All Are
Lent
Welcome
We hope you feel welcomed by our community, inspired by the message of Jesus today and excited to live that out in the coming week
EPIPHANY

Welcome To Worship

WORSHIP

Worship is a big deal to us. Something happens in us and through us when we gather. Jesus said it this way: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." When we gather together for worship we can experience the presence of God in a way that we can't on our own. It isn't just about learning and it certainly isn't about getting on God's good side. Worship is a corporate way to personally experience (be in relationship with) God and others. Welcome!

GIVE

Want an easy way to give digitally? Scan the QR code below and head to the give page of our website for all the info!

CONNECT

The best way to stay connected to Epiphany is to sign up to receive our twice per week emails we call "Connect". On Tuesday and Friday we send out the latest information about our ministries, worship, events and more.

You can see our most recent emails by scanning this QR Code and following the link. If you wish, you can even sign up to receive Connect for yourself! The sign up form is on the same page. Open your phone's camera and scan the code below to stay connected!

EPIPHANY

NEW

If you are new to Epiphany we want to tell you a little about our us. We hope to be a church that focuses on the love of Jesus, invites you to follow Jesus in the way you live and seeks to spread that invitation to all people, including those in the LGBTQIA+ community, all family types, ethnicities, ages and social classes. We want to follow Jesus and passionately proclaim that his love is for all. If you wish to know more about our welcome and inclusion statement, visit us here.

We would love to hear a little bit about you. Scan the QR code below for an easy way to let us know what you think or ask us a question.

Third Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2026 ~ 9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

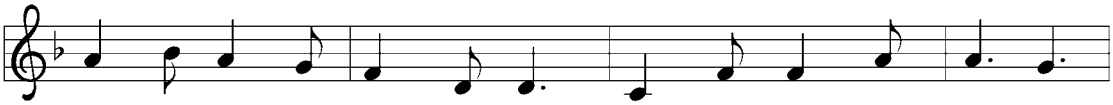
Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

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.

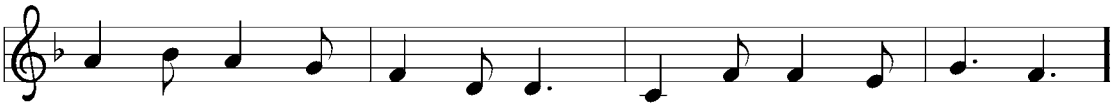
God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you,
pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN **ELW #335**

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

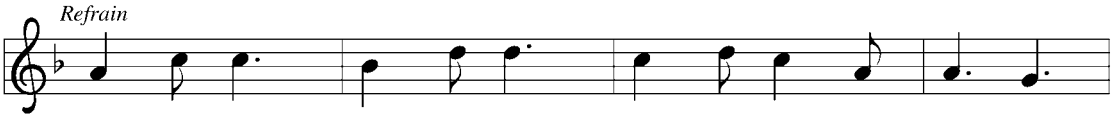


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

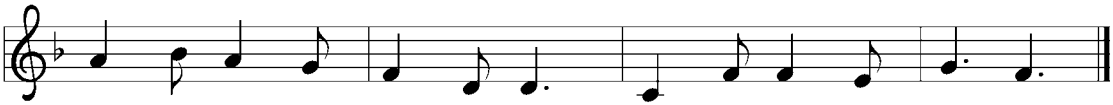


free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

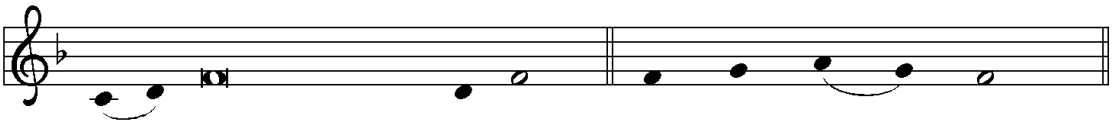
Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

GREETING

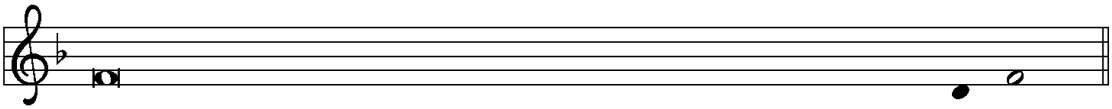
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

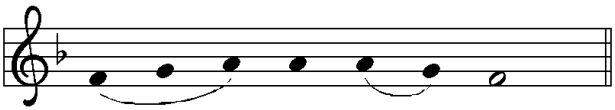
KYRIE



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.



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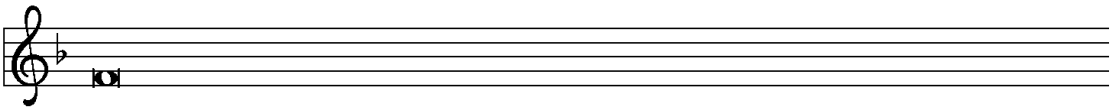
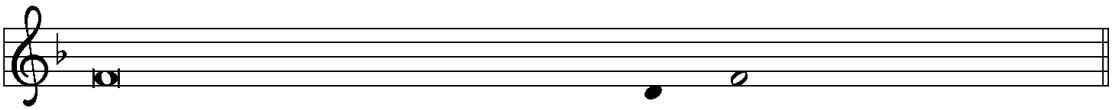
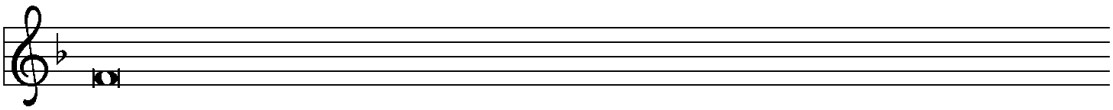


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

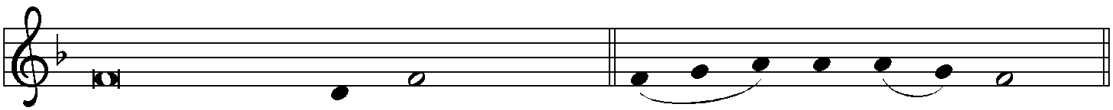


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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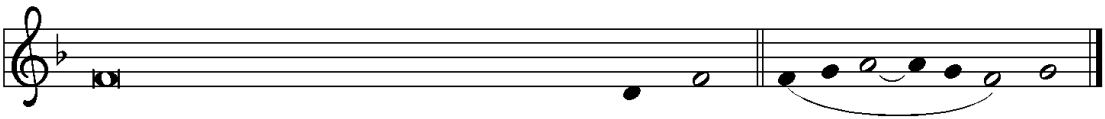


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

Please sit

READING Genesis 32:24-28

A A reading from Genesis.

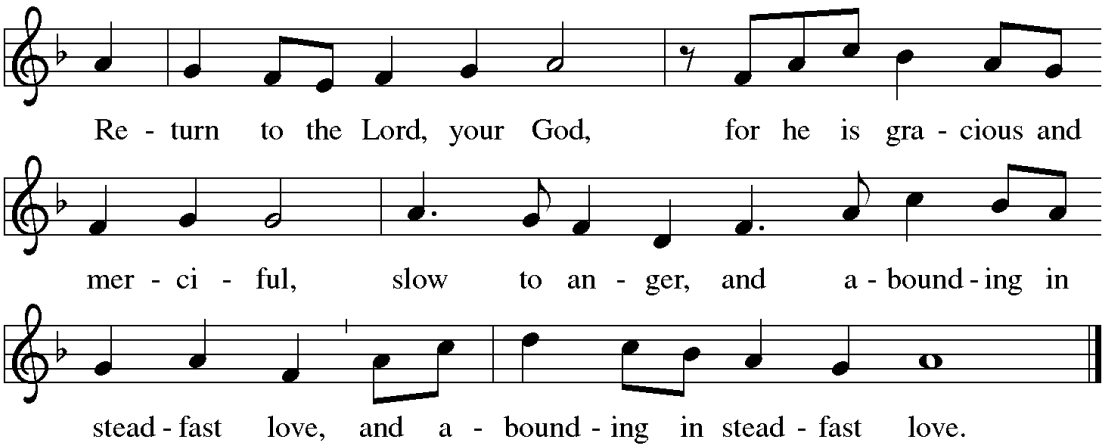
24 Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. 26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." 27 So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." 28 Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed."

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 14:28-31

P The Gospel according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

28 Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on
the water." 29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started
walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the
strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out,
"Lord, save me!" 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught
him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

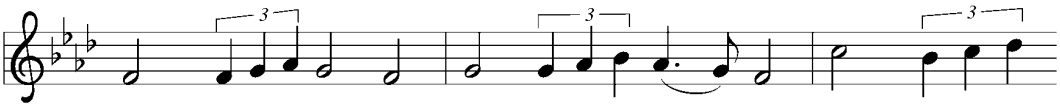
P The Gospel of the Lord
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit
SERMON Pastor Brad Gee

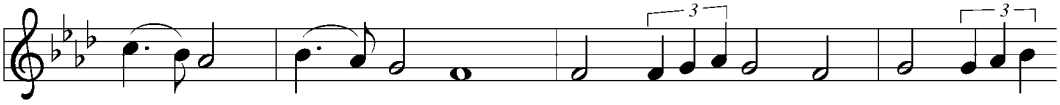
ease stand

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #327 vs.1,2,4

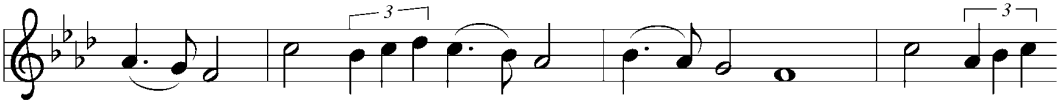
Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow



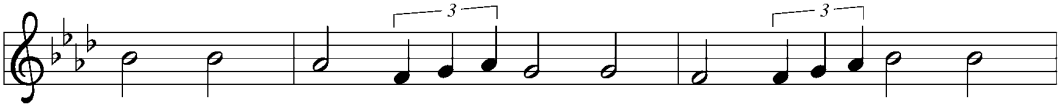
1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward
2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the
4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,



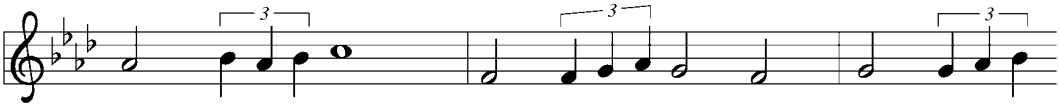
goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -
ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and
with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its



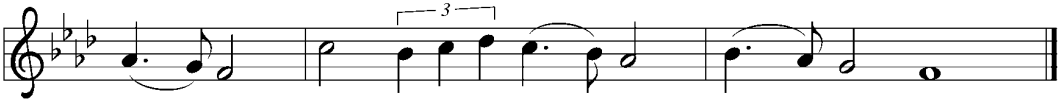
ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -
ter - ror, bright - 'ning all the path we tread. One the
bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall



fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the
ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which
come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing



guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of
nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing
of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all



pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.
for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.

Text: Bernhardt S. Ingemann, 1789–1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt.
Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944

APOSTLES' CREED

C **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

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

A Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.
C **Amen.**

PEACE

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

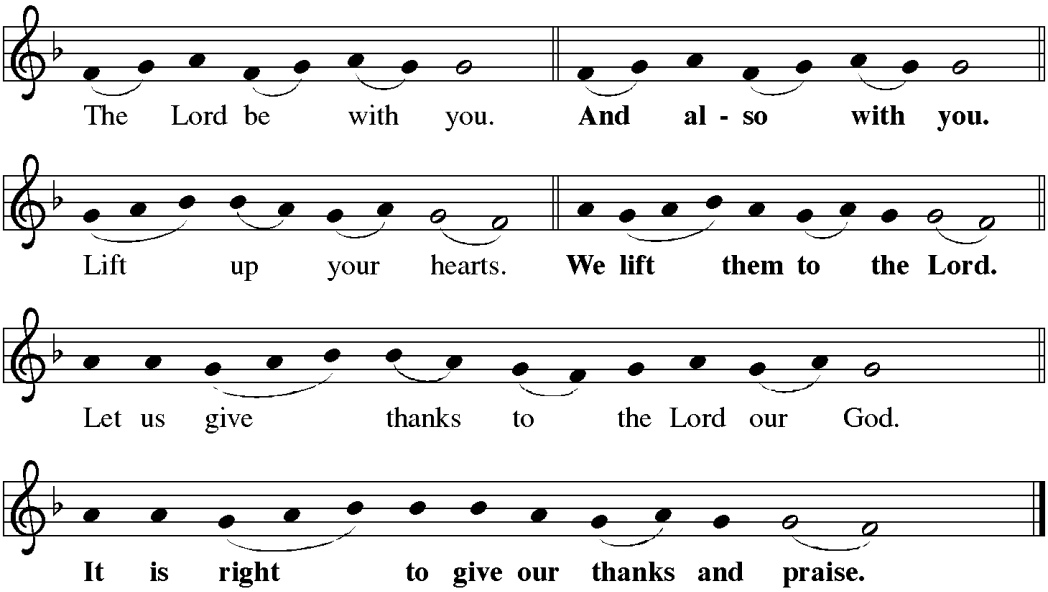
Please Sit

SPECIAL MUSIC Adult Choir

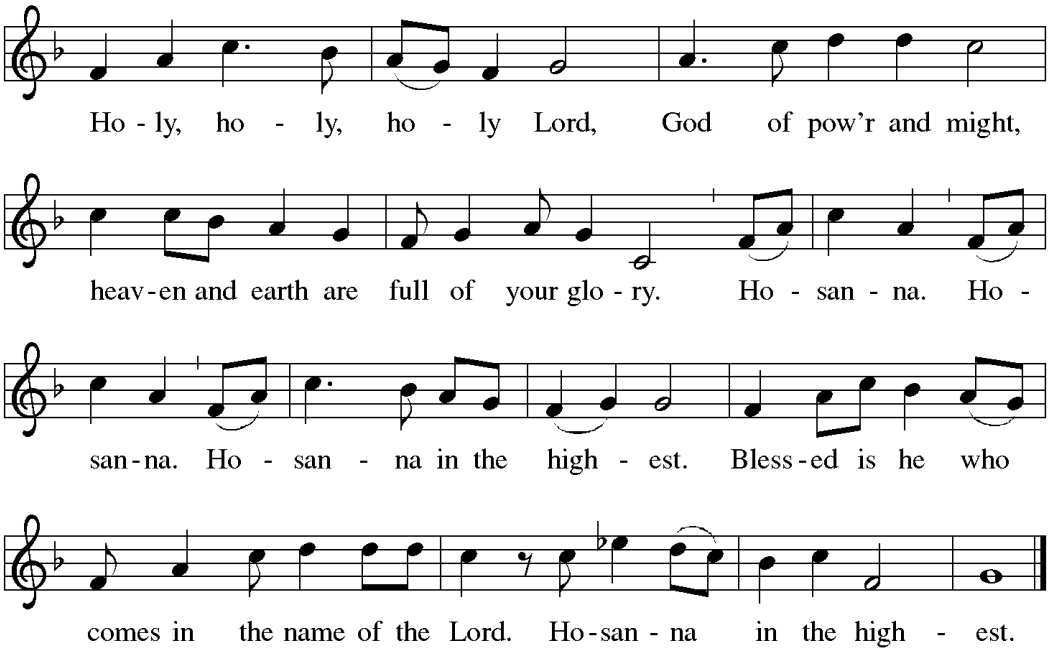
Be with Me, Lord --Larson

Please stand

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



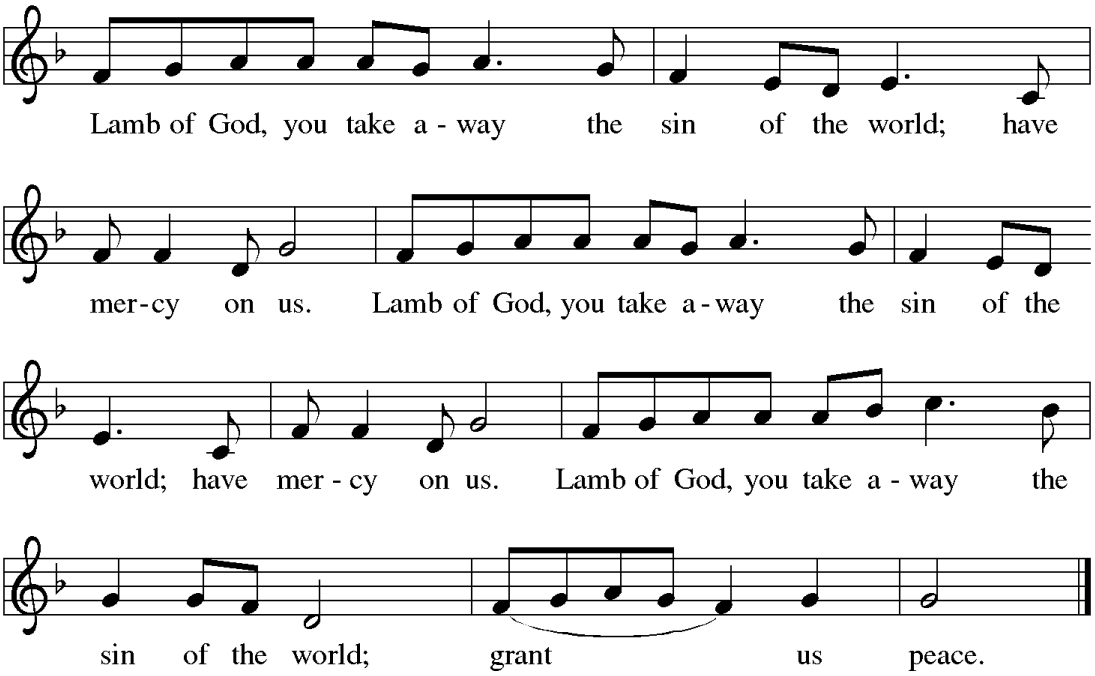
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

Please sit

LAMB OF GOD

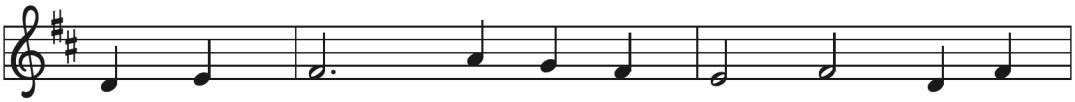


COMMUNION

All are welcome to share in communion this morning! Gluten-free wafers are available if needed. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray. If you would like to have communion brought to you in the pew, please don't hesitate to raise your hand to catch the traveling server's attention and also let the usher know. If you have questions about communion, contact Pastor Brad at: pastorbrad@epiphany-lutheran.com.

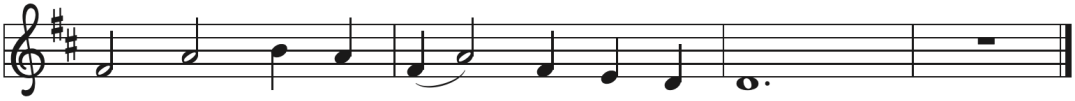
COMMUNION HYMN ACS 1017

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler



1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; come to
2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not
3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my
4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; rest in

me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -
fear, my bur - den's light; do not fear the path be -
yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -
me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is



bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
fore you; do not run from me in fright."
side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993
Music: AUSTIN, William P. Rowan, b. 1951
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Please stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of the bread and wine that we have shared, strengthen us and unite us in bonds of love and peace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

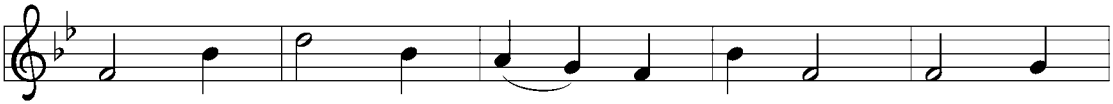
A God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior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

C Amen

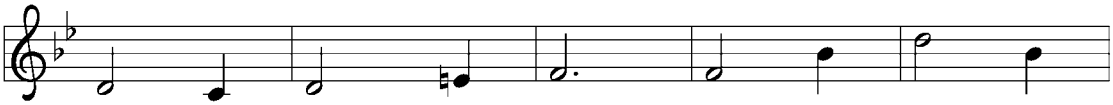
WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE WEEK

CLOSING HYMN **ELW #324**

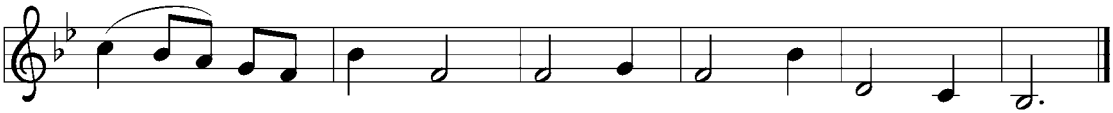
In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872
Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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