

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church
3976 Hendricks Avenue Jacksonville, FL



Holy Communion
Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 14, 2021





Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to St. Mark's

We are happy that you are here today, whether it is your first visit as our guest or as a long-time member. Children are welcome in worship! You are welcome to sit near the front where your children can see all of the activity and more fully participate. We also have bulletins made especially for children.

Holy Communion

All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to the Lord's table. Communion is received in both kinds today. Please know that your portion of bread includes a drop of wine that has been prepared in advance. Further instructions are included at the appropriate spot in this bulletin. See our website for instructions if you plan to receive communion through the drive-up option.

Worship

"ELW" refers to "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" – the red hymnal in the pew racks. The assembly reads the parts of the liturgy in bold font.

Worship folder key: **P**=Pastor, **L**=Lector/Lay Reader, **A**=Assisting Minister, **All**=All,

Singing and speaking

Sotto voce is a musical term that literally translates as "under the voice." Choral directors use this term when we don't want our choirs to "over-sing" – often because a rehearsal is going to be very long, or we want them to conserve energy for more vocally demanding music to be sung later in the rehearsal.

During this time of pandemic, worshipers are requested to sing and speak *sotto voce*, and to wear a mask that covers their mouth and nose.

Inclusive language: Copyright laws prohibit us from printing any language in our hymns and liturgies other than what is in the original. Should you find that the words used for God, or for humans, are restrictive and hinder your worship, you are welcome to say/sing other appropriate words which you find more inclusive or expansive.

Our Facility

Restrooms are located in the gym. Signs point the way, but feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

GATHERING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Beautiful Savior*

setting, David Cherwien

At the sound of the courtyard bell, the assembly stands and faces the ministers.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

A Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

A you search us and know us.

You are acquainted with all our ways.

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.**

(continued)

**We distrust those who are not like us.
 We exploit the earth and its resources
 and fail to consider generations to come.
 Forgive us, gracious God,
 for all we have done and left undone.
 Even before the words are on our tongues,
 you know them;
 receive them in your divine mercy.
 Amen.**

☞ How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,
 our sins are washed away
 and we are claimed as God's own beloved.
 Indeed, we are forgiven.
 In the wake of God's forgiveness,
 we are called to be the beloved community
 living out Christ's justice
 and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

☞ Amen.



The assembly remains standing while the ministers enter. The assembly is seated when the ministers sit. The assembly remains seated to sing the hymn.

GATHERING HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (ELW 631)



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *(See next page.)*

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



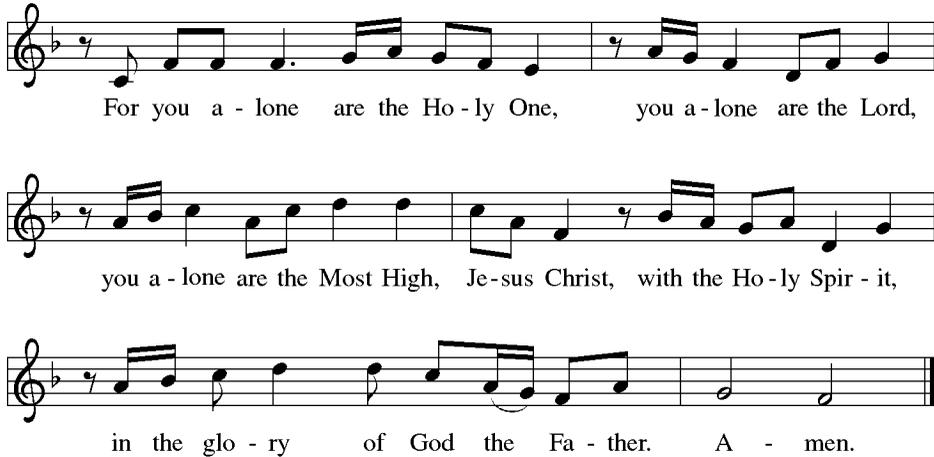
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray.

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

🔊 Amen.



WORD

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

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

📖 A reading from Second Kings.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Word of God, word of life.

🎵 **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6 *The assembly sings the refrain. A cantor sings the stanzas.*



Out of Zi - on, per - fect in beau - ty,



God shines forth in glo - ry.

¹The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God shines forth in glory. **R**

³Our God will come and will not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

⁴God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of the people.

⁵“Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

⁶The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause,
for it is God who is judge. **R**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

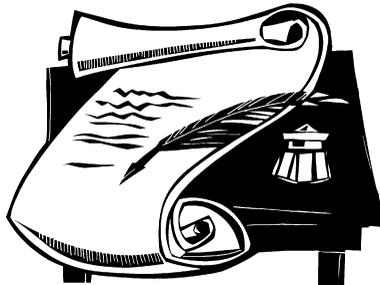
L A reading from Second Corinthians.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake.

⁶For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

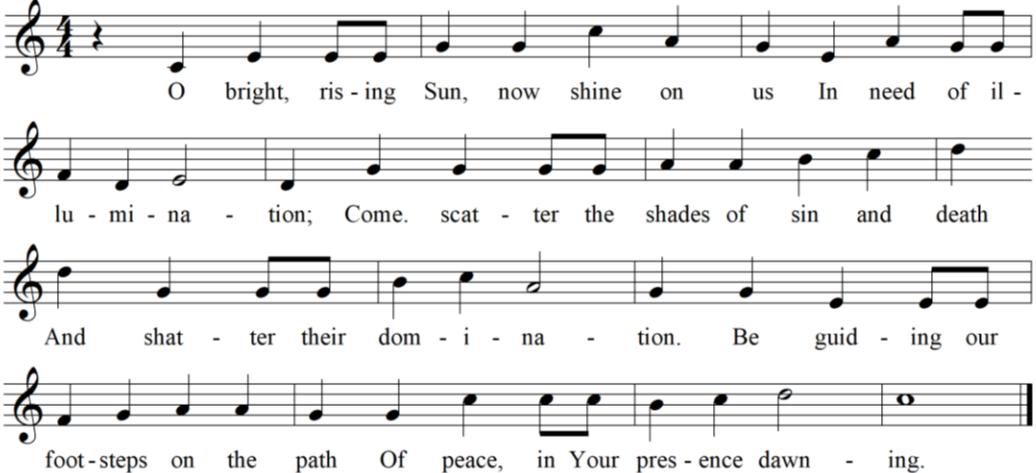
AD **Thanks be to God.**



The assembly remains seated to sing the gospel acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

AD



O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -
lu - mi - na - tion; Come. scat - ter the shades of sin and death
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Music: Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774-1842

DEN SIGNEDE DAG

The assembly stands for the reading.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

AD **Glory to you, O Lord!**

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

☐ The gospel of the Lord.

☒ **Praise to you, O Christ!**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Daniel Locke

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly remains seated, singing sotto voce.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair (ELW 316)*



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the
 car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the
 deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Sarum, 18th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt

Music: English ballad, 15th cent.

DEO GRACIAS

CREED

A Together with the whole church, let us proclaim what we believe:

AD **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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

The assembly kneels or is seated. A brief silence.

A For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for communities of faith far and near, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray.

AD **Have mercy, O God.**

A For creation: sun, moon and stars; life forming in the dark earth and ocean deep; mountains, clouds and storms, and creatures seen and unseen, and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of God's creation, let us pray.

AD **Have mercy, O God.**

A For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world, let us pray.

AD **Have mercy, O God.**

A For the prayers from this assembly, especially. . . and those we name aloud or in our hearts. . . <<pause>> that Christ our healer transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace, let us pray.

AD **Have mercy, O God.**

A For companions on life's journey in this worshiping community, for loved ones who cannot be with us this day, and for guidance during struggles we face, that God's glory is revealed around and among us, let us pray.

AD **Have mercy, O God.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage, especially missionaries Cyril and Methodius, that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our living, let us pray.

AD **Have mercy, O God.**

P Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

AD **Amen.**

The assembly may stand.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

AD **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. Please refrain from shaking hands and hugging.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The assembly stands at the direction of the assisting minister.

OFFERING PRAYER

A O God,
 receive these gifts as you receive us:
 like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.
 Nourish us anew in your tender care,
 and empower us in faithful service
 to tend to others with this same love,
 through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

AD **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

AD **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

AD **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

AD **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

P 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, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love,
 that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light.
 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

☞ Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
 Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
 Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
 Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
 Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
 Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
 Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
 the Word made flesh.

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.
 Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

AD Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup
 we remember your Word dwelling among us,
 full of grace and truth.
 We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
 We look with hope for his coming.

AD Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
 Come among us.
 Bless this meal.
 May your Word take flesh in us.
 Awaken your people.
 Fill us with your light.
 Bring the gift of peace on earth.

AD Come, Holy Spirit.

P All praise and glory are yours,
 Holy One of Israel,
 Word of God incarnate,
 Power of the Most High,
 one God, now and forever.

AD Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**AD Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.**

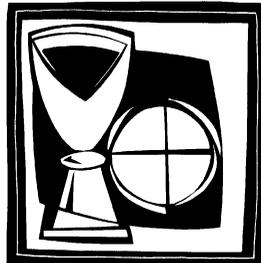
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

An usher will direct all those seated on the choir side of the nave first, followed by those seated on the pulpit side. Please observe proper social distancing as you approach the presiding minister. Take a package of bread (do not open it until you are seated) and return to your seat by the outside aisle. We will consume the elements together.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus.
Come and be fed.



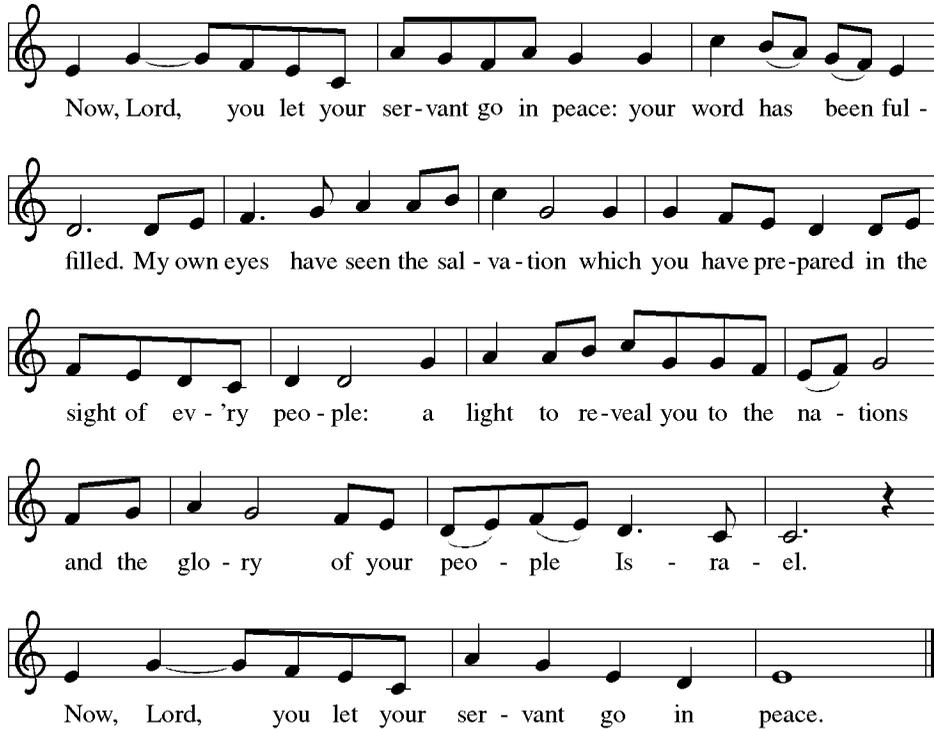
MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Two setting of Hyfrydol*

Charles, Callahan

When all are seated

- P** The body of Christ, given for you. **A** **Amen.**
- A** The blood of Christ, shed for you. **A** **Amen.**

All consume the communion elements at the same time. The assembly sings “Now Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace” while the table is being cleared. (See next page.)



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

The assembly stands at the direction of the assisting minister.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Christ Jesus,
 at this table we have feasted on your very life
 and are strengthened for our journey.
 Send us forth from this banquet
 nourished in body and in spirit
 to proclaim your good news
 and serve others in your name.

AD Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

☩ The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

☩ **Amen.**

The assembly is seated for the sending hymn. After the final stanza has been sung, the assembly stands for the procession and dismissal.

SENDING HYMN Alleluia, Song of Gladness (ELW 318)

Stanzas 1, 3, 4



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
 al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
 for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt

Music: John Goss, 1800-1880

PRAISE MY SOUL

DISMISSAL

☩ Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Prelude and Chorale on Wie schön leuchtet*

Prelude, Walter L. Pelz

As you depart, please be mindful of social distancing. Greet each other with waves and gently spoken words. Take your bulletin and bread wrapper with you and dispose of them at home. (Recycling your bulletin is encouraged!) Social conversation may take place on the church's front lawn or in the courtyard, but please don't block the entrances!

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