

ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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11:00 AM



# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

LOVE, SHARE, & SERVE BOLDLY.

*No matter where you find yourself on your faith journey—join us!*

*Here you have found a church home where believers congregate to encourage each other and grow spiritually in an abundant relationship with the Lord. At St. Martin's, we promote and value an inclusive fellowship. Whether you are young, old, gay, straight, single, married, partnered—from all walks of life, backgrounds, and cultures—we welcome you!*

The Holy Spirit gathers us around the means of grace - the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need.

Families with small children may enjoy playing with toys on the Prayground rug in the Narthex. The nursery is open for children 0-4 years. The joyful noise of our young ones is always welcome in this space.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex, or you can listen through your smartphone. The ushers are available to help you.

*Notes in italics offer directions about the service. The people's responses are in bold.*

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## PRELUDE

VOLUNTARY ON *SALZBURG* (SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE)

JAMES BIERY

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

## WELCOME

*The people stand as they are able.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity,

+ one God,

the fountain of living water,

the rock who gave us birth,

our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.**

**We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.**

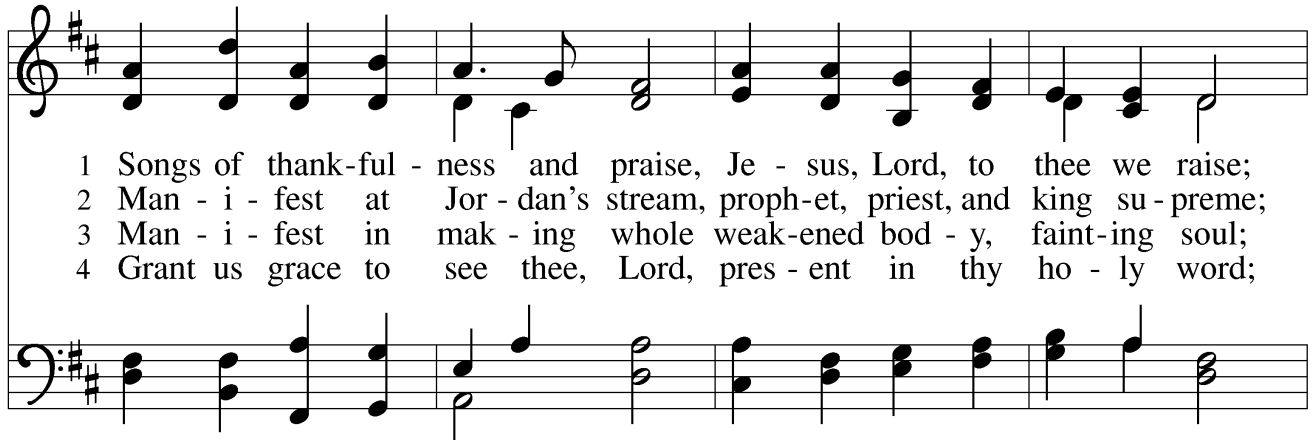
**Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.**

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

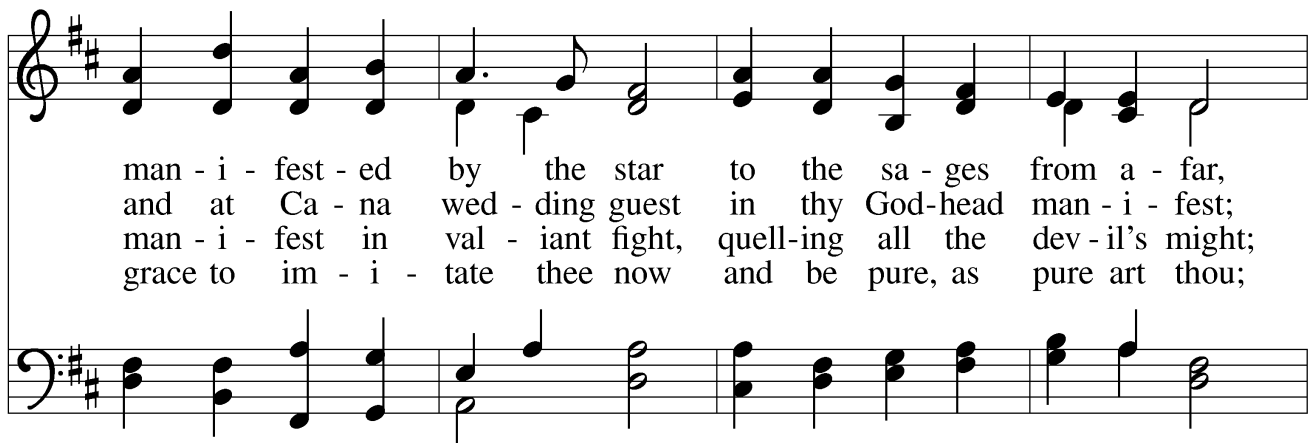
**Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN  
SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

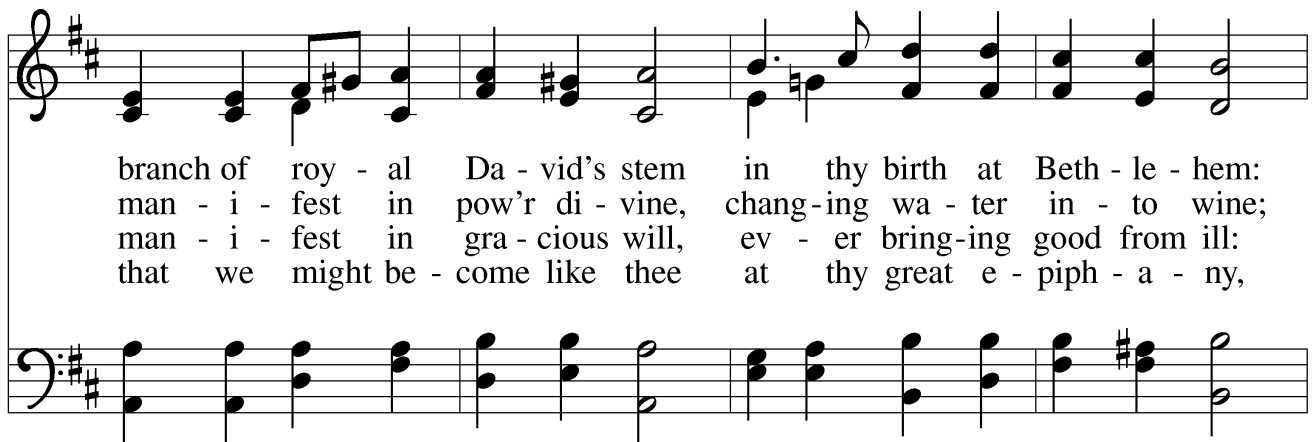
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SALZBURG



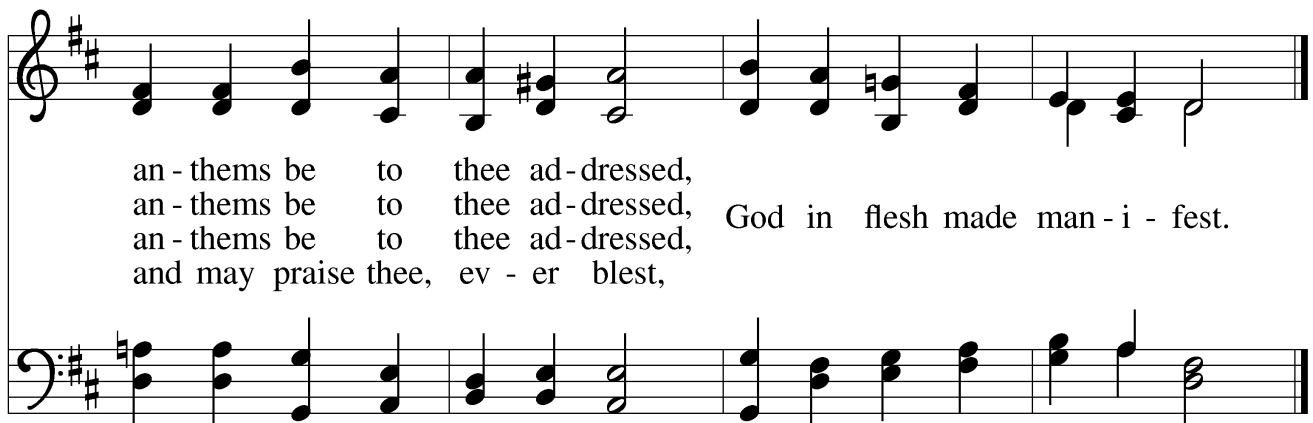
1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;  
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:  
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,




an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,  
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

# 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.**

# GLORIA

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. **Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

*The people are seated*

### FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy

[Moses said:] <sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The people stand as they are able.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

MARK 1:21-28

The holy gospel according to Mark

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.<sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to you, O Christ.**



# CHILDREN'S TIME

*The people are seated. Children are invited to come forward for the children's time.*

## THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

THIS JOY

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
oh, oh,

The first system of musical notation for the song. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of lyrics is "1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;" and the second line is "oh, oh,".

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
oh,

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are "this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;" and "oh,".

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
oh,

The third system of musical notation. It continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are "this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine," and "oh,".

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

The fourth system of musical notation, which concludes the piece. It features a final cadence with a double bar line. The lyrics are "let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.".

## SERMON

# HYMN OF THE DAY

*The people stand to sing. Prayer cards are collected by the ushers during the sermon song. Prayer requests may also be sent via email or text message to [prayer@saintmartins.org](mailto:prayer@saintmartins.org).*

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CONSOLATION

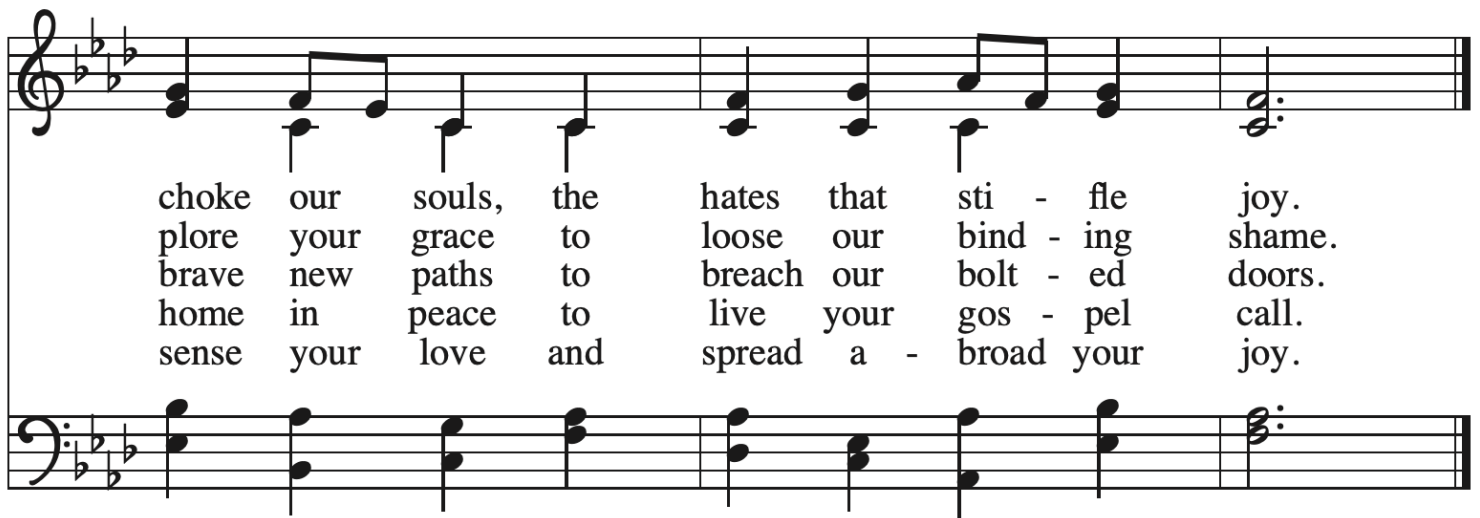
## CAST OUT, O CHRIST



1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the  
2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are  
3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you  
4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that  
5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the



de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that  
Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -  
sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you  
break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,  
de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to



choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.  
plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.  
brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.  
home in peace to live your gos - pel call.  
sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

## 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Respond to each petition with: God of grace, **receive our prayer.***

## PEACE

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

*The people greet each other, saying "Peace be with you" or similar*

# MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## OFFERING

*The people are seated.*

*St. Martin's and its ministries are supported by our offerings of ourselves, our time, and our possessions. We give now as God has so graciously given to us. To donate, go to [saintmartins.org/giving](http://saintmartins.org/giving) or scan the QR code.*



## MUSICAL OFFERING

THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD

ARR. WILLIAM DAWSON

## OFFERING HYMN

WORD OF GOD, COME DOWN ON EARTH

ELW 510

LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER

3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -  
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to  
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together,

**Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.**

**Amen.**

## THE 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... 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. 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.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: ...

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup ...

We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. ....

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, ...

one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE 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.**

**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.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;**

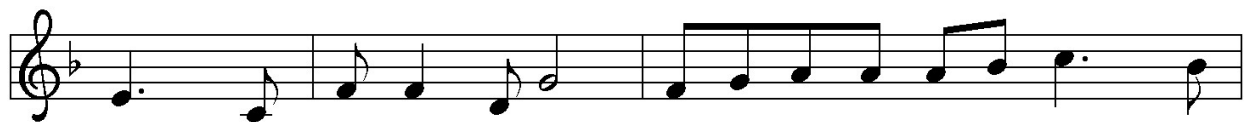
## AGNUS DEI



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.

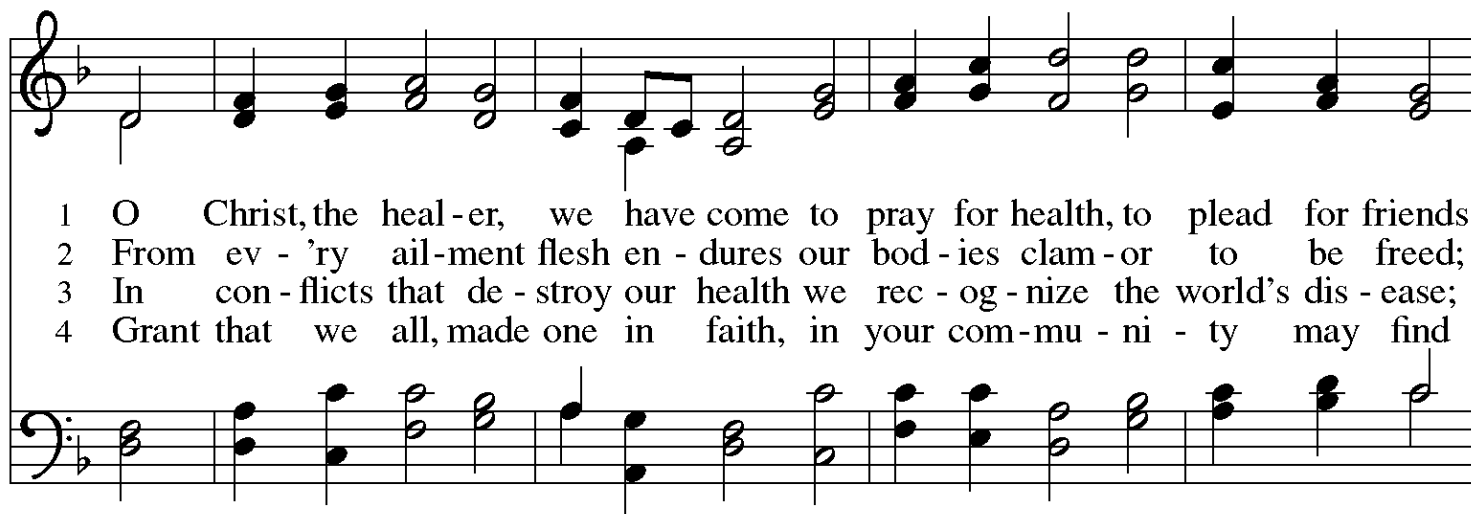
# HOLY COMMUNION

*Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. Please come forward to receive the bread then pick up a cup to receive wine.*

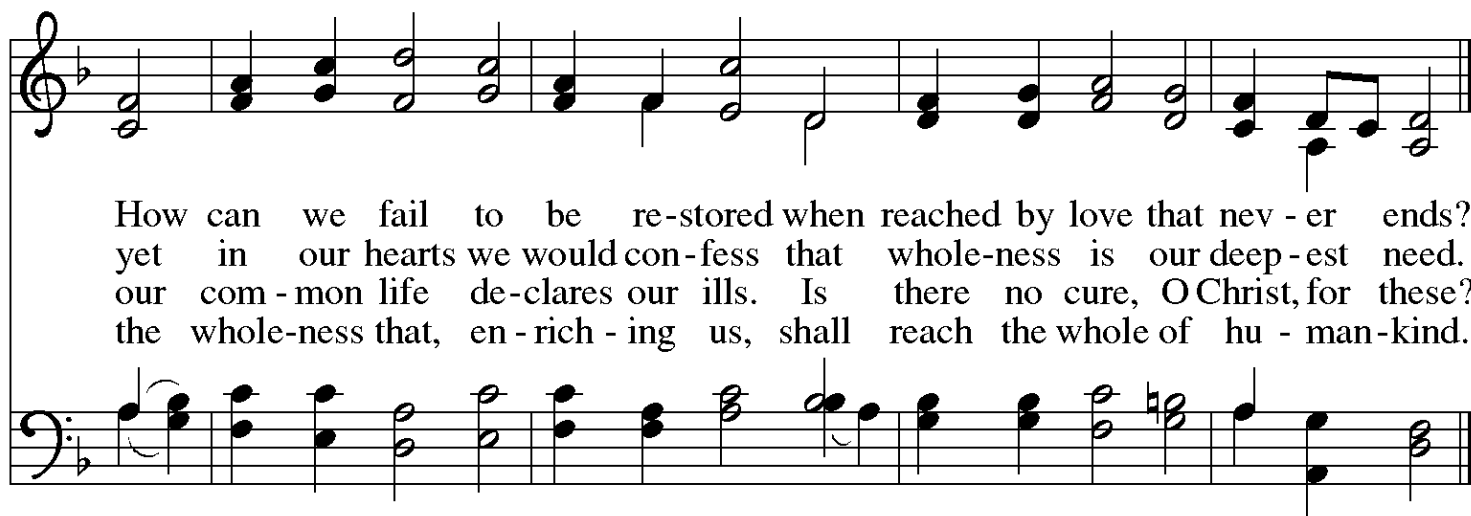
*Gluten free wafers are available if requested. If you prefer to remain in your seat, please pick up a communion cup in the narthex or ask an usher to let the communion assistants know. A Stephen Minister will be in front near the pulpit to offer healing prayer during communion. You are invited to light a prayer candle on the table near the altar.*

## COMMUNION HYMN O CHRIST, THE HEALER, WE HAVE COME

ELW 610  
DISTRESS



1 O Christ, the heal-er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
2 From ev - 'ry ail-ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;  
3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;  
4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?  
yet in our hearts we would con - fess that whole-ness is our deep - est need.  
our com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?  
the whole-ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man-kind.



# TABLE BLESSING

*The people stand as they are able.*

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and give you peace today, tomorrow and always. **Amen.**

## NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now you let your ser - vant go in peace; your word has



been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which



you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:



A light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the



glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the



Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,



is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The people are seated.*

## BLESSING

*The people stand as they are able.*

God who names you,

Christ who claims you,

and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,

+ bless you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN

## WHEN IN OUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED

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ENGELBERG



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -  
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -  
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and  
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most  
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as  
men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship  
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness  
e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us  
joice who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:  
moved us to a more pro - found  
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!  
sing, for whom he won the fight:  
give us faith to sing al - ways:

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

CARILLON

HERBERT MURRILL

## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Tim Anderson - *preaching/presiding*

Tom Blomquist - *assisting minister*

Lisa Stafford - *lector*

Carey Henderson - *communion assistant*

Michelle Widmer - *Stephen Minister*

Tim O'Brien - *Director of Music*

Austin Haller - *Organist and Associate Director of Music*

St. Martin's Choir

Jenny Ohrstrom, June Julian, *soprano*

Katherine Altobello O'Brien, *mezzo-soprano*

Evan Brown, *tenor*

Gil Zilkha, Anthony Ashley, *bass*

Andrew Fuhrman - *video*

Mike Kaase - *sound*

Jeff Hinkle, Norm Hummell - *ushers*

Janis Ottmers, Tom Blomquist - *Altar Guild*

Michelle Widmer - *Welcome Center*

Natalie Archer - *fellowship snacks*