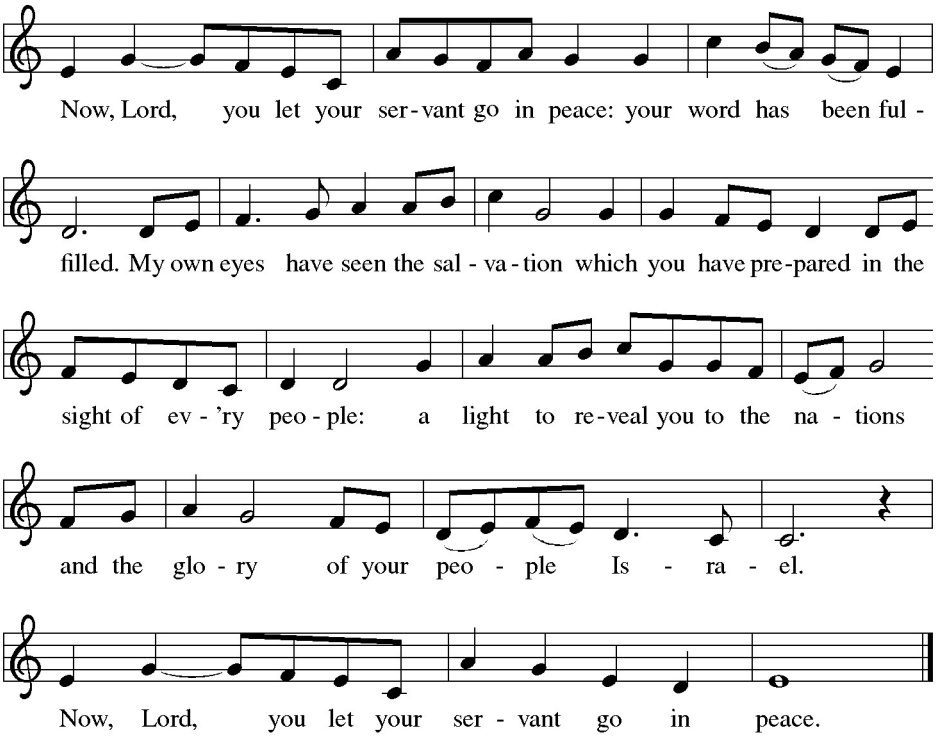
CHOIR	*Not to Be Hidden*	Joseph B. Sullivan
HYMN	***Light Shone in Darkness***	**ELW 307**

STAND **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

NUNC DIMITTIS (Lord, Now Let your Servant Go in Peace)

When Jesus was brought to the Temple, a devout man name Simeon, who had been watching for the coming Messiah, saw Jesus, took him in his arms and began praising God with this song.

See Luke 2:25-35



SENDING

As baptized people, we carry our vocation — our call to use the gifts that God has given us, into our daily life of this week.

SENDING PRAYER
We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

As the procession passes, it is appropriate to bow the head in reverence of the cross.

HYMN ***To Be Your Presence*** **ELW 546**

DISMISSAL
Go forth in joy and gladness to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Prelude in G (BWV 541)* J.S. Bach

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