

Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly

Holy Communion

Friday, May 4, 2018

GATHERING

The assembly stands in body or spirit to sing the ostinato, Veni Sancte Spiritus (ELW 406), while the soloists sing the verses.

Ostinato (repeated continuously)

The image shows musical notation for an ostinato. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is a simple, repetitive sequence of notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F#7, G7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F#8, G8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F#9, G9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F#10, G10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F#11, G11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F#12, G12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F#13, G13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F#14, G14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F#15, G15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F#16, G16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F#17, G17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F#18, G18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F#19, G19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F#20, G20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F#21, G21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F#22, G22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F#23, G23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F#24, G24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F#25, G25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F#26, G26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F#27, G27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F#28, G28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, F#29, G29, A29, B29, C30, D30, E30, F#30, G30, A30, B30, C31, D31, E31, F#31, 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SONG

Baptized and Set Free (ELW 453)

The assembly sings while water reminds us of the gift of Baptism.



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

READING

Exodus 14:15-27

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Spirit of the Living God (This Far By Faith 101)

Spirit of the living God,
Fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall fresh on me.

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GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Wm. Chris Boerger, ELCA Secretary

The assembly stands in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters (ELW 445)



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
 Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
 To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
 God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
 We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
 one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
 By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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The assembly is seated.

INSTALLATION

The Rev. Ghislaine Cotnoir,

Director of Pastoral Care, The Artman Home & The Hearth at Drexel

At the appropriate time, the assembly is invited to respond,

We will and we ask God to help us.

The assembly stands in body or spirit.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes, "Hear us, O God."

The assembly responds by singing, "Your mercy is great."

MEAL

OFFERING

Every time I Feel the Spirit (This Far By Faith 241)

In grateful response to the gift of grace, we gather our gifts together to share that grace for the sake of the world. If there is an offering basket near your seat, please pass it down the row and then to the row behind you. If you are at the back of your section, please bring the basket to the large baskets at the back of the worship space.

Today's offering will support the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod's Forward Together in Faith Campaign and the ELCA Caribbean Synod for Puerto Rico Relief. Checks should be made out to "SEPA Synod" with "Assembly Offering" in the memo line.

Refrain

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.

1 Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,
out of his mouth came fire and smoke. *Refrain*

2 All around me looked so fine,
asked my Lord if all was mine. *Refrain*

3 Jordan river, chilly and cold,
chills the body but not the soul. *Refrain*

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The assembly stands in body or spirit at the direction of the bishop.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

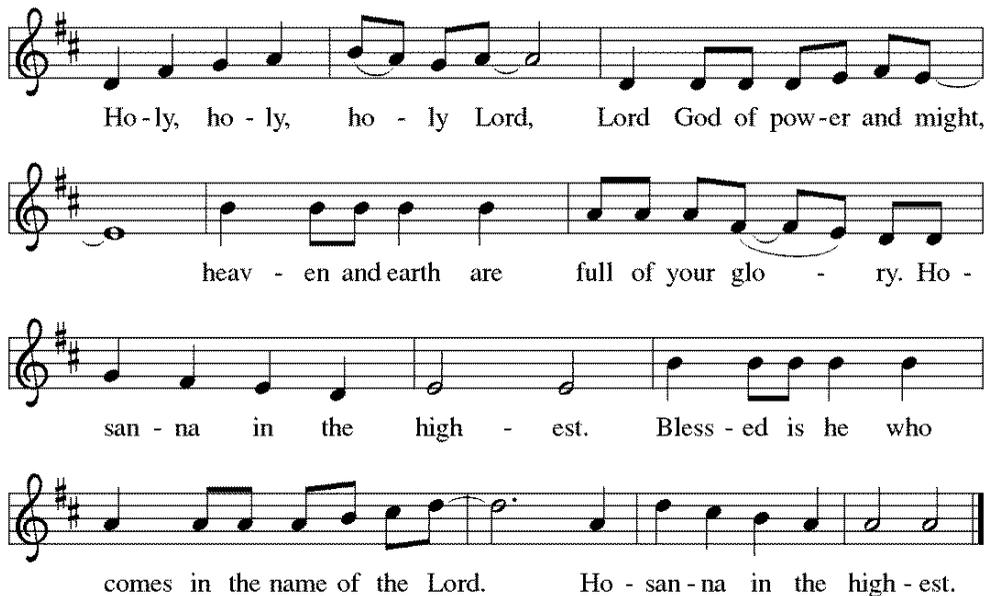
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right. . . and join their unending hymn:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
 san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears...

In the night. . .

. . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, . . .

Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, . . .

Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Join our prayers and praise. . .

all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Each in the assembly prays the version or language of the heart.

The assembly is seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Communion will be distributed by intinction in your section. Receive the bread and dip it in the cup. All bread is gluten-free. The wine is red; grape juice is white.

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 take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with several triplet markings (indicated by a bracket with the number '3' above the notes) and a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

Songs during distribution:

Come, Let Us Eat (ELW 491)

- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
 come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
 Our Lord's body let us take together,
 our Lord's body let us take together.

- 2 Come, let us drink for now the wine is poured,
 come, let us drink for now the wine is poured.
 Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
 Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

- 3 In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,
 in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.
 In the presence of our Lord we gather,
 in the presence of our Lord we gather.

- 4 Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,
 rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.
 Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,
 Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1-3; Giblert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.;
tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt.

Music: Billema Kwillia, adapt.

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Goodness is Stronger than Evil (ELW 721)



Good -ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;



light is stron - ger than dark - ness; life is stron - ger than death; vic - t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic - t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931

Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949

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We Have Seen the Lord (ELW 869)

The leader sings the words in parentheses.

(We have seen the Lord.)

We have seen the Lord. (God is mighty.)

We have seen the Lord. (God is powerful.)

We have seen the Lord, God with us, Jesus Christ.

(We have seen the Lord.)

We have seen the Lord. (God is lowly.)

We have seen the Lord. (God is merciful.)

We have seen the Lord, God with us, Jesus Christ.

(We have seen the Lord.)

We have seen the Lord. (God is gracious.)

We have seen the Lord. (God is wonderful.)

We have seen the Lord, God with us, Jesus Christ.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Jeff Sartain, b. 1962

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I'm So Glad (ELW 860)



- 1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
- 2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
- 3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

BLESSING

PEACE

The assembly shares a sign of Christ's peace as the room is set.

Friday Morning Holy Communion

Presider	The Rev. Claire Burkat, Bishop
Preacher	The Rev. William Chris Boerger, ELCA Secretary
Assisting Minister	Ms. Tracey Beasley, Vice-President
Readers	Emanuel Alves, Synod Council
Musicians	The Rev. Linnea Clark Mr. Andrew Long The Rev. Dwight Mason Ms. Lisa Thomas

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As in one body we have many members,
so we, who are many, are one body in Christ.

Where two or three are gathered in my name, says the Lord,
I am there among them.

Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all
humility and gentleness, making every effort to maintain the unity of the
Spirit in the bond of peace.

**Let us pursue what makes for justice and peace, and for mutual
upbuilding.**

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

Let us pray. . . **Amen.**

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

I declare this assembly to be in session
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.