



*The Celebration of Holy Communion and the Rite of Ordination
into the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for*

Walle Lynn Kluever

*the tenth Sunday after Pentecost,
the first day of August,
in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one,
at three o'clock in the afternoon*

*McFarland Lutheran Church
5529 Marsh Road | McFarland, Wisconsin*

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION AND THE RITE OF ORDINATION

August 1, 2021— 3:00 PM

Masks are required for the duration of the liturgy, except when receiving the Sacrament. Masks should be closely fitted and **must cover the mouth and nose**. Exceptions will be made for those two years of age or younger. If needed, masks are available in the Narthex.

The people prepare for worship by silently praying the following prayer:

(✙) Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PRELUDE

John Scoville

The assembly stands.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

O, God Beyond All Praising

ELW 880



1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown—
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer-cies with - out end:
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav-en's gar - den grown:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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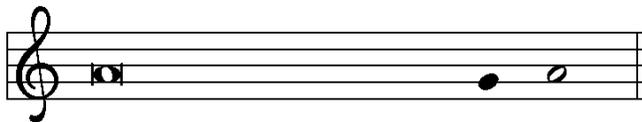
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THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

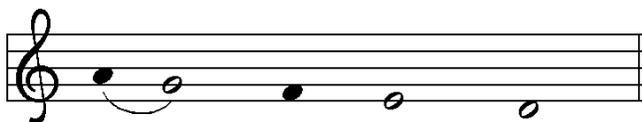
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

THE KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



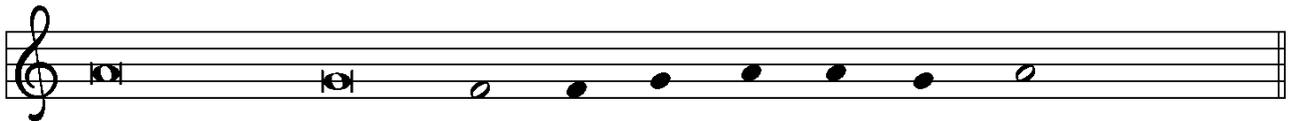
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



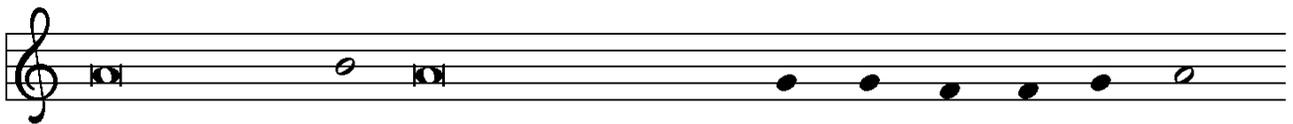
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



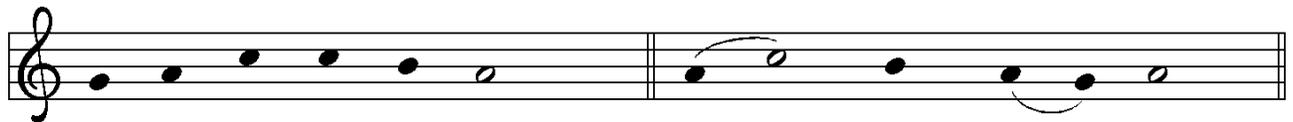
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



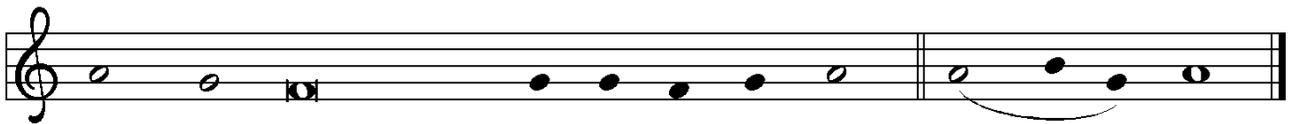
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

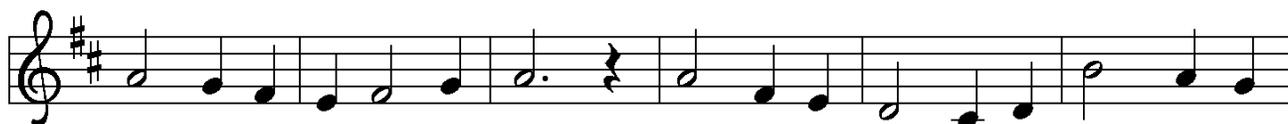
THE CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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



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.



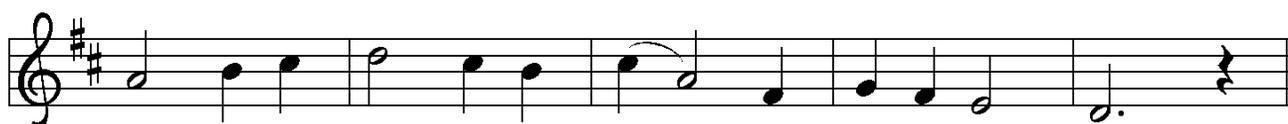
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



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.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, you built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, and you instituted the office of the ministry of word and sacrament so that the apostolic and prophetic work might continue throughout the ages. Grant that Halle, now to be ordained, may carry out this ministry faithfully in the power of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The assembly is seated.

THE FIRST LESSON—Exodus 3:1-12

¹ Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” ⁴ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵ Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶ He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹² He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

L The Word of the Lord,

C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALMODY—Psalm 103:1-8, 19-22

*Read responsively by whole verse, Lector / **Congregation***

- ¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
- ² **Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—**
- ³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ **who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**
- ⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.
- ⁶ **The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
- ⁸ **The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- ¹⁹ The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.
- ²⁰ **Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones
who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word.**
- ²¹ Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers that do his will.
- ²² **Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

THE SECOND LESSON—Romans 12:1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

L The Word of the Lord,

C Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

ELW 174

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

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

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THE HOLY GOSPEL—Saint Matthew 28:16-20

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

THE SERMON

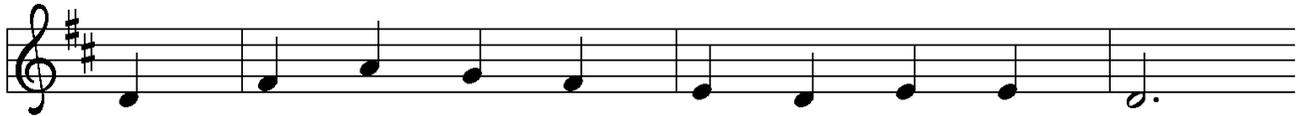
The Reverend Carolyn Staats

Following the sermon, the assembly stands for the Hymn of the Day.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

The Son of God, Our Christ

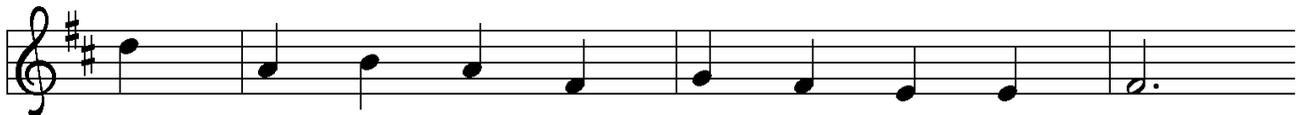
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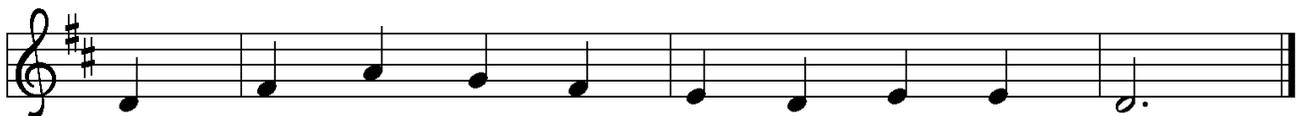
1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,
 2 In ev - 'ry test, in tri - als man - i - fold,
 3 To - day, as then, Christ sum - mons us to dare
 4 In cit - y street, in town, or on the soil,
 5 Wher - e'er we find our wit - ness should be made,



shared hu - man life and toiled through - out the day;
 these ser - vants wit - nessed, by their faith made bold;
 to fol - low bold - ly and his work to share,
 may each serve Christ in faith - ful dai - ly toil,
 what - e'er our task, be thou, O Christ, our aid,



from com - mon folk he called the twelve to be
 and with the gifts and tal - ents which they brought
 to help and heal the sick, the blind, the lame,
 and in each thought and kind - ly word and deed,
 that we may glad - ly give for thee our best



co - work - ers in his sa - cred min - is - try.
 the church was found - ed and God's mes - sage taught.
 de - clar - ing to the world his ho - ly name.
 o - bey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.
 and find each task di - vine - ly sent and blest.

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THE NICENE CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C **We believe in God,**
the **Father, the Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in on Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only **Son of God,**
eternally begotten of the **Father,**
God from God, Light from Light
true **God from true God,**
begotten, not made,
of one **Being with the Father;**
through whom all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the **Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary**
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the **Father.**
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life,
who proceeds from the **Father and the Son,**
who with the **Father and the Son** is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

The assembly remains standing.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE ORDINAND

S I present for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament Halle Lynn Kluever, who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and who has been called by the church to this ministry through Saint John's Lutheran Church.

C Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated.

P All baptized Christians are called to share in Christ's ministry of love and service in the world, to the glory of God and for the sake of the human family and the whole creation. According to apostolic usage you are now to be entrusted with the office of word and sacrament in the one holy catholic church by the laying on of hands and by prayer.

A Our Lord Jesus Christ says, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)

Again, Jesus says, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

Saint Paul writes: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (I Corinthians 11:23-26)

P Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this assembly, I ask: Will you assume this office, believing that the church's call is God's call to the ministry of word and sacrament?

H *I will, and I ask God to help me.*

P The church in which you are to be ordained confesses that the holy scriptures are the word of God and are the norm of its faith and life. We accept, teach, and confess the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. We also acknowledge the Lutheran confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the holy scriptures. Will you therefore preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and these creeds and confessions?

H *I will, and I ask God to help me.*

P Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

H *I will, and I ask God to help me.*

P Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

H *I will, and I ask God to help me.*

P Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C Amen.

The assembly stands.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition, the assembly responds:

A ...Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

The assembly remains standing.

The ordinand kneels.

THE HYMN OF INVOCATION

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove

ELW 578



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, de - scend
2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry; to you,
3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's
4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part, and shed
6 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, and you,



up - on us from a - bove; with grac - es man - i -
the gift of God most high, true fount of life, the
al - might - y hand be - hold; while you with tongues of
your love in ev - 'ry heart; your own un - fail - ing
of both, to be but one; that through the a - ges



fold re - store your crea - tures as they were be - fore.
fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
fire pro - claim to all the world God's ho - ly name.
might sup - ply to strength - en our in - fir - mi - ty.
all a - long your praise may be our end - less song.

Text: Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. composite
Music: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER, J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543

THE THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, we bless you for your infinite love in Christ our Lord, in whom we have redemption and forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace. We thank you that by his death your Son overcame death, and that, raised by your mighty power, he gives us new life. We praise you that, having ascended into heaven, Christ pours out his gifts abundantly on the church, making some apostles, some prophets, some pastors and teachers, to equip your people for their work of ministry for building up the body of Christ.

*The Bishop lays both hands on the head of the ordinand. Other clergy impose one hand.
This is the moment of Ordination.*

P Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon Halle and fill her with the gifts of grace for the ministry of word and sacrament. Bless her proclamation of your word and administration of your sacraments, so that your church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for service. Make her a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise counselor. Grant that in all things she may serve without reproach, that your people may be renewed and your name be glorified in the church; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The assembly is seated.

THE CLOTHING IN THE VESTMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Halle's pastoral stole is presented to her by her husband Joshua. The stole is gifted to her by Dennis and Janet Knutson, her maternal grandparents.

P Receive this stole as a sign of your work, and live in obedience to the Lord Jesus, serving his people and remembering his promise: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 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."

(Matthew 11:28-30)

The newly ordained stands.

THE CHARGE OF MINISTRY

P Hear the words of the apostles: Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called. (1 Timothy 6:11-12)

A Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. (Acts 20:28)

- P Tend the flock of God that is in your charge, not under compulsion but willingly, not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. (1 Peter 5:2-4)
- A Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.
(1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

THE BLESSING OF THE NEWLY ORDAINED

- P Halle, care for God's people, bear their burdens, and do not betray their confidence. So discipline yourself in life and teaching that you preserve the truth, giving no occasion for false security or illusory hope. Witness faithfully in word and deed to all people. Give and receive comfort as you serve within the church. And be of good courage, for God has called you, and your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

- C Amen.**

The assembly stands.

THE ACCLAMATION BY THE ASSEMBLY

- P Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, receive Halle as a messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a servant of Christ?
- C We will, and we ask God to help us.**
- P Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?
- C We will, and we ask God to help us.**
- P Let it be acclaimed that Halle is a called and ordained minister in the church of Christ. She has Christ's authority to preach the word of God and administer the sacraments, serving God's people as together we bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.
- C Amen. Thanks be to God.**

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The assembly may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace from their pews, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful* **ELW 184** *Sung by the Soloist*

*The collected offering will benefit **Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison**, Halle's alma mater. Lutheran Campus Ministry is located in the heart of UW-Madison, which serves students from UW-Madison, Edgewood College, and Madison College. In addition to offering worship services and faith-building opportunities, Lutheran Campus Ministry fosters student leadership and cultivates community. In non-pandemic times, free meals are offered throughout the week at the Lutheran Campus Center, which is open daily for studying, snacks, and fellowship. In conjunction with Luther Memorial Church, Lutheran Campus Ministry supports The Keep, a student resource space, which hosts a food pantry to meet the basic needs of students, faculty, and staff. Nutritious choices are offered in hopes of eliminating food insecurity in the three campus communities.*

The offering plate will not be passed among the pews during the liturgy; instead, a collection box is available in the Narthex. If you are unable to give today, you may support Lutheran Campus Ministry at <https://www.lcmmadison.org/giving/>

The assembly stands.

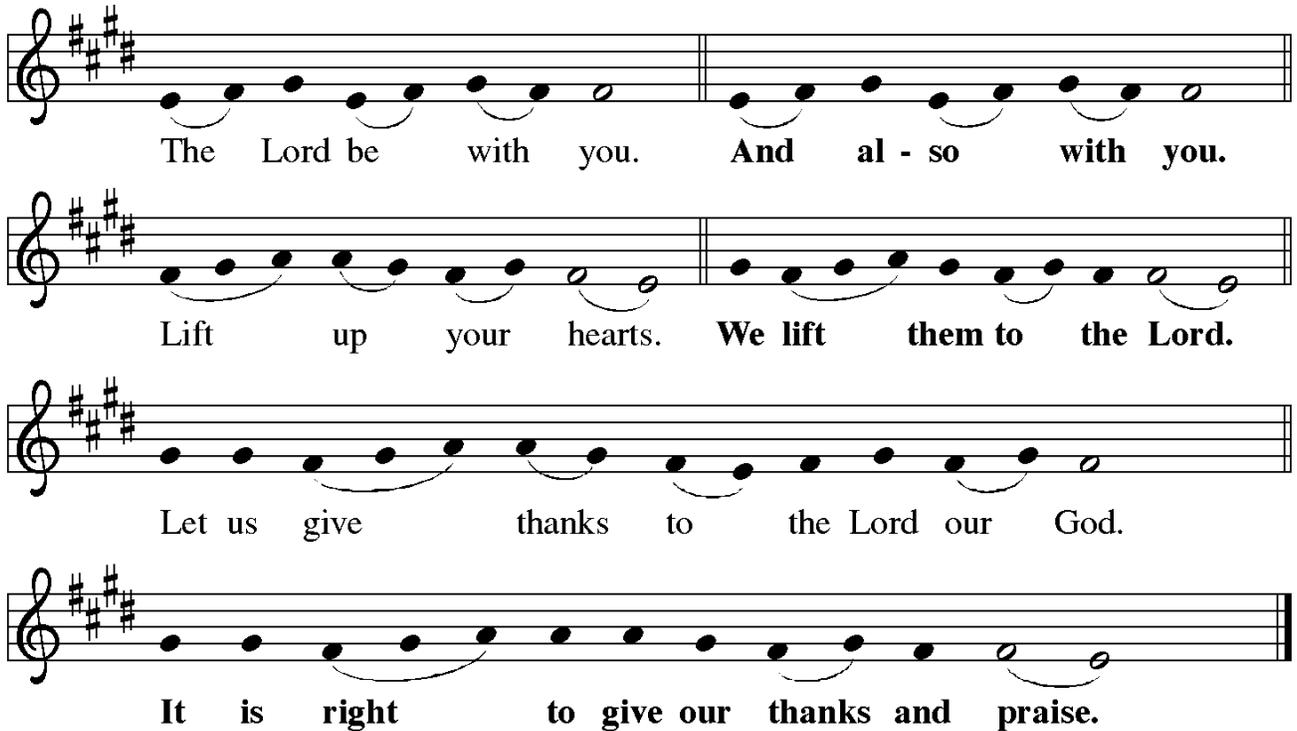
THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

C **O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SURSUM CORDA

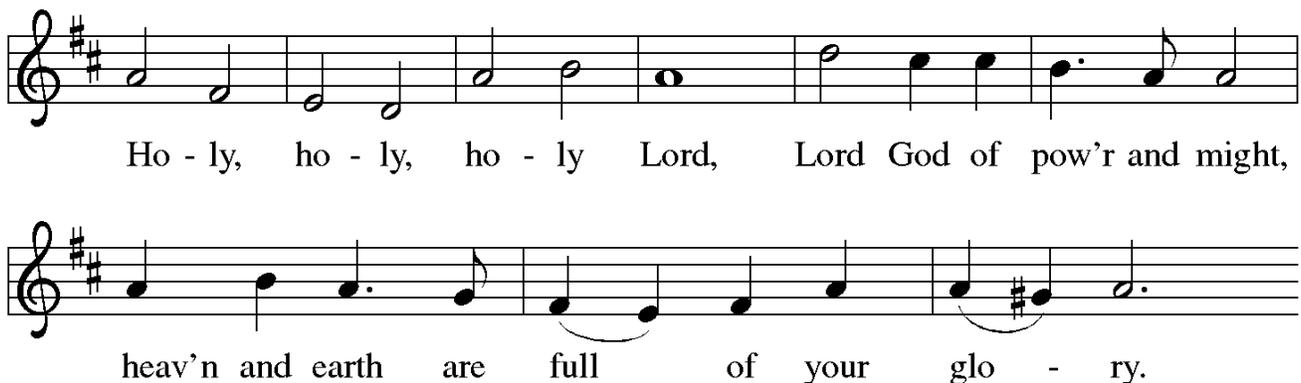


The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful god, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the gospel and teach the nations, and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age. And so, with the glorious company of the apostles, with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.*

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.*

P For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

C Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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 FRACTION

P When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

C Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

P The gifts of God for the people of God. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The assembly is seated.

AGNUS DEI



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 COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Holy Communion is offered by invitation of the Lord. All baptized believers who trust that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

The Eucharist is offered as a pre-packaged element containing both the bread and the wine, which is made available prior to entering the sanctuary. To commune, open the packaging and consume the meal. Then, after the liturgy, discard the disposable contents of the packaging in the wastebaskets outside of the sanctuary.

THE HYMN AT THE DISTRIBUTION

O Living Bread from Heaven

LBW 197



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
2 My Lord, you here have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve with ho - ly fear.



Oh, won - drous food of bless - ing, oh, cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
And when you call my spir - it to leave this world be - low,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, with prais - es o - ver - flows!
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
I en - ter, through your mer - it, where joys un - min - gled flow.

Text: Johann Rist, 1606–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

When all have communed, the assembly stands.

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A We thank you, almighty and gracious God, that you have fed us with heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son, uniting us through him in the communion of the Holy Spirit. As you have again raised up among us a faithful servant for the ministry of word and sacrament, grant that we, with Halle, may joyfully serve you all our days and finally rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

C Amen.

THE HYMN TO CLOSE

To Be Your Presence

ELW 546



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924
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THE DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



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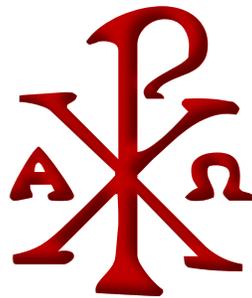
ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given in celebration by the congregation of Saint John's Lutheran Church in Slatington, Pennsylvania, where Halle is called to serve.



RECEPTION INFORMATION

All guests are invited to join Halle and her family at Brandt Park (4160 Siggelkow Road) following the liturgy. Hors d'œuvres, cake, and beverages will be provided!



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