

# *The* RECEPTION *of the* LORD'S SUPPER

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# *The* SERVICE *of the* WORD

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## OPENING HYMN *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* 672



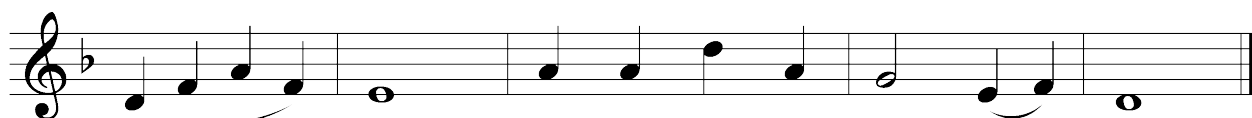
1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence and with fear and  
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard  
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man like - ness,  
on the way as the Light from Light, de - scend - ing  
sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



for with bless - ing in his hand Christ, our God, to earth de -  
in the bod - y and the blood he will give to all the  
from the realms of end - less day, comes the pow'rs of hell to  
as with cease-less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing, comes our hom - age to com - mand.  
faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
van - quish as the dark-ness clears a - way.  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

## INVOCATION

*¶ Stand*

THE grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

## CONFESSION

WE have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER *and* PRAISE

IN the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

LORD Jesus Christ, though I am unworthy to receive your Holy Sacrament, I trust in your grace to make me worthy. Grant that I may come to your table with a repentant heart, rightly discern your true body and blood, and receive you with faith unto life everlasting. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a short, simple melody for the word 'Amen'.

## *The* WORD

### FIRST READING *Exodus 24:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>THEN the Lord said to Moses, “Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance, <sup>2</sup>but Moses alone is to approach the Lord; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him.” <sup>3</sup>When Moses went and told the people all the Lord’s words and laws, they responded with one voice, “Everything the Lord has said we will do.” <sup>4</sup>Moses then wrote down everything the Lord had said.

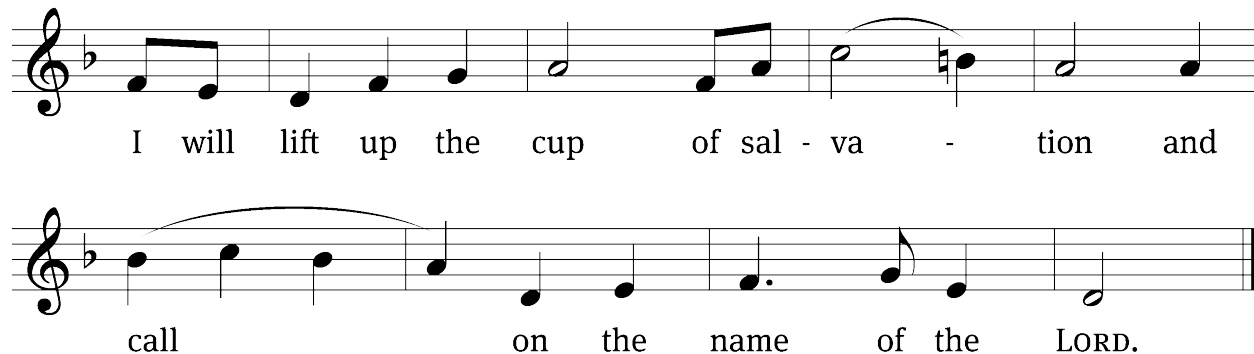
He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the Lord. <sup>6</sup>Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. <sup>7</sup>Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, “We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey.”

<sup>8</sup>Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, “This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.” <sup>9</sup>Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up <sup>10</sup>and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky.

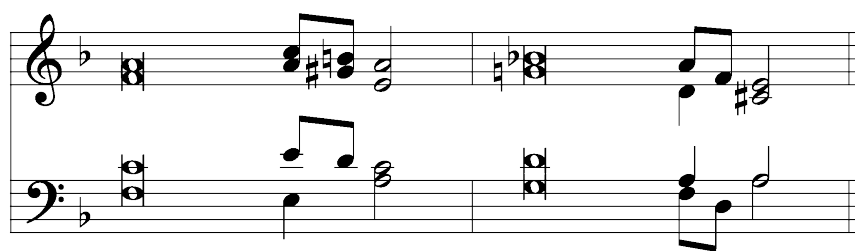
<sup>11</sup>But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

# PSALM OF THE DAY *Psalm 116*

## *Refrain*



## *Tone*



I love the Lord, for he / heard my voice;  
 he heard my cry for / mercy.  
 Because he turned his / ear to me,  
 I will call on him as long / as I live.  
 For you, Lord, have delivered / me from death,  
 my eyes from tears, my feet from / stumbling,  
 that I may walk be- / fore the Lord  
 in the land of the / living. *Refrain*

What shall I return / to the Lord  
 for all his good- / ness to me?  
 I will lift up the cup of sal- / vation  
 and call on the name / of the Lord.  
**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. *Refrain***

## SECOND READING *I Corinthians 11:27-34*

SO then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 28Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. 29For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. 30That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. 31But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment. 32Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.

33So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together. 34Anyone who is hungry should eat something at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment. And when I come I will give further directions.

## VERSE OF THE DAY *I Corinthians 11:26*

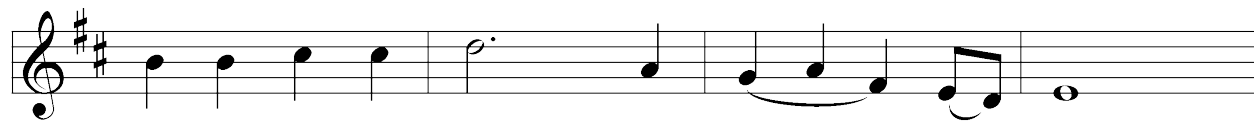
ALLELUIA. For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



*Stand*

## GOSPEL READING *John 13:1-15, 34*

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup>Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup>so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup>After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

<sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

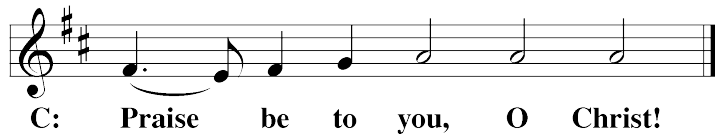
<sup>9</sup>"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

<sup>12</sup>When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup>"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>I have



set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 34“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

*After the reading of the Gospel:*



*Be Seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesus Comes Today with Healing* 668:1-4



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, knock - ing at my  
 2 Christ him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, yet in bread and  
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the  
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, gives him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.  
 wine a - bid - ing in this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
 Sav - ior ho - ly, blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
 me this hour — in this or - di - nar - y sign.



He him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, and I hear his  
 gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, and the cup, the  
 ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, who to bit - ter  
 On my tongue his pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept his



in - vi - ta - tion: “Come and taste the bless - ed feast.”  
 pre - cious to - ken of his sa - cred cov - e - nant.  
 death was giv - en, hung up - on the curs - ed tree.  
 grace, be - liev - ing that I taste his love di - vine.

# SERMON

*Stand*

## CONFESSION *Luther's Small Catechism*

FOURTH: Who, then, is properly prepared to receive this sacrament?

**Fasting and other outward preparations may serve a good purpose, but he is properly prepared who believes these words: “Given” and “poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.”**

**But whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is not prepared, because the words “for you” require nothing but hearts that believe.**

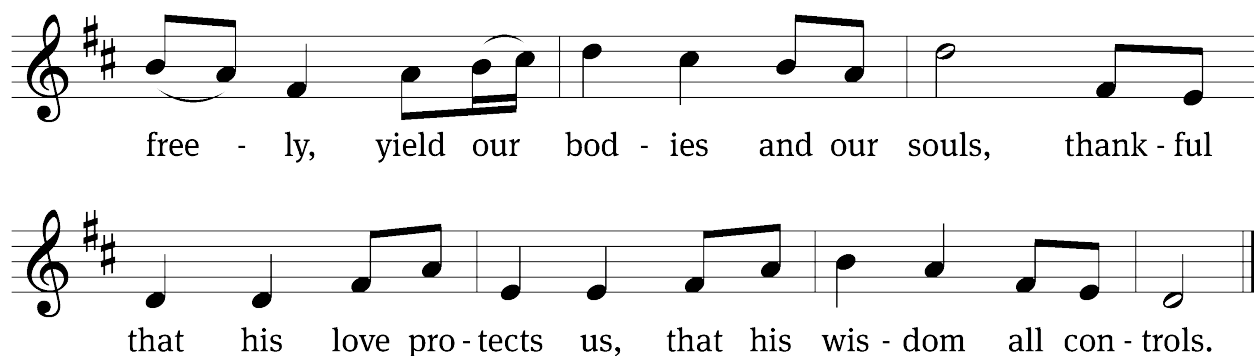
*Be Seated*

# THANKSGIVING

*Stand and sing the offering hymn as directed*

## OFFERING *Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly* 748:2

2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, by the gift of Christ, his  
Son, what great good - ness he has shown us, what high  
mar - vels he has done! Let us to him prompt - ly,



*¶ We are blessed with numerous ways to give an offering here at St. Paul's. You can set up recurring withdrawals through Vanco, or through your bank. You can scan the QR code or just drop it in the plate!*



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### 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 forever and ever. Amen.**

*¶ Be Seated*

# HYMN *Here, O my Lord I See You Face to Face* 660:I-4



1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;  
 2 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
 3 I have no help but yours nor do I need  
 4 Mine is the sin but yours the right - eous - ness;



here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,  
 this is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread a - new.  
 an - oth - er arm but yours to lean up - on.  
 mine is the guilt but yours the cleans - ing blood.



here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,  
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
 It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;  
 Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:



and all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.  
 the brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with you.  
 my strength is in your might, your might a - lone.  
 your blood, your right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.

*Stand*

## PRAYER

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE BLESSING

BROTHERS and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



***f** Be Seated*

# CLOSING HYMN *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

## 675:1-2, 5-6



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to  
 2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his  
 5 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky, hell's fierce  
 6 Now no more can death ap - pall, now no



our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide  
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—  
 pow'rs be - neath you lie. You have con - quered in the fight,  
 more the grave en - thrall; you have o - pened par - a - dise,



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 you have brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 and your saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!