

Sunday, September 22, 2024 The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
*Enter to worship. As the prelude begins, worshippers are encouraged to conclude conversation
and quietly prepare to enter into the experience of worship.*

PRELUDE Liturgical Improvisation No. 2 - George Oldroyd

“Whoso dwelleth under the defense of the most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty”
(1948 Oxford University Press)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers today are in celebration of Ken and Carole Bergner’s 64th Wedding Anniversary.

(Assembly responses are in **bold** print)

The assembly stands

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our
tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.**

In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

HYMN 613 Thy Holy Wings

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: O God, our teacher and guide,

**you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all
envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and
understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The assembly is seated

CHOIR *Carry Me Home* arr. Shafferman (c. 1999 Alfred Publishing Co., Inc.)

FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:10-31

P: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

PSALM REFRAIN

The piano will play the refrain once, then the choir will sing the refrain then the assembly will sing the refrain once and where indicated by the "R".

Hap - py are they who trust in the LORD.

Oh, hap-py are they who trust, trust in the LORD.

PSALM 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

**2 Their delight is in the law | of the Lord,
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night. R**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do
not wither;

everything they | do shall prosper.

**4 It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

**6 For the Lord knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed. R**

SECOND READING: James 3:13 - - 4:3, 7-8a

P: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL : Mark 9:30-37

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

...

P: The Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

HYMN 712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Congregational response to

P. Hear us, O God.

C. Your mercy is great.

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace. Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we embrace all who seek you. We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith formation (specific ministries may be named). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, you shape the world so there is more than enough for all. Curb our habits of overuse, and guide us toward more sustainable sources of energy, food, and water. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity. Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations; heal divisions in our country and local communities, that together we might cooperate for the good of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Faithful God, you draw near to you all who are in need. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer. We remember especially those whom we name aloud... **Carole Bergner, Wally Brandt, Sharon Cobb, Jim Honig, Connie Kretzmann, Mason Miller, Ron Partekel, Carena Reisen, Sandy Weckler, Russ Zage**, and all whom we remember in our hearts and lift before you ... *(silence for reflection)* ...

Transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism and generational poverty. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Transforming God, you accompany all through changes and transitions. Help us to see where you are calling this community to new ways of living the gospel promise; assure us that even as change brings loss, it also brings hope and life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Merciful God, you embrace us on our final pilgrimage from this life. Accompany all who have died, console those who mourn, and at the last, show us the way to eternal life in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service - Jacob B. Weber
(2014 Concordia Publishing House)

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION DIALOG

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

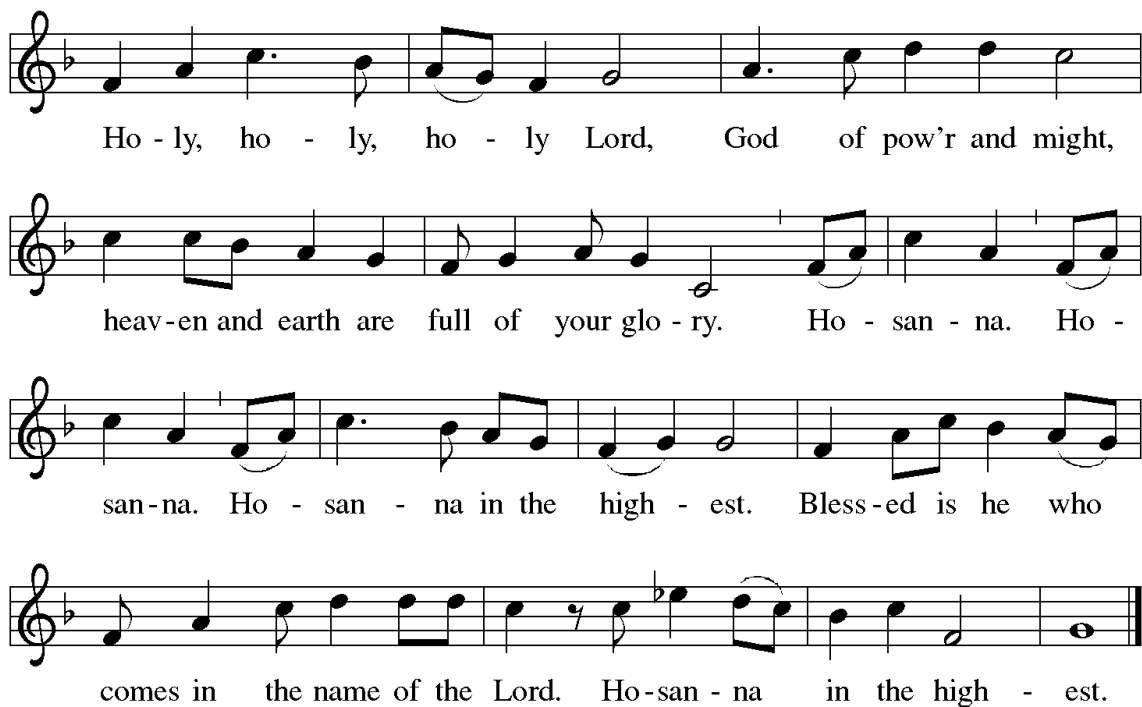
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

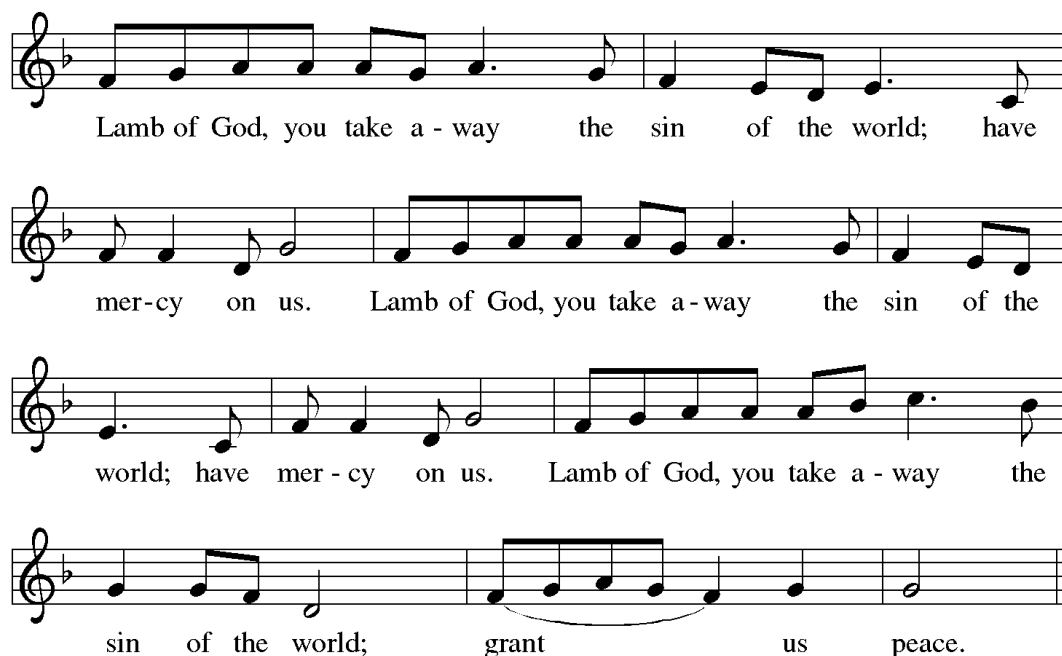
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

About Communion: This is Christ's table and meal of grace! All are welcome! Ushers will guide you forward. Receive the bread (gluten free available); wine or white grape juice is received from a cup from the gold tray. If you have difficulty coming forward for the distribution, please let one of the ushers know and they will ask the pastor to bring you communion in the pew. Children may come forward for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION HYMN

HYMN 659 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

The assembly stands.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

God all mighty,
God most merciful † bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

HYMN 815 I Want to Walk as a child of the Light

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

DEPART TO SERVE

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