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GOD'S PEOPLE**

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost
May 26, 2024, 9AM**

AS WE GATHER- SET FREE FROM THE LAW

In our Gospel for today, the Old Testament commandment was used to try and show the disciples as law-breakers. Jesus replied, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27). None of us, because of sinful condition, can keep the letter of the Law. The cross of Christ sets us free from the guilt of not keeping the Law. Those who accuse others of not keeping the Commandments often are legalistic and do not understand the sacrifice Jesus made to set us free from the Law. Do not let another person's interpretation of the Commandments bring guilt into your heart! Christ died to set us free from that. Live in the freedom and forgiveness of the cross.

+ PREPARATION +

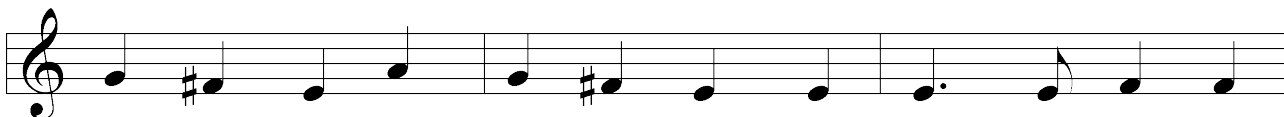
717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save



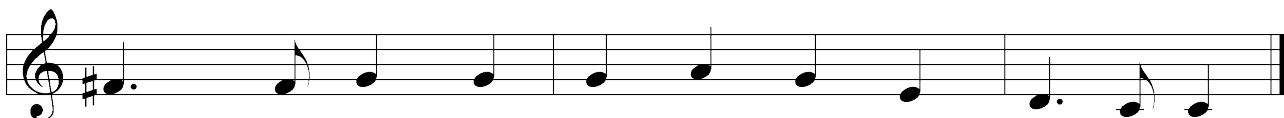
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traf - fic
3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its
runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -
fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save
dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
ev - er, Lord, Thy peo - ple go, Pro - tect them by Thy
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy
tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
guard - ing hand From ev - 'ry per - il on the land.
watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.
rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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INVOCATION

PIn the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CAmen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 8:4–6

PWhat is man that You are mindful of him,

Cand the son of man that You care for him?

PYet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

Cand crowned him with glory and honor.

PYou have given him dominion over the works of Your hands;

CYou have put all things under his feet.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ephesians 1:4

PBefore there was light, God knew each of us by name.

C“He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.”

PGod chose us, and how we are made, to bring honor and glory to Himself.

CEverything in this world was made by the finger of God, not us.

PYet we have rebelled against our Creator. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

CWe confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

PFor these sins and all sins against You,

Cwe confess our guilt and ask for Your mercy because of what Jesus did for us. We plead for His blood to cover all our sins.

PHear the Good News! Do more than hear it, believe with all your heart that God has forgiven all your sins because of Jesus’ sacrifice for you.

Receive that forgiveness in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CAmen! Thank You, Lord, for molding each of us as we are. Use us as a part of Your plan to make Christ known to the world and to our neighbor.

+ WORD +

903 THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE

sts. 1, 4

1 This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the
4 Bless - ed is He who comes to us With mes - sag -
hours His own. Let heav'n re - jice, let
es of grace; He, in the Lord's name,
earth be glad And praise sur - round the throne.
comes to us To save our fall - en race.

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INTROIT

Psalm 62:5–8; antiphon: v. 1

L For God alone my soul waits in silence;
C from Him comes my salvation.

L For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
C for my hope is from Him.

L He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
C I shall not be shaken.

L On God rests my salvation and my glory;
C my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

L Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him;
C God is a refuge for us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

L For God alone my soul waits in silence;
C from Him comes my salvation.

SALUTATION

L The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

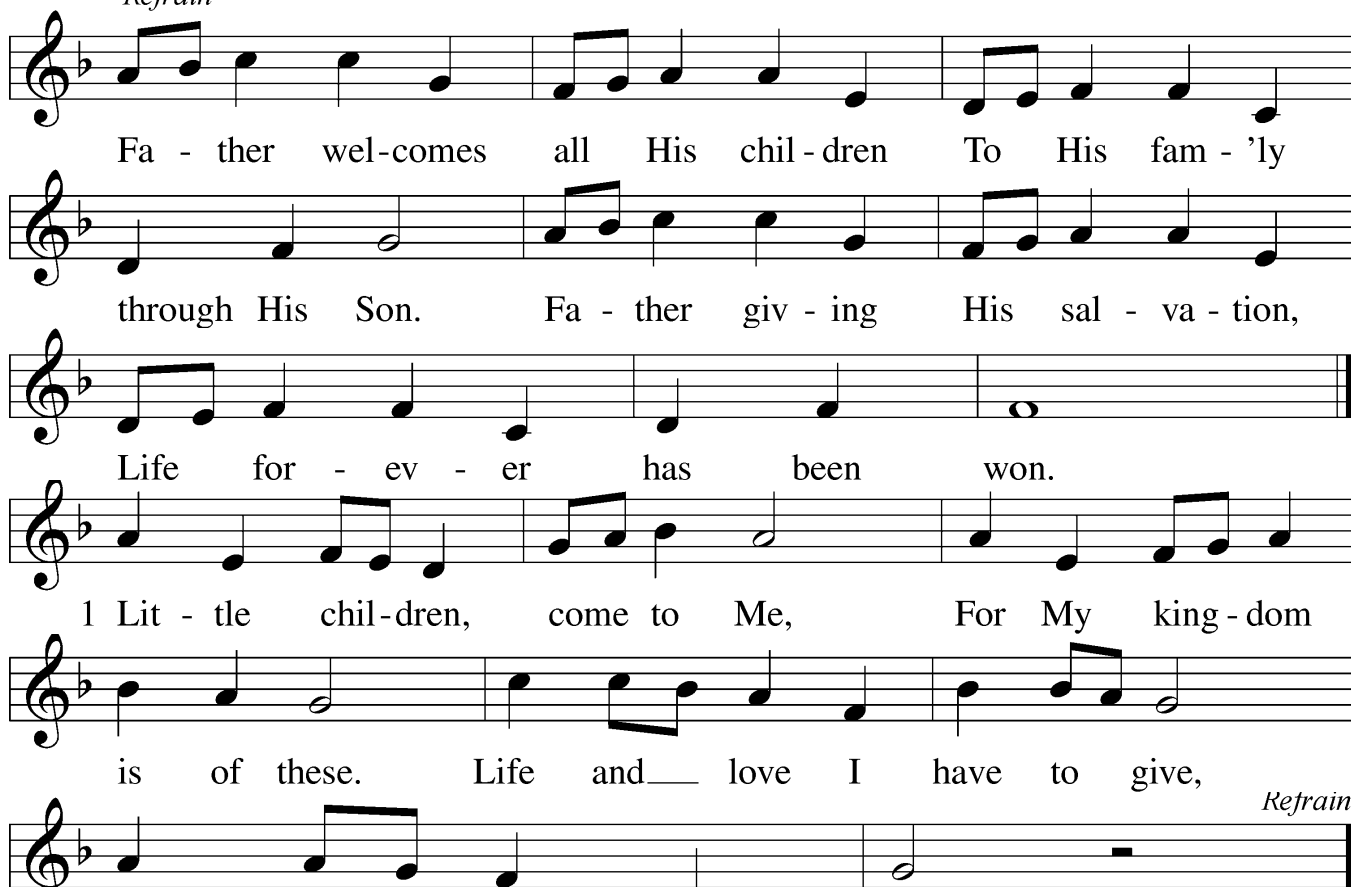
Let us pray. Eternal God, Your Son Jesus Christ is our true Sabbath rest. Help us to keep each day holy by receiving His Word of comfort that we may find our rest in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

605 FATHER WELCOMES

sts. ref-1

Refrain



Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,
Life for - ev - er has been won.
I Lit - tle chil-dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
is of these. Life and love I have to give,
Refrain
Mer - cy for your sin.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

605 FATHER WELCOMES

sts. ref, 2-3

Refrain

Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,
Life for - ev - er has been won.
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Shall be _____ born a - gain.
Live in the peace of God.

Refrain

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹²“Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.
¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 4:5–12

⁵What we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

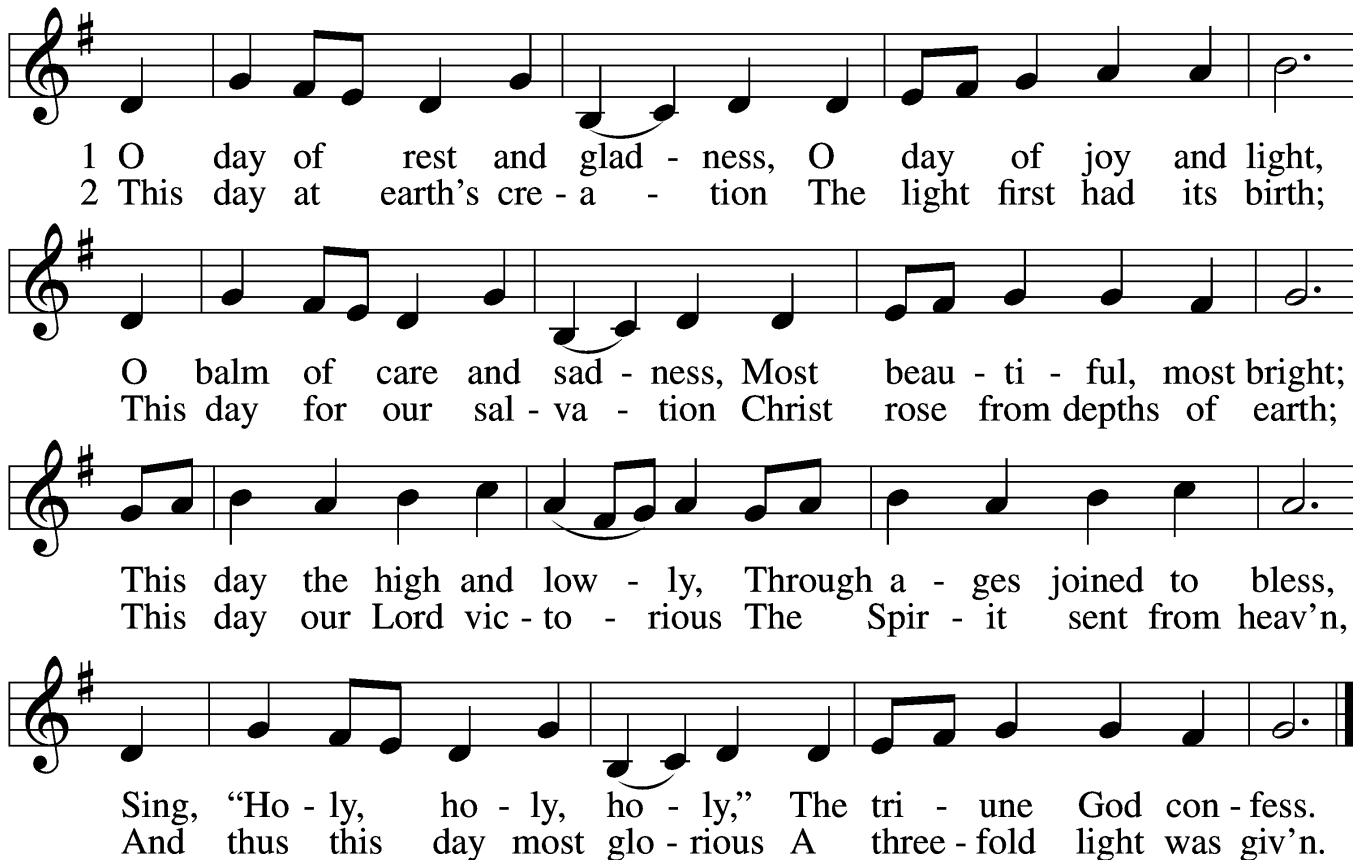
⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

LThis is the Word of the Lord.

CThanks be to God.

906 O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS

sts. 1–2



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;
O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,
This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,
Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.
And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 2:23–28

PThe Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the second chapter.

CGlory to You, O Lord.

²³One Sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: ²⁶how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" ²⁷And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Cesar Blas

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING & VIDEO *(At this time, please fill out the attendance sheet in the colored bulletin and place in the offering plate. Also at this time, on the back of the attendance slip, please refresh your thoughts or read what we believe, as you prepare to come to receive the Lord's Body & Blood or as you come forward to receive a blessing.)*

965 God Bless Our Native Land

1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;

Through storm and night. When the wild tem-pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard-ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch-ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs.

A moment of silence.

L Almighty God, You commanded the Israelites to remember and keep the Sabbath day.

C We confess as Your people we have not always set this day aside for You. We are consumed by the things of this world. Forgive us, Lord.

L You call us by Your Holy Spirit to faith and to serve You with our lives.

C You use us despite our sin and shortcomings to reach this world for You. Thank You for entrusting this message to us. Help us by Your Spirit to reach people around us and around the world with the Good News.

L Just as Jesus was accused of breaking the Law on the Sabbath, so we are also accused of breaking the Law.

C Lord Jesus, help us to always point to You and Your sacrifice on the cross instead of anything we do.

L Lord Jesus, just as there were many afflicted with diseases whom You healed, so it is today. We remember the sick, our members who are homebound, and all afflicted in any way.

C We ask You to be with them, even as You have promised. Give them Your healing, according to Your will; Your presence; and especially Your peace.

L Your Word commands us to pray for kings and all in authority, that we might live our lives in peace.

C We lift up all world leaders, those of our enemies as well as allies; we lift up all in authority in every place, asking You would give each one Your Spirit and wisdom on how to govern our world, that we might live in peace.

L Lord Jesus, You remind us to care for those suffering and oppressed. We remember those who at this moment are in prison because they are bold to preach Your name. Give them strength, especially those whose lives may be taken from them today.

C We also remember the homeless, those living in poverty and hunger, and those who are not able to find a job. Be with all; give relief, comfort, and hope according to Your will.

L Heavenly Father, there are others we know that are not on this list who need Your help.

C Hear our prayers now as we bring those people before Your altar in our hearts.

Time for silent prayer.

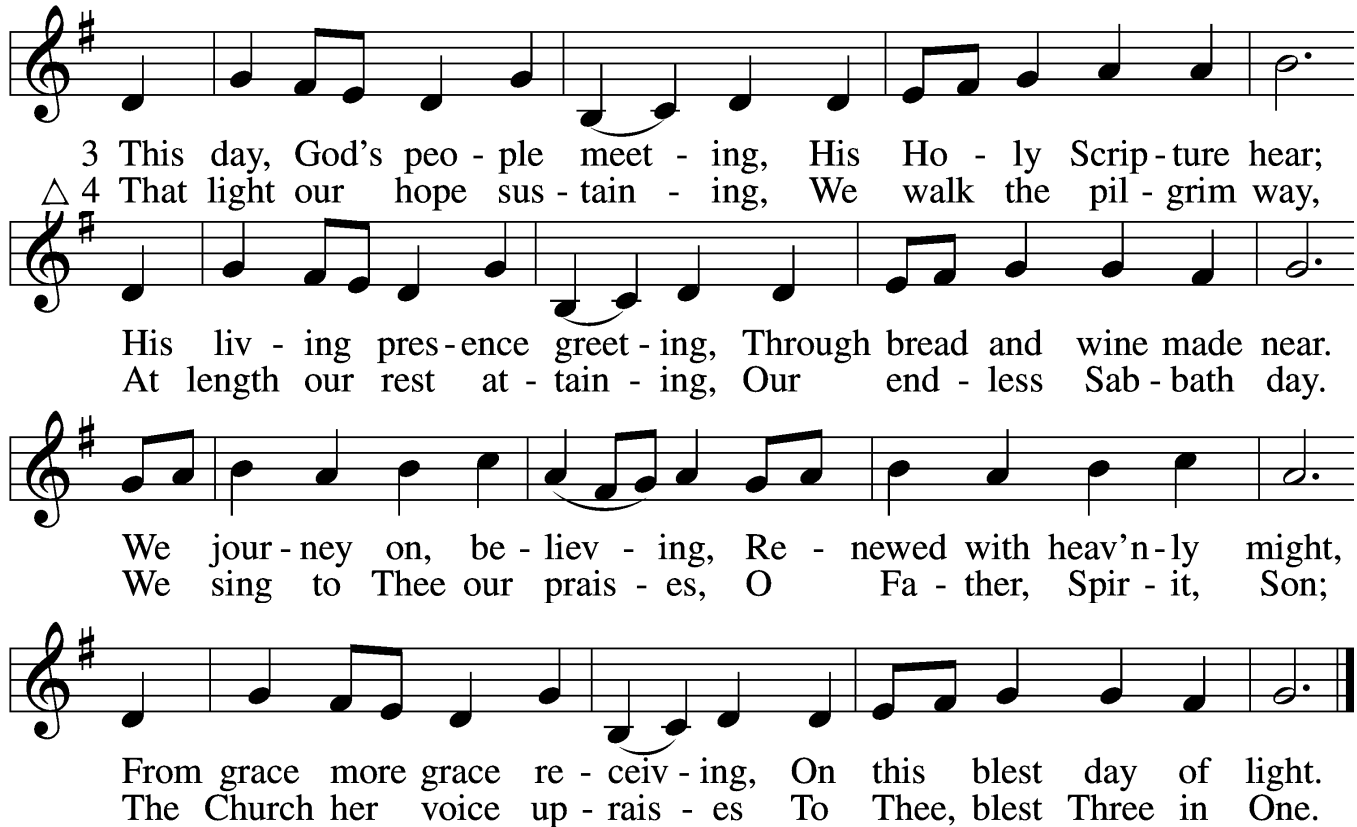
L We bring these and all prayers before Your throne, asking according to Your will that You hear us.

C We pray these things in the name of Jesus, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +

906 O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS

sts. 3–4



3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;
△ 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,
His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.
At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,
We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.
The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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PREFACE

P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

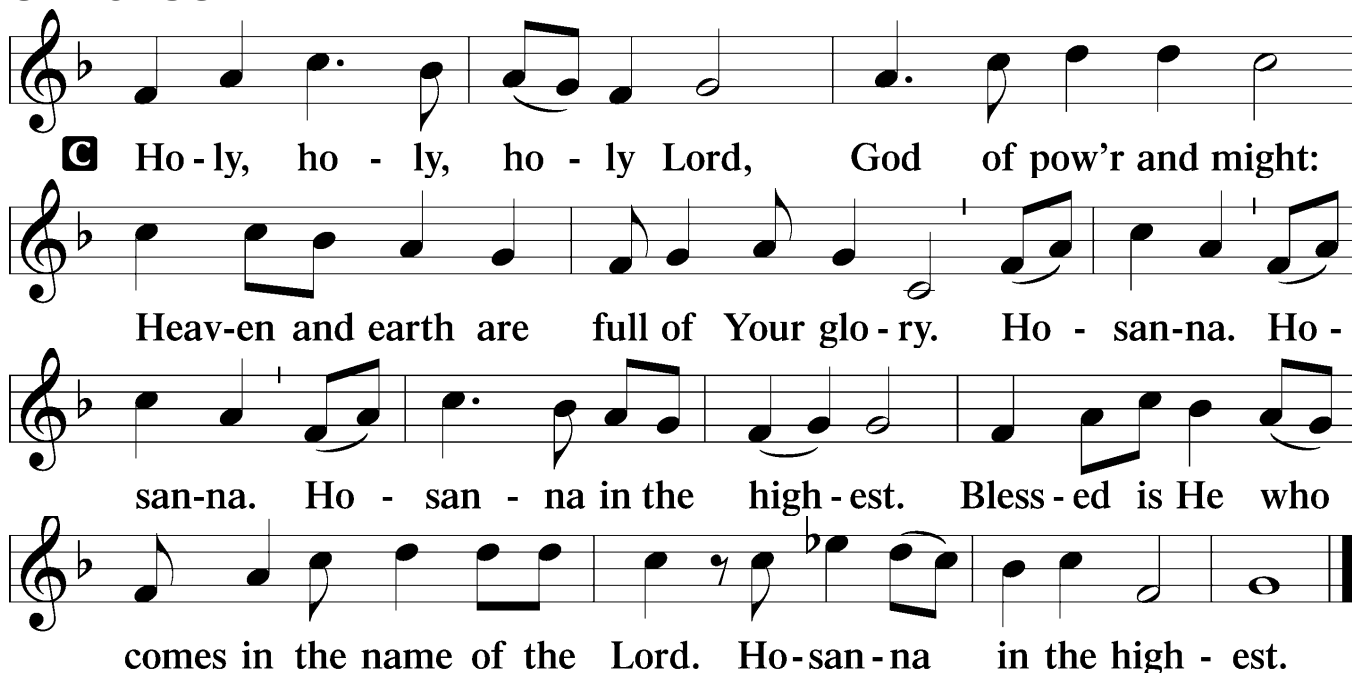
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

PIt is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

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C 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PBlessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver

and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

PAs often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

CAmen. Come, Lord Jesus.

PO Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

COur 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.

PAX DOMINI

PThe peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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C 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.

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DEATH WAS ARRESTED

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin,

Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love Made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh, Your grace so free Washes over me
You have made me new Now life begins with You
It's your endless love Pouring down on us
You have made us new Now life begins with You

Released from my chains I'm a prisoner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began

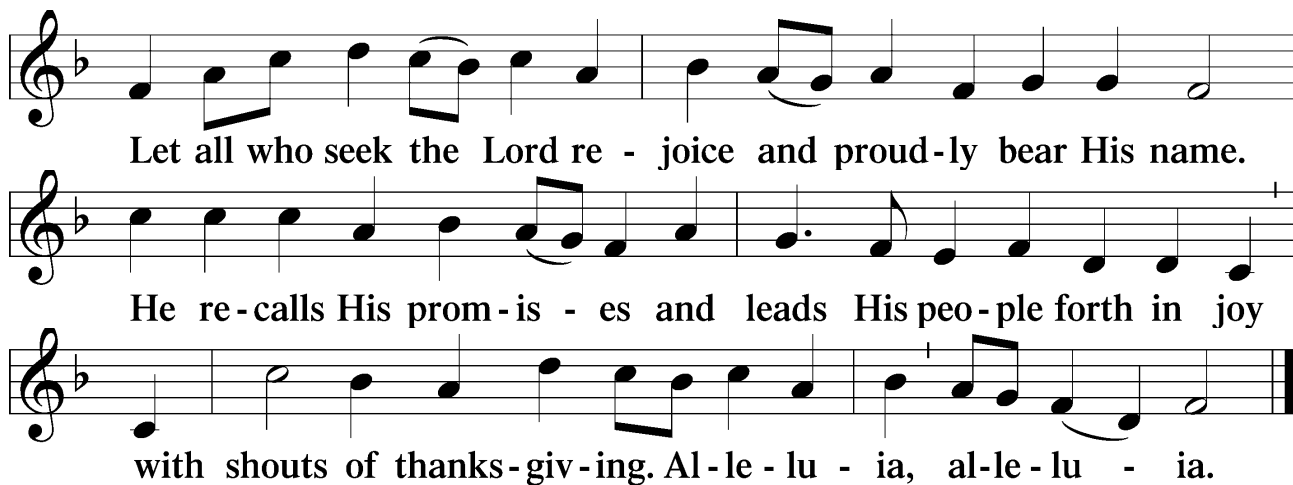
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Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began

Oh, Your grace so free Washes over me
You have made me new Now life begins with You
It's your endless love Pouring down on us
You have made us new. Now life begins with You

Oh, we're free, free, Forever we're free
Come join the song Of all the redeemed
Yes, we're free, free, Forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

PLet us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

BENEDICTION

PThe Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

CAmen.



Deo Gratias

THANKS BE TO GOD

643 SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con - fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing,
The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.
The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,
The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.
The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.
His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing
To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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CLOSING PEACE

PGo in Peace as you serve the Lord.

TThanks be to God.

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