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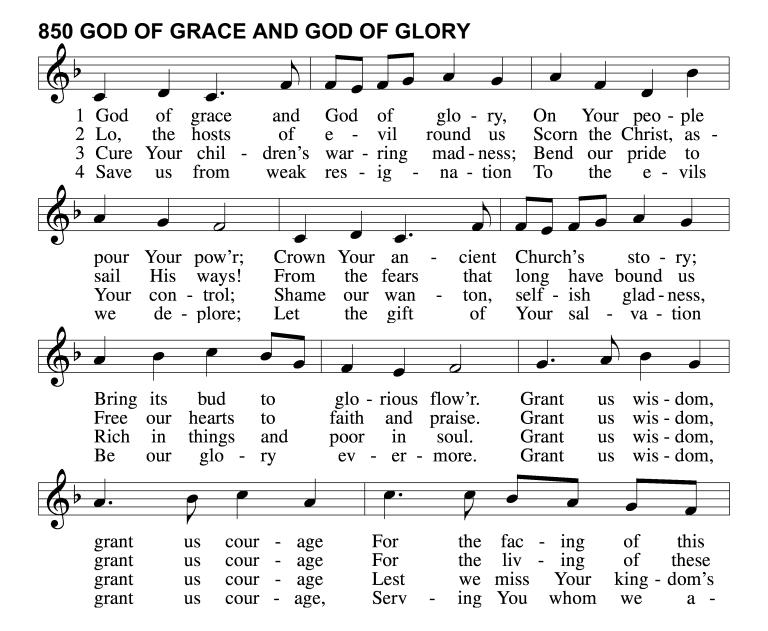
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12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AS WE GATHER: KNOW YOUR PLACE

At Peace Conway, we know that in Christ we are never left wondering where we belong. The world often measures worth by status, wealth, or influence, and it is easy to feel like we must compete for a "place at the table." Yet Jesus turns that thinking upside down. In His Kingdom, greatness is found in humility, and the invitation to the feast is extended to the poor, the hurting, and the least likely. Here, in God's house, we are welcomed not because of what we bring, but because of what Christ has done for us. As we worship today, we rejoice that our true place is already secured, at the Lord's Table, in His Kingdom, and among His people by grace through faith. And until the day we join the heavenly banquet, we live as His humble servants, seeking the good of others and trusting His promises for our lives and our congregation.

+ PREPARATION +





INVOCATION

PIn the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CAmen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 149:1-4

Praise the LORD! Sing to the Lord a new song,

CHis praise in the assembly of the godly!

PLet Israel be glad in his Maker;

Clet the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

- PLet them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!
- **©** For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.
- PFor truly I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move,
- CAnd nothing will be impossible for you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

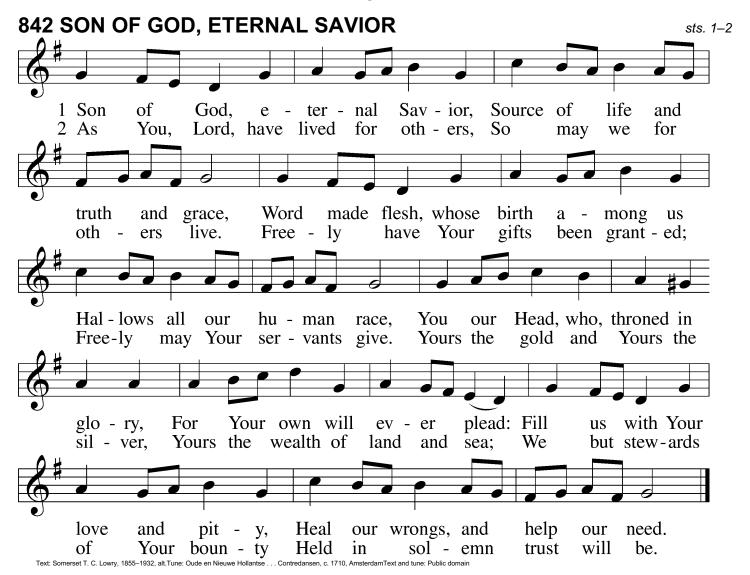
- PIt is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in Luther's catechism instructs us with these words: "Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven." Humble yourselves, then, before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.
- You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all of my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.
- PGod be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

CAmen.

PAs you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

GAmen.





SALUTATION

LThe Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PSALM 131

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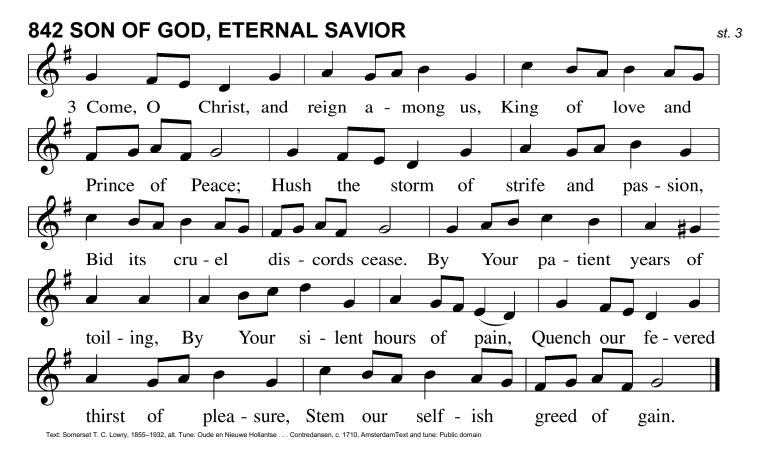
¹O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. ²But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me. ³O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.

LO Lord, have mercy on us. Thanks be to God.

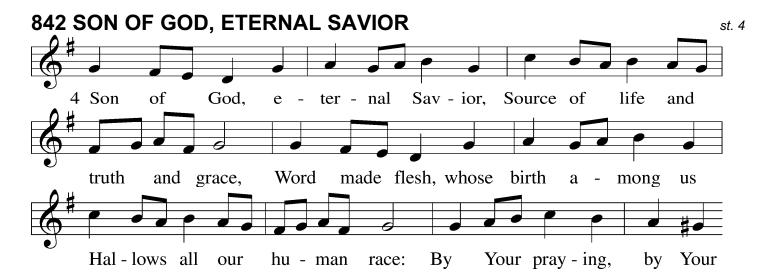
PRAYER OF THE DAY

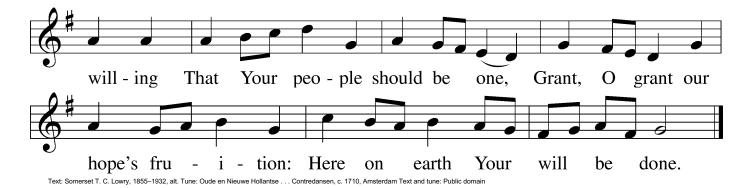
LO Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE





OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 25:2-10

²It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. ³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. ⁴Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; ⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. ⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen ⁸do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? ⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, ¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

LThis is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 13:1–17

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that

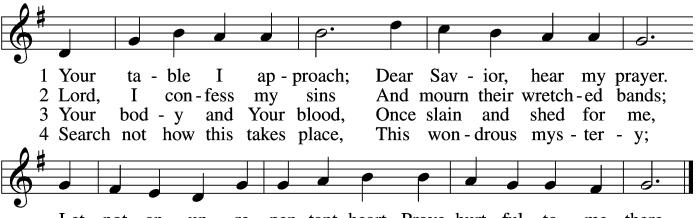
acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

IThis is the Word of the Lord.

GThanks be to God.

628 YOUR TABLE I APPROACH



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there. A con-trite heart is sure to find For - give-ness at Your hands. Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty. God can ac - com-plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- **5** O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

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VERSE Luke 14:11

CAlleluia. Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL
Luke 14:1–14

PThe Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent.

Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

PThis is the Gospel of the Lord.

CPraise to You, O Christ.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

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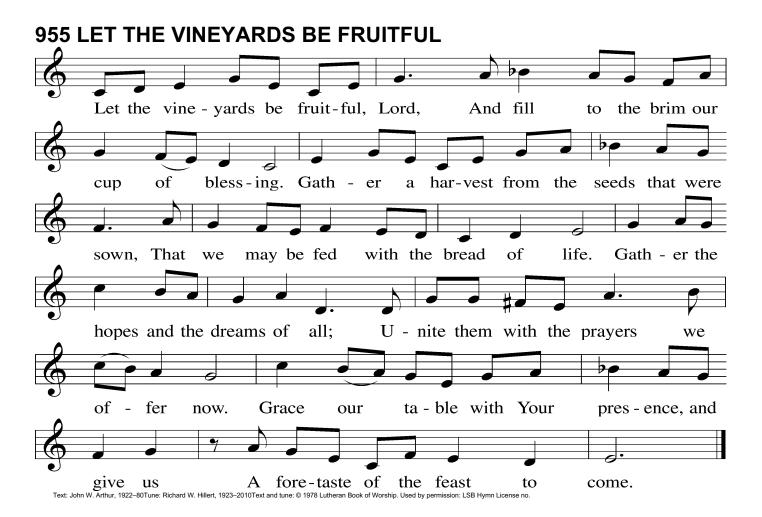
l believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

OFFERING AND VIDEO

(At this time, please fill out the attendance sheet in the colored bulletin and place in the offering plate. Also at this time, on the back of the attendance slip, please refresh your thoughts or read what we believe, as you prepare to come to receive the Lord's Body & Blood or as you come forward to receive a blessing.)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LGod, our Savior, wants all people to come to know the truth. Let us pray for ourselves and for the church everywhere, that we may persevere in grace, and for all people, that we may share with them the joy we have in the unity of Christ.

For the church, the gathering of God's people; for the clergy of the church that the Holy Spirit confirm then in their apostolic mission; for all Christians, that persevering in grace, we may proclaim the kingdom of heaven in our lives, let us pray:

CLord, have mercy.

Left For all public servants, that they zealously promote justice and the common good; for industrial workers, that their productivity provide blessing for all; for favorable weather, that we may give thanks for a good harvest, let us pray:

CLord, have mercy.

Left For the homeless and the hungry; for the physically and mentally ill and the aged and infirm, that we cherish Christ in them and surround them with our care, and that each of us would be graced with holy humility that we may find our joy in humble service in Jesus' name in every situation, let us pray:

CLord, have mercy.

Lipson the success of our Ministry Expansion Campaign, that it may strengthen Peace Conway's mission to love, serve, share, and care in Christ's name; for the work of our Early Childhood Education Committee as they plan and prepare to serve the children and families of our community; and for the timely and generous sale of our current property so that our new campus may be ready for ministry without unnecessary burden, let us pray:

CLord, have mercy.

- Left for the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of our missionaries, missionary teachers, medical personnel, and all Christian aid workers, that their work be unhindered and be a continuing source of blessings in Jesus' name, let us pray:
- CLord, have mercy.
- LWith thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ still inspires us, and also for this holy assembly here and now, that sealed with the promised Spirit, we may witness to the fullness of God's love, let us pray:
- Be merciful, Lord God, and hear our prayers; grant Your Holy Spirit to plead for us and guide Your church into all truth and holiness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +



PREFACE

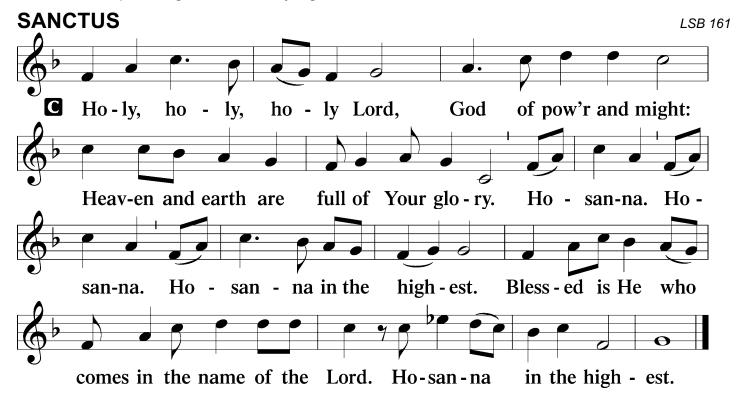
PThe Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

PLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.

CIt is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

PIt is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Confident of His compassion on us and rejoicing in the company of the saints on earth and those above, we laud and magnify Your holy name, evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PBlessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have showed Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your sacred presence among us and number us with Your saints. Grant that we may receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood as we gather at His command.

CAmen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

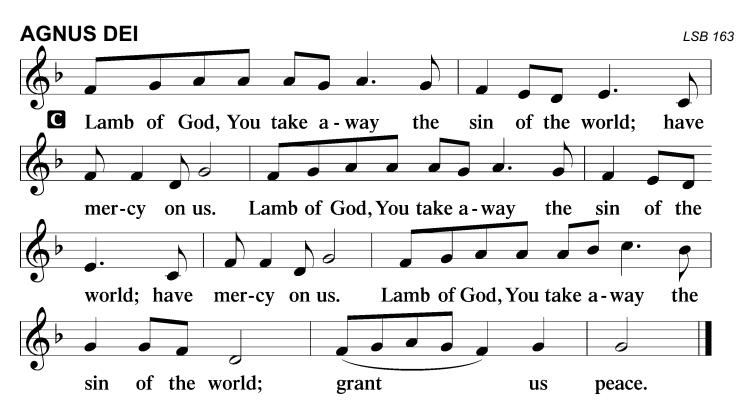
- PAs often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- CAmen. Come, Lord Jesus.

PO 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:

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 forever and ever. Amen.

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+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

GRATITUDE (video)

Brandon Lake

All my words fall short, I got nothing new How could I express All my gratitude? I could sing these songs As I often do But every song must end, And You never do So I throw up my hands, And praise You again and again 'Cause all that I have is a Hallelujah, Hallelujah And I know it's not much, But I've nothing else fit for a King Except for a heart singing Hallelujah, Hallelujah

I've got one response, I've got just one move With my arm stretched wide, I will worship You

So I throw up my hands, And praise You again and again 'Cause all that I have is a Hallelujah, Hallelujah And I know it's not much, But I've nothing else fit for a King Except for a heart singing Hallelujah, Hallelujah

So come on, my soul, Oh, don't you get shy on me Lift up your song 'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs Get up and praise the Lord. (Repeat section 2 more times.)

Hey..... Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord.... Praise the Lord!

So I throw up my hands, Praise You again and again 'Cause all that I have is a Hallelujah, Hallelujah And I know it's not much, But I've nothing else fit for a King Except for a heart singing Hallelujah, Hallelu..jah

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GOODBYE YESTERDAY (video)

Elevation Rhythm & Gracie Binion

Goodbye, yesterday, I'm livin' in the light of a new day.

I won't waste another minute in my old ways.

Praise the Lord, I've been born again.

(repeat above)

(yeah) Oh, I've been born again.

Again and again and again You rescued me out of the mess I was in.

You traded my sorrow for something to sing.

Now, I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

Goodbye, yesterday, I'm livin' in the light of a new day.

I won't waste another minute in my old ways.

Praise the Lord, I've been born again.

Goodbye, yesterday, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

I've got resurrection in my veins.

Praise the Lord, I've been born.

Again and again and again, You rescued me out of the mess I was in.

You traded my sorrow for something to sing.

Now, I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

(repeat section)

I have decided to follow Jesus;

The world behind, the Cross before, And I won't turn back.

(repeat section)

I have decided (I have decided), To follow Jesus (to follow Jesus).

I'm gonna leave the world behind, The world behind, the Cross before me (And I won't turn back).

I have decided (I have decided), To follow Jesus (to follow Jesus);

(The world behind) the world behind, the Cross before, And I won't turn back.

I won't turn back (I won't turn back).

And I won't turn back (and I won't turn back) No-no, no-no, no,

The world behind and the Cross before And I won't turn back.

I won't turn back (I won't turn back).

And I won't turn back (I won't turn back) No-no, no-no, no-no,

The world behind and the Cross before me. (And I won't turn back).

Again and again and again, You rescued me out of the mess I was in.

You traded my sorrow for something to sing.

Now, I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

(repeat section)

Praise the Lord, I've been born again, Praise the Lord, I've been born again.

I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

You ought to dance for the Lord, Dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

Dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

Dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

(Ohh, hey) dancin' on the grave,

Now, I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

Dancin' on the grave that I once lived in,

Dancin' on the grave that I once lived in,

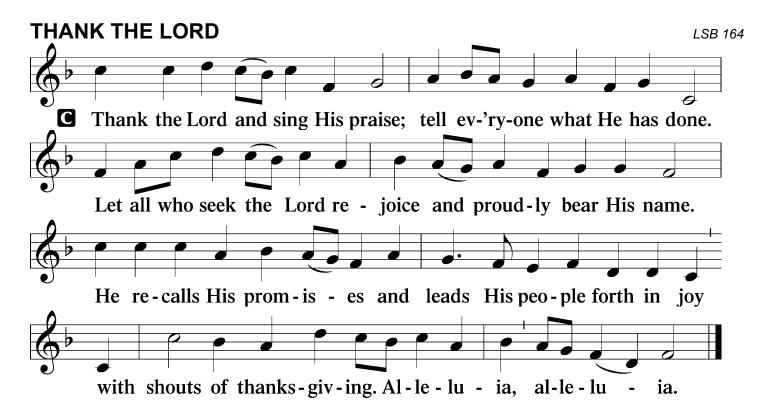
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POST-COMMUNION DISMISSAL

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

CAmen.



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

PLet us pray.

Holy Father, we ask You now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver Your church from every evil, to teach it to love You perfectly, and to make it truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

CAmen.

BENEDICTION

PThe Lord bless you and keep you.

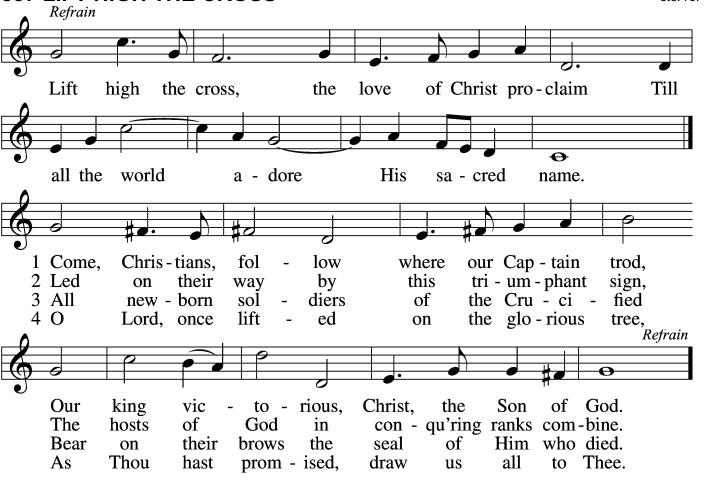
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

CAmen.



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- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:

Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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