

Wednesday Evening Service



The Communion of Saints

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The Word of God

Opening Song

Hymn V-160

1 Thank you, Lord, for this fine day, thank you, Lord, for
2 Thank you, Lord, for lov - ing us, thank you, Lord, for

this fine day, thank you, Lord, for this fine day, right where we are.
lov - ing us, thank you, Lord, for lov - ing us, right where we are.

Al - le - lu - ia, praise the Lord! Al - le - lu - ia,

praise the Lord! Al - le - lu - ia, praise the Lord! Right where we are.

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The Priest says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;
 for thou art with me;
 thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
 thou anointest my head with oil;
 my cup runneth over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Message

The Song

Hymn V-164

F Bb/D F/A Gm/Bb C

1 The church is wher-ev - er God's peo - ple are prais - ing,
 2 The church is wher-ev - er God's peo - ple are help - ing,

F Bb/D F/A C7 F Gm7/D

sing-ing their thanks for joy on this day. The church is wher-ev - er dis -
 car - ing for neigh-bors in sick-ness and need. The church is wher-ev - er God's

Gm/Bb C F/A Dm Gm7 C7 F

ci - ples of Je - sus re - mem - ber his sto - ry and walk in his way.
 peo - ple are shar - ing the words of the Bi - ble in gift and in deed.

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Confession

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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.*

The Lord's Prayer

The Priest bids the Lord's Prayer with these or similar words:

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

Priest and people together

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 Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is discord, union;
 where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek
 to be consoled as to console;
 to be understood as to understand;
 to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

The priest and people pray together:

Lord, it is night.
The night is for stillness.
 Let us be still in the presence of God.
It is night after a long day.
 What has been done has been done;
 what has not been done has not been done;
 let it be.
The night is dark.
 Let our fears of the darkness of this world
 and of our own lives
 rest in you.
The night is quiet.
 Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
 all dear to us,
 and all who have no peace.
The night heralds the dawn.
 Let us look expectantly to a new day,
 new joys,
 new possibilities.
In your name we pray. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

The Priest and People pray:

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that holy things have taken;
may the ears which have heard your word
 be deaf to clamor and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
 be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
 shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
 be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. Amen.

The Priest pronounces this blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Song

Hymn H-42

1 Now the day is o - ver, night is draw - ing nigh,
5 Through the long night watch - es may thine an - gels spread

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with the first line starting at measure 1 and the second line starting at measure 5.

1 sha - dows of the eve - ning steal a - cross the sky.
 5 their white wings a - bove me, watch - ing round my bed.

1 eve - ning steal a - cross the sky.
 5 bove me, watch - ing round my bed.

6 When the morning wakens, then may I arise
 Pure, and fresh, and sinless in thy holy eyes.

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Dismissal

Hymn V-166

1 Go now in peace, 2 go now in peace, may the love of

3

God sur-round you ev-ery-where, ev-ery-where you may go.

ORFF INSTRUMENT PATTERNS

1 Alto Glockenspiel 2 Metallophone 3 Alto Xylophone 4 Bass Xylophone

The accompaniment may be keyboard, handbells, or Orff instruments.

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The Priest says

Thanks be to God.

People

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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