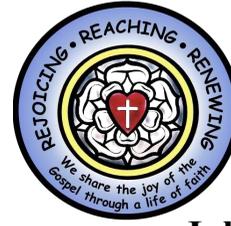
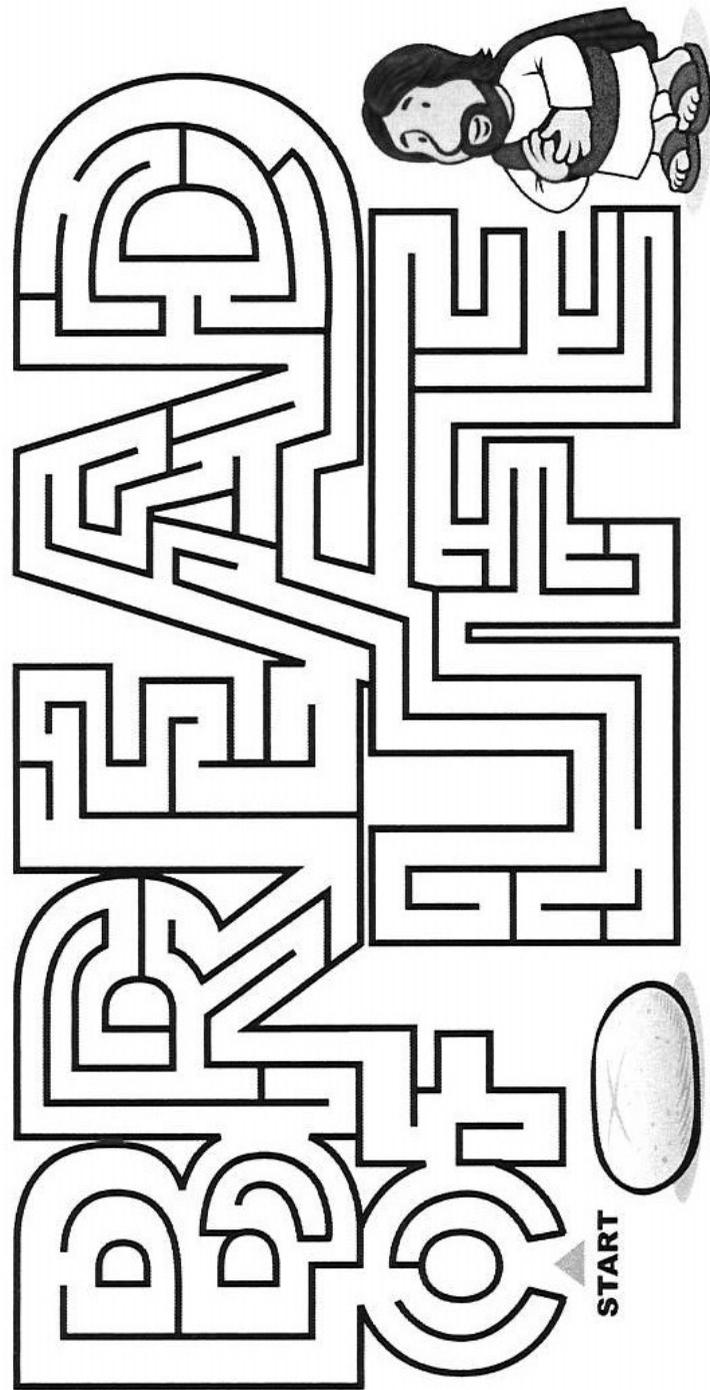


Can you make your way through the BREAD OF LIFE maze?



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July 28, 2024 ✚ The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

✚ GATHERING ✚

Prelude

(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.





The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

“I am the Bread of life,” says Jesus Christ.
“Whoever eats of this bread will never die.”

If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Prepare to be invited to the banquet of the Lord.
(Silence for confession and self-examination.)

Most merciful God,
**despite the kindness of your generosity,
we live in the futility of greed.
Darkened by sin and deluded by Satan,
we seek what only you can give:
we hunger and thirst for righteousness.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

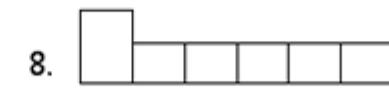
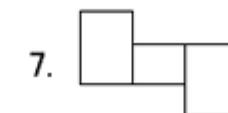
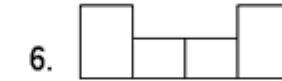
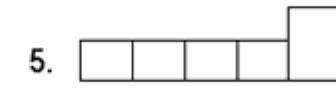
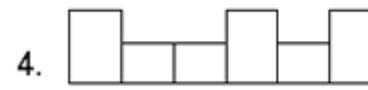
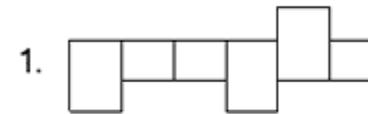
The Bread of Life was given for the life of the world.
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake our sins are forgiven.
Whoever comes to him will never hunger;
whoever believes in him will never thirst.
Amen. Thanks be to God!

Jesus Feeds the 5000

Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. John 6:11 (NIV)



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people	small	fish	twelve

Feeding the 5,000 (John 6:1-15; 22-40)

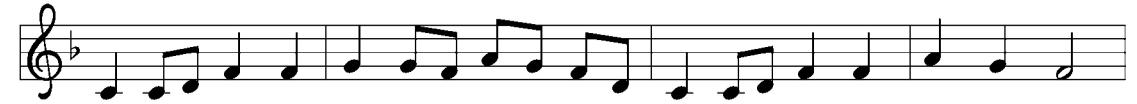
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Messiah	Mountains	Prophet	Miracle
Leftovers	Baskets	Loaves	Fish
Youngster	Hill	Bread	Crowd
Galilee			

Gathering Song

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

#461



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Opening Litany

O Christ, our gracious Giver, many are the blessings you shared with your people on the hillside long ago.

And many are the blessings you share with us, your people here and now.

When Jesus broke the five loaves of bread for the people, he gave thanks.
Grant us hearts that are thankful for your goodness.

Five thousand people sat together to eat the meal that Jesus provided.

**Grant us hearts that are thankful
for times we have together with family and friends.**

The people on the hillside were fed as much bread and fish as they wanted.

**Grant us hearts that are thankful
for the ways you supply us with all that we need
to support this body and life.**

After the meal was over,
the disciples picked up enough leftovers to fill twelve baskets.

**Grant us hearts that are thankful for life's abundant joys,
which are above and beyond what we truly deserve.**

After the meal, the people proclaimed,
"This is the prophet who is come into the world!"

**Grant us hearts that are thankful
for the gift of your presence in the world. Amen.**

Apostolic Greeting

The blessing of the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
the glorious love bestowed by the + Son,
and the power of the promised Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Father, I Adore You

W&P #37



1 Fa - ther,
2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be -
3 Spir - it,



fore you; how I love you.

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Benediction

May you go as God's people who are blessed to be a blessing.
May you go in the name of Jesus to touch and heal the hurt around us.
May you go with a strong presence of God's Holy Spirit
to be light and love to all the world.
May you go in the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending Song

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

#674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Distribution Hymn *Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal* #464



1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

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Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*
Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

Announcements



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*
Gracious God,
you have placed within the hearts of all your children
a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth.
Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven
and share this bread with all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

A reading from Second Kings.

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left." ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:10-18

Let us read Psalm 145 responsively.

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.
¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom**
and speak of your power,
¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;**
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,
and loving in all your works.

**¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.**

¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.

**¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

¹⁷You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.

**¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.**

Second Reading:

Ephesians 3:14-21

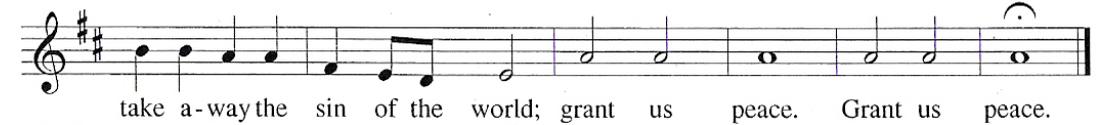
We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



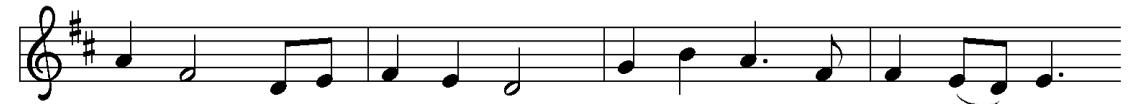
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If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:
The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.
The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Distribution Hymn

We Come to the Hungry Feast

#479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
That we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together as Jesus taught us...

**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.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

Family of God

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

Gospel Verse

Alleluia

Family of God

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! The Lord our God be
blessed! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Your Word brings righ - teous-ness. With
all your works, we praise you! Ex - alt your Name for - ev - er! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia!

Holy Gospel

John 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in

all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."

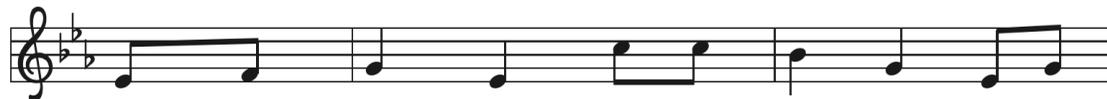
²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

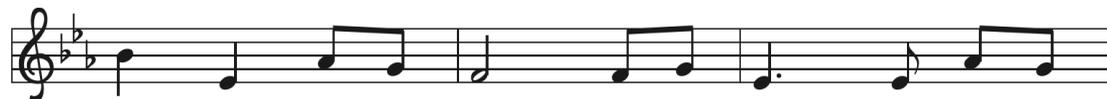
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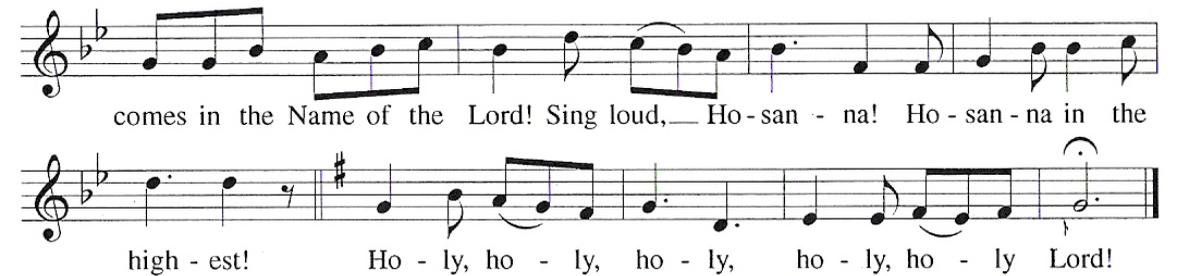
Hymn of the Day *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* ACS #966



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor.

When hungry and tempted, he refused to make bread for himself that he might be the bread of life for others.

When the multitudes were hungry, he fed them.

He broke bread with the outcast but drove the greedy out of the Temple.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your church,

delivered us from slavery into sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us

he took bread, gave thanks to you; broke the bread,

gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me,"

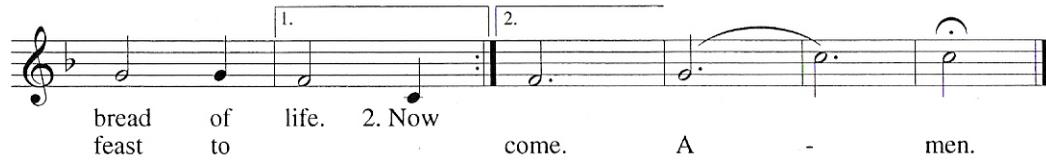
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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



✚ MEAL ✚

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface

Always and everywhere you are worthy of thanks and praise,
Almighty, All-providing God, through our Lord Jesus Christ,
the true Bread of Life, come down from heaven
that we might eat and not die, but be raised on the last day
and share forever in the feast to come.
And so, with all who bear your name on earth
and all who praise you name on high,
we join our voices in the everlasting hymn:

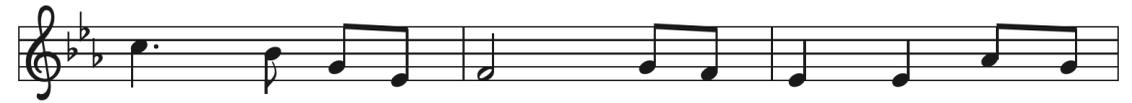
Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy* *Family of God*



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith...

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

P One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit,
we join our voices in prayer.

(A brief silence is kept.)

A God of generations,
you work in us far more than we can ask or imagine.
Bless the church you have called into being across time and space,
and fill it with the power of the Spirit for loving service.
In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P God of field and forest, streams and seas,
you are the fullness of all things.
As grains of wheat grow upon the earth and fish swim in the waters,
sustain your creation.
Protect harvests and give every person food in due season.
In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A God beyond borders, you rule all in all.
Bless the work of humanitarians and peacekeepers,
shield those who live, work, or serve in harm's way,
and bring an end to war and conflict.
In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P God of healing,
you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
We remember any who are sick or suffering, *especially...*
We also pray for families in our community who endure hunger,
those who seek asylum or citizenship,
and our beloved for whom death is near.
In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A God of grace, you root us and ground us in love.
As you inspired our ancestors in this place in their ministry,
sustain us also in new endeavors, that your glory may be made known,

and your lovingkindness shared anew.
In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence.
In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A God of all, your love in Christ surpasses all knowledge.
We give thanks for the departed
who have come to know the fullness of your grace.
Join our voices with theirs and all the saints in singing your praises.
In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms
we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray,
trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life,
Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

✠ OFFERING ✠

Offering Response

Your Vineyards, O Lord

Family of God

The musical score is written on four staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

1. Your vine - yards, O Lord, may they
(2.) gath - er the hopes and the
bear fruit for you. Please fill our cup full of your
dreams of all here; U - nite them in pray'r with these
bless - ing, we pray. And gath - er a har - vest from
of - f'rings we bring. Pre - side at our ta - ble, and
what you have sown, That we may be fed with the
grant us, we pray, A fore - taste of your prom - ised