

# ORÓER OF ÓIVINE SERVICE



TWENTY-TDIRÓ SUNÓAY

AFTER DENTECOST

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

# WELCOME! TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER!



For baptized Christians (Matthew 28:19) who have been instructed in the faith (Galatians 6:6), The Lord's Supper is our participation in the body and blood of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16), as the one body of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:17), to receive forgiveness of sin (Matthew 26:28) and to proclaim the Lord's death until He comes (1 Corinthians 11:26).

So that those who partake of the Lord's Supper do so in a worthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:27) and not to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:29), let us each examine ourselves (1 Corinthians 11:28):

- Do you believe that you are a sinner? That you have sinned in thought, word and deed?
- Are you sorry for your sin?
- Do you trust that Jesus Christ gives forgiveness of sin through His Supper?
- Do you believe that the body and blood of Jesus are present in, with and under the bread and wine?
- Do you seek to lead godly lives by the power of the Holy Spirit?

Please speak to a pastor or usher if you have questions. Gluten-free wafers are provided upon request. Non-alcoholic grape juice is provided in the center of each communion tray. Those who are not communing may come forward for a blessing from the pastor.

# As WE GATHER



One of the great mysteries of the Christian faith can be summed up in the word "near." "Near" can indicate something that is almost here but hasn't yet arrived. And at the same time, "near" can point to something already with us, like those "near and dear" to our hearts. The word "near" resounds

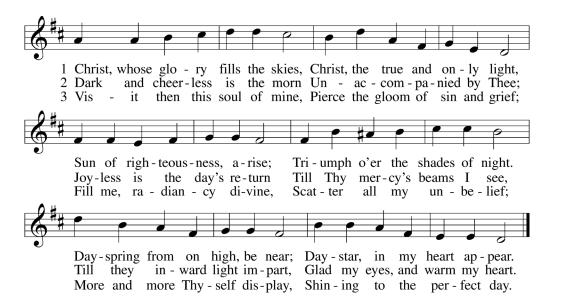
with feelings of the here and now and the not quite yet. Today in worship, Your Savior, Jesus, is near! He is present here and now, delivering grace upon grace. And He is on His way, bringing the fullness of His freedom. Praise the God who comes near in Jesus Christ, our Lord!

# PRELUDE

TOLLING OF THE BELL

# WELCOME

### **INVOCATION HYMN**



# **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of your Baptism.

EXHORTATION 1 John 1:8–9

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel | Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

ABSOLUTION John 20:19–23

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the H Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

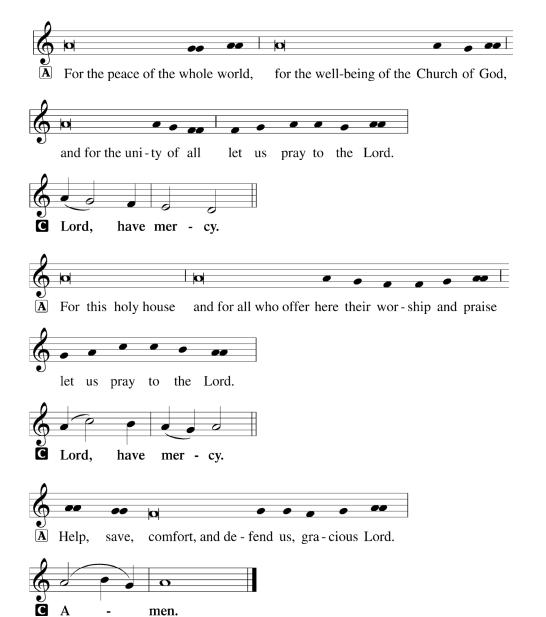
KYRIE Mark 10:47





A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



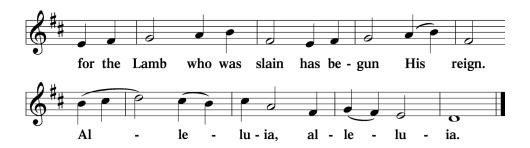




Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9







# SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

# FIRST READING

Malachi 4:1-6

**L** The Old Testament Reading is from Malachi, chapter 4.

"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM** Psalm 98; antiphon: v. 9b

- L Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
- His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
- **L** The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- **G** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
- L All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- L Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!
- With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
- Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!
- Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.
- L He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

EPISTLE READING 2 Thessalonians 3:1–13

**A** The Epistle is from 2 Thessalonians, chapter 3.

Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

## Stand

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:68



THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 21:5–28

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.

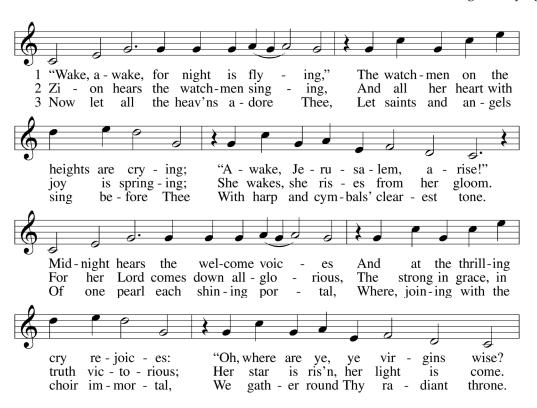
"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

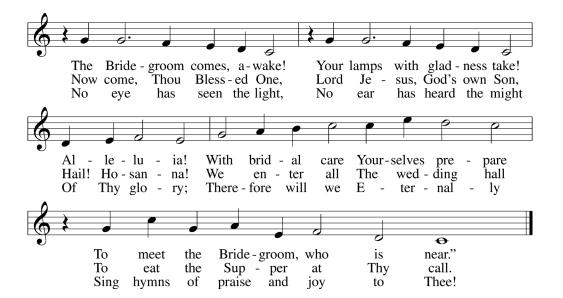
"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

# Sit SERMON HYMN

516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying





# **SERMON**

# **Troubling Times, But You Are Saved**

Pastor Mark Stapleton

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God, begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

### Kneel

# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Lord Jesus Christ, through You all things were made. You have entrusted us with the care of all creation. Embolden us to be good and faithful stewards of all that You have made until You return to dwell with us again. For until Your return, we pray,
- **C** come quickly, Lord Jesus.
- P Lord Jesus, in Your incarnation and birth You deigned to dwell among us, even as an infant. Bring comfort to all those who are living through the challenges of infertility and miscarriage. Bring them Your healing, and give them wisdom as they seek to do Your will. For until Your return, we pray,
- **C** come quickly, Lord Jesus.
- Lord Jesus, in Your earthly life You suffered much at the hands of lawless men. Be with all those who suffer now through abuse, illness, or injustice, [especially . . .]. Heal them according to Your will. For until Your return, we pray,
- **C** come quickly, Lord Jesus.
- Lord Jesus, by Your death and resurrection, You destroyed death forever. While we look forward to the resurrection, each human being still faces earthly death. We bring before You all those who are mourning the death of

loved ones, [especially . . .]. Comfort them with Your presence and the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. For until Your return, we pray,

- **C** come quickly, Lord Jesus.
- Lord Jesus, be present in Your Church. Give us faithful pastors, teachers, musicians, administrators, and other church workers, that we walk together with You, bringing Your Gospel to all nations. For until Your return, we pray,
- **C** come quickly, Lord Jesus.
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C Amen.

### Sit

# **OFFERING**



# STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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# **ANTHEM** (10:45am)

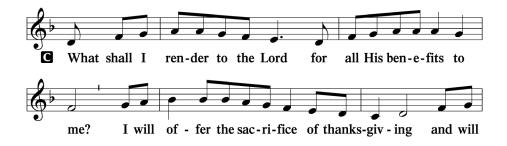
# THE EYES OF ALL | Jean Berger (1909-2002)

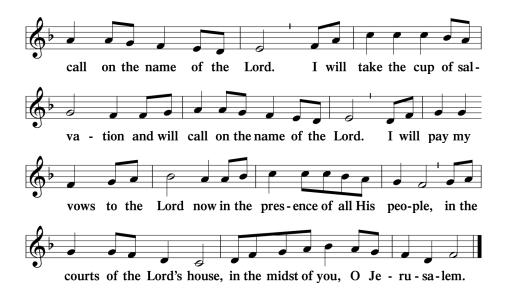
The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season

# Stand

## **OFFERTORY**

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19





# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

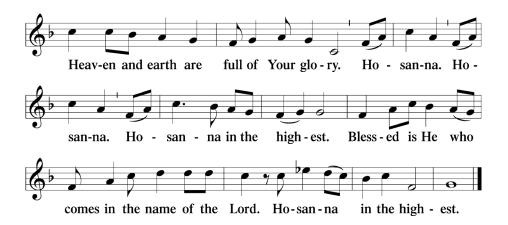
# **PREFACE**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

# **SANCTUS**

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9





# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

# PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

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.

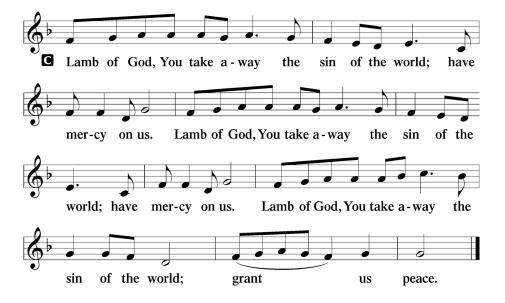
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI John 20:19

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

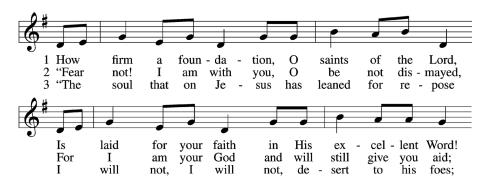
AGNUS DEI John 1:29





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### 728 How Firm a Foundation





# Stand

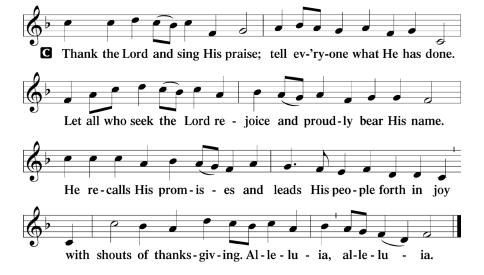
# **DISMISSAL**

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 

  → in peace.
- C Amen.

# THANK THE LORD

Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43; 1 Chronicles 16:8-10



# **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

# BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

CAmen.

# CLOSING HYMN

514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us



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# **POSTLUDE**

# SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

Rev. Mark Stapleton, Homilist & Liturgist Dr. Marc Brunelle, Director of Music/Organist Cantata Choir of St. John's (10:45am) Lynne Braun, Lector (8:00am) Bruce Smith, Lector (10:45am)

# THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

We are holding a 10:00am **Service of Thanksgiving** on Thanksgiving Day, November 27. Please join us to give thanks to God for all the blessings and gifts God has bestowed upon us.



# ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Frank Moore and Christina Lass-Moore in gratitude for God's many blessings in our marriage.

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