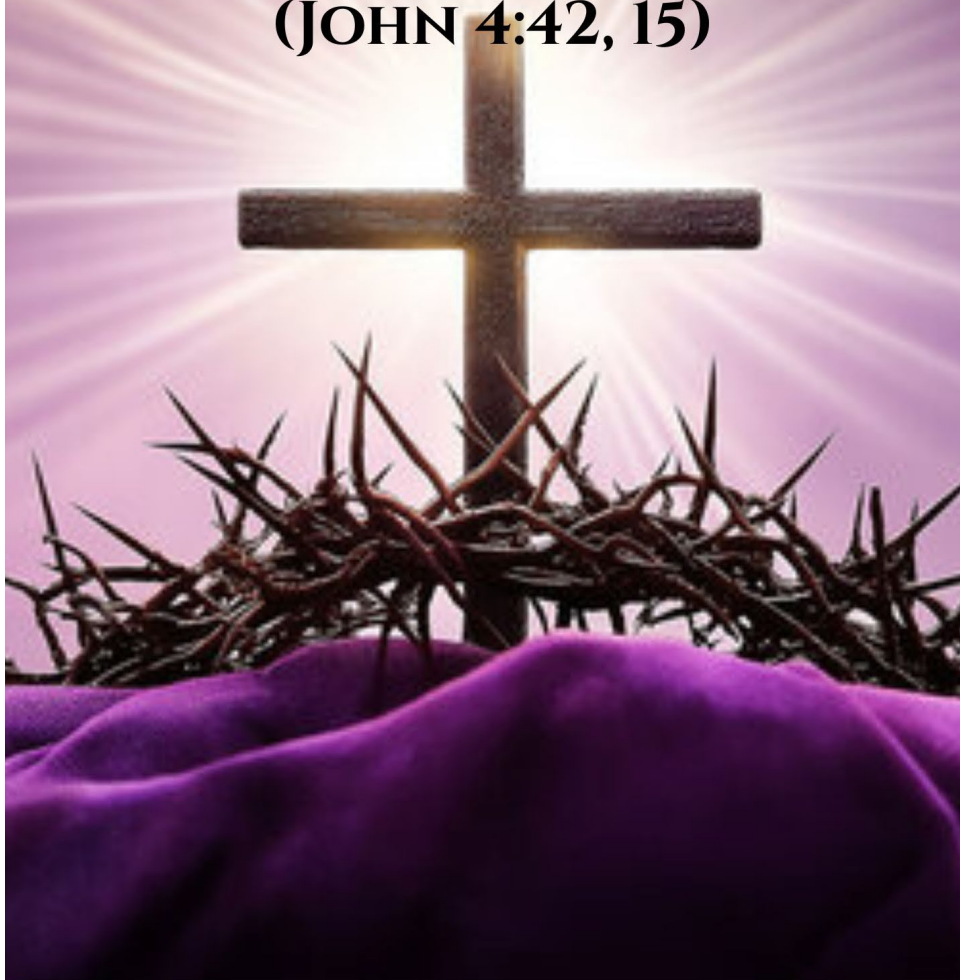


**“LORD, YOU ARE TRULY THE
SAVIOR OF THE WORLD; GIVE
ME THIS LIVING WATER THAT I
MAY NEVER THIRST AGAIN.”**

(JOHN 4:42, 15)



**Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026
8AM & 10:15AM
The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
Ramsey, New Jersey**

PRELUDE

God Who Made the Earth and Heaven

Cherwien

WELCOME

*CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt
and blots out all offenses.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin,

and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,

and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God,

you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead
dwells in you,

pours God's love into your hearts,

and gives you life and peace.

Amen.

†GATHERING SONG ELW 666

***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.

Kyrie ELW p. 138 S138

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from Exodus.

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵ The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 95



Psalm 95:1

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- ¹ Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- ² **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**
- ³ For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
- ⁴ **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**
- ⁵ The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
- ⁶ **Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**
- ⁷ For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep
of God's hand.
Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!
- ⁸ **"Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**
- ⁹ There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.
- ¹⁰ **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**
- ¹¹ Indeed I swore in my anger,
'They shall never come to my rest.' " **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

A reading from Romans.

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit

that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, ELW p.142 S142b

GOSPEL: John 4:5-26

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁵ [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see

that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

†SERMON

†HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 331

***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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When the waters run dry, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought, and bring relief to places damaged by floods. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians and musical ensembles. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

PEACE

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

OFFERTORY SONG ELW 182

OFFERING PRAYER

A: O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.

**Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: 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.

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, ELW p. 144, S144b

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

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

Come to the table.
Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

LAMB OF GOD ELW p. 146 S146

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

[You are welcome at the Lord's Table! To receive Holy Communion, come forward in two lines by the center aisle. Then proceed across the front of the chancel to the communion assistant and take a cup of wine from the tray. (There are a few glasses of grape juice in each tray, and gluten free wafers, for those who wish. Just ask Pastor Linderman.) As you return to your seat, put your empty glass in the tray at front of each side aisle. If you cannot come forward, stay in your seat and Pastor Linderman will bring communion to you. If you only wish to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest, and Pastor will give you a blessing.]

COMMUNION MUSIC:

Rockingham Old Farlee

***TABLE BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: God of our salvation,
**we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

✠SENDING SONG ELW 658

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Believe the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus Cherwien



MISSION STATEMENT

We dedicate ourselves to nurturing the awareness of
God's presence in our world, and to sharing our blessings with
others.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunday School** at 9:15am on 3/8, 3/15 and 3/22
- **Confirmation With Mentors** today at 4:30-6pm
- **Youth Group** today at 7pm
- **Nativity Restoration Team's** next meeting today, March 8th, 9:15 am in Fellowship Hall.
- **Personal Hygiene Kits to ONOMA** to be assembled today. Details below.
- **Lenten Book Club** on Thursdays, beginning February 19, 7-8pm. Details below.
- **NO In Person Bible Study** on Wednesdays until April 8th
- **Palm Sunday Services** 8 & 10:15AM, **Family Service** at 10:15AM

- **Next Communion at the Rail** on Easter Sunday, April 5 at 8:30am & 10:30am

All congregation members are welcome to be a reader at any of our **mid-week** services. Please sign up using the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d44adae28a0fd0-worship#/>

Join Annie on Thursday evenings beginning February 19, for a “**Lenten Book Club**” from 7-8pm in the lounge. Give yourself a much-needed hour away from the bustle of life for reading and reflection, among good company. Daily devotions from author Asheritah CiuCiu in the book titled, “Uncovering the Love of Jesus” will surely fill your heart with the beautiful reminder of Jesus’ love during this prayerful season. Zoom link option available. RSVP to Annie at faithformation@redeemerramsey.org or 201-709-5280.

Social Ministry offerings for March go to St. Stephan’s Grace Church in Newark.

Upcoming Events: Please donate to our effort to make **120** Personal Hygiene Kits for the homeless in Paterson. Take a ticket from the easel in the Narthex, which will list what to donate. You can take more than one! Purchase items and return them to the Narthex bin by/on **March 8th**. Volunteers will assemble **Sunday, March 8th**, immediately after coffee hour. Please note--items for each kit must fit in a Ziplock gallon bag.

Our **2026 Offering Envelopes** have arrived! See Judith Schaefer with questions. They will be available to be picked up in the breezeway before and after church service. Members with Numbers 1-90 will have envelopes to pick up. Remember, you can now indicate on each envelope how your contribution will be appropriated.

Looking to live generously at Redeemer? Join our church council!

There are open positions at Evangelism and Youth.

Give your OFFERING online at <https://www.redeemerramsey.org/give-now.html>. Automatic weekly or monthly offering from a bank account or credit card can be set up by using the “Give Now” function on our website and choosing the “Recurring Giving” checkbox. Or mail your check to the church office as well.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone.”

Timothy 2:1

For the families of George Westcott, Bobby Huggard, and Joseph Macchione	Dawn Debra Wright Dee Duncan Elaine Eliana Elizabeth Ernst* Ellen Joyce Emily Emma Eric Gail Gary H Ginny Griffin Grundy Family Gus Hess Hans Kleipool Hannah Iranice Irene* Jackie James Redfield Jan Greten Jane Jane Donlon Jared Guarino Jeanne Candal Jeannie Sarreshtedari Jenn Lattera Jill Rasmussen Joan B. Joan Piercy* Julie Spreen June Jurgen Gustowarow Kate Kathryn Ken Young Kim Daehnke Kimberly Kimmie Krista Kyle Kristen	Landon Wilson Larry Laura Leo Lily Linda Linda Conboy-Schall Lio Ortega Lois Berger Lola Scala Luciana Lynn* Maddie Mariann M Marika Mary Certoma MaryJane Matt Arco Family Matthew Maureen Kopinski Melina Michelle Owens Michelle Miles Lagstein Nancy Kaiser Nora S. Norman Duprez Pat Patricia Peter Johnson Priti Patel Rachel Antorino Richard & Barbara Strazdus RJ Roger Walz Sarah Sheri & Joe Roddy Shirley H. Sheryl Van Duzer Sophie Spoerl Family	Susan Turner & family Travis Knyfd Wendy Wendy C. Zach Alfi Our sister congregation, St. Stephan’s Grace Community; Daudi Msseemmaa and his wife Kellen (our ELCA missionaries in East Africa)
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To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please call or email the church office. Your devotion in praying for people listed is sincerely appreciated. (“” denotes a homebound member)*

Music Document

Lent 3

March 8, 2026

Gathering Hymn ELW 666

What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

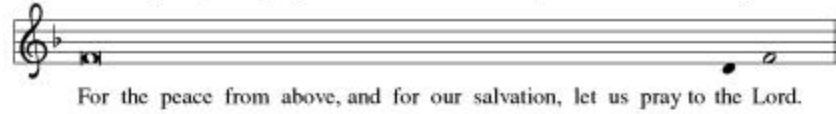
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Kyrie



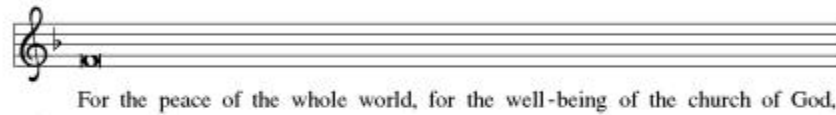
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



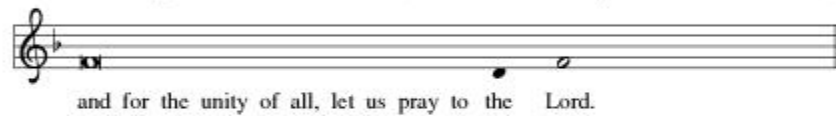
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



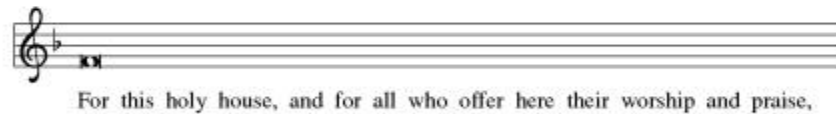
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



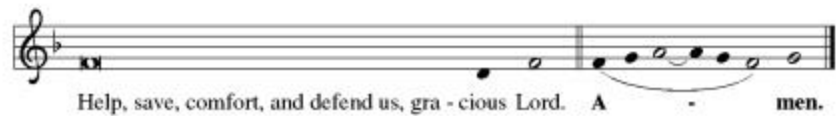
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



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

Psalm Response




Let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

Psalm 95:1

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Gospel Acclamation



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Hymn of the Day ELW 331

As the Deer Runs to the River



- 1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
- 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.
God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: JULION, David Hurd, b. 1950

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Offertory Song ELW 182

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

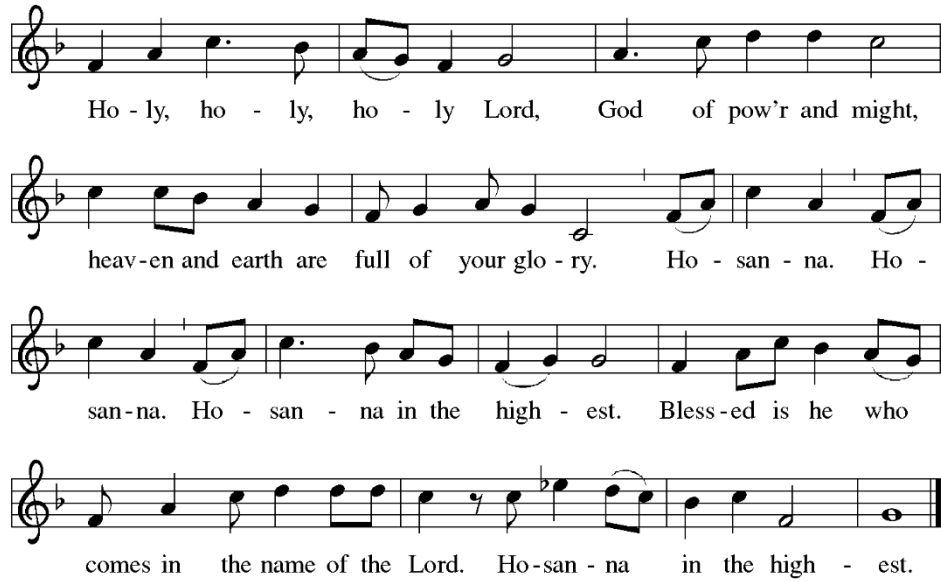


Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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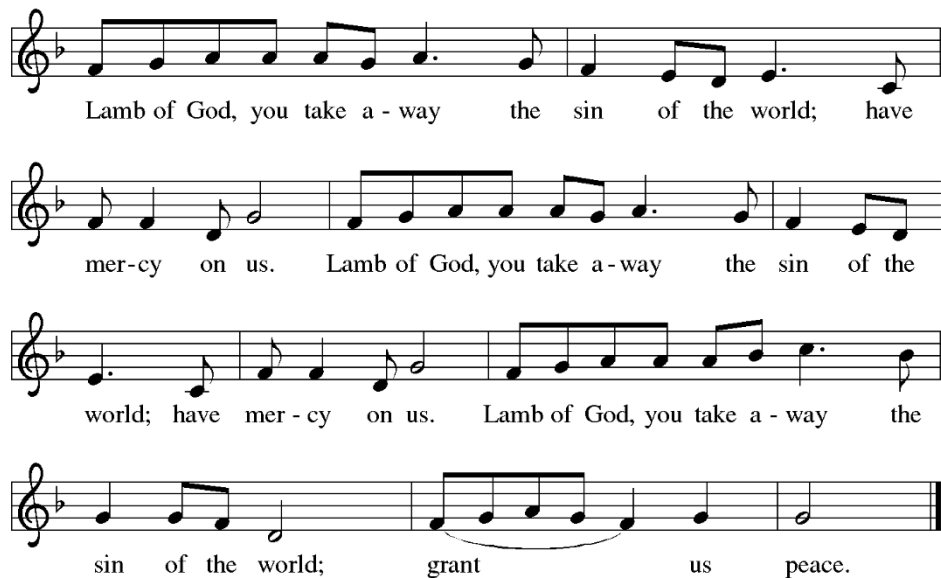
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Sanctus



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. Ho -
san-na. 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.

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.

Sending Hymn ELW 658

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815