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## THE SERVICE – SETTING ONE with Communion

**THREAD:** *The first will be last; the last will be first.*

### Hymn: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

CW 817



1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee,  
2 Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich boun - ty gave my bod - y,  
3 Lord, let at last thine an - gels come, to A - br'ham's

ne'er from me de - part, with ten - der mer - cy cheer me.  
soul, and all I have in this poor life of la - bor.  
bos - om bear me home that I may die un - fear - ing;

Earth has no plea - sure I would share; yea, heav'n it -  
Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place may glo - ri -  
and in its nar - row cham - ber keep my bod - y

self were void and bare if thou, Lord, wert not near me.  
fy thy lav - ish grace and help and serve my neigh - bor.  
safe in peace - ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.

And should my heart for sor - row break, my trust in thee can  
Let no false doc - trine me be - guile; let Sa - tan not my  
And then from death a - wak - en me that these mine eyes with

noth - ing shake. Thou art the por - tion I have sought; thy pre - cious  
soul de - file. Give strength and pa - tience un - to me to bear my  
joy may see, O Son of God, thy glo - rious face, my Sav - ior

blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
cross and fol - low thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -

Lord, my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy Word.  
Lord, my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford.  
tend, my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with - out end.

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

**Amen.**

### Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

**Amen.**

### Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

### Glory Be to God



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.

## THE WORD

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

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### First Reading

*Isaiah 66:18–24*

<sup>18</sup>“And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory.

<sup>19</sup>“I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup>And they will bring all your people, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD—on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels,” says the LORD. “They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the LORD in ceremonially clean vessels. <sup>21</sup>And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites,” says the LORD.

<sup>22</sup>“As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,” declares the LORD, “so will your name and descendants endure. <sup>23</sup>From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me,” says the LORD. <sup>24</sup>“And they will go out and look on the dead bodies of those who rebelled

against me; the worms that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: The LORD Is Kind and Merciful

Psalm 103A

*Refrain*

The LORD is kind and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and rich in com - pas - sion.

*Tone*

Praise the LORD, / my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his / holy name—  
who forgives / all your sins  
and heals all your dis- / eases,  
who redeems your life / from the pit  
and crowns you with love and com- / passion,  
who satisfies your desires / with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the / eagle's. *Refrain*

The LORD is compassionate and / gracious,  
slow to anger, abound- / ing in love.  
He does not treat us as our / sins deserve  
or repay us according to our in- / iquities.  
For as high as the heavens are a- / bove the earth,  
so great is his love for those who / fear him;  
as far as the east is / from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions / from us.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18–24

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm;  
<sup>19</sup>to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them,  
<sup>20</sup>because they could not bear what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.”  
<sup>21</sup>The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.”

<sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly,  
<sup>23</sup>to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in

heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 13:29

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**People will come from east and west and north and south,**  
and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

<sup>22</sup>Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?”

He said to them, <sup>24</sup>“Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. <sup>25</sup>Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’

“But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’

<sup>26</sup>“Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’

<sup>27</sup>“But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’

<sup>28</sup>“There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. <sup>29</sup>People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## Hymn of the Day: Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

CW 694



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, all to leave and  
2 Let the world de - spise and leave me; they have left my  
3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure! Come, dis - as - ter,  
4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry, armed by faith and



fol - low you; des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, you on  
Sav - ior, too. Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me; you are  
scorn, and pain! In your ser - vice pain is plea - sure, with your  
winged by prayer; all but heav'n is tran - si - to - ry, God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion,  
not, like them, un - true. And, since you have smiled up - on me,  
fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you Ab - ba, Fa - ther;  
hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this earth - ly sto - ry,



all I've ev - er hoped or known; yet how rich is  
 God of wis - dom, love, and might, foes may hate and  
 you my all in all shall be. Storms may howl, and  
 swift shall pass the pil - grim days, hope soon change to



my con - di - tion, God and heav'n are still my own!  
 friends may shun me; show your face, and all is bright.  
 clouds may gath - er, all must work for good to me.  
 heav'n - ly glo - ry, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

## Sermon Text

Philemon 7–21

<sup>7</sup>Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, <sup>9</sup>yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—<sup>10</sup>that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

<sup>12</sup>I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. <sup>13</sup>I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. <sup>14</sup>But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever—<sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. <sup>20</sup>I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

**Sermon** – *See the handout for Sermon helps*

### **Tough decisions require a heart willing to deny the self and pick up one's crosses!**

*Guest Minister: Pastor Emeritus Robert Green*

## Nicene Creed

**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 truly 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.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

... Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**Amen.**

**Offering** – *The mail at church is being collected. Offerings may be mailed to:*

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# THE SACRAMENT

## Preface

CW 165

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

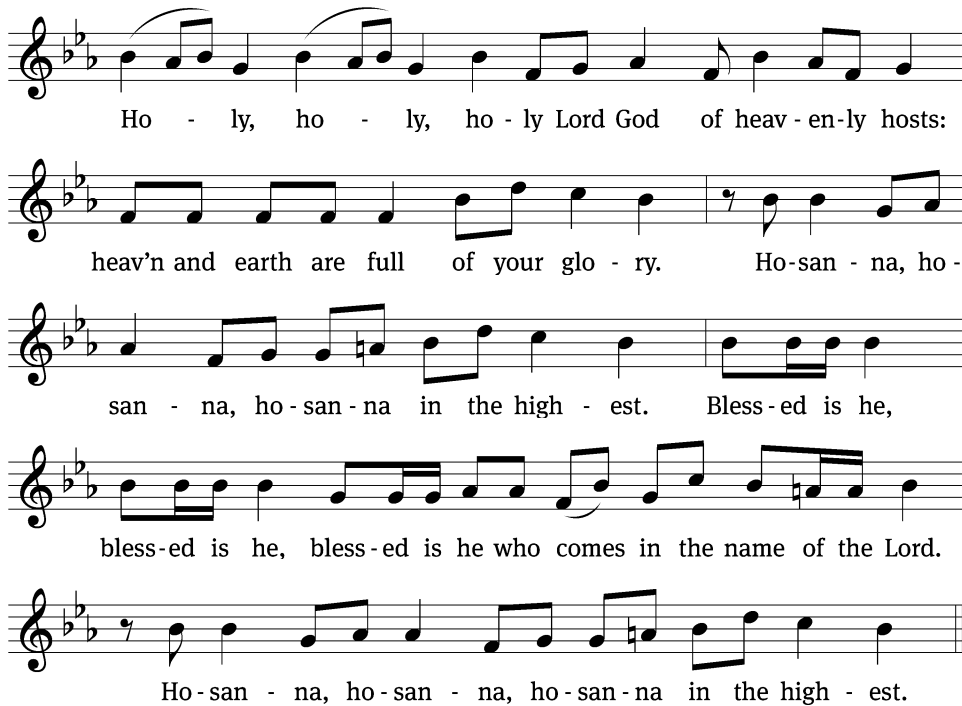
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 until 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

CW 167



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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## Words of Institution

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.

**Amen.**

## O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - - men." The score ends with a double bar line.

## Distribution Hymn

CW 661



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,  
2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,  
3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere  
4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole,



and drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.  
has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.  
and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.  
gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.



Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood,  
He gave his life for great - est and for least,  
Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends,  
Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow,



with souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.  
him - self the of - f'ring and him - self the priest.  
gives all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.  
in this great feast of love be with us now.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

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.

**Amen.**

## Hymn: Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

CW 702



1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spake, "all in my  
2 "I am the light, I light the way, a god - ly  
3 "I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your  
4 Then let us fol - low Christ our Lord and take the



way a - bid - ing; de - ny your-selves, the world for - sake,  
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day,  
soul's sal - va - tion, your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,  
cross ap - point - ed and, firm - ly cling - ing to his Word,



o - bey my call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
from sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
in suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, take my ex - am - ple for your guide.  
well I show how you must so - journ here be - low.  
of the soul and lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
bat-tle's strain the crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

### *Silent Prayer – Announcements*

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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