

## Entrance Rites

*The people stand as they are able.*

## The Processional Hymn

*Please see the cover for hymn number*

## Greeting

*Presider*        *Blessed are you, holy and living One.*

*People*        **You Come to your people and Set them free.**

*(lighting of the Advent Wreath)*

*The Hymnal 1982, #56*

## Collect of the Day

*Presider*        The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Presider*        *Let us pray.*

*Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.        Amen.*

## The Word of God

*See Lectionary insert*

After each Reading the people respond to the Lector

*Lector: The word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## Sequence Hymn

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# Gospel Reading

## Sermon

*All say together*

### **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayers of the People

*Leader: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Strengthen Michael, Kirk, and Jennifer our bishops, and all your Church in the service of Christ,*

**All: That those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.**

Leader: *Bless and guide the President, our elected officials, and those in positions of leadership in our governing bodies; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace;*

All: **that we may honor one another, and seek the common good.**

Leader: *Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors,*

All: **that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

Leader: *Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: especially remembering: (Please add the names of any you wish to be remembered). Give them courage and hope in their troubles;*

All: **and bring them the joy of your salvation.**

Leader: *Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ, especially (please add names of those who have died). According to your promises,*

All: **grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.**

Leader: *Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints,*

All: **we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love. Amen.**

Leader: *In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for (\_\_\_\_\_)*

All: **O Lord, Hear our prayer.**

Leader: *In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray (\_\_\_\_\_).*

All: **O Lord, Hear our prayer.**

Leader: *We acknowledge and pay respect to the first peoples of this land and their role as custodians of the earth and commit ourselves to work alongside them for reconciliation and justice as we live into our Baptismal Covenant and respect the dignity of every person.*

All: **O Lord, Hear our prayer.**

## Confession of Sin

Deacon: *Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

*The people kneel as they are able.*

*All say together*

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen**

## Absolution

*Presider*

*May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

## Exchange of the Peace

*Presider* *May the peace of Christ be always with you*

All **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*The Presider says*

*Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. Psalm 50:14*

## Offertory Hymn:

*(see inside of front cover for hymn #)*

## Doxology

# The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

Presider *Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us; nourish your people with the word of life and the bread of heaven*

People **Amen**

Presider *The Lord be with you.*

People **And also with you.**

Presider *Lift up your hearts.*

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

Presider *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider

*It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.*

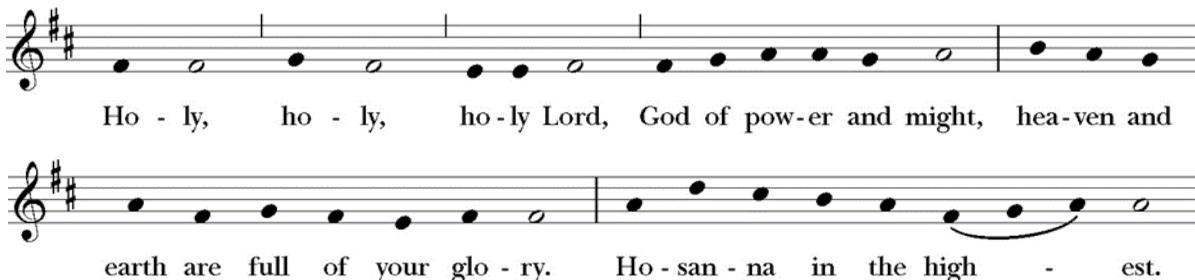
*He is the one foretold by the prophets, whom the Virgin Mother carried and birthed with love beyond all telling. John the Baptist was his herald and made him known when, at the end of this age, he came.*

*In his love, Christ fills us with joy as we prepare to celebrate the remembrance of his birth, so that when he comes again, he may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise.*

*And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your glory, and join in their unending hymn of praise:*

## Sanctus

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #124*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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

*Then the Presider continues*

*Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends.*

*He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
“Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.”*

*After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:*

*“Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God’s unfailing love. Do this to remember me.”*

*And so remembering all that has been done for us, we acclaim you O Christ:*

*Presider and People*

**Dying you destroyed our death**

**Rising you restored our life**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*Presider continues*

*Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ’s body and his blood.*

**Amen, Amen, Amen.**

*Pour your Spirit on us (+) that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory.*

**Amen, Amen, Amen.**

*For honor and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.*

**Amen, Amen, Amen.**

And now as Jesus taught us, we pray:

## Lord's Prayer

Presider: *As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,*

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

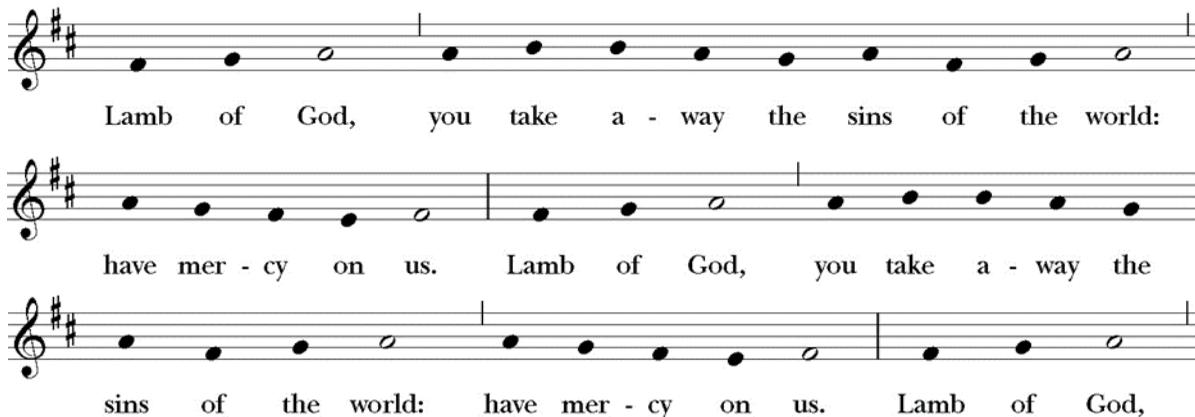
or

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen**

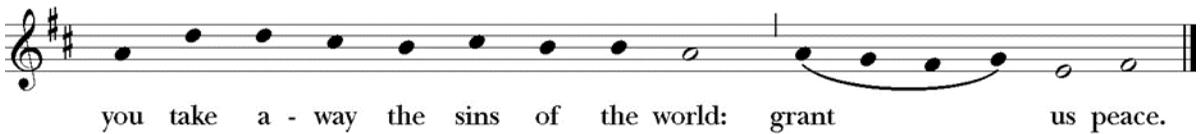
## The Breaking of the Bread

### Fraction Anthem

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #161*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,



## Invitation to Communion:

Presider: Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**All: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## Communion Hymn

*Please see inside cover for hymn #*

*Please come forward, anyone wishing a prayer for ....*

## *Birthday, Anniversary and/or Healing*

*The people stand as they are able.*

## Post Communion Prayer

*Presider and People*

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ, and you have made yourself known in the breaking of the bread. Abide with us, we pray, that, blessed by your holy presence, we may walk with you all the days of our life, and at its end behold you, the one who was, and is, and is to come, in the glory of the eternal Trinity, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

*The Presider says*

*Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.*

## Recessional Hymn

*(please see the cover for Hymn #*

## Dismissal

Deacon: *Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit.*

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)**