

Closing Worship
Wednesday 11:00 a.m.
“The Rhythm of the Saints”
2022 RMS—Synod Assembly

CREDITS

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The “Rhythm of the Saints” plenary will move right into worship —
Please remain standing and sing!

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo-ry comes, oh, when the
 3 Oh, when the new world is re-vealed, oh, when the
 4 Oh, when they gath-er round the throne, oh, when they
 5 And on that hal-le-lu-jah day, and on that

saints go march-ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
 Lord in glo-ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
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 num-ber when the new world is re-vealed.
 num-ber when they gath-er round the throne.
 num-ber on that hal-le-lu-jah day.

GREETING

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

Assembly: **And also with you**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - mighty God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



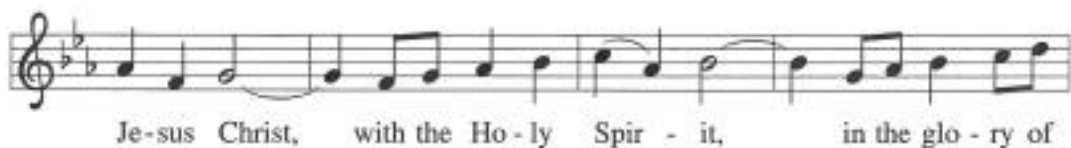
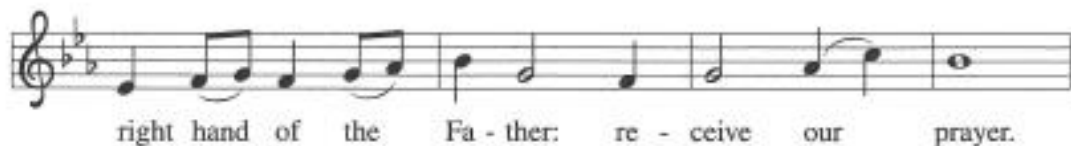
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lector: Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness and your grace waters the desert.

Assembly: Open our hearts to be transformed by the new things you are doing, so that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love for all people — Amen.

READING: Isaiah 43:16-21—*please be seated*

A continuation of the preaching text for Opening Worship, Second Isaiah's amazing proclamation of deliverance declares that God is up to something completely new— "do you not perceive it?!"

¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Assembly: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM—Concordia, Irvine

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8 — *please stand as you are able*
Mary anoints “the Anointed” in a radical act of love.

Preacher: The holy gospel according to John
Assembly: **Glory to you, O Lord**

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.

³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor? ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)

⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Preacher: The gospel of the Lord
Assembly: **Praise to you, O Christ**

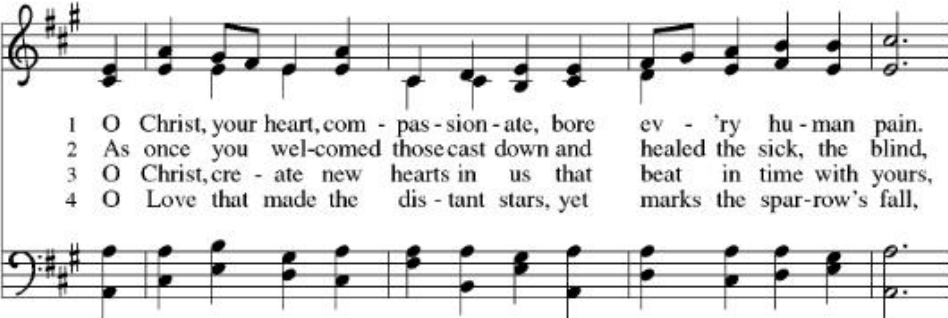
CHILDREN'S SERMON — *please be seated*

SERMON —Pastor Brigitte Weier, Our Saviour's, Holladay, UT

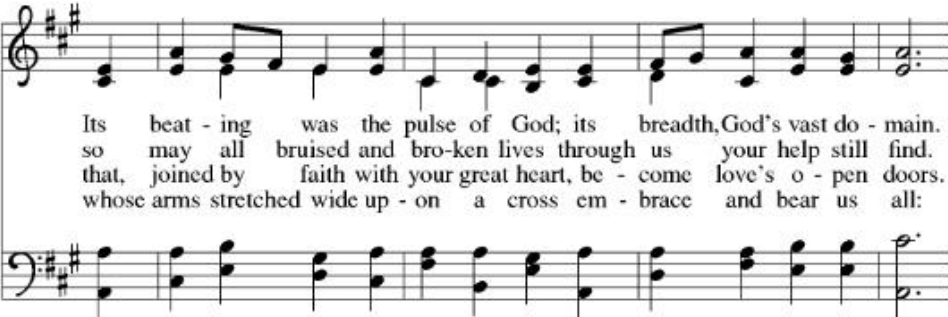
HYMN OF THE DAY: *O Christ, Your Compassionate Heart* - ELW #722

— *please stand as you are able*

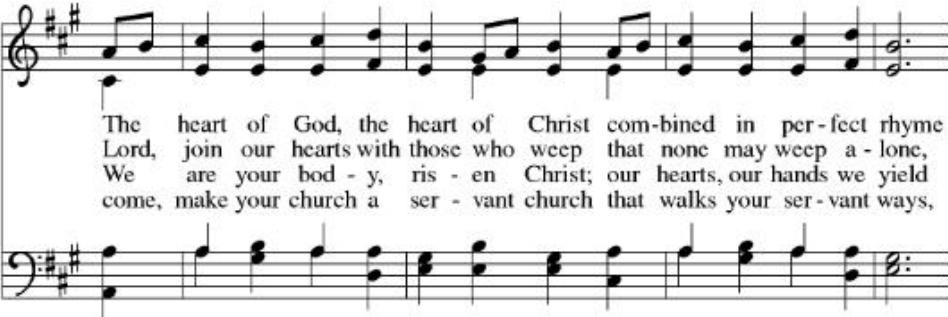
O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



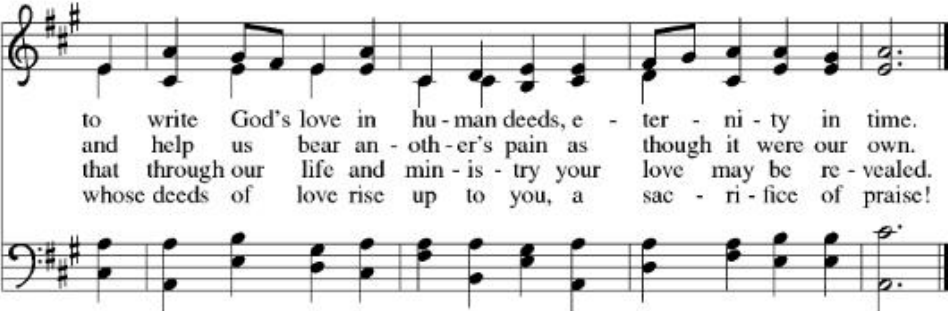
1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuenkel Jr., b. 1923

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mäntzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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COMMISSIONS & INSTALLATIONS —*the Assembly may be seated*

OFFERING

We will not “pass” the offering plate today. Offering baskets are scattered throughout the room and online giving is available — Scan the QR code and give from you seat!

The offerings for this Assembly will benefit Betela Seminary in Madagascar and the RMS Disaster Response Fund. For many years, the Rocky Mountain Synod and the Lutheran synods in northern Madagascar have accompanied one another in deepening relationships, prayer, and ministry together as Companion Synods. The funds sent to Madagascar will be designated for Betela Regional Seminary for the training of Lutheran leaders.



The RMS Disaster Response Fund provides immediate funding for disasters that occur in the region. Currently these funds are being used for the individuals and congregations affected by the Marshall Fire.

For this service, there is also an opportunity to give a free-will donation to the **Concordia, Irvine Handbell Choir** — We are grateful for their presence in worship and music this morning! If you would like to donate to the choir, please give cash or check in the baskets designated for the choir.

Thank you for your generosity!

PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

The assembly is invited to greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.



GREAT THANKSGIVING—*please stand as you are able*

Presider: The Lord be with you

Assembly: **and also with you**

Presider: Lift up your hearts

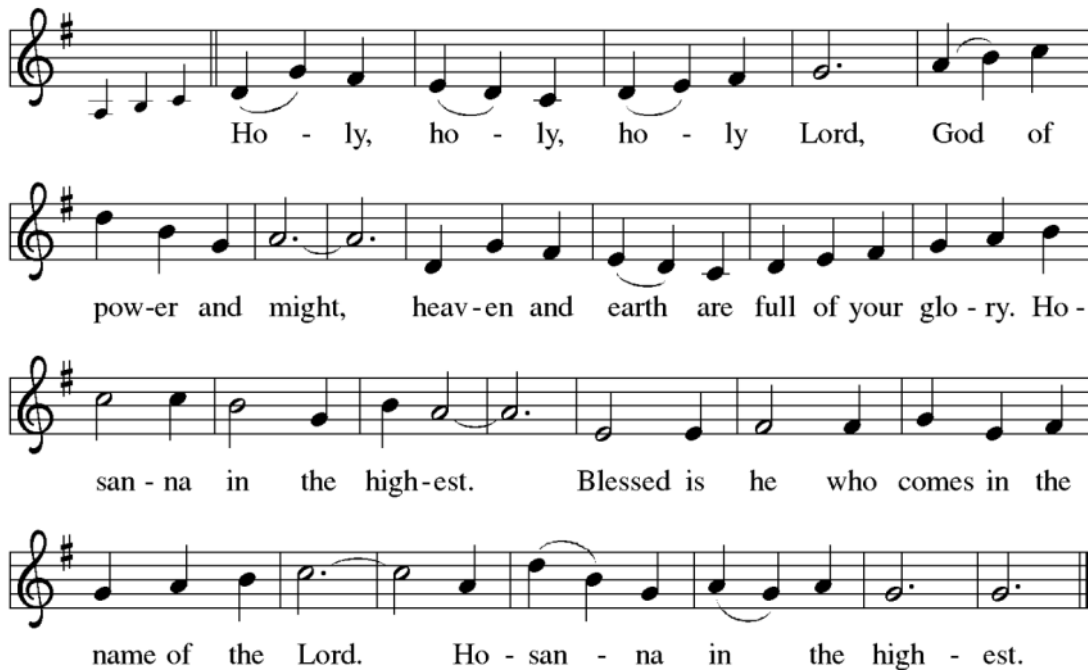
Assembly: **We lift them to the Lord**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

Assembly: **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Presider: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Pascal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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

Presider: In the night in which he was betrayed,
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks;
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim
the Lord's death until he comes

**Assembly: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Presider: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share
this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice
in all the world. Come, Spirit of Freedom!
And let the church say, Amen.

Assembly: Amen.

Presider: We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

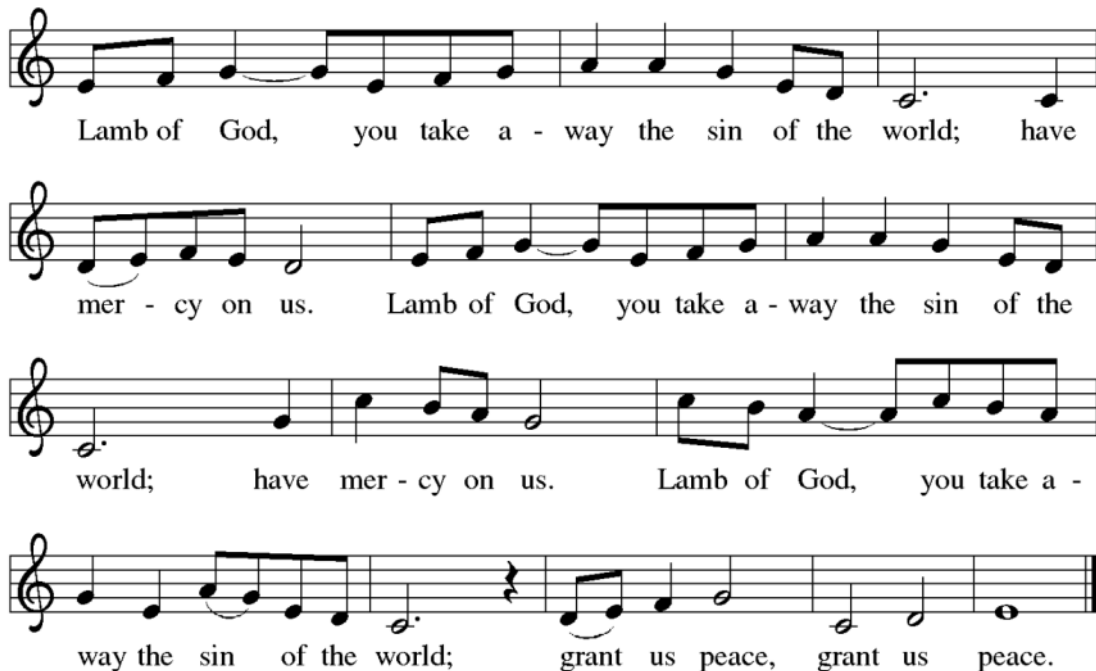
**Assembly: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever - Amen.**

Presider: Come to the banquet—all is ready

DISTRIBUTION—please be seated

Welcome to Christ's table. Whatever happens, you can't do it incorrectly. Gluten-free, corn-free, and non-alcoholic options are available

AGNUS-DEI



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.

COMMUNION ANTHEMS —Concordia, Irvine Handbell Choir

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER —*please stand as you are able*

Presider: Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of life.
Be with us as we meet and work together as your church.
May this time move us forward in your mission and ministry.

Assembly: Amen

BLESSING

Leader: You are children of God,
Anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey.
May God—motherly, majestic, and mighty + bless you
today and always

Assembly: Amen

HYMN: *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* - ELW #536

SENDING

POSTLUDE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,

with a shep - herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain
Till we meet, till we meet, till we
till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
meet a - gain.

