

**Sunday, January 4, 2026**  
**The Feast of the Epiphany**

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Jan 6 – James Onstad

Jan 7 – Bruce Kampf

Jan 9 – Kaye Franczyk

**Baptism Anniversaries:**

Jan 4 – Dan Martin

# Confession and Absolution

## Opening hymn: 397 As with Gladness Men of Old

- 1 As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led by Thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,  
Savior, to Thy lowly bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare  
At Thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.
- 4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.
- 5 In the heav'nly country bright  
Need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
Thou its sun which goes not down;  
There forever may we sing  
Alleluias to our King.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 45:6–8a; antiphon: v. 17*

I will cause your name to be remembered in all genera- | tions;\*  
therefore nations will praise you forever and | ever.

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of up- | rightness;\*

you have loved righteousness and hated | wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your com- | panions;\*

your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and | cassia.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I will cause your name to be remembered in all genera- | tions;\*  
therefore nations will praise you forever and | ever.

## Kyrie

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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** 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.



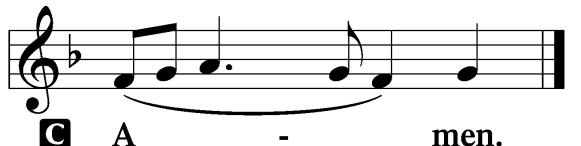
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let  
us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



# This Is the Feast

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*Refrain*

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

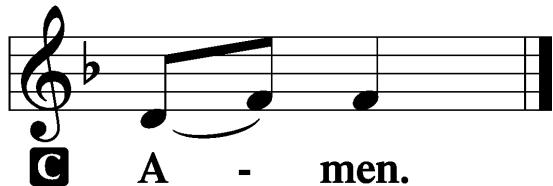
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 60:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.

<sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from afar,  
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and exult,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,

the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*  
Extol him, all | peoples!  
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*  
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

## Epistle

*Ephesians 3:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Alleluia and Verse

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C 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.

## ¶ Verse of the Day Matthew 2:2b

¶ Alleluia. Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1–12

¶ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they

went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.<sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.<sup>11</sup> And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.<sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Sit*

### Hymn of the Day: 395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

- 1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God's own truth and light,  
Aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's race, King David's son,  
Our Lord and master, You have won  
Our hearts to serve You only!  
Lowly, holy!  
Great and glorious,  
All victorious,  
Rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- 2 Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine,  
And deep within our hearts now shine;  
There light a flame undying!  
In Your one body let us be  
As living branches of a tree,  
Your life our lives supplying.  
Now, though daily  
Earth's deep sadness  
May perplex us  
And distress us,  
Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.

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3 Lord, when You look on us in love,  
At once there falls from God above  
    A ray of purest pleasure.  
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood  
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.  
    You are our dearest treasure!  
    Let Your mercy  
    Warm and cheer us!  
    O draw near us!  
    For You teach us  
God's own love through You has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in Your Son  
You loved us when not yet begun  
    Was this old earth's foundation!  
Your Son has ransomed us in love  
To live in Him here and above:  
    This is Your great salvation.  
    Alleluia!  
    Christ the living,  
    To us giving  
    Life forever,  
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!

5 O let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
    Our voices gladly blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
    His love is never ending!  
    Sing out! Ring out!  
    Jubilation!  
    Exultation!  
    Tell the story!  
Great is He, the King of Glory!

Continued

6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
The Lord we love is first and last,  
    The end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
Transport us to that happy place  
    Beyond all tears and sinning!  
    Amen! Amen!  
    Come, Lord Jesus!  
    Crown of gladness!  
    We are yearning  
    For the day of Your returning!

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## Sermon

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### Nicene Creed

**C** 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

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## Offering

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## Offertory

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**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-

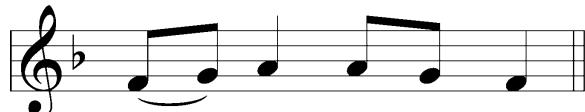


### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

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**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so 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.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the

foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

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**C** 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. 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.

## **The Words of Our Lord**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{\text{T}}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{\text{T}}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**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** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

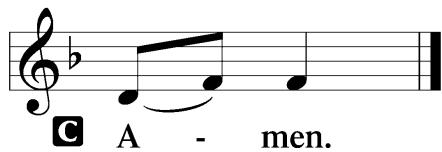
## **Lord’s Prayer**

**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;**  
    **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.**

## Pax Domini

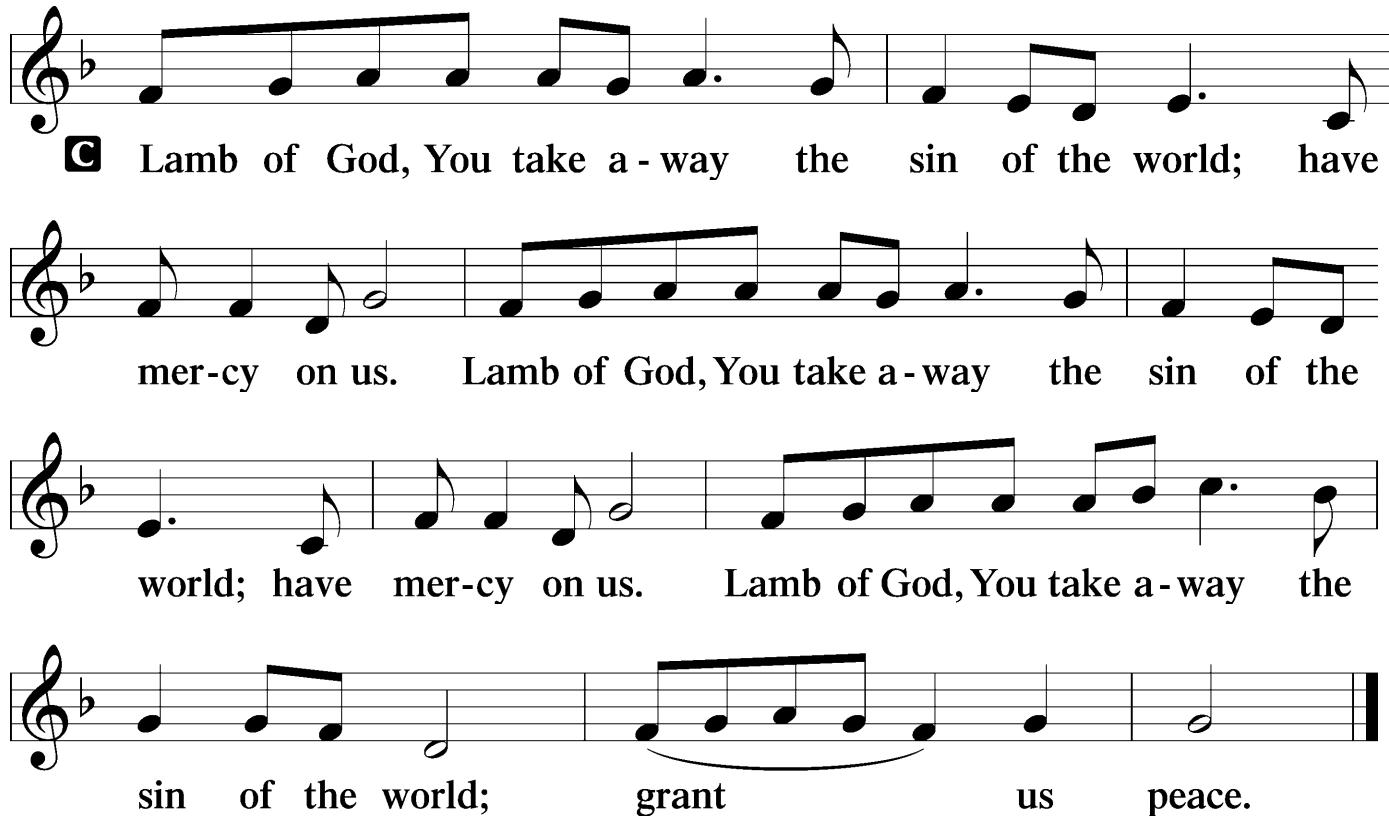
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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## Agnus Dei

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**C** 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; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

## Distribution Hymns:

### 620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

1 Jesus comes today with healing,  
Knocking at my door, appealing,  
Off'rинг pardon, grace, and peace.  
He Himself makes preparation,  
And I hear His invitation:  
“Come and taste the blessed feast.”

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2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,  
Yet in bread and wine abiding  
    In this holy sacrament,  
Gives the bread of life, once broken,  
And the cup, the precious token  
    Of His sacred covenant.

3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,  
I receive the Savior holy,  
    Blood and body, giv'n for me,  
Very Lamb of God from heaven,  
Who to bitter death was given,  
    Hung upon the cursèd tree.

4 God descends with heav'nly power,  
Gives Himself to me this hour  
    In this ordinary sign.  
On my tongue His pledge receiving,  
I accept His grace, believing  
    That I taste His love divine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
Whose own feast of love I savor,  
    Bidden by His gracious call.  
Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me,  
    Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,  
Comfort in my tribulation,  
    Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
Cleanses me from sin and error,  
    Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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## 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,  
    May I in grace possess You.  
Let me with holy food be fed,  
    In hunger I address You.  
Prepare me well for You, O Lord,  
    And, humbly by my prayer implored,  
        Give me Your grace and mercy.
- 2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,  
    To restful waters lead me;  
Your table well for me provide,  
    Your wounded hand now feed me.  
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,  
    Refuge in You alone I seek,  
        To share Your cup of healing.
- 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight,  
    For full and free remission  
I come with prayer before Your sight  
    In sorrow and contrition.  
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me  
    That I receive You worthily,  
        Assured of Your full pardon.
- 4 I do not merit favor, Lord,  
    My weight of sin would break me;  
In all my guilty heart's discord,  
    O Lord, do not forsake me.  
In my distress this comforts me  
    That You receive me graciously,  
        O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

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*Stand*

## Thank the Lord

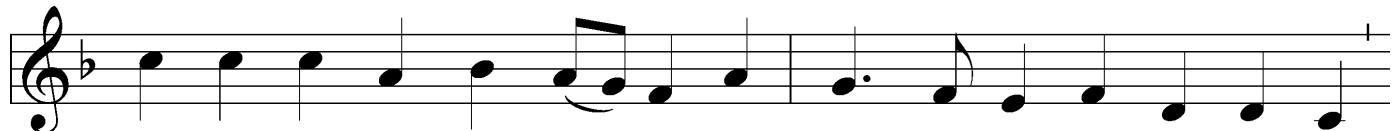
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**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

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**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  $\text{\tfrac{a}{c}}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn: 404 Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered

- 1 Jesus, once with sinners numbered,  
Had no blemish of His own;  
In the waters of the Jordan  
His true worth and work were shown:  
Heaven opened and the Spirit  
There descended like a dove,  
As the Father's voice resounded,  
“Hear My Son, the One I love.”
- 2 John confessed Him as the Savior—  
“Look, the sinless Lamb of God!”  
Yet he dared not loose the sandals  
Of the One God's love had shod.  
Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus,  
Bringing news of peace to us,  
Christ, the herald of salvation,  
Preaching mercy from the cross:
- 3 This the baptism that our Savior  
Greatly longed to undergo;  
This the crimson cleansing needed  
So the world God's love might know;  
This the mission of Messiah  
As He stepped from Jordan's stream,  
He, the chosen and anointed  
Son of God, sent to redeem.
- 4 Jesus, once with sinners numbered,  
Full obedience was Your path;  
You, by death, have consecrated  
Water in this saving bath:  
Dying to the sin of Adam,  
Rising to a life of grace;  
We are counted with the righteous,  
Over us the cross You trace.

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