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“Connecting People to Jesus”

VISITORS: Welcome!! Please sign our Guest Book and introduce yourself to Pastor Mark Griesse.

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION 1st, 3rd & 5th SUNDAYS: Please see our Communion Statement on preceding page.

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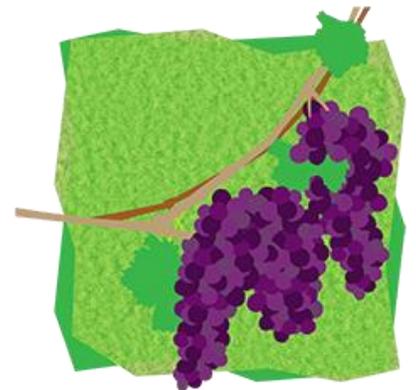
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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 2021

AS WE GATHER

The images Jesus uses as He proclaims the kingdom of God often come from the world of agriculture. His parables are filled with plants and trees and birds and animals. Grapes, grapevines, and vineyards are all used as illustrations by Jesus as He teaches the people who are His first hearers and us also. As people who have been grafted as branches into Christ the Vine through Holy Baptism, we seek ways to strengthen that connection as the Holy Spirit works in and through us. We now nourish our faith as branches in Christ’s vineyard as we grow in Him by Word and Sacrament.



+ PREPARATION +

HYMN CHRIST IS OUR CORNERSTONE

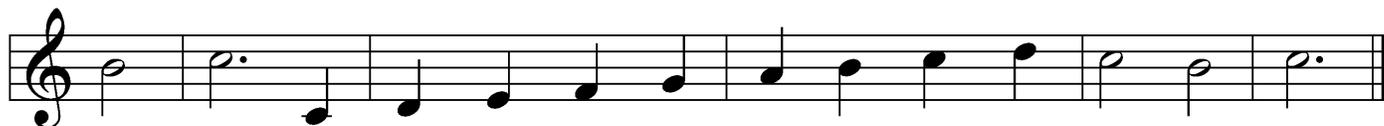
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1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 34:8; 104:24, 31; 147:11

P The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,

C in those who hope in His steadfast love.

P Taste and see that the LORD is good!

C Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

P O LORD, how manifold are Your works!

C In wisdom have You made them all.

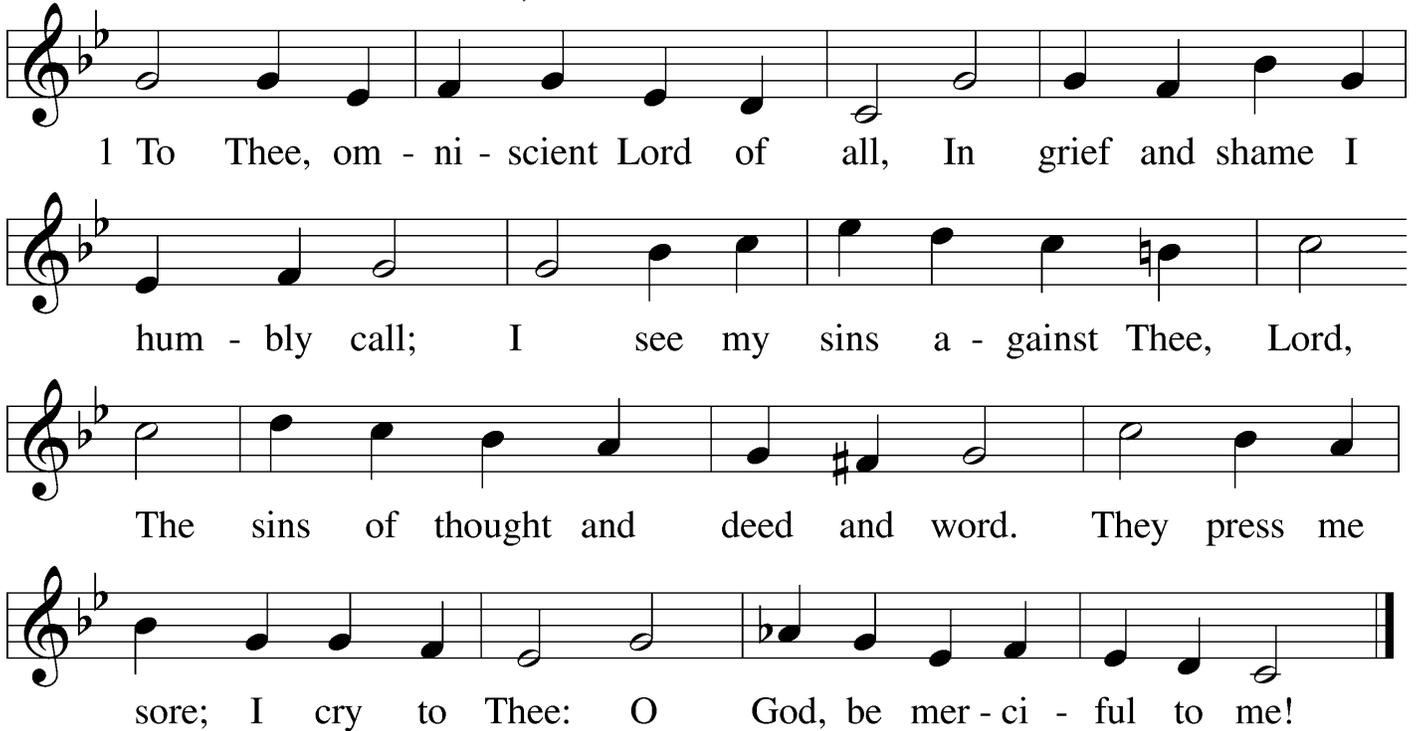
P May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

C may the LORD rejoice in His works.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy.

HYMN TO THEE, OMNISCIENT LORD OF ALL LSB 613^{st. 1}



1 To Thee, om - ni - scient Lord of all, In grief and shame I
hum - bly call; I see my sins a - gainst Thee, Lord,
The sins of thought and deed and word. They press me
sore; I cry to Thee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

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P Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

C O almighty God, most merciful Father, I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your Law. For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.

P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

+ **WORD** +

INTROIT

Psalm 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16

L A little while, and you will see Me no longer;
and again a little while, and you will see Me.

**C I will extol You, my God and King,
and bless Your name forever and ever.**

L Every day I will bless You
and praise Your name forever and ever.

**C The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

L All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,
and all Your saints shall bless You!

**C My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

L A little while, and you will see Me no longer;
and again a little while, and you will see Me.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place.

²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 150; antiphon: v. 6

¹Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

²Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

³Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

⁴Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

EPISTLE

1 John 4:1–21

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his

Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT LSB411



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.
 The night and the day are both a - like.
 The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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SERMON**"LIFE IN THE VINE"***John 15:1-8*

God's Word is full of imagery depicting the relationship of Jesus and all who are baptized into him. There are the pictures of Jesus and his Bride, the Church; of Jesus as the head and we as his Body; of Jesus the Shepherd of the sheep; and, in today's text, of Jesus the vine and all who are united to him in faith as the branches.

What happens to a marriage where husband and wife are not united? What happens to a body that's separated from its head? What happens to the sheep without a shepherd? What happens to branches that do not remain in the vine?

We have been united to Christ by faith, as branches to a vine. The vine, Jesus, is the source of our life and the fruit that we bear. But that life and fruit is not for us alone; it's also for our neighbor.

THE VINE GIVES LIFE TO US, THE BRANCHES, AND TO OUR NEIGHBOR.

I. The Vine gives life to the branches (v 5a).

A. This union is God's doing and his design (vv 1–3).

1. Sinful man is always trying to redefine God's good designs. God says marriage is the union of one man and one woman, but sinful man wants to apply marriage to whatever relationship he creates. God says that Jesus alone is the way and the truth and the life, but sinful man finds no problem mixing in a little bit of New Age spirituality. God says that children are to honor their father and mother, but somehow, sinful parents would rather be their child's best friend.
2. The way God orders our lives is good, but our attempt to tailor-fit his designs to our sinful wants is not good. God has united us to Christ in Holy Baptism for our good, and yet we live as if we are not united to Christ—as if we are not branches living from the vine.

B. Apart from the vine, branches can do nothing (vv 4, 5c–6).

1. Just as a branch that is removed from the vine soon withers and dies, so we have no life apart from Jesus, the true Vine. We can claim to be Christians and tout our church membership or show our confirmation certificate, but apart from the life-giving nourishment of God's grace in Christ Jesus (the vine), we cannot live or bear any fruit.
2. Those who live apart from the Vine, who do not hear his Word and receive his Sacraments, are like withered branches that are picked up and thrown into the fire.

C. But in union with the Vine, the branches live (v 7).

1. The sap that flows from the vine nourishes the branches. We confess that our very lives sprout from our Creator God, and that by our sin, we have cut ourselves off from the source of our life. Yet, by his grace through the blood of his Son, shed on the cross for the sin of the world, we have been reconciled to God.
2. As branches, we have been grafted back into the true Vine. The life that flows from the side of the crucified and resurrected One now nourishes us with his life and forgiveness, so that by faith we might live in union with him.

II. The branches bear fruit for our neighbor.

A. By the nourishment the Vine provides, the branches bear fruit (vv 5a–5b, 8).

1. St. Paul speaks of the fruit of the Spirit: “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (Gal 5:22–23). These are, above all, characteristics of our Savior in his relationship with us. He is perfectly loving of us; he rejoices over us; he is patient, kind, and good to us; and so on.
2. By being so loving, patient, and kind to us, Christ the vine creates in us the same fruit of the Spirit. We become—in fact, whether we always notice it in ourselves or not, we *have become*—loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, self-controlled. Hard to believe, isn’t it? But true.

B. This fruit then gives life to our neighbor.

1. Christ the vine not only produces these fruit in our lives for our benefit, but also for our neighbor. We bear the fruit of the vine in this world so that our needy neighbors can pick us clean.
2. Christ the vine nourishes our spouses with the love and faithfulness that we bear. Christ the vine strengthens our children with the peace and patience that we bear. Christ the vine benefits our fellow man with the goodness and self-control that we bear.

3. Ultimately, Christ the vine uses these fruit to give life to our neighbor, for these fruit lead and enable us to share the word of his cross and resurrection with him or her.

Christ is the vine; we are the branches. He daily nourishes and strengthens us with the forgiveness of sins he earned for us on the cross. That *is* a beautiful relationship—which also includes all the other branches he wishes to flourish. We may be picked clean by those whom the Lord has placed around us, but united to the true Vine, we have an abundant and never-ending source of life.

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING TO THE LORD'S WORK

(Offering can be placed in the plate near the pulpit upon entering/exiting.)

OFFERTORY

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C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

P Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [*names*, and] all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING OF THE SEED AND SOIL

P A custom in many agricultural areas around the world is to use one of the Sundays in the Easter season to ask God's blessing on the seed and the soil as a new cycle of sowing and growing begins. A classic hymn associated with this time is "We Plow the Fields and Scatter," written originally in German by Matthias Claudius in 1792. Together we say the first two stanzas.

WE PLOW THE FIELDS AND SCATTER

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Men: We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.
All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all His love.

Women: He only is the maker of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower, He lights the evening star.
The wind and waves obey Him, by Him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, His children, He gives our daily bread.
All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all His love

P On this day of special prayer, known as Rogation Sunday, we ask God's blessing on the seed that is planted, on the soil that is cultivated, and on all those who labor in the fields of our land. Let us pray.

Almighty God, You bless the earth to make it fruitful, bringing forth in abundance whatever is needed for the support of our lives. Bless the seed and the soil that there may be growth and gracious abundance in the time of harvest. Prosper the work of farmers and all those who labor to bring food to our table. Grant them seasonable weather that they may gather in the fruits of the earth and proclaim Your goodness with thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all His love.
We thank You, our Creator, for all things bright and good:
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer for all Your love imparts;
Accept what You most welcome: our humble, thankful hearts!**

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, who has come in the flesh and for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Rejoicing in our Baptism, which creates faith in our hearts and daily renews us, we laud and magnify Your holy name. With joy, we join in the unending praise of the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven.

SANCTUS

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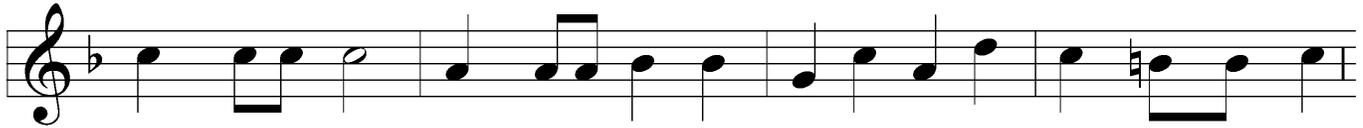
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have showed Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You nourish us that we may grow in grace. Grant that we may receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood as we gather at His command. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Remembering Your mercy, O Lord, and how our Savior suffered upon the cross, died the death that was ours to die, rose to bestow upon us the life that death cannot overcome, ascended to the glory of the Father's right hand, and sent forth the Spirit to lead us into faith, we pray You to bring to conclusion all that our Savior began and deliver us to that everlasting life and light in heaven forevermore. Hear us as we pray with one voice the prayer He has taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

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

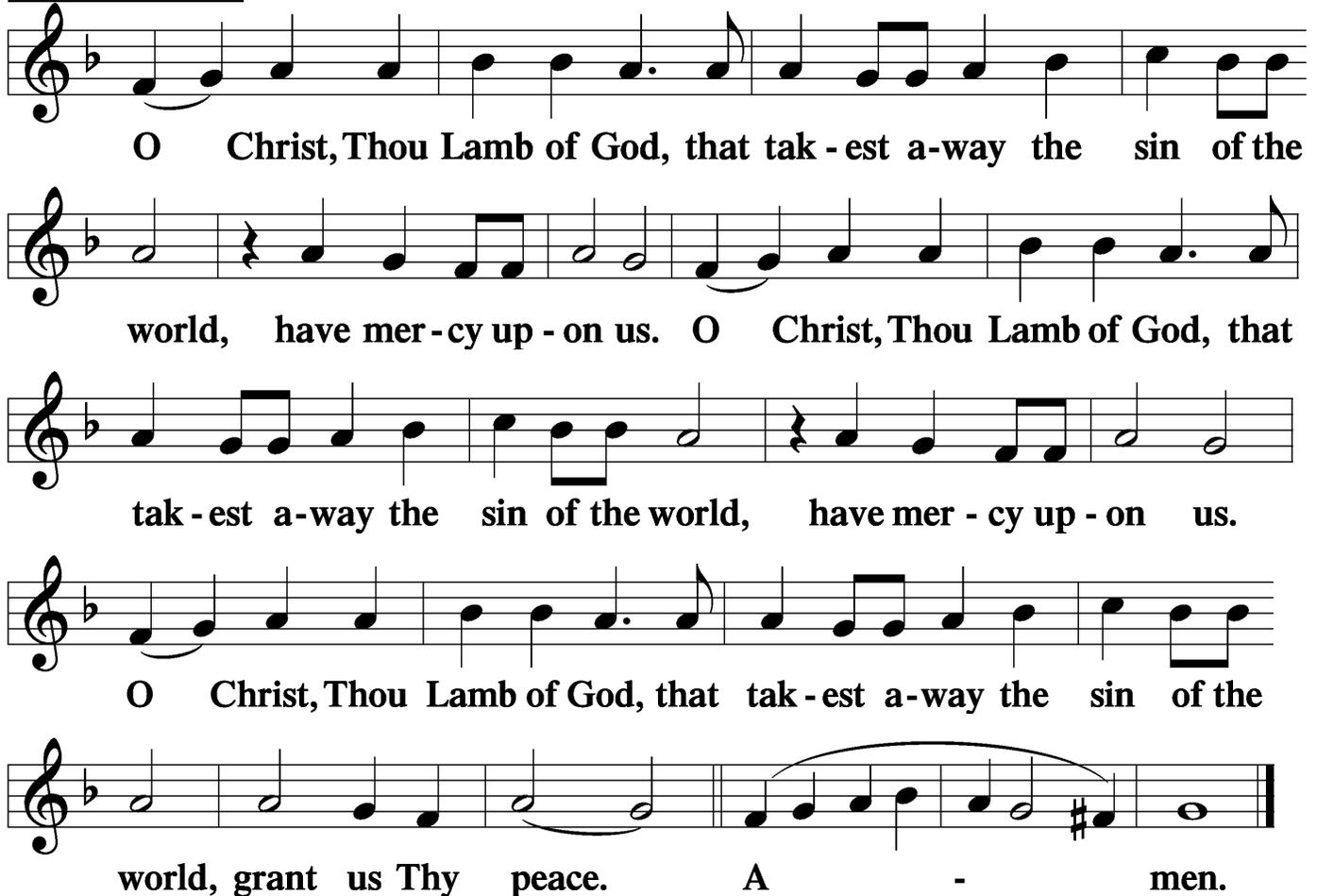
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

A PERSONAL PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNING: O Lord, my God, make me ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of my sins. Let me find favor in Your eyes that I may receive this Sacrament in faith for my salvation, and to Your glory. Amen

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

HYMN THINE THE AMEN, THINE THE PRAISE LSB 680



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



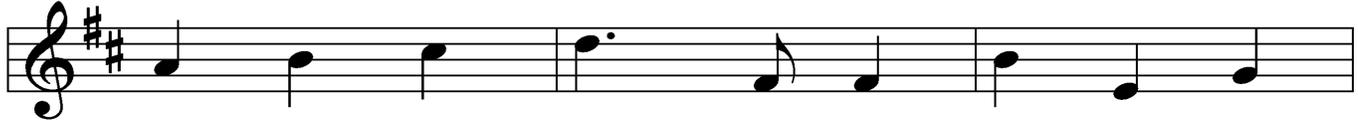
sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine-yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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HYMN SAVIOR, THY DYING LOVE



1 Sav - ior, Thy dy - ing love Thou gav - est
 2 O'er the blest mer - cy seat, Plead - ing for
 3 Give me a faith - ful heart, Like - ness to
 4 All that I am and have, Thy gifts so



me; Nor should I aught with - hold,
 me, My fee - ble faith looks up,
 Thee, That each de - part - ing day
 free, In joy, in grief, through life,



Dear Lord, from Thee. In love my
 Je - sus, to Thee. Help me the
 Hence - forth may see Some work of
 Dear Lord, for Thee! And when Thy



soul would bow, My heart ful - fill its vow,
 cross to bear, Thy won - drous love de - clare,
 love be - gun, Some deed of kind - ness done,
 face I see, My ran - somed soul shall be

Some of - f'ring bring Thee now,
 Some song to raise or prayer,
 Some wan - d'rer sought and won,
 Through all e - ter - ni - ty

Some - thing for Thee.
 Some - thing for Thee.
 Some - thing for Thee.
 Some - thing for Thee.

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THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNING: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the eternal life-giving body and blood of Your Son Jesus. Keep me in Your faith and favor that I may live in You as You live in me. May this Holy Meal preserve me in the true faith to life everlasting. Amen

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Holy Father, we ask You now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver Your Church from every evil, to teach it to love You perfectly, and to make it truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and the wine was drawn from the fruitfulness of many grapes. Grant that we ever abide in the Word, Christ Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN FRUITFUL TREES, THE SPIRIT'S SOWING LSB 691



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, May we rip - en
2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing Gifts the Giv - er
3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, May we grow till



and in - crease, Fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
har - vests cease; Till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



Rich in love and joy and peace.
Pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
Good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
Heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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