

First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025
8:30am & 11am Worship



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CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE

Adoration

Florence Price

Marking Women Composer's Sunday today

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand as you are able)*

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for self-examination.

Most Merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN #504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



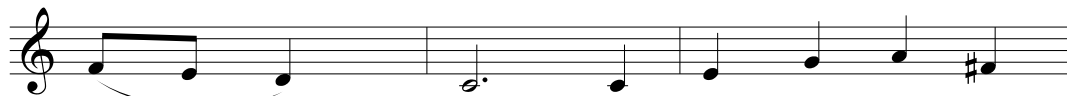
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No



sword and shield vic - to - rious; He
 would be lost, re - ject - ed. But
 threat - ning to de - vour us, We
 thanks to foes, who fear it; For



breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal - va - tion
 now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God him - self e -
 trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not o - ver -
 God him - self fights by our side With weap - ons of the



glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic
 lect - ed. You ask who this may
 pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant
 Spir - it; Were they to take our



foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful
 be? The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus might - y
 rage; In bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to
 house, Goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a -



might he arms him - self to fight, On
 Lord, God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He
 fail; God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One
 way, They can - not win the day; The

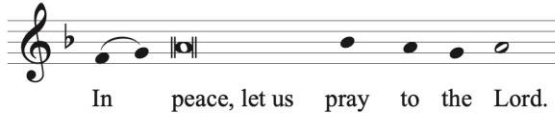


earth he has no e - qual.
 holds the field vic - to - rious.
 lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

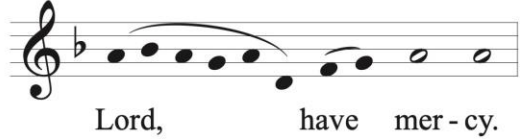
GREETING

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.**

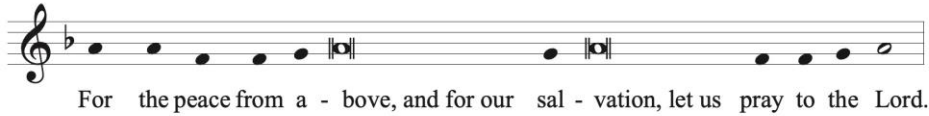
KYRIE (8:30am)



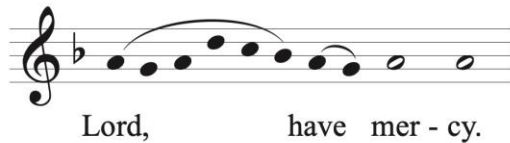
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



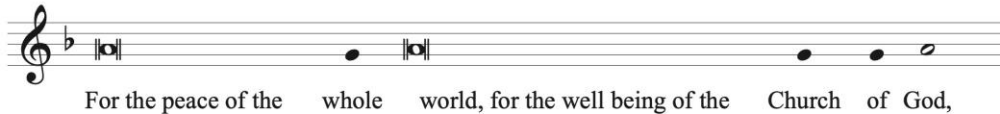
Lord, have mer-cy.



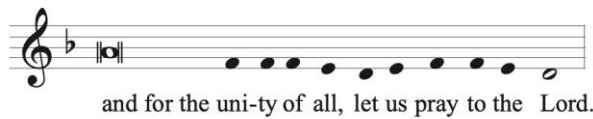
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



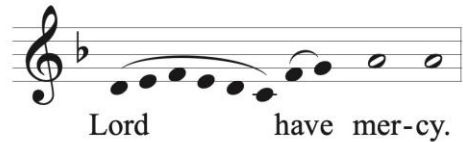
Lord, have mer - cy.



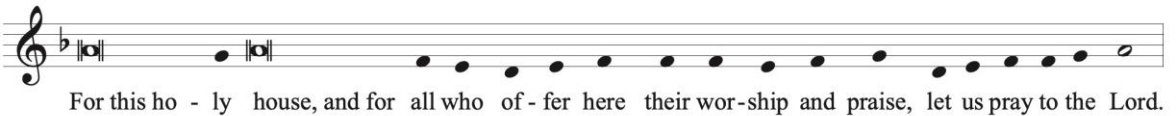
For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God,



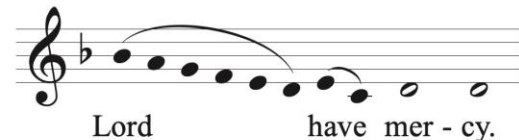
and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



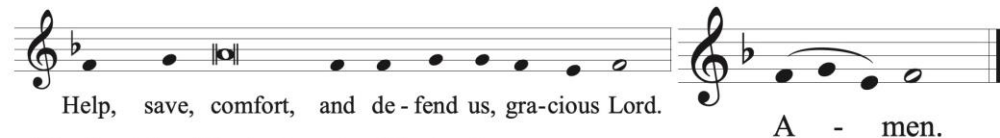
Lord have mer-cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

The Canticle of Praise is omitted during Lent

KYRIE (11am) from **Requiem – Duruflé** Chorale
with Sheri Pyron & Roger Welch, Horns; James Meyer, Trombone

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *(please be seated)*

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshippers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

¹ When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this

land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house. The Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16



¹ You who dwell in the shelter of |
the Most High, who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—

² **you will say to the Lord, “My refuge | and my stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust.”**

⁹ Because you have made the | Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,

¹⁰ **no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**

¹¹ For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.

¹² **Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

¹³ You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

¹⁴ **I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**

¹⁵ They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

¹⁶ **With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation.**

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit.

As it was in the begin- | ning, is now, and will be fore- | ver. Amen.

ANTHEM (8:30) *Jesus Loves Me* – Arnold Sherman Handbell Ensemble

SECOND READING Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

^{8b} “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”
The Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

During the Lenten Acclamation our children are invited to join Pastor Laurie in the chapel for a special message. We will return during the sharing of the peace.

LENTEN ACCLAMATION (*please stand*)

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is for handbells, indicated by the word "Handbells" below the staff. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is composed of chords and single notes, with some notes marked with a 'z' symbol. The lyrics "Glor - ry and praise" are written below the staff. The second staff is for a vocal line, also in treble clef, one flat, and 4/4 time. It features a melodic line with slurs and the lyrics "to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ." written below the staff.

Cantors: One does not live by | bread alone,* but by every word that comes from the | mouth of God. (**Repeat Antiphon**)

GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13

The Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

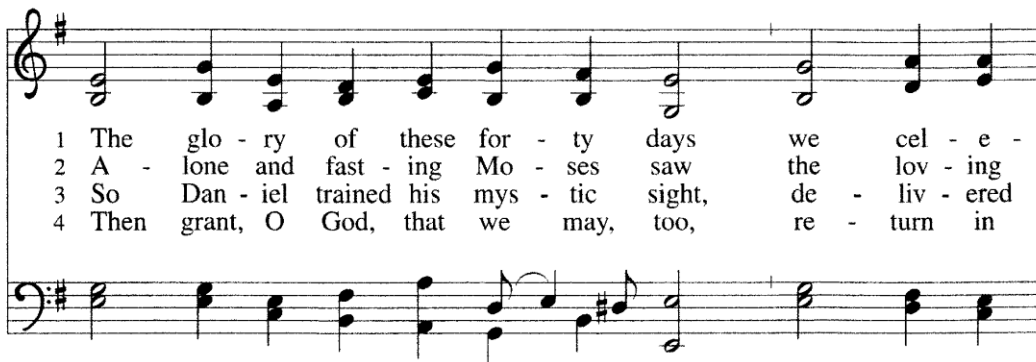
¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** (*please be seated*)

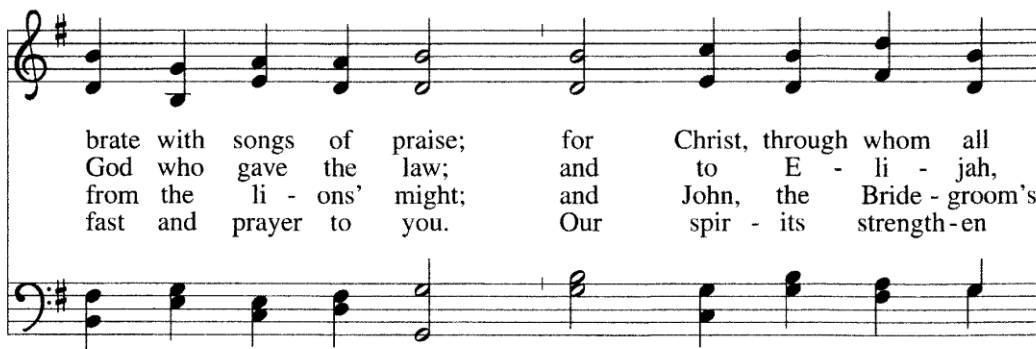
SERMON

Pastor Ben Nickodemus

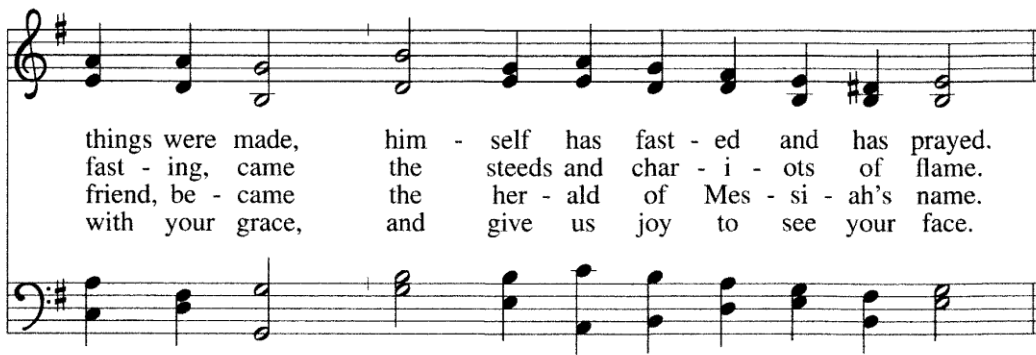
HYMN OF THE DAY #320 The Glory of These Forty Days *(please stand)*



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
 God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church through the ages, let us confess our Christian faith using the words of the Apostles' 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. *(please be seated)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

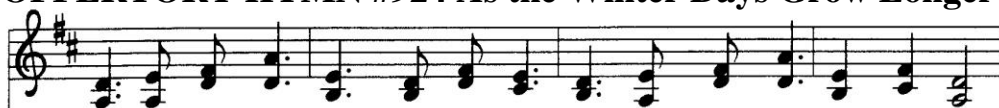
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

OFFERING

You may bring your offering forward during communion and place it in the plate.

OFFERTORY HYMN #924 As the Winter Days Grow Longer



1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;
2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,
3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,



as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light -
lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer -
quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.



yearn - ing peo - ple, here we gath - er, turn - ing watch - ful eyes to you:
Lent - en peo - ple, here we gath - er, seek - ing lives re - fresh - ed from sin.
Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.



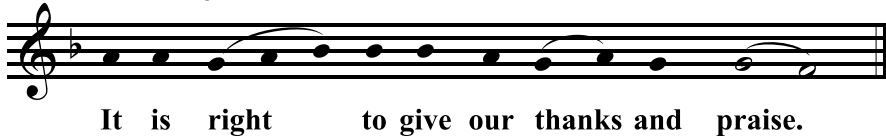
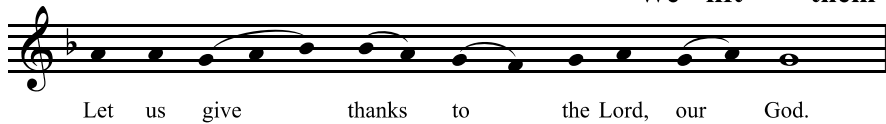
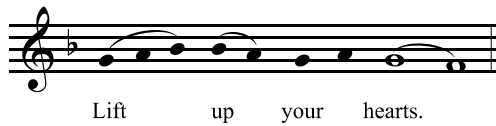
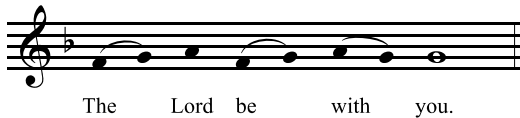
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, shine with - in our world a - new!
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, bloom with - in our hearts a - gain!
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, grant us sab - bath joy this day!



OFFERTORY PRAYER *(please stand)*

Let us pray. Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

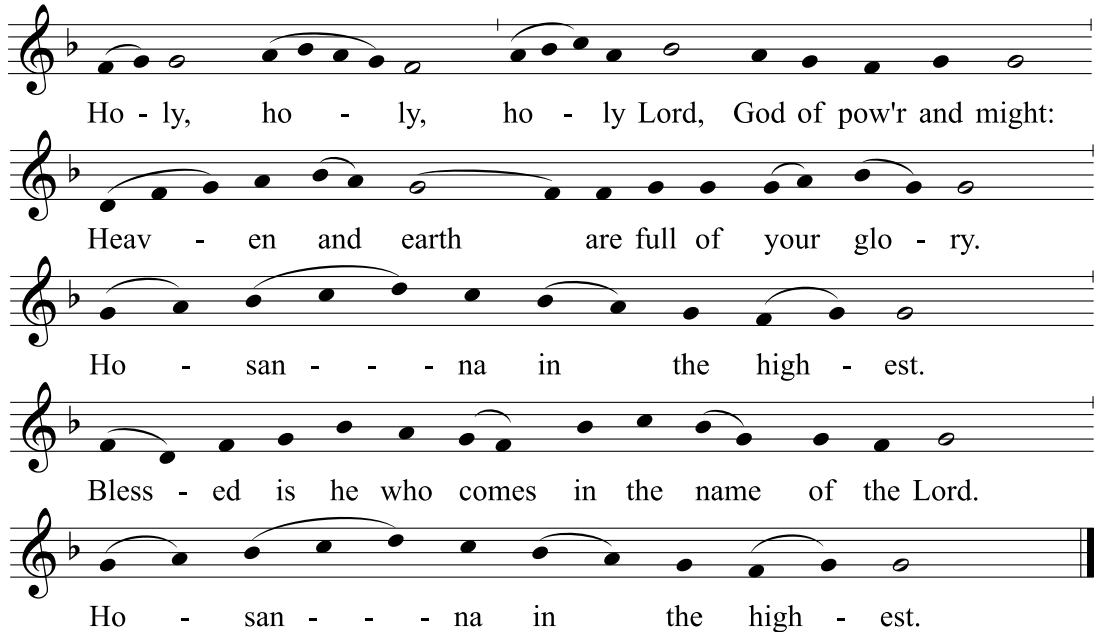
GREAT THANKSGIVING



PROPER PREFACE

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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:

SANCTUS



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 in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - - - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray as Je - sus taught us.

Our - Fa - ther in heav - ven hal - lowed be - your name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we

for-give those who sin - a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al

and de - liv - er us from e - vil, For the king - dom, the pow'r

and the glo - ry are yours, now and for-ev - er. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

You are invited to come forward and kneel (or stand) at the altar rail where you will receive the bread in the form of a wafer and an individual cup of red wine or white grape juice. If you prefer not having to navigate steps, we invite you to come forward and sit in the front pew and the communion servers will come to you. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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. A-men.

BLESSING & POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION (*please stand*)

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.**

HYMN #325 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (*see next page*)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Prelude and Fugue in D minor Clara Schumann

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Cantors (8:30) Daniel Au & Sam Decker

HYMN #325 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.