

Communion Practice: We believe that Christ is truly present in Holy Communion and, as we try to be faithful to Christ in the serving of this Sacrament, we ask that everyone be examined and instructed by the Pastor before receiving Holy Communion. All confirmed members of this parish, who have been regularly examined by the Pastor, are welcome to partake of the Holy Eucharist today. We also welcome the members who are in good standing of any of the parishes served by the Bishop, Pastors, and Deacons of The Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA), and who have spoken to the Pastor prior to the service. Members of other Lutheran parishes or other denominations are kindly asked to refrain from communing today. The Pastor would be glad to make an appointment with anyone to discuss our teachings and/or our parish.

A Prayer upon Entering Church

Almighty, Ever-Living God, grant that I may gladly hear Thy Word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

A Prayer before Communion

Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

A Prayer after Communion

O Thou blessed Savior Jesus Christ, Who hast given Thyself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Thy faith and favor; as Thou livest in me, let me also live in Thee. May Thy holy Body and Blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life. Amen.

A Prayer at the Close of the Service

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Thy grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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Holy Wednesday
March 31st, 2021

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“Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.” St. Luke 22:42

The Order of Divine Service

The Ringing of the Bell	
Silent Prayer	
The Processional Hymn	TLH 147
<i>“O Christ, Thou Lamb of God”</i>	
<i>Stand</i>	
The Confiteor (<i>Spoken</i>)	
The Invocation and Address	TLH p. 15
Versicles	TLH p. 15
Confession and Absolution	TLH p. 16
The Introit	INSERT
<i>(Tone 3)</i>	
The Kyrie	TLH p. 17
The Salutation	TLH p. 19
The Collect for the Day	INSERT
The Collect for the Season of Lent	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>	
The Epistle	Isaiah 62:11—63:7
<i>After each Lesson: V: This is the Word of the Lord.</i>	
R: Thanks be to God.	
<i>Stand</i>	
The Gradual	INSERT
The Tract	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>	
The Passion of Our Lord According to St. Luke	St. Luke 22:1—23:42
<i>Stand</i>	
The Nicene Creed	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>	
The Hymn	TLH 168
<i>“The Royal Banners Forward Go”</i>	Δ
The Sermon	<i>When the Hour Had Come</i>
<i>Stand</i>	
The Offertory	TLH p. 22-23
<i>“Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God”</i>	
<i>Sit</i>	
Recitation of the Small Catechism	The Lord’s Prayer
<i>Stand</i>	
The General Prayer	TLH p. 23
<i>Sit</i> *	
The Hymn	TLH 146
<i>“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”</i>	
<i>Stand</i>	
The Preface	TLH p. 24
The Proper Preface	TLH p. 25
The Sanctus and Benedictus	TLH p. 26
The Lord’s Prayer	TLH p. 27
The Verba Domini	TLH p. 27
The Pax Domini	TLH p. 27

The Agnus Dei TLH p. 28

Sit

The Distribution

The Hymn *“Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord”* TLH 307

Stand

The Post-Communion Canticle *“In Peace and Joy I Now Depart”* TLH 137

The Thanksgiving *(“Ye Do Show the Lord’s Death”)* TLH p. 30

R: Ye do show the Lord's death till He _____ come.

The Post-Communion Collect

Sit

The Hymn *“Upon the Cross Extended”* TLH 171 (Second Tune)

Stand

The Salutation TLH p. 31

The Benedicamus TLH p. 31

The Benediction TLH p. 31

Silent Prayer

Sit

Announcements

*—An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings.

Δ—indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand.

HOLY WEDNESDAY

March 31st, 2021



Introit

AT THE - || name of Jesus ev- | e-ry · | knee | **should** - | bow *

Of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those | **un-** - | **der** - | the | earth.

|| For He became obedient to the point of death, even the | death | of | **the** - | cross. *

Therefore He is Lord, to the glory of | **God** - | **the** - | Fa- | ther. (*Philippians 2:10, 8b, 11b paraphrase*)

|| Hear | my | *pray-er*, · | **O** - | Lord, *

And let my | **cry** - | **come** - | to | You.

|| For my days are | con- | sumed | **like** - | smoke, *

And my bones are | **burned** - | **like** - | a | hearth.

|| My heart is stricken and | with- | ered | **like** - | grass, *

So that I forget | **to** - | **eat** - | my | bread.

|| But You, O Lord, shall en- | dure | for- | **ev-** - | er, *

And the remembrance of Your name to all | **gen-** - | **er-** - | a- | tions. (*Psalm 102:1, 3-4, 12*)

(*From Judica through Holy Saturday the Gloria Patri is omitted.*)

|| At the name of Jesus ev- | e-ry · | knee | **should** - | bow *

Of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those | **un-** - | **der** - | the | earth.

|| For He became obedient to the point of death, even the | death | of | **the** - | cross. *

Therefore He is Lord, to the glory of | **God** - | **the** - | Fa- | ther. (*Philippians 2:10, 8b, 11b paraphrase*)

Collect

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds are continually afflicted, may mercifully be relieved by the Passion of Thine Only-Begotten Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Collect for the Season of Lent

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with the Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



Gradual

|| Do not hide Your face | from | Your | **ser-** - | vant, *

For I am in trouble; Hear | **me** - | **speed-** - | i- | ly.

|| Save | — | me, | **O** - | God! *

For the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in deep mire, where there | **is** - | **no** - | stand- | ing. (*Psalm 69:17, 1-2b*)

Tract

|| Hear | my | *pray-er*, · | **O** - | Lord, *

And let my | **cry** - | **come** - | to | You.

|| You will arise and have mer- | cy | on | **Zi-** - | on; *

For the time to favor her, yes, the | **set** - | **time**, - | has | come. (*Psalm 102:1, 13*)

Isaiah 62:11—63:7

^{62:11} Indeed the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the world: “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Surely your salvation is coming; Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.’”¹² And they shall call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; And you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

^{63:1} Who is this who comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah, this One who is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength?—“I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.”² Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress?³ “I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, and trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My robes.”⁴ For the day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come.⁵ I looked, but there was no one to help, and I wondered that there was no one to uphold; Therefore My own arm brought salvation for Me; And My own fury, it sustained Me.⁶ I have trodden down the peoples in My anger, made them drunk in My fury, and brought down their strength to the earth.”⁷ I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD and the praises of the LORD, according to all that the

LORD has bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies, according to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses.

The Passion of Our Lord According to St. Luke

St. Luke 22:1—23:42 [43-56]

¹ Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called Passover. ² And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill Him, for they feared the people. ³ Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. ⁴ So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them. ⁵ And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. ⁶ So he promised and sought opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of the multitude. ⁷ Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed. ⁸ And He sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat.” ⁹ So they said to Him, “Where do You want us to prepare?” ¹⁰ And He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters. ¹¹ Then you shall say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, “Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?’” ¹² Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready.” ¹³ So they went and found it just as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover. ¹⁴ When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. ¹⁵ Then He said to them, “With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹ And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁰ Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. ²¹ But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table. ²² And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!” ²³ Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing. ²⁴ Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. ²⁵ And He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called ‘benefactors.’ ²⁶ But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. ²⁸ But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. ²⁹ And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ³¹ And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.” ³³ But he said to Him, “Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.” ³⁴ Then He said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me.” ³⁵

And He said to them, “When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?” So they said, “Nothing.” ³⁶ Then He said to them, “But now, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one. ³⁷ For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: ‘And He was numbered with the transgressors.’ For the things concerning Me have an end.” ³⁸ So they said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.” And He said to them, “It is enough.” ³⁹ Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him. ⁴⁰ When He came to the place, He said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.” ⁴¹ And He was withdrawn from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.” ⁴³ Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. ⁴⁴ And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵ When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow. ⁴⁶ Then He said to them, “Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation.” ⁴⁷ And while He was still speaking, behold, a multitude; and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. ⁴⁸ But Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?” ⁴⁹ When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” ⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus answered and said, “Permit even this.” And He touched his ear and healed him. ⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders who had come to Him, “Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs? ⁵³ When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.” ⁵⁴ Having arrested Him, they led Him and brought Him into the high priest’s house. But Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵ Now when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶ And a certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, “This man was also with Him.” ⁵⁷ But he denied Him, saying, “Woman, I do not know Him.” ⁵⁸ And after a little while another saw him and said, “You also are of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not!” ⁵⁹ Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, “Surely this fellow also was with Him, for he is a Galilean.” ⁶⁰ But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are saying!” Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” ⁶² So Peter went out and wept bitterly. ⁶³ Now the men who held Jesus mocked Him and beat Him. ⁶⁴ And having blindfolded Him, they struck Him on the face and asked Him, saying, “Prophecy! Who is the one who struck You?” ⁶⁵ And many other things they blasphemously spoke against Him. ⁶⁶ As soon as it was day, the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, came together and led Him into their council, saying, ⁶⁷ “If You are the Christ, tell us.” But He said to them, “If I tell you, you will by no means believe. ⁶⁸ And if I also ask you, you will by no means answer Me or let

Me go. ⁶⁹ Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God.” ⁷⁰ Then they all said, “Are You then the Son of God?” So He said to them, “You rightly say that I am.” ⁷¹ And they said, “What further testimony do we need? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth.”

^{23:1} Then the whole multitude of them arose and led Him to Pilate. ² And they began to accuse Him, saying, “We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King.” ³ Then Pilate asked Him, saying, “Are You the King of the Jews?” He answered him and said, “It is as you say.” ⁴ So Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no fault in this Man.” ⁵ But they were the more fierce, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to this place.” ⁶ When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a Galilean. ⁷ And as soon as he knew that He belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸ Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad; for he had desired for a long time to see Him, because he had heard many things about Him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by Him. ⁹ Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him nothing. ¹⁰ And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him. ¹¹ Then Herod, with his men of war, treated Him with contempt and mocked Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate. ¹² That very day Pilate and Herod became friends with each other, for previously they had been at enmity with each other. ¹³ Then Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, ¹⁴ said to them, “You have brought this Man to me, as one who misleads the people. And indeed, having examined Him in your presence, I have found no fault in this Man concerning those things of which you accuse Him; ¹⁵ no, neither did Herod, for I sent you back to him; and indeed nothing deserving of death has been done by Him. ¹⁶ I will therefore chastise Him and release Him” ¹⁷ (for it was necessary for him to release one to them at the feast). ¹⁸ And they all cried out at once, saying, “Away with this Man, and release to us Barabbas”—¹⁹ who had been thrown into prison for a certain rebellion made in the city, and for murder. ²⁰ Pilate, therefore, wishing to release Jesus, again called out to them. ²¹ But they shouted, saying, “Crucify Him, crucify Him!” ²² Then he said to them the third time, “Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let Him go.” ²³ But they were insistent, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified. And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested. ²⁵ And he released to them the one they requested, who for rebellion and murder had been thrown into prison; but he delivered Jesus to their will. ²⁶ Now as they led Him away, they laid hold of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and on him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus. ²⁷ And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. ²⁸ But Jesus, turning to them, said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!’ ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us!’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us!’ ³¹ For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in

the dry?” ³² There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. ³³ And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” And they divided His garments and cast lots. ³⁵ And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God.” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself.” ³⁸ And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁹ Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, “If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us.” ⁴⁰ But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, “Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.”

[⁴³ And Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.” ⁴⁴ Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. ⁴⁵ Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, “Father, ‘into Your hands I commit My spirit.’” Having said this, He breathed His last. *(All genuflect in brief silence)*. ⁴⁷ So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, “Certainly this was a righteous Man!” ⁴⁸ And the whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been done, beat their breasts and returned. ⁴⁹ But all His acquaintances, and the women who followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. ⁵⁰ Now behold, there was a man named Joseph, a council member, a good and just man. ⁵¹ He had not consented to their decision and deed. He was from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God. ⁵² This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³ Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a tomb that was hewn out of the rock, where no one had ever lain before. ⁵⁴ That day was the Preparation, and the Sabbath drew near. ⁵⁵ And the women who had come with Him from Galilee followed after, and they observed the tomb and how His body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.] *

* The section in brackets is not part of the historic reading for Holy Wednesday but is added to complete the Passion of St. Luke.

The Royal Banners Forward Go



1. The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go,
 2. Where deep - for us the spear - was dyed,
 3. Ful - filled is all that Da - vid told,
 4. O Tree of beaut - ty, Tree of light,
 5. On whose dear arms, so wide - ly flung,
 6. O Cross our one re - li - ance, hail!
 7. To Thee E - ter - nal Three in One,



The cross shines forth in mys - tic glow
 Life's tor - rent rush - ing from His side,
 In true pro - phet - ic song of old;
 O Tree with roy - al pur - ple dight;
 The weight of this world's ran - som hung
 So may the pow'r with us a - veil
 Let hom - age meet by all be done



Where He in flesh, our flesh who made,
 To wash us in that prec - ious flood,
 A - midst the na - tions, God, saith he,
 E - lect, on whose tri - um - phal breast
 The price of hu - man - kind to pay
 To give new vir - tue to the saint
 Whom by the cross Thou dost re - store,



Our sen - tence bore, our ran - som paid;
 Where min - gled wa - ter flowed and blood,
 Hath reigned and tri - umphed from the Tree;
 Those ho - ly limbs should find their rest;
 And spoil the spoil - er of his prey.
 And par - don to the pen - i - tent.
 Pre - serve, and gov - ern ev - er - more. A - men.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant:

Congregation:



We be - lieve in one God, Fa - - - ther Al - might - y,



Mak - er of heav - en and earth and of all things vi - si - ble



and in - vi - si - ble. And in one Lord + Jesus Christ,



the only begotten - ten Son of God, be - got - ten of His Fa - ther



be - - - fore all - - - worlds, God of God,



Light of Light, Ver - y God of Ver - y God,



Be - got - ten, not made, Be - ing of one Sub - stance with the Fa - ther,



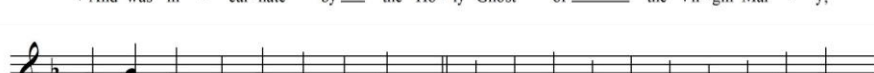
By whom all things were made; Who for us men,



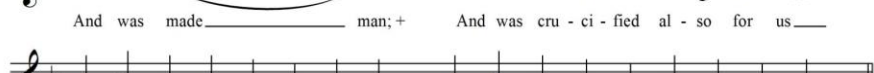
and for our sal - va - tion, came down from heav - en,



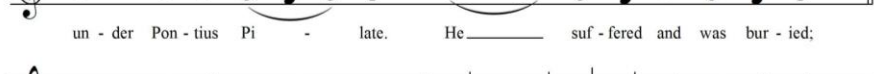
+ And was in - car - nate by the Ho - ly Ghost of the Vir - gin Mar - y,



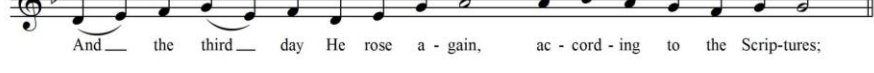
And was made man; + And was cru - ci - fied al - so for us



un - der Pon - tius Pi - late. He suf - ered and was bur - ied;



And the third day He rose a - gain, ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures;



And as - cend - ed in - to heav - en, And sit-teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther;

And _____ He shall come again with glo - - - - - ry

to _____ judge both the quick _____ and the dead; Whose _____ kingdom shall have _____ no end.

And _____ we believe in the Ho - ly Ghost, _____ The Lord and Giv - er of Life,

Who proceedeth from the Fa - ther and the Son, Who with the Fa - ther and the Son

to - geth - er is + wor-shipped And _____ glo - - - - - ri - fied,

Who _____ spake by _____ the Pro - phets. And we be-lieve one _____ Ho - ly cath-o-lic

And _____ Aposto - lic Church. _____ We _____ confess one _____ Bap-tism

for _____ the re - mis - - - - - sion of sins,

And _____ we look for the re - sur - rec - tion of _____ the dead;

+ And _____ the life of _____ the world _____ to come. A - - - - - men. _____

+ — indicates that the worshippers may make a sign of reverence (bow the head, genuflect, or make the sign of the holy cross) as is appropriate.

TLH 147 “O Christ, Thou Lamb of God”

From Johannes Bugenhagen’s Braunschweig Kirchenordnung, 1528

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us!

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us!

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace! Amen.

TLH 168 “The Royal Banners Forward Go”

Venantius Fortunatus, 569

1. The royal banners forward go;
The cross shines forth in mystic glow
Where He in flesh, our flesh Who made,
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid;
2. Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
Life’s torrent rushing from His side,
To wash us in that precious flood
Where mingled water flowed and blood.
3. Fulfilled is all that David told
In true prophetic song of old;
Amidst the nations, God, saith he,
Hath reigned and triumphed from the Tree.
4. O Tree of beauty, Tree of light,
O Tree with royal purple dight;
Elect, on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest;
5. On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world’s ransom hung
The price of humankind to pay
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.

6. O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
So may thy power with us avail
To give new virtue to the saint
And pardon to the penitent.

Δ 7. To Thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done
Whom by the cross Thou dost restore,
Preserve, and govern evermore. Amen.

TLH 146 “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”
Nikolaus Decius, 1531

1. Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o’er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

2. Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o’er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

3. Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o’er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

TLH 307 “Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord”

Unknown Latin Author, about 680

1. Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord
And drink the holy Blood for you outpoured.
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.

2. He that His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields,
With heav’nly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3. Approach ye, then, with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.

O Judge of all, our only Savior Thou,
In this Thy feast of love to be with us now. Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle TLH 137 “In Peace and Joy I Now Depart”

Martin Luther, 1524

1. In peace and joy I now depart
At God’s disposing;
For full of comfort is my heart,
Soft reposing.
So the Lord hath promised me,
And death is but a slumber.

2. ‘Tis Christ that wrought this work for me,
My faithful Savior,
Whom Thou hast made mine eyes to see
By Thy favor.
Now I know He is my Life,
My Help in need and dying.

3. Him Thou hast unto all set forth
Their great Salvation
And to His kingdom called the Earth,
Every nation,
By Thy dear and wholesome Word,
In every place resounding.

4. He is the Hope and saving Light
Of lands benighted;
By Him are they who dwelt in night
Fed and lighted.
He is Israel’s Praise and Bliss,
Their Joy, Reward, and Glory. Amen.

TLH 171 “Upon the Cross Extended” (Second Tune)

Paul Gerhardt, 1648

1. Upon the cross extended,
See, world, thy Lord suspended,
Thy Savior yields His breath.
The Prince of Life from Heaven
Himself hath freely given
To shame and blows and bitter death.

2. Come hither now and ponder,
’Twill fill thy soul with wonder,
Blood streams from every pore.
Through grief whose depth none knoweth,
From His great heart there floweth
Sigh after sigh of anguish o’er.

3. Who is it that hath bruised Thee?

Who hath so sore abused Thee
And caused Thee all Thy woe?
While we must make confession
Of sin and dire transgression,
Thou deeds of evil dost not know.

4. I caused Thy grief and sighing
By evils multiplying
As countless as the sands.
I caused the woes unnumbered
With which Thy soul is cumbered,
Thy sorrows raised by wicked hands.

5. 'Tis I who should be smitten
My doom should here be written:
Bound hand and foot in Hell.
The fetters and the scourging,
The floods around Thee surging,
'Tis I who have deserved them well.

6. The load Thou takest on Thee,
That pressed so sorely on me,
It crushed me to the ground.
The cross for me enduring,
The crown for me securing,
My healing in Thy wounds is found.

7. A crown of thorns Thou wearest,
My shame and scorn Thou bearest,
That I might ransomed be.
My Bondsman, ever willing,
My place with patience filling,
From sin and guilt hast made me free.

8. Thy cords of love, my Savior,
Bind me to Thee forever,
I am no longer mine.
To Thee I gladly tender
All that my life can render
And all I have to Thee resign.

9. Thy cross I'll place before me,
Its saving power be o'er me,
Wherever I may be;
Thine innocence revealing,
Thy love and mercy sealing,
The pledge of truth and constancy.

10. How God at our transgression
To anger gives expression,
How loud His thunder rolls,
How fearfully He smiteth,
How sorely He requiteth,—
All this Thy sufferings teach my soul.

11. When evil men revile me,
With wicked tongues defile me,
I'll curb my vengeful heart.
The unjust wrong I'll suffer,
Unto my neighbor offer
Forgiveness for each bitter smart.

12. Thy groaning and thy sighing,
Thy bitter tears and dying,
With which Thou wast opprest,—
They shall, when life is ending,
Be guiding and attending
My way to Thine eternal rest. Amen.