

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Friday in the Fourth Week of Easter ✦ 7:00 pm



GATHERING



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -
2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -
3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and
4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and
5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in
part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -
foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the
birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a
dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.
cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.
tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.
sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.
not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Leader

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

All

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

Leader All

To God be glo-ry for-ev-er! To God be glo-ry for-ev-er!

Leader Leader

Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1 Group 1, 2

Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader

Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3

Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assembly responds: **Amen.**

READING ✦ GENESIS 2:4-15

The assembly responds: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 148

The assembly repeats the antiphon after the choir sings:



The splen-dor of the LORD is o - ver earth and heav'n.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.

**Praise the Lord, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**

Praise the Lord, | sun and moon;
sing praise, all you | shining stars.

**Praise the Lord, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens. *Antiphon***

Let them praise the name | of the Lord,
 who commanded, and they | were created,
who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.

Praise the Lord | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;
fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;

mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;
wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;
sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;
young | men and maidens,
old and | young together.

Let them praise the name | of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.

**The Lord has raised up strength for the people
and praise for all | faithful servants,
the children of Israel,
a people who are near the Lord. | Hallelujah! *Antiphon***

READING ✦ ROMANS 8:19-23

The assembly responds: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

GOSPEL ✦ SAINT MATTHEW 22:36-40

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew.

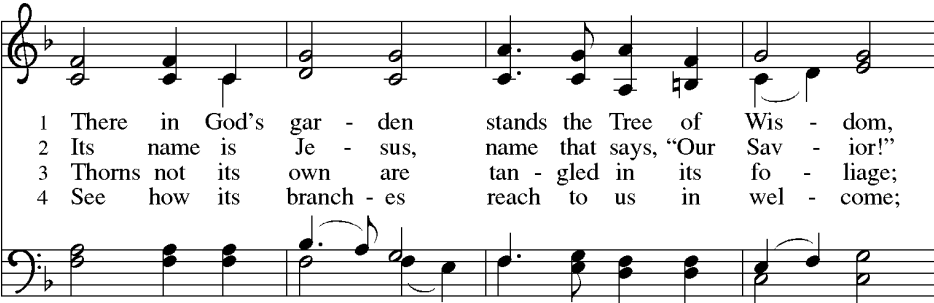
Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON


HYMN OF THE DAY



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,
this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord,
I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Let us remember with love and gratitude all the saints before God.

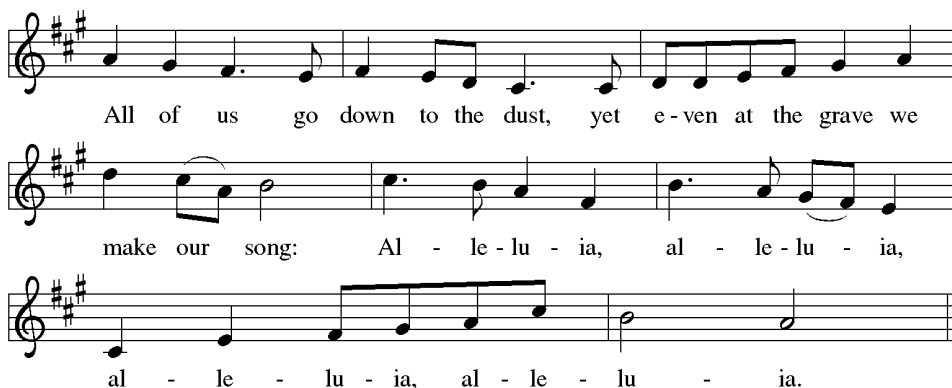
A brief silence.

Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart,

And you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

And you will find rest for your souls.



All of us go down to the dust is repeated after the choir sings:

Give rest, O Christ to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

All of us go down to the dust is repeated after the choir sings:

You alone, O God, are immortal,
the creator and maker of all that breathes;
and we are mortal, formed of the earth,
and to earth we shall return.
For when we were created, you said,
“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

You are the hope of all creation, merciful God, and we lift our prayers to you,
trusting in the name that is above every name, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

The offering is received for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, which supports pastors and other rostered leaders in times of crisis or opportunity. Write checks payable to "Metro NY Synod."

ANTHEM

HYMN



- 1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
- 2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
- 3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

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.

...and join their unending hymn:

San - to, san - to, san - to_es el Se - ñor,
Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to_es el Se - ñor.
San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to_es el Se - ñor,
Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to_es el Se - ñor.
Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -
di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.

...with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

...into the future.

We bless you, O God.

...with us now.

We thank you, O God.

...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...without end.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

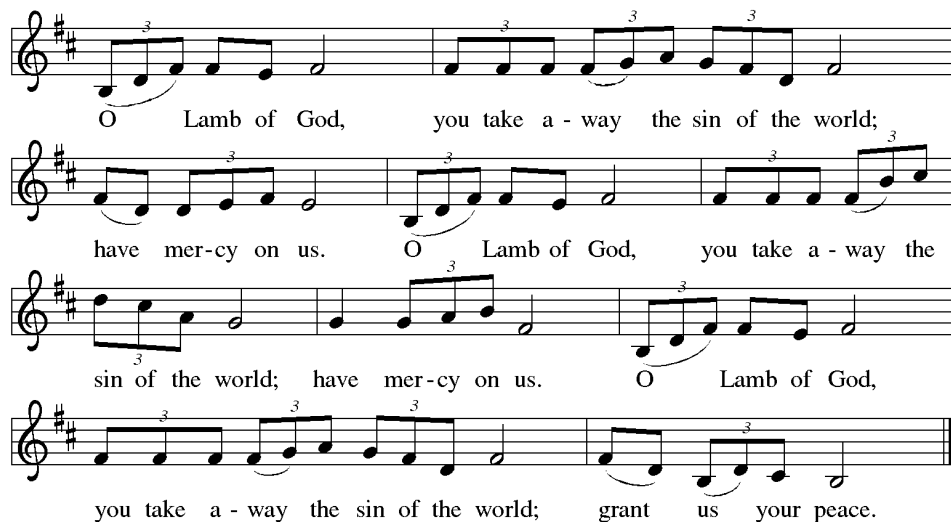
*Each prays **Our Father** in the language of their choosing.*

AT THE DISTRIBUTION

The bread is gluten free. The wine contains alcohol.

Grape juice is available in glass chalices.

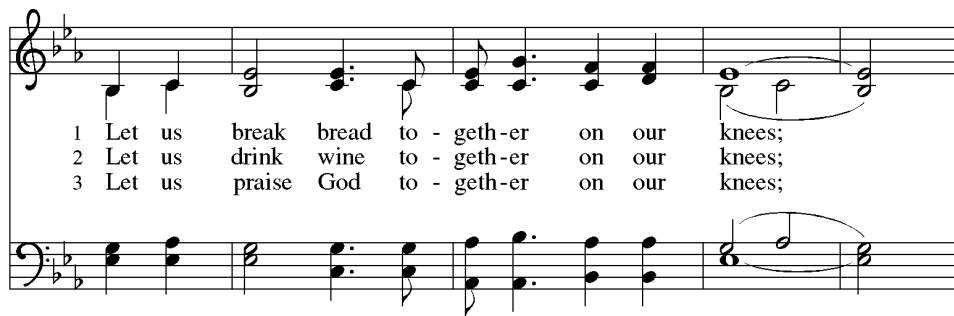
LAMB OF GOD




O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

ANTHEM

HYMN



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

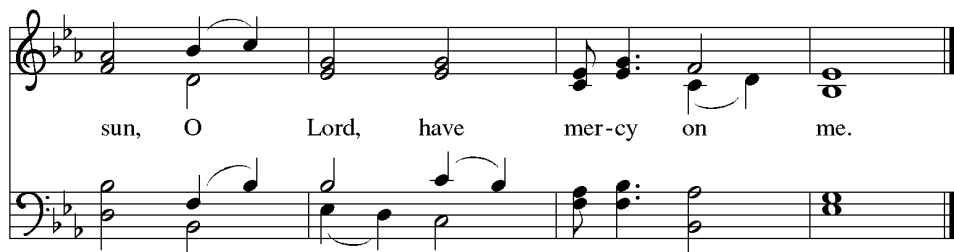


let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

PRAYER

The assembly responds: **Amen.**

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The assembly responds: **Amen.**

BLESSING

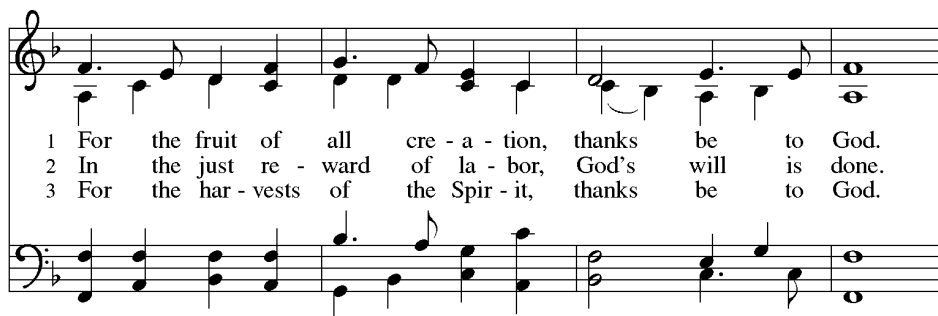
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.


The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

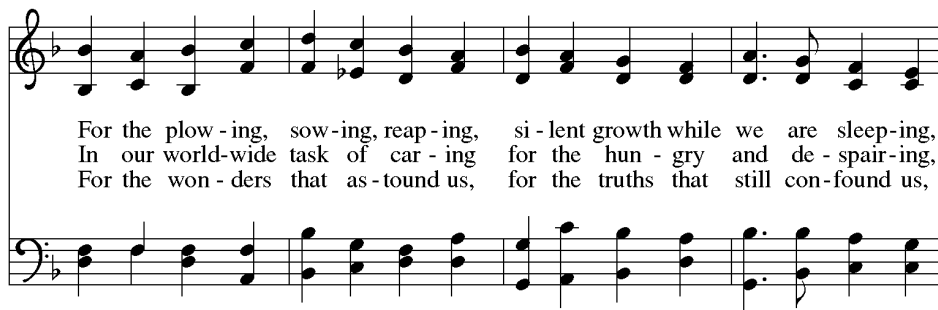
HYMN



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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