

The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

The liturgical season is Time after Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time, which is celebrated with green paraments to indicate we are growing in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Jesus.



Lord of Love Lutheran Church (ELCA)

10405 Fort St., Omaha, NE 68134

“Celebrating and sharing God’s Love in a welcoming community of faith, while serving others”

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Bold type indicates Congregational responses

Introduction

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God’s grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

Prelude

Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Ministry Minute Brandon Hansen

***Gathering Song: "How Firm a Foundation"** ELW 796

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

***Greeting**

P: 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.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P: 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.

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak.
We have spoken falsely.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

***Kyrie**

P: Let us pray to God with peace in our hearts:
God of love, have mercy.

For the peace from above, let us pray to our God:
God of love, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the health of the church, and for the unity of all people,
let us pray to our God:

God of love, have mercy.

For the people of God and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to
our God:

God of love, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious God.

Amen.

****Hymn of Praise***

Refrain



(Women) Glo - ry to God! (Men) Glo - ry to God!



(All) Glo - ry to God in the high - est: Glo - ry, glo - ry,



Glo - ry to God a - bove. Glo - ry to God in the

Fine



high - est: Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the God of Love.

Verse



1. Wor - thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain whose
2. Pow - er rich - es wis - dom and strength and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God and
4. Bless - ing and hon - or glo - ry and praise be to

D.C.



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
ho - nor and bless - ing and glo - ry are God's.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

****Prayer of the Day***

L: Let us pray.

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

L: O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."
But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

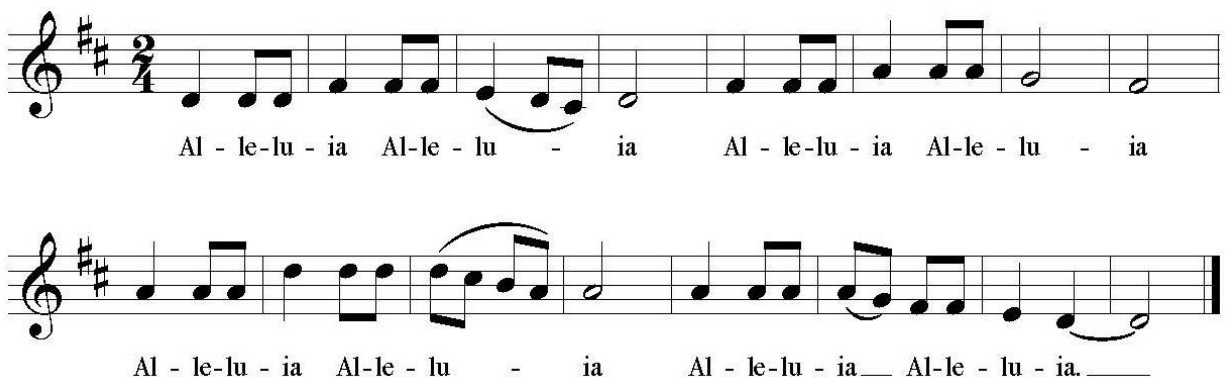
L: Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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Thanks be to God.

****Gospel Acclamation***



***Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

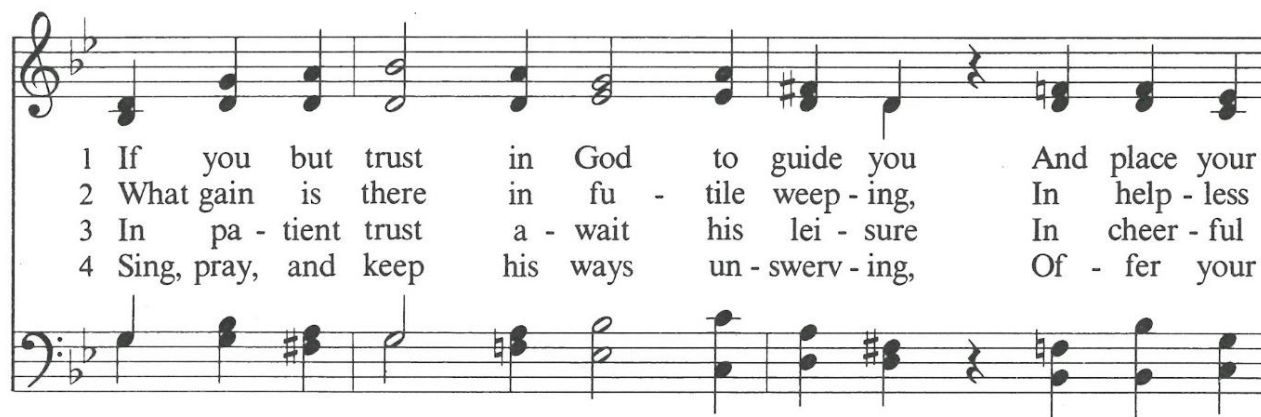
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

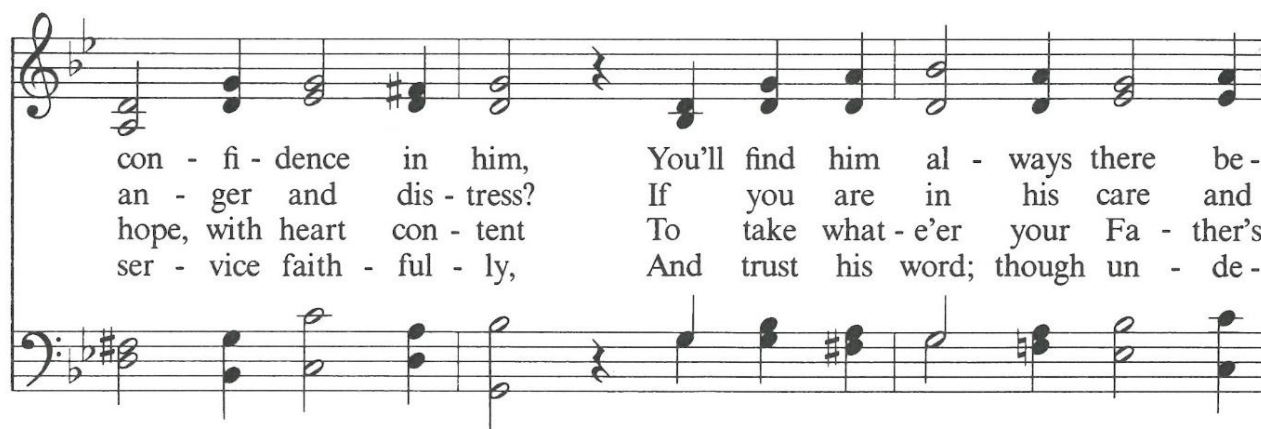
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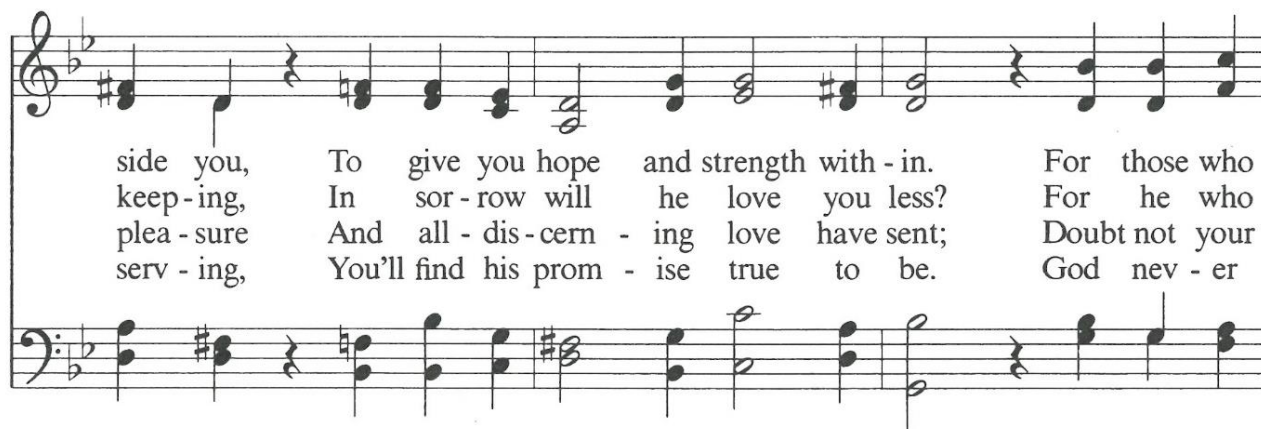
Hymn of the Day: "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" LBW 453



1 If you but trust in God to guide you And place your
 2 What gain is there in fu - tile weep - ing, In help - less
 3 In pa - tient trust a - wait his lei - sure In cheer - ful
 4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing, Of - fer your



con - fi - dence in him, You'll find him al - ways there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in his care and
 hope, with heart con - tent To take what - e'er your Fa - ther's
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly, And trust his word; though un - de -



side you, To give you hope and strength with - in. For those who
 keep - ing, In sor - row will he love you less? For he who
 plea - sure And all - dis - cern - ing love have sent; Doubt not your
 serv - ing, You'll find his prom - ise true to be. God nev - er



trust God's change-less love Build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross Will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 in - most wants are known To him who chose you for his own.
 will for - sake in need The soul that trusts in him in - deed.

****The Apostles' Creed***

L: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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***

L: Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

You entice your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace. Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Under your watch not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Safeguard plant and animal habitats threatened by melting glaciers, rising oceans, and receding coastlines. Amplify the voices of those calling for responsible stewardship of the earth's resources. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Our world is enduring violence and destruction. Rescue your people in nations experiencing conflict or crisis. Thwart the efforts of those who sow chaos and terror, and guide those working to bring about peace and reconciliation. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You have counted even the hairs of our heads. Reassure anyone experiencing poverty, homelessness, unemployment, or exploitation that every life has value. Look favorably upon all who struggle. We especially pray for those on our prayer lists and the names of those we lift up to you in our hearts now... Answer us, for your steadfast love is good. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Even when we experience rejection your love invites us to new life. Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded on account of their gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or any other human distinction. Make your people one. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All who have died with Christ also live with him. We give thanks for all the saints whose faithful confession inspired our own discipleship, and raise us, with them, to eternal life. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please take a moment to share signs of peace with one another.

Please be seated.

Offering

L: We are called to reflect on how we are giving back to God for all the blessings God has given us. This includes continuing to financially support the church and its mission, along with considering how we might be called to give and use our time and talents to further God's kingdom here on earth.

Gifts may be placed in the offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary or may be given electronically at www.lord-of-love.org. Children may come forward to put their offering in the noise jar.

Offertory



1. What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?
 2. What have we to of - fer? What have we to bring?
 3. What have we to of - fer? What have we to give?



Coins _____ from the cof - fer Hearts _____ filled with care.
 Love, _____ ripe with laugh - ter, Hope that we can sing.
 Eyes that are wide o - pen, Lies that we won't live.



God _____ will not fal - ter If _____ we will dare
 Dreams of what we're af - ter, Pro - mis - es of when
 Truth that must be spo - ken, Just - tice some - how



Lay it at the al - tar there. _____
 Lay it at the al - tar then. _____
 Lay it at the al - tar



now. _____ What have we to of - fer? What have we to



give? Lives _____ we will live. _____

*Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

****The Great Thanksgiving***

P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

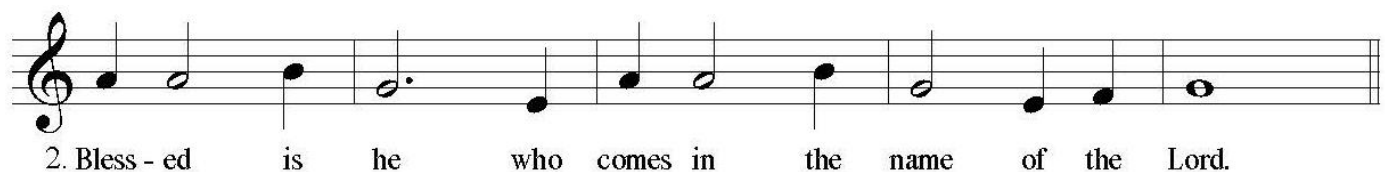
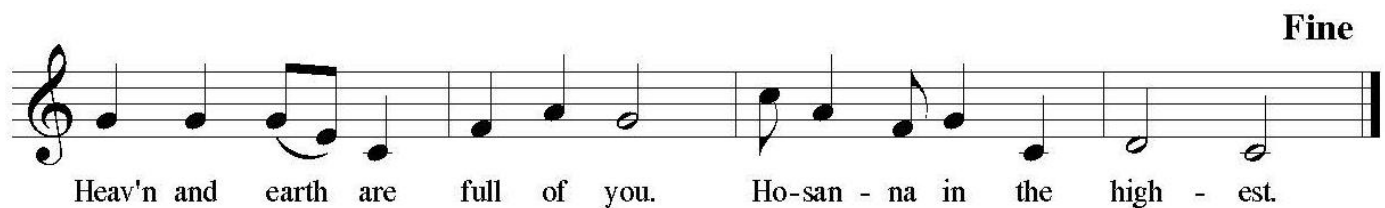
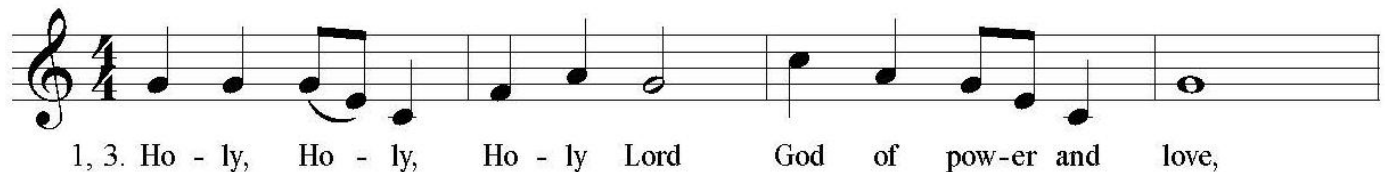
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

****Holy, Holy, Holy***



****Words of Institution***

On the night 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 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 remembrance of me.

***The Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

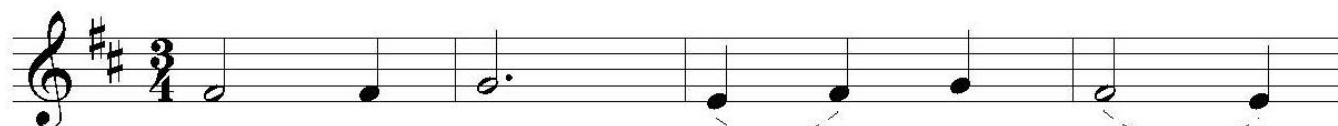
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

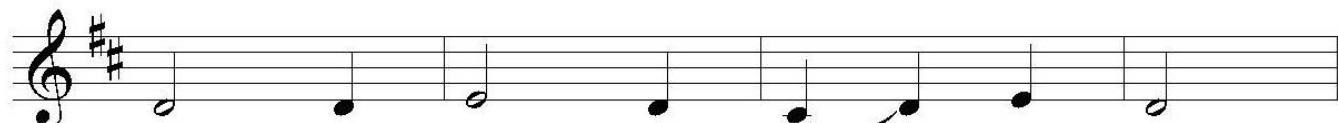
Communion Invitation

P: Come. Be filled and transformed by this meal of love and grace given for you. All are welcome.

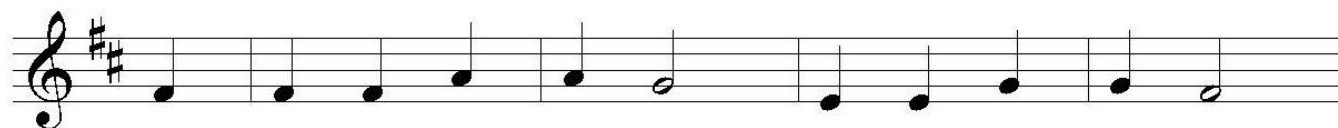
Lamb of God



1. Lamb of God, who takes a - way the
2. Lamb of God, who'd give your soul to
3. Lamb of God, ris - en Lord,
4. Lamb of God, ho - ly Son,
5. Lamb of God, who takes a - way the

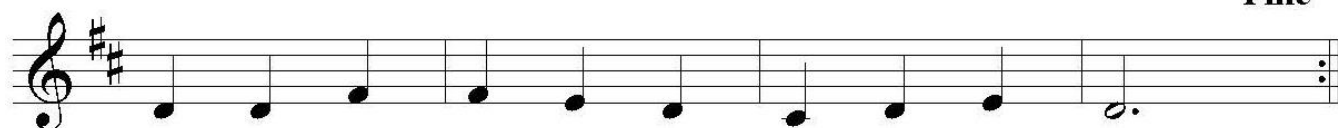


sin see of all the world to - day,
see a brok - en world made whole,
heal us with your liv - ing word,
bring us of peace when the day is done,
sin of all the world to - day,



Have mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up - on us,

Fine



mer - cy up - on us and give us your peace.

Communion

****Post-Communion Prayer***

P: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

****Benediction***

P: The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

***Sending Song:** *“Ten Thousand Reasons”* ACS 1097

***Dismissal**

Refrain



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;



wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,



O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.



1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;
2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your
3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the



... it's time to sing your song a - gain. What - ev - er may
name... is ... great, and your heart is kind. For all ... your
end ... draws near, and my time has come; ... still, my



pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be
good-ness, I will keep . . on . . sing-ing— ten thou-sand
soul will sing your praise un - end-ing— ten thou-sand

Refrain



sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.
rea - sons for my heart to find.
years and then for - ev - er - more!

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TEN THOUSAND REASONS

Irregular

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

If You But Trust God to Guide You

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Tune: Georg Neumark, 1621–1681

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