WELCOME AND GATHERING PRAYER

GATHERING SONG God, We Gather as Your People: For All the Children (ACS 1038)



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KYRIE (ELW p. 184)

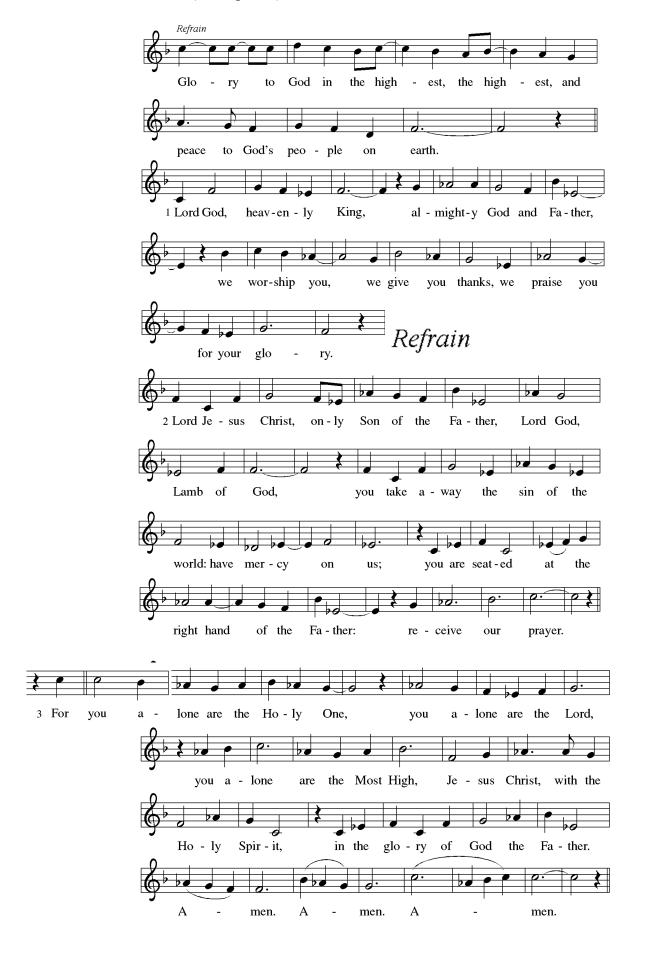
The words "kyrie eleison" are an ancient prayer meaning "Lord have mercy". Some settings of the kyrie are more penitential in nature but this one is an upbeat celebration of God's grace.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 185)



WORD

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

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility. A reading from Proverbs.

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

PSALM: Psalm 112



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¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD and have great delight in | God's commandments!

²Their descendants will be mighty | in the land; the generation of the upright | will be blessed. R

³Wealth and riches will be | in their house, and their righteousness will | last forever.

⁴Light shines in the darkness | for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.

⁵It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

⁶For they will nev-| er be shaken;

⁷They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.

8Their heart is established and 1 will not shrink, until they see their desire up-1 on their enemies.

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever; they will hold up their | head with honor.

¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and | pine away; the desires of the wick-| ed will perish. R

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel using the words of Peter in John 6:68



GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY Let Us Go Now to the Banquet: Vamos todos al banquete (ELW 523)



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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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with the words "Merciful God," and the assembly responds with "receive our prayer."

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING PRAYER GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

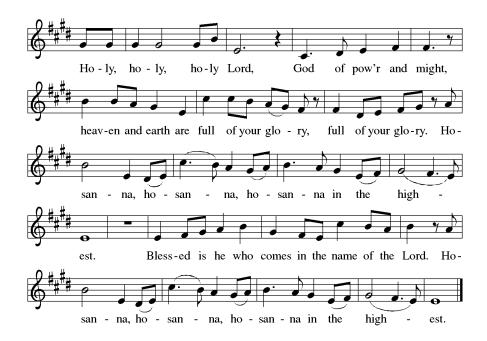
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 190)



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

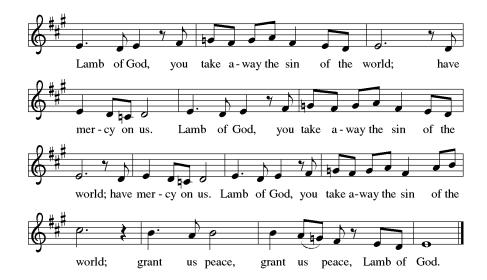
LORD'S PRAYER

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

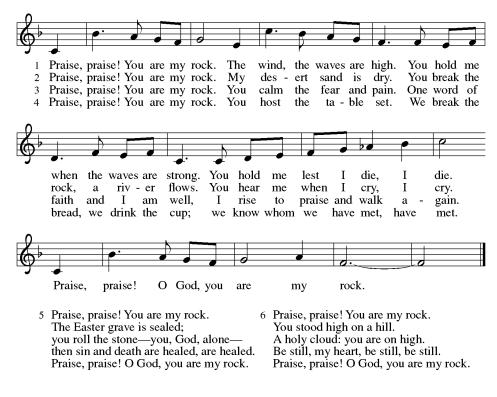
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION



COMMUNION SONG: Praise, Praise! You Are My Rock (ELW 862)



Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Music: ZACHARY WOODS ROCK, Rusty Edwards, b. 1955 Text and music © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Filled to the brim with the goodness of God; the nourishment of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, and the power of the Holy Spirit, go now in peace to serve God in all that you think, do and say. God's peace will always be with you. **AMEN.**

SENDING SONG Arise, My Soul, Arise!: Nyt ylös, sieluni (ELW 827)



*The Finnish stanza repeats the last line of music.

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