



**CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**FEBRUARY 23, 2025**



*PRELUDE*

Arioso in A

*J.S. Bach*

**✠ CONFESSIO & ABSOLUTION ✠**

*Stand*

**INVOCATION**

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**EXHORTATION & OPENING SENTENCES**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Kneel. If you are unable to kneel, please remain standing.*

**CONFESSIO OF SINS**

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

**ABSOLUTION**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

# ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

## INTROIT

Psalm 37:1-5; antiphon: vv. 7a, b

(sung as indicated)



**P** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him; \* fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way.

**I** *Fret not yourself because of evil- | doers; \* be not envious of wrong- | doers!*

**C** **For they will soon fade | like the grass \* and wither like the | green herb.**

**I** *Trust in the LORD, | and do good; \* dwell in the land and befriend | faithfulness.*

**C** **Delight yourself | in the LORD, \* and he will give you the desires | of your heart.**

**I** *Commit your way | to the LORD; \* trust in him, and | he will act.*

**C** **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.**

**P** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him; \* fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way.

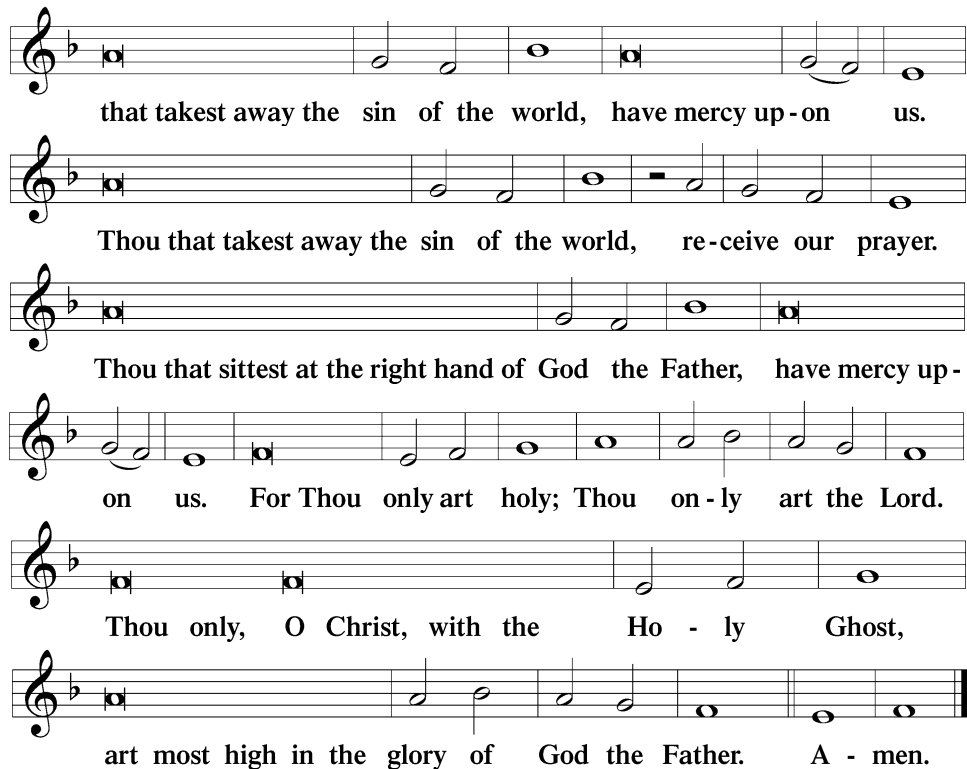
## KYRIE

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

(Canticle continues on following page.)



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

**SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Genesis 45:3-15**

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.



- I** Bless the LORD, | O my soul, \* and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!
- C** Bless the LORD, | O my soul, \* and forget not all his | benefits,
- I** who forgives all your in- | iquity, \* who heals all your dis- | eases,
- C** who redeems your life | from the pit, \* who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,
- I** who satisfies | you with good \* so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.
- C** The LORD works | righteousness \* and justice for all who | are oppressed.
- I** He made known his ways to | Moses, \* his acts to the people of | Israel.
- C** The LORD is merciful and | gracious, \* slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
- I** He will not | always chide, \* nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.
- C** He does not deal with us according | to our sins, \* nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.
- I** For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth, \* so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;
- C** as far as the east is | from the west, \* so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.
- I** As a father shows compassion to his | children, \* so the LORD shows compassion to those who | fear him.

**EPISTLE READING**

**1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42**

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death....

Why am I in danger every hour? I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.                      **C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

Luke 6:36

(sung as indicated)



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

- I** Be | merciful, \* even as your Father is | merciful.



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 6:27-38**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter.



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

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



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sit

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**My Soul, Now Bless Your Maker**

820



1 My soul, now praise your Mak - er! Let all with - in me  
 2 He of - fers all His trea - sure Of jus - tice, truth, and  
 3 For as a ten - der fa - ther Has pit - y on his  
 4 His grace re - mains for - ev - er, And chil - dren's chil - dren



bless His name Who makes you full par - tak - er Of  
 righ - teous - ness, His love be - yond all mea - sure, His  
 chil - dren here, God in His arms will gath - er All  
 yet shall prove That God for - sakes them nev - er Who

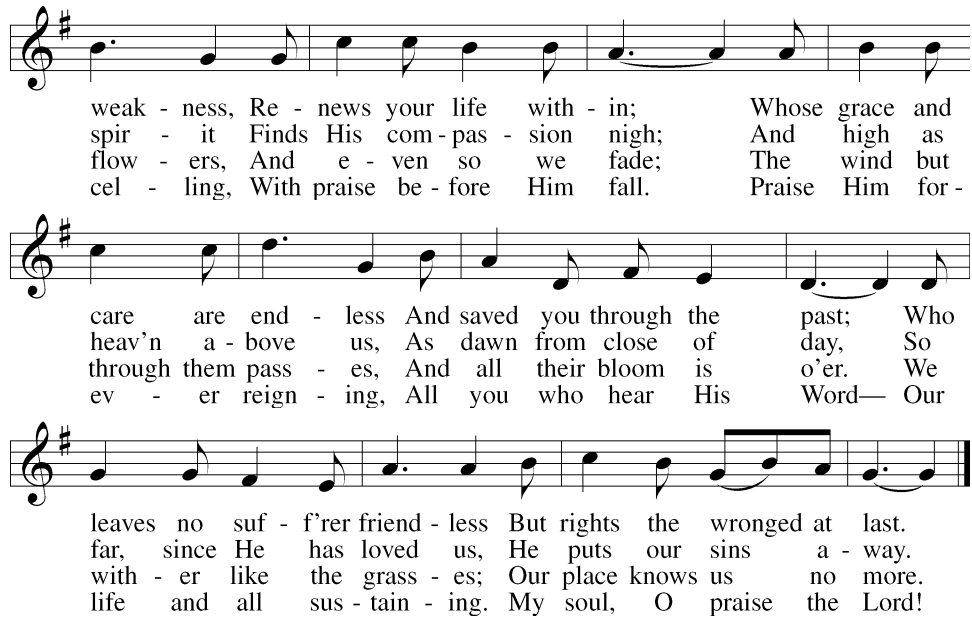


mer - cies more than you dare claim. For - get Him not whose  
 yearn - ing pit - y o'er dis - tress; Nor treats us as we  
 who are His in child - like fear. He knows how frail our  
 in true fear shall seek His love. In heav'n is fixed His



mee - ness Still bears with all your sin, Who heals your ev - 'ry  
 mer - it But sets His an - ger by. The poor and con - trite  
 pow - ers, Who but from dust are made. We flour - ish like the  
 dwell - ing, His rule is o - ver all; O hosts with might ex -

*(Hymn continues on following page.)*



weak - ness, Re - news your life with - in; Whose grace and spir - it Finds His com - pas - sion nigh; And high as flow - ers, And e - ven so we fade; The wind but cel - ling, With praise be - fore Him fall. Praise Him for - care are end - less And saved you through the past; Who heav'n a - bove us, As dawn from close of day, So through them pass - es, And all their bloom is o'er. We ev - er reign - ing, All you who hear His Word— Our leaves no suf - f'rer friend - less But rights the wronged at last. far, since He has loved us, He puts our sins a - way. with - er like the grass - es; Our place knows us no more. life and all sus - tain - ing, My soul, O praise the Lord!

**SERMON**

*Stand*

**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 of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

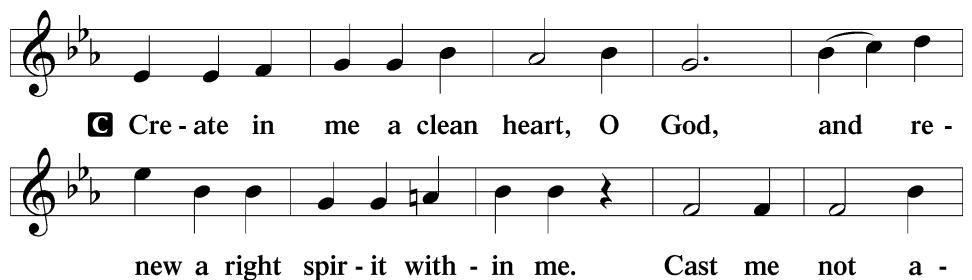
**P** ...let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

*Worshipers may leave offerings in the plates near the sanctuary doors.*

**OFFERTORY**




**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -




way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it  
from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-  
tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠


### PREFACE




**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**P** Let us give thanks un-to the Lord, our God.



**G** And with thy spir-it.



**G** We lift them up un-to the Lord.

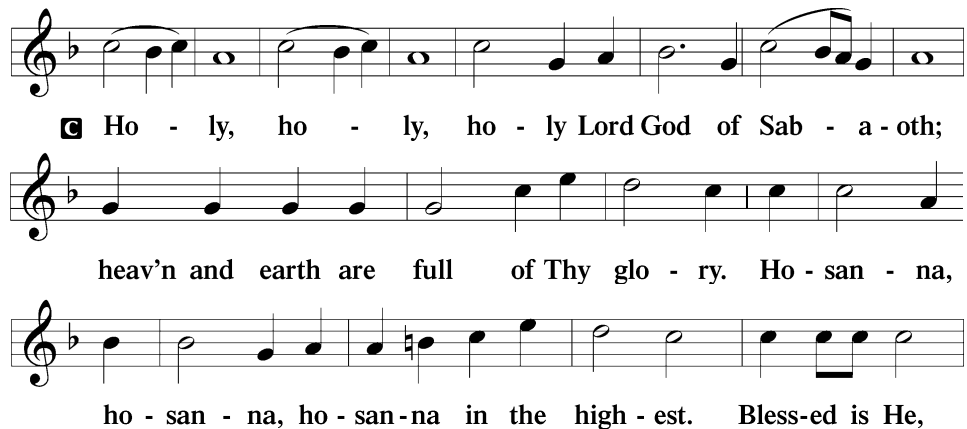


**G** It is meet and right so to do.

### PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly meet, 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



**G** Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry. Ho-san-na,  
ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He,

bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** Blessed are You, Lord Jesus Christ, almighty and everlasting Son of the Father. For by the sacrifice of Yourself upon the cross, offered once for all, You have perfected those who are sanctified. As a memorial and seal of this, You have ordained Your Holy Supper, in which You give us Your Body to eat and Your Blood to drink, so that being in You, even as You are in us, we may have everlasting life and be raised up at the Last Day.

Most merciful and exalted Redeemer, we humbly confess that we are not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth that You have shown to us. Because of our sins, we are too impure and weak to receive Your saving gifts. Sanctify us, therefore, in our bodies and souls by Your Holy Spirit. Prepare us to come to Your Supper, to the glory of Your grace, and to our own eternal good.

From the fullness of the merits of Your bitter suffering and death, O Lord, graciously supply whatever we may lack in true repentance and sorrow for our sins, in living faith and trust in Your merits, and in an earnest purpose to amend our sinful lives. Grant us this, so that we who in this present world partake of You, our only Consolation and Savior, in the Holy Sacrament, may at last see You face to face in Your heavenly kingdom and dwell with You and all Your saints forever.

**C** Amen.

**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.

**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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

**C** A - men.



AGNUS DEI

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Please note the communion statement in the bulletin. Follow the instructions of the ushers to approach the communion rail.

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

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1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join  
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie  
 3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;  
 4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;

And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.  
 For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!  
 'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.  
 He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

5 He fills the poor with good;  
 He gives the suff'ers rest.  
 The Lord hath judgments for the proud  
 And justice for th'oppressed.

6 His wondrous works and ways  
 He made by Moses known,  
 But sent the world His truth and grace  
 By His beloved Son.

1 Christ, our hu - man like - ness shar - ing, Heav - en's love on  
 2 Hear the word that Christ has spo - ken, Help the weak, the  
 3 Christ, in ev - 'ry con - gre - ga - tion Build Your tem - ple,  
 4 Come, O liv - ing Christ, re - new us, As of old in

earth por - trayed; Christ the Shep - herd, tend - ing, car - ing,  
 hun - gry feed; See the pow'rs of dark - ness bro - ken,  
 stone by stone, With Your word as firm foun - da - tion  
 wind and flame; With the Spir - it's pow'r en - due us,

In His death our ran - som paid: Christ the Sav - ior,  
 Sin - ners par - doned, cap - tives freed: Christ the Sav - ior,  
 For a faith ma - tured and grown: Christ the Sav - ior,  
 Ser - vants of Your sav - ing name: Christ the Sav - ior,

Christ the Ser - vant, Be Your life in us dis - played.  
 Christ the Ser - vant, Help us meet our neigh - bor's need.  
 Christ the Ser - vant, Make in us Your Gos - pel known.  
 Christ the Ser - vant, Christ whose king - dom we pro - claim.

1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in

Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to  
 pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with

share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may  
 me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,

From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and  
 And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your

joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.  
 life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

*Stand after the Presiding Minister has placed the sacramental vessels in order.*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** Amen.

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac - cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

**THANKSGIVING & POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, **C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

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1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace  
 2 Break down the wall that would di - vide  
 3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred  
 4 Give me Thy cour - age, Lord, to speak  
 5 With Thine own love may I be filled



To love all peo - ple, ev - 'ry race;  
 Thy chil - dren, Lord, on ev - 'ry side.  
 By love - less act and thought - less word.  
 When - ev - er strong op - press the weak.  
 And by Thy Ho - ly Spir - it willed,



And in each per - son may I see  
 My neigh - bor's good let me pur - sue;  
 Make me to see the wrong I do  
 Should I my - self the vic - tim be,  
 That all I touch, wher - e'er I be,



My kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by Thee.  
 Let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.  
 Will grieve my wound - ed Lord a - new.  
 Help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring Thee.  
 May be di - vine - ly touched by Thee.

**POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune

John Stanley

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