Prelude: Arise, Your Light Has Come – arr. Folkemer

Welcome

Please fill out the friendship pad in your pew, (please be sure to date the top of the page.)

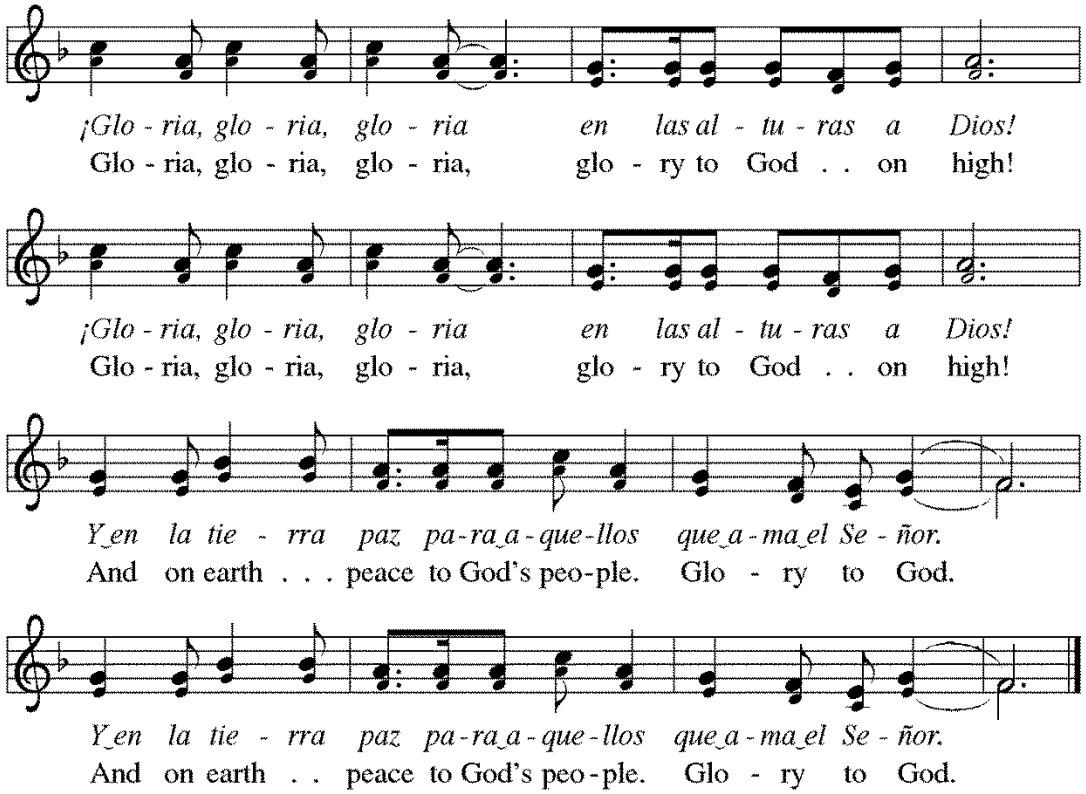
Please stand

Gathering Hymn: ELW #815, I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light

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.**

Canticle of Praise: ELW Pg 176, Gloria



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

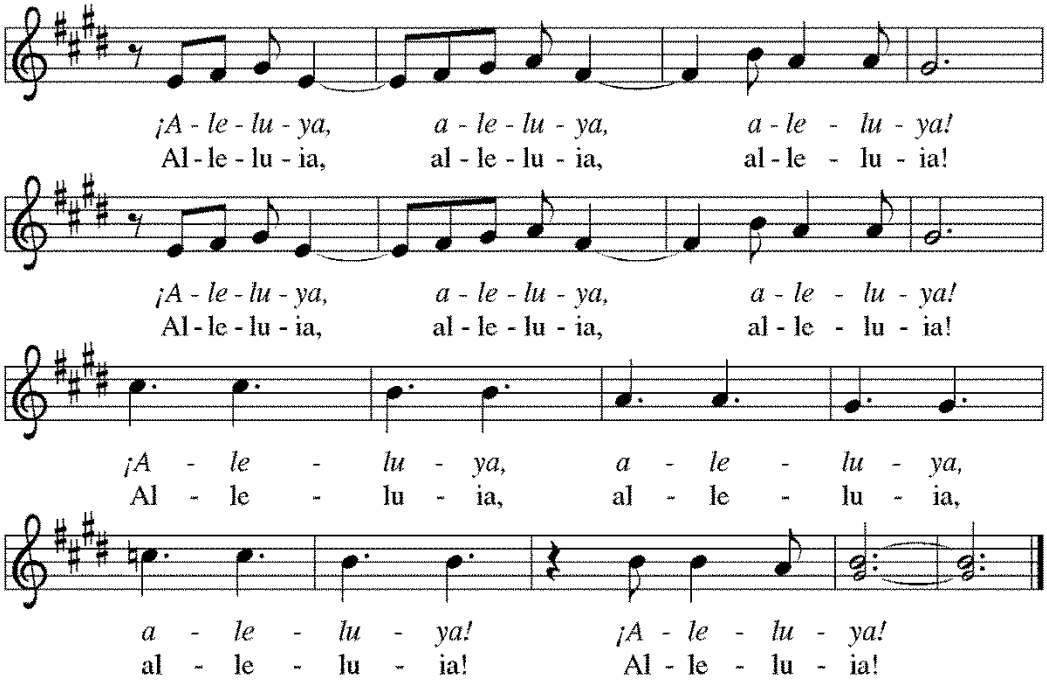
First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be
saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both
their Lord and ours:
3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you
in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of
every kind— 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— 7 so that you are
not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also
strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus
Christ. 9 God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation: ELW Page 179



Gospel: John 1:29-42

The holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

29[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who
takes away the sin of the world!30This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks
ahead of me because he was before me.' 31I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with
water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." 32And John testified, "I saw the Spirit
descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33I myself did not know him, but the
one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and
remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' 34And I myself have seen and have testified
that this is the Son of God." 35The next day John again was standing with two of his
disciples, 36and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of
God!" 37The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38When Jesus turned and
saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which
translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" 39He said to them, "Come and see." They
came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four
o'clock in the afternoon. 40One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew,
Simon Peter's brother. 41He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the
Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). 42He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said,
"You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand

Hymn of the Day: ELW #574, Here I Am Lord

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 power of 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 kneel as you are able

Prayers of Intercession:

Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

A brief silence.

Faithful God, thank you for the testimony of disciples throughout the generations and for opportunities to proclaim your mercy. Reveal your truth and glory to all who ponder your word of life. Bless us in our mission to know, live, and share your word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, we marvel at the abundance of the world you have made. Give us confidence in our calling to be stewards of the earth so that our lives are in fellowship with all creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we are thankful for all who have marched for justice and advocated for peace. Entrust our elected leaders with strength, wisdom, and a discerning spirit, so that both our words and our actions serve you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, thank you for your constant presence as you walk with your children through challenges of joblessness, homelessness, grief, and sickness. Gather your community around all who need your healing power, that they find strength in you. Today we especially pray for… Thea Searles, Raymond Taylor, Gbesaye Gballah, Dave Giatras, Vera Rubert, Karen Wendland, Millie Hoffa, Tom Ippolito, Tina Lusby-Anderson, Julia Adams, Sue Ericsson, George Siver, Raelynn Priddy, Jim Alderman, George Kristof, Gail Hilton, Linda Adams, Lydia Fresca, Bob McCorkle, Rae Coughlin, Allison Parkinson, Louise Williams, Hedy Tranchitella, Justin Roland, all those suffering from addiction and those we name before you now…..(brief pause)…Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of persistence, we glory in the gifts of our church leaders. Bless and strengthen our council members, staff, pastors, worship leaders, and all those who offer their gifts to this community, that our work together would serve your mission. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, we give thanks for the whole communion of saints, each called in their own time to serve you. Inspire our lives with their testimony. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of wonder, hear the prayers of your servant's as we express our needs in the silence of the moment and the privacy of our hearts……(long silence)……..Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand

Peace

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

Please be seated

Offering

Offertory: 8:00 am: I Want Jesus to Walk With Me – arr. Hayes
10:30 am: Angus Dei – Leavitt, Adult Choir

Please stand

Offertory Response: ELW #302, As With Gladness Men of Old, vs. 1 & 3

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by thee.

As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

Presentation of Gifts - Offering Prayer

Let us pray together:

God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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.**

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.
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
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:
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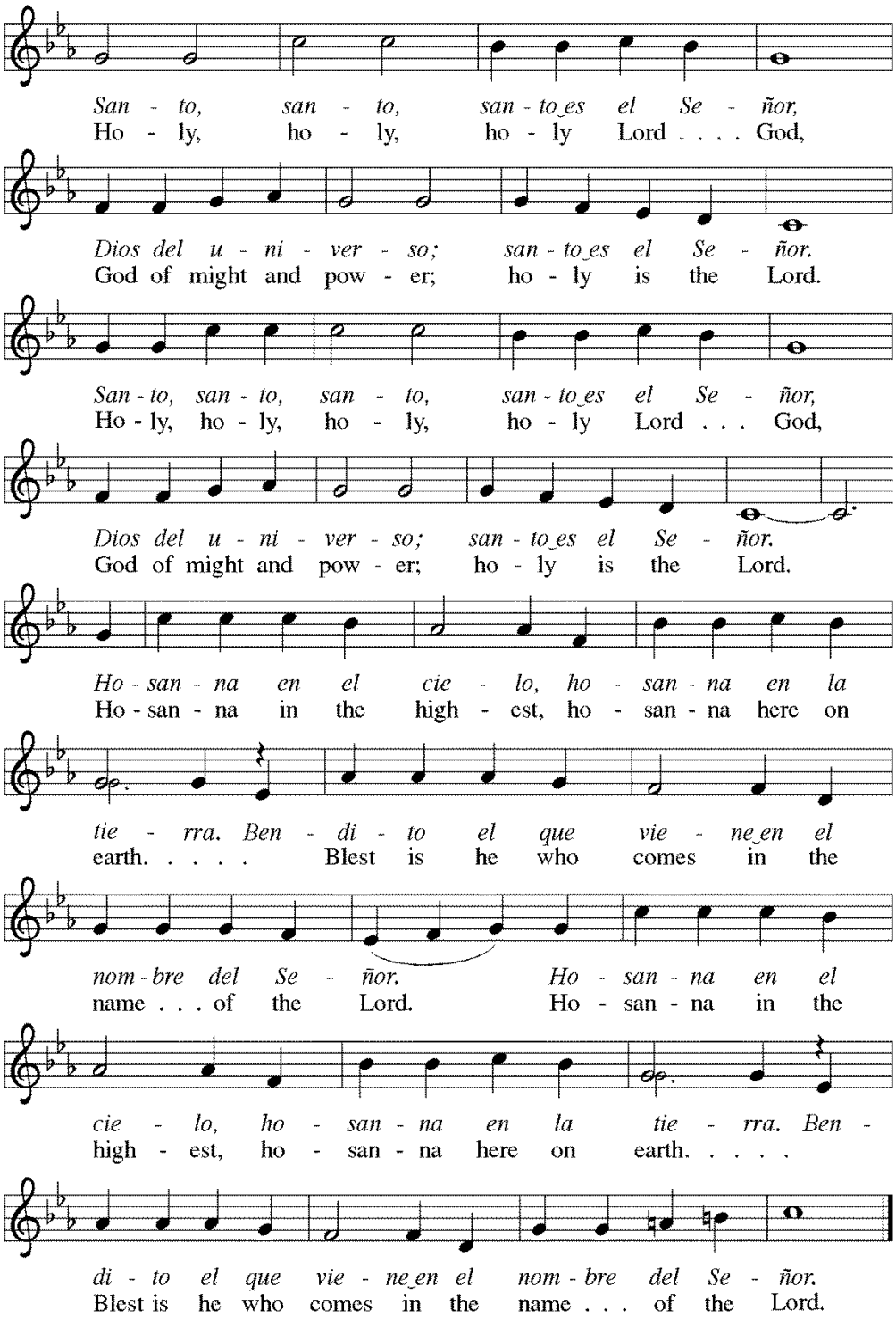


Words of Institution

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.

Lord's Prayer

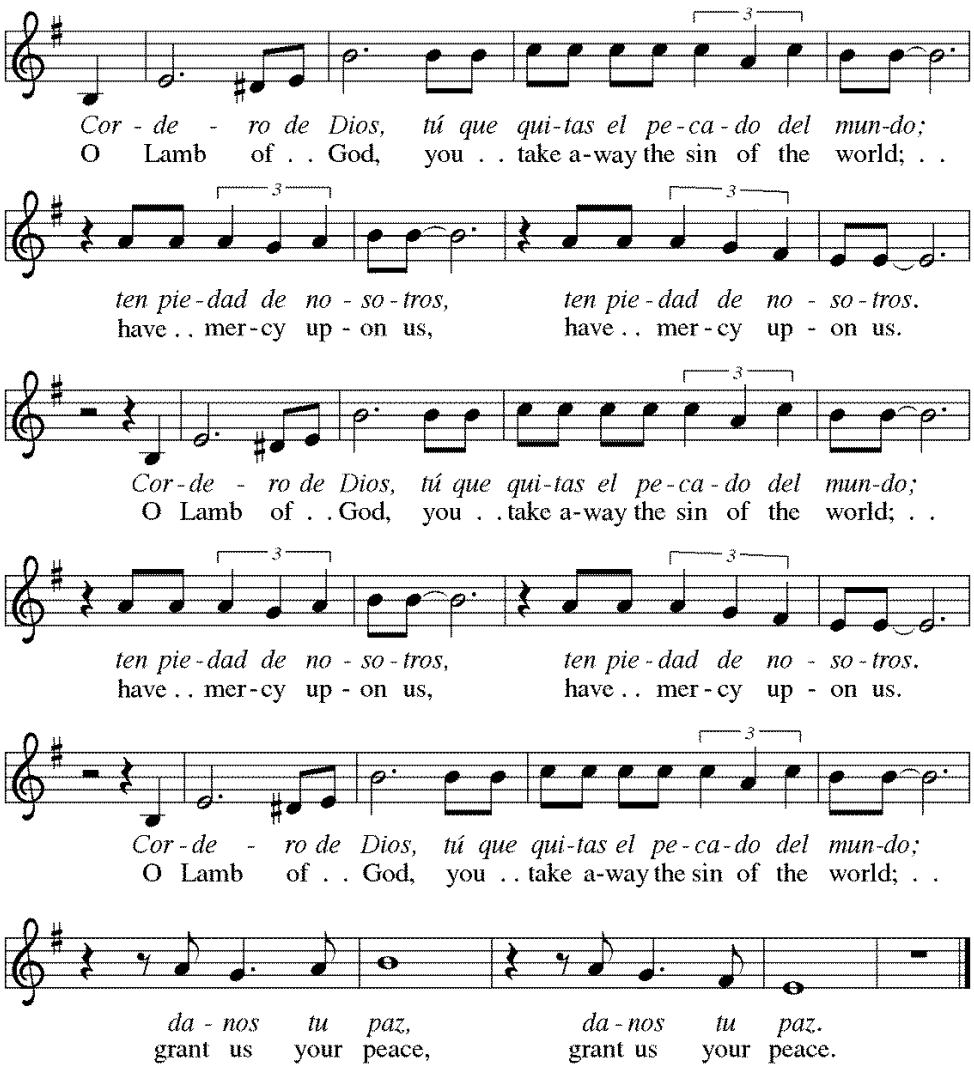
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

Invitation To Communion

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table of mercy and joy.

Communion Song: ELW Pg. 182



Please be seated, *ushers will direct you to the railing. Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask your communion assistant*.

Distribution

Communion Music: ELW #720, We Are Called
ELW #433, Blessing, Honor and Glory

Please stand

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Benediction

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: ELW #866, We Are Marching In The Light

Please be seated

Announcements

Dismissal

Now go in peace, to Know, to Live, and to Share God's Word. **Thanks be to God.**