

**July 16, 2023**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Welcome!**  
**¡Bienvenido!**

## **Prelude**

**Heavenly  
Sunlight/Cook, arr.  
Asberry**  
Performed by  
Pam Asberry, pianist



*Please prepare for  
worship by  
opening your  
heart,  
lowering your  
voice  
and silencing*

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: God sends his Word to us this day,  
let us prepare ourselves to be good  
soil, by confessing our sins.

—*Silence for Reflection*—

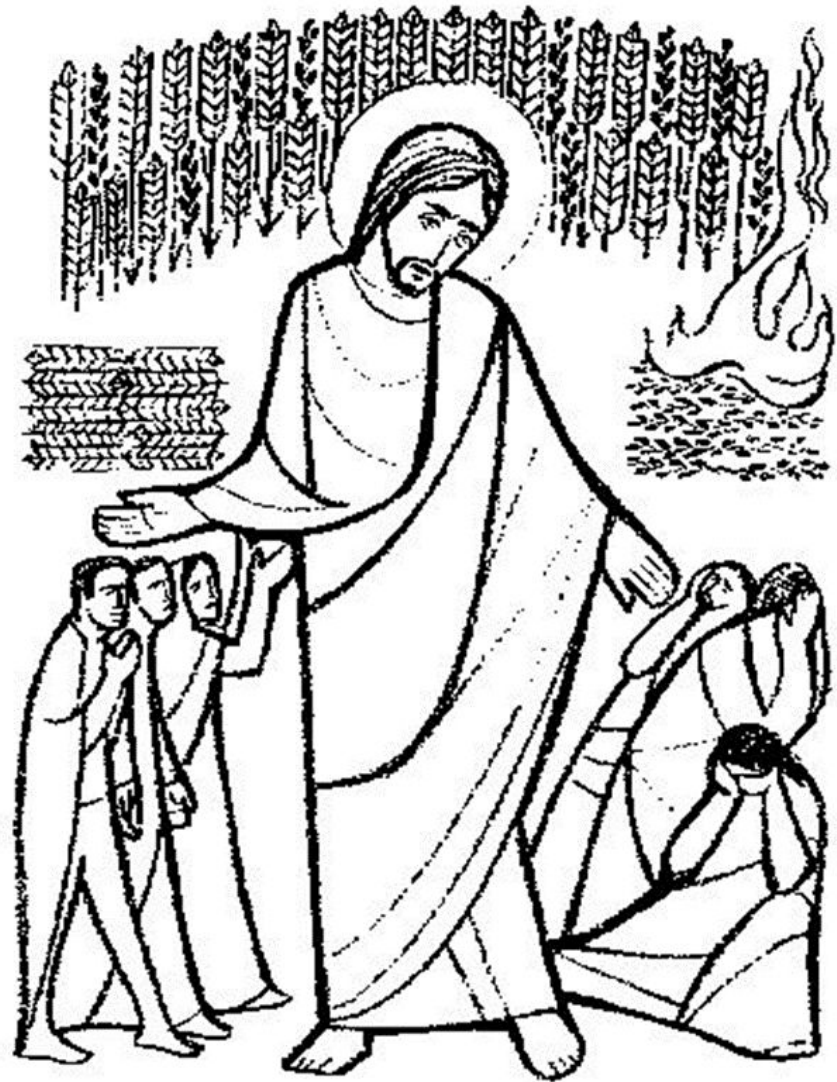
P: God of abundant blessings,

**C: You sow your word and we hear,  
but we flirt with the evil one, and he  
comes and snatches it away.**

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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**C: Lord, you sow your word and we hear and receive it with joy, but it doesn't take root because our soil is shallow.**



# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**C: Lord you sow your Word and we hear, then we are distracted by the many cares of this world, and things grow up around us and choke off what it might yield.**

**Forgive us Lord. Continue to sow your word in our hearts and bring forth a harvest in us that will bear much fruit.**

## PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

P: Hear this good news and let it be planted in your souls, “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. (Romans 8:1-3). In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Through the peace and gratitude sown in our hearts we say, **C: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG Red Book # 512**

***Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil***

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your word.**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is  
understood.**

**When my heart is hard, break the stone  
away.**

**When my heart is cold, warm it with the  
day.**

**GATHERING SONG** Red Book # 512

***Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil***

**When my heart is lost, lead me on  
your way.**

**Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my  
heart,**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

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# GREETING

A: God abundantly casts seeds of good news upon us.

**C: May we be the good soil getting ready for the sowing of God's Word and God's love.**



# GREETING

**C: May we bear  
much good fruit  
to love God and  
to serve our  
neighbors.**



# **KYRIE**

**Lord, have mercy on our world  
and on our way.**

**Lord, have mercy ev-'ry day.**

**For peace in the world,  
for the health of the church,  
for the unity of all; for this holy house,  
for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray  
to the Lord.**

# KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy on our world  
and on our way.**

**Lord, have mercy ev-'ry day.**

**That we may live out your impassioned  
response to the hungry and the poor;  
that we may live out truth and justice and  
grace,**

**let us pray to the Lord, let us pray  
to the Lord.**

# **KYRIE**

**Lord, have mercy on our world  
and on our way.**

**Lord, have mercy ev-'ry day.**

**For peace in our hearts, for peace in our  
homes, for friends and family; for life and  
for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray  
to the Lord.**

# **KYRIE**

**Lord, have mercy on our world  
and on our way.**

**Lord, have mercy ev-'ry day.**

**For your Spirit to guide; that you  
center our lives in the water and the Word;  
that you nourish our souls with your body  
and blood, let us pray to the Lord,  
let us pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, have mercy, on our world  
and on our way. Lord, have mercy ev-'ry day.**

# THIS IS THE FEAST

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

# THIS IS THE FEAST



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Most wonderful God:

**C: You have sown in us a seed that longs to put down deep roots and grow towards your light. By your Spirit please tend and nurture that which you have implanted, that in spite of hard seasons or the work of evil predators, we may bring forth a harvest of wonder, love and praise, through Jesus Christ the sower of the kingdom. Amen.**



## **FIRST READING:**

**Isaiah 55:10-13**

<sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

## **PRIMERA LECTURA:**

**Isaías 55:10-13**

<sup>10</sup> «Así como la lluvia y la nieve bajan del cielo, y no vuelven allá, sino que empapan la tierra, la fecundan y la hacen germinar, y producen la semilla para sembrar y el pan para comer,

## **FIRST READING:**

**Isaiah 55:10-13**

<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

## **PRIMERA LECTURA:**

**Isaías 55:10-13**

<sup>11</sup> así también la palabra que sale de mis labios no vuelve a mí sin producir efecto, sino que hace lo que yo quiero y cumple la orden que le doy.

## **FIRST READING:**

**Isaiah 55:10-13**

<sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

## **PRIMERA LECTURA:**

**Isaías 55:10-13**

<sup>12</sup> »Ustedes saldrán de allí con alegría, volverán a su país con paz.  
Al verlos, los montes y las colinas estallarán en cantos de alegría y todos los árboles del campo aplaudirán.

## **FIRST READING:**

**Isaiah 55:10-13**

<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

## **PRIMERA LECTURA:**

**Isaías 55:10-13**

<sup>13</sup> En vez de zarzas crecerán pinos, en vez de ortigas crecerán arrayanes; esto hará glorioso el nombre del Señor; será una señal eterna, indestructible.»

**A: Word of God, Word of Life,**

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **PSALM: Psalm 65:9-13**

**We will speak the Psalm responsively.  
Please speak the verses in bold print.**

<sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

<sup>10</sup> **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 65:9-13**

**We will speak the Psalm responsively.  
Please speak the verses in bold print.**

<sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

<sup>12</sup> **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 65:9-13**

**We will speak the Psalm responsively.  
Please speak the verses in bold print.**

<sup>13</sup> May the meadows cover themselves  
with flocks, and the valleys cloak  
themselves with grain; let them shout  
for joy and sing.

## **SECOND READING**

### **Romans 8:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

## **SEGUNDA LECTURA**

### **Romanas 8:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Así pues, ahora ya no hay ninguna condenación para los que están unidos a Cristo Jesús, <sup>2</sup> porque la ley del Espíritu que da vida en Cristo Jesús, te liberó de la ley del pecado y de la muerte.



## **SECOND READING**

### **Romans 8:1-11**

<sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

## **SEGUNDA LECTURA**

### **Romanas 8:1-11**

<sup>3</sup> Porque Dios ha hecho lo que la ley de Moisés no pudo hacer, pues no era capaz de hacerlo debido a la debilidad humana: Dios envió a su propio Hijo en condición débil como la del hombre pecador y como sacrificio por el pecado, para de esta manera condenar al pecado en esa misma condición débil.

## **SECOND READING**

### **Romans 8:1-11**

<sup>4</sup> so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh,

## **SEGUNDA LECTURA**

### **Romanas 8:1-11**

<sup>4</sup> Lo hizo para que nosotros podamos cumplir con las justas exigencias de la ley, pues ya no vivimos según las inclinaciones de la naturaleza débil sino según el Espíritu. <sup>5</sup> Los que viven según las inclinaciones de la naturaleza débil

## **SECOND READING**

### **Romans 8:1-11**

but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.<sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

## **SEGUNDA LECTURA**

### **Romanas 8:1-11**

sólo se preocupan por seguirlas; pero los que viven conforme al Espíritu, se preocupan por las cosas del Espíritu.<sup>6</sup> Y preocuparse por seguir las inclinaciones de la naturaleza débil lleva a la muerte; pero preocuparse por las cosas del Espíritu lleva a la vida y a la paz.

## **SECOND READING**

### **Romans 8:1-11**

<sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

## **SEGUNDA LECTURA**

### **Romanas 8:1-11**

<sup>7</sup> Los que se preocupan por seguir las inclinaciones de la naturaleza débil son enemigos de Dios, porque ni quieren ni pueden someterse a su ley. <sup>8</sup> Por eso, los que viven según las inclinaciones de la naturaleza débil no pueden agradar a Dios.

## **SECOND READING**

### **Romans 8:1-11**

<sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

## **SEGUNDA LECTURA**

### **Romanas 8:1-11**

<sup>9</sup> Pero ustedes ya no viven según esas inclinaciones, sino según el Espíritu, puesto que el Espíritu de Dios vive en ustedes. El que no tiene el Espíritu de Cristo, no es de Cristo. <sup>10</sup> Pero si Cristo vive en ustedes, el espíritu vive porque Dios los ha hecho justos, aun cuando el cuerpo esté destinado a la muerte por causa del pecado.

## **SECOND READING**

### **Romans 8:1-11**

<sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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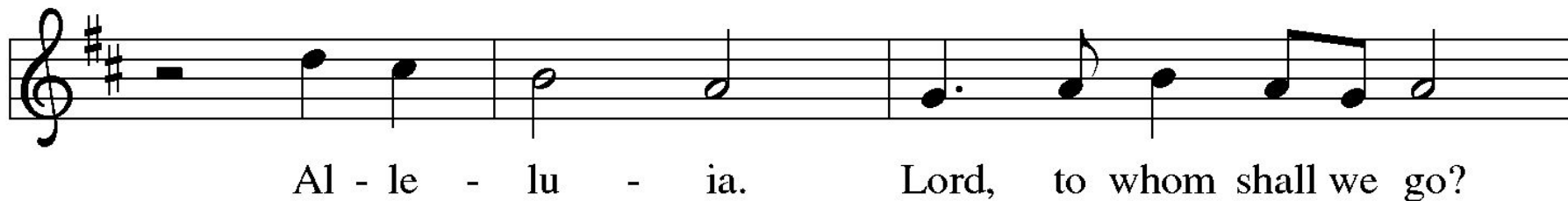
**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **SEGUNDA LECTURA**

### **Romanas 8:1-11**

<sup>11</sup> Y si el Espíritu de aquel que resucitó a Jesús vive en ustedes, el mismo que resucitó a Cristo dará nueva vida a sus cuerpos mortales por medio del Espíritu de Dios que vive en ustedes.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: A reading from the Holy Gospel  
according to Matthew in the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**GOSPEL READING:**  
**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

<sup>1</sup> That same day  
Jesus went out of  
the house and sat  
beside the sea.

<sup>2</sup> Such great crowds  
gathered around  
him that he got into  
a boat and sat  
there, while the  
whole crowd stood  
on the beach.

**EL EVANGELIO**  
**Mateo 13:1-9, 18-23**

<sup>1</sup> Aquel mismo día  
salió Jesús de casa  
y se sentó a la  
orilla del lago. <sup>2</sup>  
Como se reunió  
mucha gente, Jesús  
subió a una barca y  
se sentó, mientras  
la gente se  
quedaba en la  
playa.



**GOSPEL READING:**  
**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

<sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow.

<sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.

**EL EVANGELIO**  
**Mateo 13:1-9, 18-23**

<sup>3</sup> Entonces se puso a hablarles de muchas cosas por medio de parábolas. Les dijo: «Un sembrador salió a sembrar. <sup>4</sup> Y al sembrar, una parte de la semilla cayó en el camino, y llegaron las aves y se la comieron.

## **GOSPEL READING:**

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

<sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.

<sup>6</sup> But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.

## **EL EVANGELIO**

**Mateo 13:1-9, 18-23**

<sup>5</sup> Otra parte cayó entre las piedras, donde no había mucha tierra; esa semilla brotó pronto, porque la tierra no era muy honda; <sup>6</sup> pero el sol, al salir, la quemó, y como no tenía raíz, se secó.

**GOSPEL READING:**  
**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

<sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> Let anyone with ears listen!”

**EL EVANGELIO**  
**Mateo 13:1-9, 18-23**

<sup>7</sup> Otra parte de la semilla cayó entre espinos, y los espinos crecieron y la ahogaron. <sup>8</sup> Pero otra parte cayó en buena tierra, y dio buena cosecha; algunas espigas dieron cien granos por semilla, otras sesenta granos, y otras treinta. <sup>9</sup> Los que tienen oídos, oigan.»

**GOSPEL READING:**  
**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

<sup>18</sup> “Hear then the parable of the sower.

<sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.

**EL EVANGELIO**  
**Mateo 13:1-9, 18-23**

<sup>18</sup> »Escuchen, pues, lo que quiere decir la parábola del sembrador: <sup>19</sup> Los que oyen el mensaje del reino y no lo entienden, son como la semilla que cayó en el camino; viene el maligno y les quita el mensaje sembrado en su corazón.

**GOSPEL READING:**  
**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

<sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup> yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word,

**EL EVANGELIO**  
**Mateo 13:1-9, 18-23**

<sup>20</sup> La semilla que cayó entre las piedras representa a los que oyen el mensaje y lo reciben con gusto, <sup>21</sup> pero como no tienen suficiente raíz, no se mantienen firmes; cuando por causa del mensaje sufren pruebas o persecución,

**GOSPEL READING:**  
**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

that person immediately falls away.<sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.

**EL EVANGELIO**  
**Mateo 13:1-9, 18-23**

fallan.<sup>22</sup> La semilla sembrada entre espinos representa a los que oyen el mensaje, pero los negocios de esta vida les preocupan demasiado y el amor por las riquezas los engaña. Todo esto ahoga el mensaje y no lo deja dar fruto en ellos.

## **GOSPEL READING:**

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

<sup>23</sup> But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

## **EL EVANGELIO**

**Mateo 13:1-9, 18-23**

<sup>23</sup> Pero la semilla sembrada en buena tierra representa a los que oyen el mensaje y lo entienden y dan una buena cosecha, como las espigas que dieron cien, sesenta o treinta granos por semilla.»

# **The Sermon**

**“Weeds Growing in  
The Cracks”**

**Pastor Mike Millum**



# **HYMN OF THE DAY** Red Book # 801

## ***Change My Heart, O God***

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

**You are the potter; I am the clay.**

**Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.**

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

## **EL Credo DE LOS APÓSTOLES**

**Creo en Dios, Padre todopoderoso, creador del Cielo y de la Tierra.**

**Creo en Jesucristo su único Hijo, Nuestro Señor, que fue concebido por obra y gracia del Espíritu Santo; nació de Santa María Virgen;**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,**

## **EL Credo DE LOS APÓSTOLES**

**padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilato; fue crucificado, muerto y sepultado; descendió a los infiernos;**

**al tercer día resucitó de entre los muertos; subió a los cielos**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,**

## **EL Credo DE LOS APÓSTOLES**

**y está a la diestra de Dios Padre; desde allí ha de venir a juzgar a los vivos y a los muertos.**

**Creo en el Espíritu Santo, en la Santa Iglesia Católica, la comunión de los Santos**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**the forgiveness  
of sins,  
the resurrection  
of the body,  
and the life  
everlasting.  
Amen.**

## **EL Credo DE LOS APÓSTOLES**

**en el perdón de los  
pecados  
la resurrección de  
los muertos  
y la vida eterna.  
Amén.**



PRAYERS  
*of the*  
CHURCH

***After each petition  
of the prayer:***

**A:**

**C:**

# SHARING OF THE PEACE COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ

*A time to greet each other with God's peace.*



P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

# WE GATHER THE OFFERING

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***You Know Me*** by Steffany Gretzinger  
Solo by Robin Clavijo

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# **OFFERING PRAYER**

## **The Johnny Appleseed Blessing**

**C: Oh, the Lord is good to me,  
And so I thank the Lord,  
For giving me, the things I need,  
The Sun and the rain and the  
Appleseed.**

**The Lord is good to me. Amen.**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

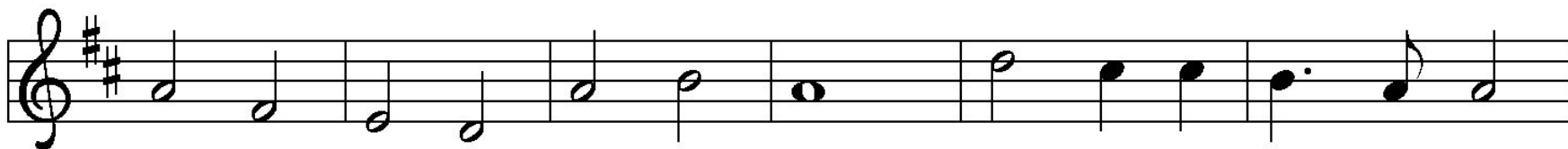
# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: It is our duty and our joy, always to give you thanks and praise, O Lord God, creator of heaven and earth. We do indeed thank you and praise you, for the mighty acts of your creation and salvation in Jesus Christ. All of creation praises you, and you bless us with the gift of your Word, and the promise that your Word will never come back to you empty but will accomplish the purpose for which you sent it. (Isaiah 55:10-11).

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels with prophets, and apostles, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



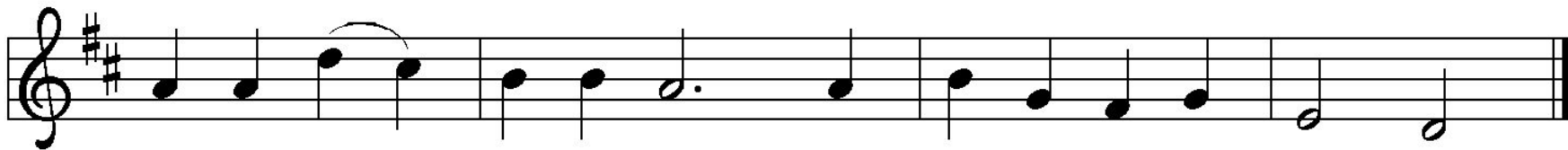
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, there is now no condemnation for those of us who are in Christ. The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead has given life to our mortal bodies also by the Spirit that dwells in us. (Romans 8:1, 11).

# EUCCHARIST

P: 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.”

P: 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.”

## EUCCHARIST PRAYER

**P:** Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming.

With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**



## **EUCCHARIST PRAYER**

**P:** Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ and with your church in all the world.

## **EUCCHARIST PRAYER**

**P:** The Lord has planted the seed of God's Word in the good soil of our lives, and the seed will bear good fruit in our lives and ministries, in one case a hundred-fold, in one case sixty and in another thirty (Matthew 13:23).

**P:** Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**A:** In the language of your heart, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**C:** Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

## **PADRE NUESTRO**

**A:** En el idioma de tu corazón, rezamos la oración que Jesús nos enseñó:

**C:** Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre; Venga a nos tu reino; hágase tu voluntad, así en la tierra como en el cielo;

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

## **PADRE NUESTRO**

**C: El pan nuestro de  
cada día, dánoslo  
hoy; y perdónanos  
nuestras deudas así  
como nosotros  
perdonamos a  
nuestros deudores;  
y no nos dejes caer  
en la tentación; mas  
líbranos del mal.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: For thine is the  
kingdom, and  
the power, and  
the glory, forever  
and ever. Amen.**

## **PADRE NUESTRO**

**C: Porque tuyo es el  
reino, el poder y  
la gloria, por los  
siglos de los  
siglos. Amén.**

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION



P: The Lord has planted the seed of his Word, love and grace in the soil of this world. Just as the seed is spread to everyone, and can grow up in anyone at any time, so the invitation to his table goes out to all,

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION



P: without discrimination, to come and  
feed on the life giving bread and drink of  
this holy meal.

# 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, grant us peace.



# THE MEAL



# **PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

**P: God of Harvest, Gardener Supreme:**

**C: You place us at the center. Feed us, equip us, and having provided for us, let us look to a different harvest, a fruitfulness of lives in service to you and others. Feed us, prune us, harvest us that our lives might bring glory to you, through the Sower himself, Jesus who has sown your kingdom in our world and in our lives. Amen.**

## **BLESSING AND SENDING**

**P:** May God the Sower, make you good and fertile soil,

May Christ the seed, bloom and grow in your words and actions,

May the fruitful Spirit bring forth a bountiful yield in your lives, now and always.

God the Father, the Son and + the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# **SENDING SONG**

Red Book # 547

## ***Sent Forth By God's Blessing***

**1 Sent forth by God's blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this  
dwelling take leave.**

**The supper is ended.**

**Oh, now be extended**

**the fruits of this service in all  
who believe.**

**The seed of Christ's teaching,  
receptive souls reaching,**

# **SENDING SONG**

Red Book # 547

## ***Sent Forth By God's Blessing***

**1 shall blossom in action for God  
and for all.**

**Your grace shall incite us,  
your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and  
answer your call.**

# **SENDING SONG**

Red Book # 547

## ***Sent Forth By God's Blessing***

**2 With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we  
will face—  
our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children,  
the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us,  
with your light now lead us;**

# **SENDING SONG**

Red Book # 547

## ***Sent Forth By God's Blessing***

**2 unite us as one in this life that  
we share.**

**Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his  
name that we bear.**

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# DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace, to sow good seed.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

