+ Gathering +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

"How Firm a Foundation" arr. Mark Sedio

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

+ Gathering Song

Morning Has Broken



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+ 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

+Word+

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

A reading from Genesis.

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."4So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar

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to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Psalm 33:1-12

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Let us sing Psalm 33, verses 1 through 12, responsively by verse as translated in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal.



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Rejoice in the I LORD, you righteous;

praise is fitting I for the upright.

²Praise the LORD | with the lyre;

make music for God with a | ten-stringed harp.

³Sing for the LORD ¹ a new song;

play your instrument skillfully with 1 joyful sounds.

⁴For your word, O | LORD, is right,

and faithful are | all your works.

⁵You love righteous- ¹ ness and justice;

your steadfast love fills I the whole earth.

⁶By your word were the | heavens made,

by the breath of your mouth all the | hosts of heaven. 7You gather up the waters of the ocean as | in a waterskin and store up the depths I of the sea.

⁸Let all the earth | fear the LORD;

let all who dwell in the world 1 stand in awe.

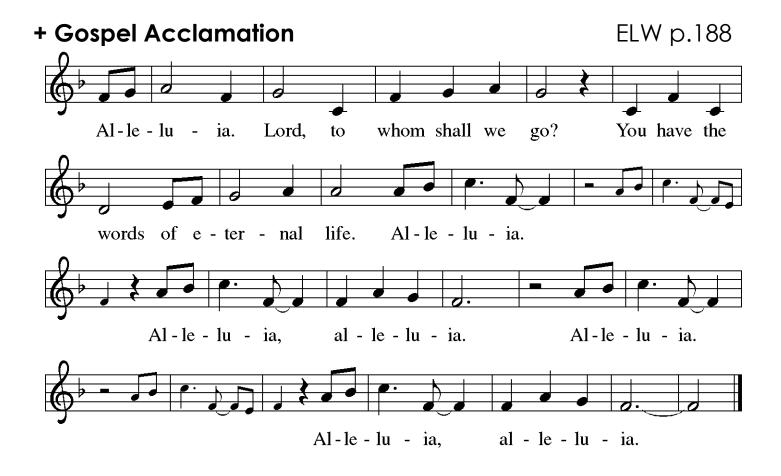
⁹For God spoke, and it I came to pass;

God commanded, and I it stood fast.

¹⁰The LORD brings the will of the na- 1 tions to nothing and thwarts the designs 1 of the peoples.

 ¹¹Your will, O LORD, stands | fast forever, and the designs of your heart from | age to age.
¹²Happy is the nation whose God | is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to 1 be God's heritage!



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

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in

and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

Young at Heart Message & Sermon The Rev. Dr. John Myers

+ Song of the Day

"Lord of the Dance"

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven, and I danced on the earth, at Bethlehem I had My birth.

Refrain: Dance then wherever you may be I am the Lord of the Dance said He And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be And I'll lead you all in the Dance said He

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance, and they wouldn't follow Me, I danced for the fishermen, for James and John, they came with Me, and the dance went on. **Refrain**

I danced on the Sabbath, and I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped, and they hung Me on high, and they left Me there on a Cross to die. **Refrain**

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black. It's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried My body, and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance, and I still go on. **Refrain**

They cut Me down, and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never never die, I'll live in you if you'll live in Me, I am the Lord of the Dance said He. **Refrain**

+ Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words 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.

* universal

+ Prayers of Intercession

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

+ Peace

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+Meal+ God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

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+ Offering Prayer

+ Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

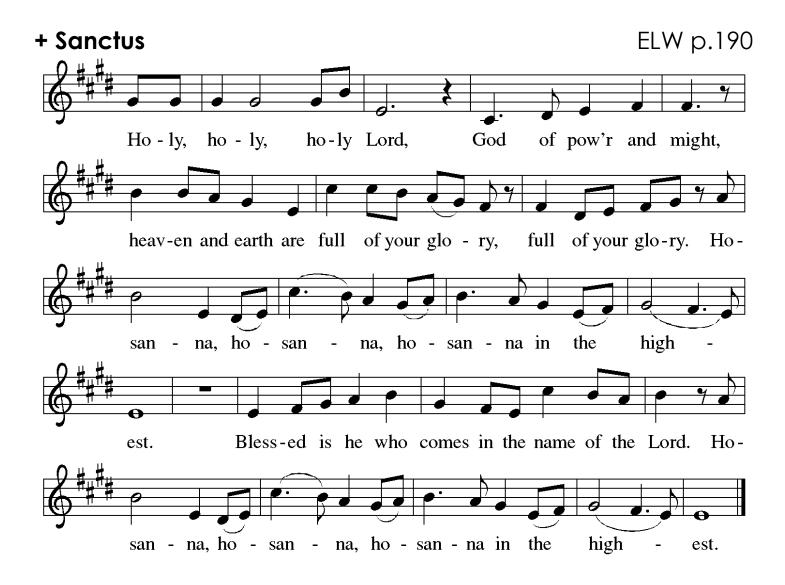
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+ Proper Preface



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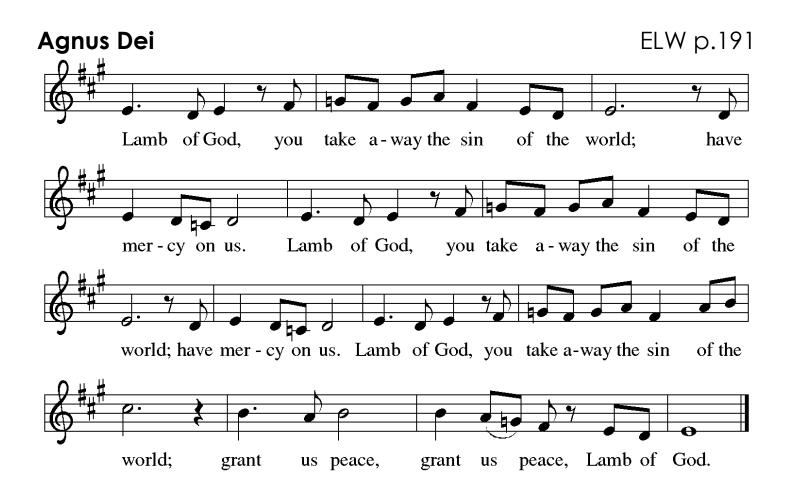
+ Thanksgiving at the Table

+ Lord's Prayer

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

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.

+ Invitation to Communion

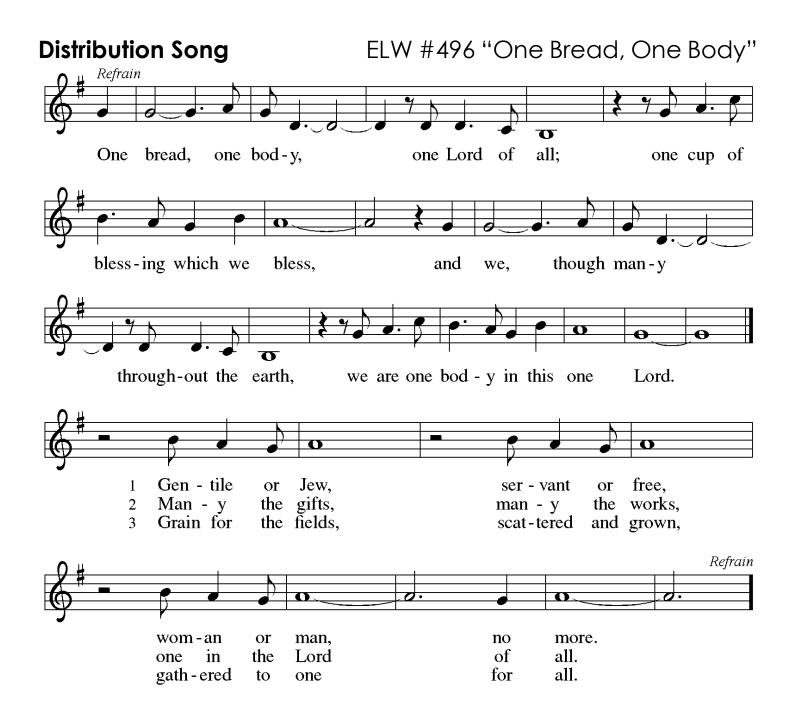


Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.



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+ Sending +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

Hymn Lotto

+ Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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