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THE COMMON SERVICE

Hymn ----- Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

CW 221

1. Blessed Jesus, at your Word We are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear you,
By your teachings, sweet and holy, Drawn from earth to love you solely.
2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till your Spirit breaks our night With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within us.
3. Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your people raises; Hear and bless our prayers and praises.
4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Praise to you and adoration!
Grant that we your Word may trust, Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander, Till we sing your praises yonder.

Stand.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory be to God

Gloria in Excelsis

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,
 we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
 God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the
 sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the
 sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be seated.

THE WORD

First Lesson ----- Numbers 21:4–9

This is what the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel, says.

When I bring them back from captivity, they will once again say in the land of Judah and in its cities:

“The LORD bless you, you righteous dwelling

place, you holy mountain.”

Judah and all its cities will live there together, the farmers and those who follow their flocks.

I will satisfy the thirsty, and I will give rest to everyone who is weary.

Refrain

Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.

Clap your hands, all you nations;^{*}
shout to God with cries of joy.

How awesome is the LORD Most High,^{*}
the great King over all the earth!

God reigns over the nations;^{*}
God is seated on his holy throne.

Refrain

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,^{*}
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;^{*}
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth;^{*}
sing to him a psalm of praise.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son^{*}
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,^{*}
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

Second Lesson ----- Romans 6:19–23

(I am speaking in a human way because of the weakness of your flesh.) Indeed, just as you offered your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, resulting in more lawlessness, so now offer your members in the same way as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. So what kind of fruit did

you have then? They were things of which you are now ashamed. Yes, the final result of those things is death. But now, since you were set free from sin and have become slaves to God, you have your fruit resulting in sanctification—and the final result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the undeserved gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Verse of the Day

Psalm 145:15,16

M: Alleluia. The eyes of all look eagerly to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand, and you satisfy the desire of every living thing. Alleluia.



Stand.

Gospel ----- Mark 8:1–9a

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



In those days, when there was again a large crowd and they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples and said to them, “I feel compassion for the crowd because they have already stayed with me three days and do not have anything to eat. If I send them home hungry, they will faint on the way. Some of them have come from a long dis-

tance.”

His disciples replied, “Where can anyone get enough bread to feed these people here in this deserted place?”

He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?”

“Seven,” they said.

He commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves, gave thanks, and broke them. He gave the pieces to his disciples to distribute to the crowd, and they did so. They also had a few small fish. He blessed them

and said that these should be distributed as well. The people ate and were satisfied. They picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. About four thousand men were there.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day ----- All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

CW 236

1. All praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, The God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, The God who ev'ry sorrow stills—
To God all praise and glory!
2. I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, oh, hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed And kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be;
Oh, thank him, thank our God with me—
To God all praise and glory!
3. The Lord will not forsake his flock, His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand He leads his own, his chosen band—
To God all praise and glory!
4. All who confess Christ's holy name, To God give praise and glory!
All who the Father's pow'r proclaim, To God give praise and glory!
All idols under foot be trod; The Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!
5. Then come before his presence now And banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow And sing with joy and gladness.
Though great distress my soul befell,
The Lord my God did all things well—
To God all praise and glory!

Sermon ----- Mark 8:1–9a

In Compassion Jesus Provides

Stand.

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

CW 272

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a
right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Be seated.

Offering

Stand.

Prayer of the Church

The minister offers the petitions and the congregation responds with “hear our prayer.”

M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

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of the Gospel here and around the world.



- M: Almighty Father in heaven, Maker and Provider of all things, give us hearts to receive Your gifts with thanksgiving. Free us from the cares of this world, and fix our eyes on the saving work of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Root us deeply in Your Word, that we would look to You for all our needs of body and soul and remain faithful until death. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: Lord of the earth, our Savior multiplied bread and fish and fed over 4,000 people in Gentile territory, thereby showing that Your kingdom is open to all nations. Bless and protect the work of our missionaries in this country and around the world, that all people would receive the bread of everlasting life given in the Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: Lord and Giver of life, You formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed into us Your own breath of life. All people are made in Your image and have dignity and worth in Your sight. Defend Your gift of earthly life at every age, from natural conception to natural death. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: Creator and Preserver of all things, You govern and sustain the earth for our good and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Bless the labor of those who produce food and shelter, safety and peace. Lead us to recognize Your gracious hand in all things and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: Father, Your heavenly care extends to all Your children, especially those in the depths of need. [*Look in kindness upon _____.*] Let them find sustaining food for body and soul and such healing as Your gracious will provides. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: God of grace, as Your Son miraculously fed thousands in the wilderness, feed Your people gathered here today with the true bread from heaven, the body and blood of Christ, our Savior, that even in the wilderness of this world we may share in the eternal life of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus



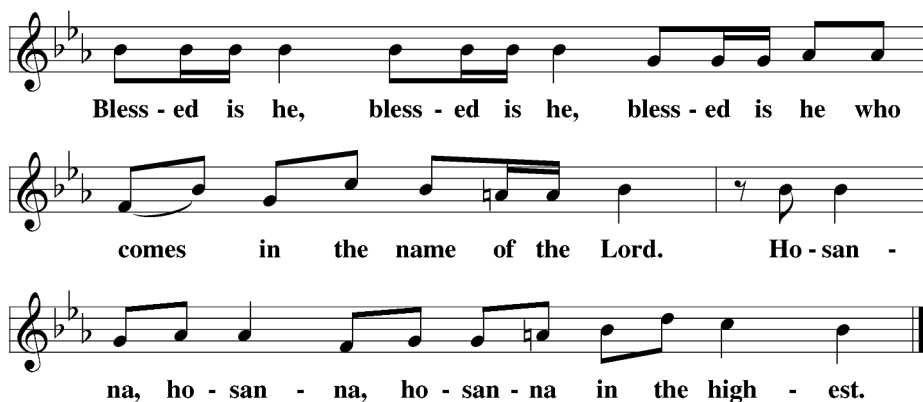
C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

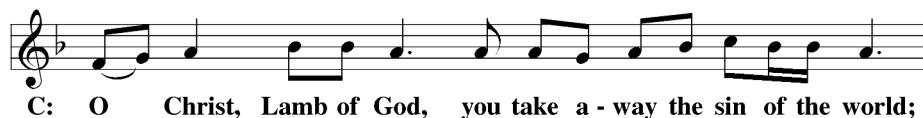
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



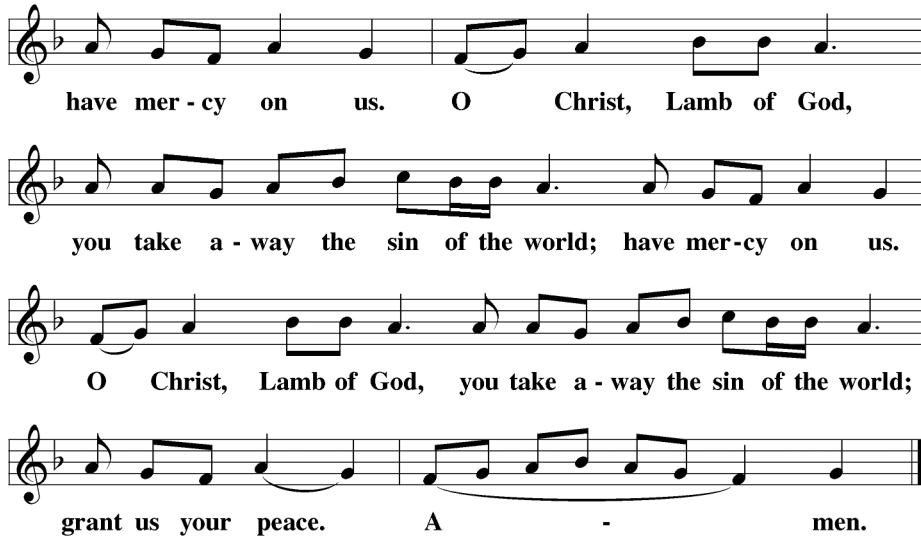
C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

In Holy Communion we believe that Jesus gives us his own body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask that, in keeping with God's Word, only confirmed members who are in confessional unity with our church (WELS and ELS) would come forward to receive this sacrament. If you have any questions or are interested in communicant membership, please speak with the pastor.

During the distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns:

Hymn ----- O Living Bread from Heaven

CW 314

1. O living Bread from heaven, How well you feed your guest!
 The gifts that you have given Have filled my heart with rest.
 Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!
 My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.

2. My Lord, you here have led me Within your holiest place
And here have kindly fed me With treasures of your grace,
For you have freely given What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.
3. You gave me all I wanted-This food can death destroy-
And you have freely granted The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit The favor you have shown,
And all my soul and spirit Bow down before your throne.
4. Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.
And when you call my spirit To leave this world below,
I enter, through your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.

Hymn ----- O Lord, We Praise You

CW 317

1. O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and adore you,
In thanksgiving bow before you.
Here with your body and your blood you nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish. O Lord, have mercy!
May your body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And your blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!
2. Your holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to you could bind us;
May this feast of that remind us! O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, your love and kindness did move you;
Let your supper move us to love you.

All our debt you have paid;
Peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mercy!

3. May God bestow on us his grace and favor
To please him with our behavior
And live together here in love and union,
Cherishing our blest communion. O Lord, have mercy!
Let not your good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded he make us.
Give your Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity. O Lord, have mercy!

After the distribution is finished the congregation stands and sings:

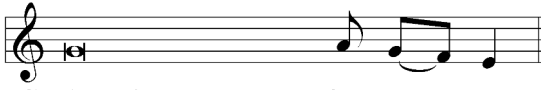
Song of Simeon

Nunc Dimittis

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef. It consists of four lines of music with lyrics underneath. The first line ends with a double bar line. The second line has a key signature change to one flat (Bb) indicated by a key signature symbol. The third line has a time signature change to 3/4 indicated by a '3' over the staff. The fourth line ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be seated.

Hymn ----- In You, O Lord, I Put My Trust

CW 448

1. In you, O Lord, I put my trust-
Leave me not helpless in the dust;
Let me not be confounded.
My faith, O Lord, Must in your Word
Be always firmly grounded.

2. Oh, listen, Lord, most graciously,
And hear my cry, my prayer, my plea;
Make haste for my protection,
For woes and fear Surround me here.
Help me in my affliction.
3. You are my strength, my shield, my rock,
My fortress that withstands each shock,
My help, my life, my tower,
My battle sword, Almighty Lord-
What can resist your power?
4. With you, O Lord, I cast my lot;
O faithful God, forsake me not,
To you my soul commending.
Lord, be my stay, And lead the way
Now and when life is ending.
5. All honor, praise, and majesty
To Father, Son, and Spirit be,
Our God forever glorious,
In whose rich grace We run our race
Till we depart victorious.



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