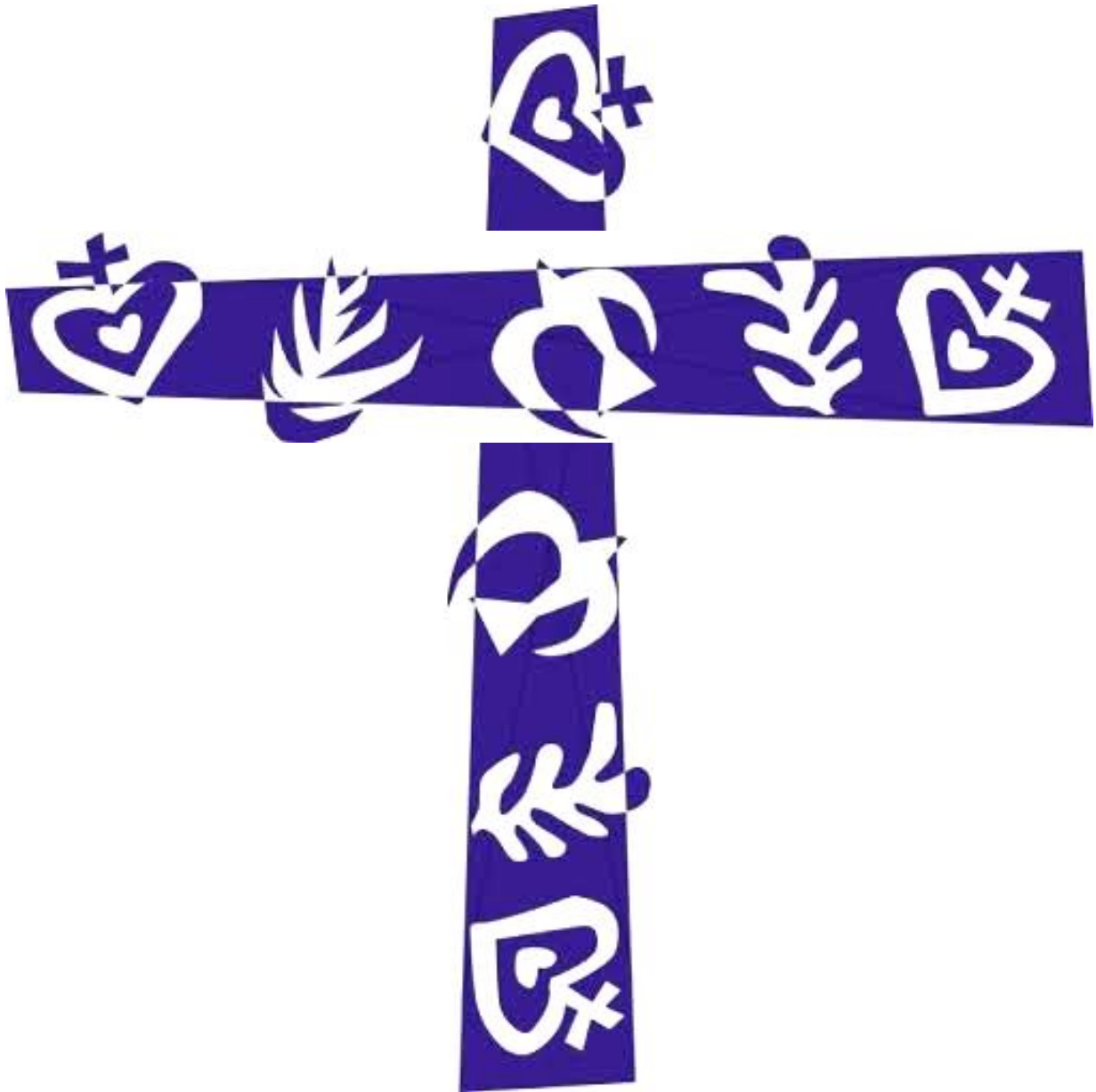


**Third Sunday in Lent  
St. Andrew's Church  
March 23, 2025**



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# Prelude

## Liturgy of the Word

### Opening Hymn #439

### *What wondrous love is this*

*All stand.*

*Unison*



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



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God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



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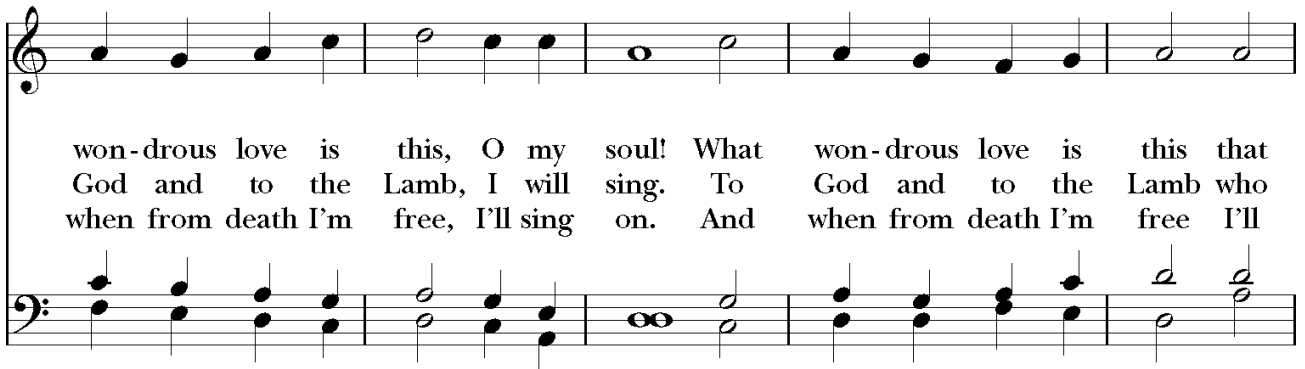


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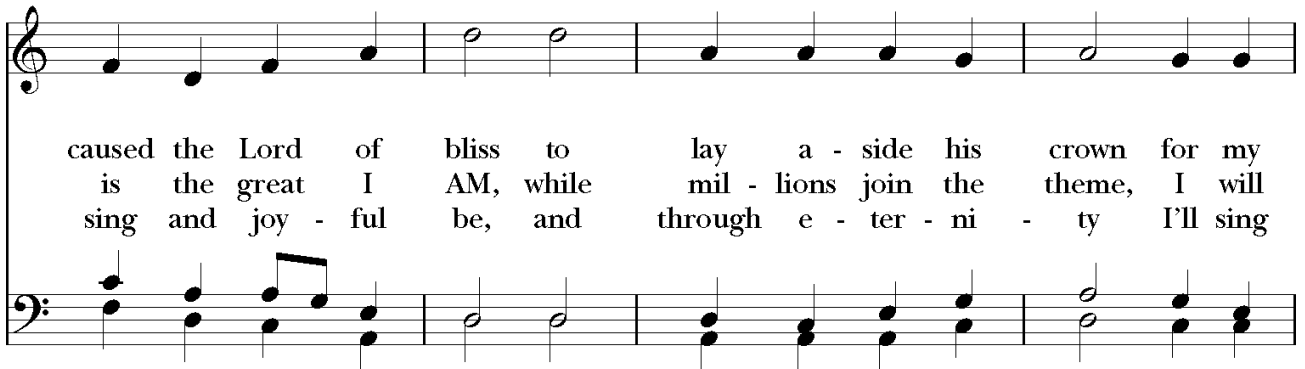
Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)



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## **Penitential Order**

*Please sit or stand or kneel as you prefer.*

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*All:* **God's mercy endures forever.**

*Celebrant:* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

*Mark 12:29-31*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

## **Confession**

*All:* **Most merciful God,  
We confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
That we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
To the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**Song of Praise WLP #825 Taize chant Bless the Lord, My Soul**  
*Let us sing together three times; add harmonies as you would like*

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:* **Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*LEM*

**A Reading from the Book of Exodus**

**Exodus 3:1-15**

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. 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. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” 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.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” 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.

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, 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. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” 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.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.”

*LEM:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*LECTOR*

**Psalm**

**Psalm 63:1-8**

*Led by Lector and read responsively, by half verse.*

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
**my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
**that I might behold your power and your glory.**
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
**my lips shall give you praise.**

- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
**and lift up my hands in your Name.**
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
**and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,**
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
**and meditate on you in the night watches.**
- 7 For you have been my helper, \*  
**and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.**
- 8 My soul clings to you; \*  
**your right hand holds me fast.**

*LECTOR*

**A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians            1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

*Lector:*            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*All:*                **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn #685

## Rock of Ages

*Please stand.*

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,  
3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,  
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;  
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

## The Holy Gospel

**Luke 13:1-9**

*Remain standing*

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*All:* **Glory to you, O Christ.**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of



Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

*Please be seated after the opening prayer.*

## **Silence for Reflection**

## **Affirmation of Faith**

**Lisa Frenz, adapted**

*Please stand and face the cross.*

**We believe in God the Creator, who created and is creating everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of God.**

**We believe in God the Christ, who saved and is saving everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us: each of us; unique, individual and beloved of the Christ.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who guided and is guiding everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of the Spirit.**

**We believe that this one God in three persons, is present among us, working directly in our lives and the lives of all who are born into this world.**

**We believe that through Jesus Christ this one God is striving to bring us back into harmony with all creation and with God: never rejecting any who willingly receive this freely offered gift of love and grace and eternal life.**

**We believe that through the Holy Spirit, this one God moves through the Church and through all of creation forgiving, healing, and touching everyone, now and in the age to come. Amen.**

LEM

## The Prayers of the People

*BCP, Form III*

LEM: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**All: That we all may be one.**

LEM: Mother, grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**All: That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

LEM: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**All: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

LEM: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**All: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

LEM: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**All: That our works may find favor in your sight.**

LEM: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially *Charles, Helen, Sheila, Louise, DuSean, Mary, Edna, Oriana, Gabriel, Joan, Sara, Joe, Janet, Charles, Sandra, Vicky, Anita and Rich, Beverly, Nancy, Patricia, Diane, Martha, Bill, Sally, Kappa, Ola, James, Elizabeth, Judy, Michael*, those who are struggling, for undocumented folks, and all facing exclusion or harm, for those we now name \_\_\_\_\_, we pray

**All: That they may be delivered from their distress.**

LEM: Give to the departed eternal rest, especially those we now name \_\_\_\_\_, we pray

**All: Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

LEM: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.

**All: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

LEM: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for all who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries, *especially Sally and Stella*.

We pray for Muslims observing Ramadan, that they may deepen their faith.

LEM: For what else shall we pray?

*Long pause to encourage everyone to add their own petitions, silently or aloud.*

LEM: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

***BCP, p. 360***

*Remain standing.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory Sentence**

*Celebrant:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself, an offering and sacrifice to  
God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Hymn #648

*When Israel was in Egypt's land*

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo-ple go;  
 2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;  
 3 They jour-neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo-ple go;  
 4 Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo-ple go;

op - pressed so hard they — could not stand, let my peo-ple go.  
 to lead the chil-dren of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.  
 and came at length to — Ca - naan's land, let my peo-ple go.  
 and let us all in — Christ be free, let my peo-ple go.

*Refrain*

Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;

tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo-ple go.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Prayer B**

*BCP*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*All:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to God.

*All:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Gracious God, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**The Sanctus**

**Hymnal 1982, #114 Healey Willan**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
 Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
 - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Celebrant:* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

*All:* **In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.**

*Celebrant:* On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

*All:* **We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant:* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

*All:* **In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, God-bearer, blessed St. Andrew, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.**

*Celebrant:* By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Merciful God, now and for ever.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

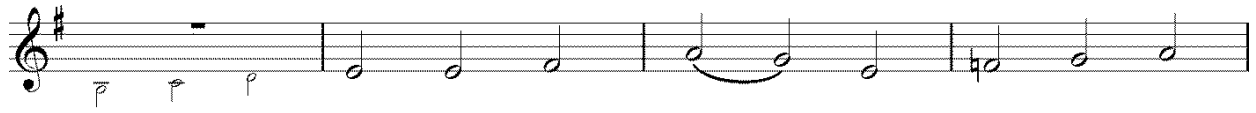
*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All:* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Fraction Anthem: O Lamb of God*

*Agnus Dei*

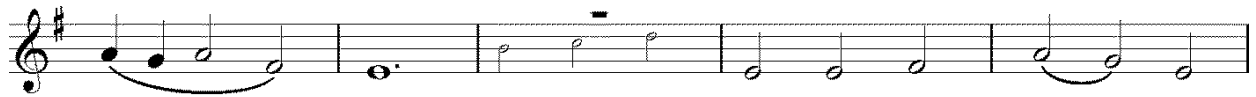
*Hymnal S158*



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -



way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -



on us. O Lamb of God, that



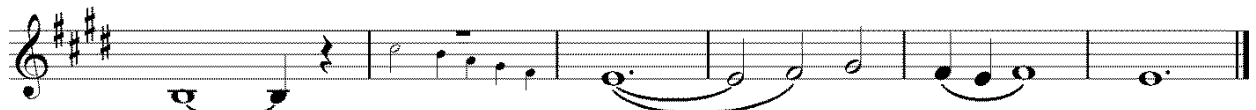
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mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of



God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the



world, grant us thy peace.



## **The Communion of the People**

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*BCP, p. 366*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:* **Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the earth be with you  
the peace of the heaven's too  
the peace of the rivers be with you  
the peace of the oceans too.  
Deep peace falling over you. God's peace growing in you, and the blessing of God  
all loving, enfold you this day and always.

*All:* **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

Closing Hymn #344

*Lord dismiss us with thy blessing*

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

## **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

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## **MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR TODAY**

Celebrant: ..... Rev. Allison Moore  
LEM: ..... Rae Slingerland  
Lector: ..... MaryAnn Lis-Simmons  
Usher: ..... David Slingerland  
Altar Guild: ..... Jennifer McPherson  
Organist: ..... Janet Frommer  
Coffee Hour: ..... Vicky Bishop

## **Sources of Liturgy**

Affirmation of Faith. <https://sites.google.com/site/lisasliturgies/home>