

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

7:00 pm Worship Service • March 28, 2024

Maundy Thursday



This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex or if you are online at the 11:00 a.m. service drop us a line to say hello or that you and your family are attending, so that we know you have joined us for worship. For those who come in person, please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information about you. Worship times on Sunday mornings are 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE CONGREGATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN – Ministers of the Word

We are an all inclusive congregation. Join us for a riveting worship service.

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PASTOR MELUSKY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;

Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm

Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in.

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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and remember the love of Jesus, gathered at table with his friends.
We come to receive from Christ the bread of life, the cup of blessing;

Come, receive the tender service Christ offers each of us;
We come to receive the challenge of the new commandment: "Love one another."

Come and contemplate the many temptations of a world that would entice us, like Judas, to betray the trust of a suffering God.

We come to travel with Jesus the way of the cross, so that our Easter rejoicing will take on new meaning.
Let us worship together and reflect upon the life of Christ, that we might remember what discipleship may cost, and what it may reap.

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This

arr. Matthew Corl

Patricia Fielding, flute

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Beloved of Christ, we have walked these forty days through the wilderness, guided by the Holy Spirit, bringing us to this night. We come to hear a word of grace, to receive Christ's body poured out for us, and to remember his sacrifice all for the sake of his love for us. In humble remembrance of Christ's life and death, given for us, we bring ourselves to this holy space to confess our sins and hear God's words of everlasting assurance.

Forgive us, Lord, for forgetting your sacrifice and for thinking your grace is cheap.

Forgive us, Lord, for using the cross as a trinket, forgetting the agony it represents.

Forgive us, Lord, for taking our worship for granted, forgetting the struggle that has assured its freedom.

Forgive us, Lord, for being calloused to human cruelty, forgetting that every victim is a creature of God.

Forgive us, Lord, for being nonchalant about injustice, forgetting that it still nails

innocence to the cross.

Forgive us, Lord, for thinking that sacrifice is obsolete, forgetting that we still contend against the powers of darkness.

Receive our prayers offered in all humility, as we remember and honor Christ our Lord who prays for us still. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through (+) Jesus Christ.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now

ACS 930

ROCKINGHAM OLD

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

Almighty and Everlasting God,
Praise and honor to the one
who raised Lazarus from the dead,
as a foreshadow of the coming days.

Blessings and honor to the one
who marched triumphantly into Jerusalem,
who turned over the tables in the temple,
who taught his disciples to be the least of these.

Glory and power to the one
who submitted to the will of the Father,
who broke bread with the one who would betray,
who washed the feet of the one who would deny,
who healed the ear of the one who would arrest,
and in his faithfulness will win victory over sin and death.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: *Maundy Thursday, All the World is Still*

Malcolm Guite

*Maundy Thursday, all the world is still
The planes wait, grounded by departure gates
The street is empty and the shopping mall
Deserted. Padlocked, the playground waits
Against the day that children play again
Till then our sad refrain is just refrain*

*Maundy Thursday, all the world is still
And Jesus is at supper with his friends
No longer in the upper room, that hall
In Zion where the story starts and ends,
For he descended from it long ago
To find his new friends in the here and now*

*Maundy Thursday, all the world is still
And Jesus is at supper with his friends
Our doors are locked for fear, but he has skill
In breaking barriers. With ease he bends
Our prison bars, slips past the sentry post
And joins us as the guest who is our host.*

*Maundy Thursday All the world is still
But in cramped quarters on the fifteenth floor,
In lonely towers made of glass and steel,
And in the fierce favelas of the poor,
Touching with wounded hands the wounds he tends
Christ Jesus is at supper with his friends.*

RESPONSIVE HYMN

Ubi Caritas et Amor

ELW 642

SECOND READING

Telos

Rachel Held Evans

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1* 2

I give you a new com - mand - ment, that you

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love one an - oth - er just as I have loved you.

**May be sung in canon.*

Text: John 13:34

Music: Daniel Schwandt

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GOSPEL: John 13.1-17, 31b-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—

and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The assembly is seated.

A LENTEN REFLECTION: "Out, damned spot! Or the day I discovered my oven knobs come off" -Katie Savage

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

ELW 358

RYBURN

The assembly is seated.

INVITATION TO FOOTWASHING

"Unless I wash you
you have no share with me."

If only it were otherwise.
If only I could present my credentials,
show my record of service,
get some kind of unlimited pass.

In every area of my life
I am more used
to proving how adequate I am,
presenting a polished image,

But you, Lord,
you bring me down
to where you are kneeling,
and take hold
of the feet I prefer to hide.

We are here together,
near the ground,
and in this humble position
I am touched by you
and made clean.

REMEMBRANCE OF FOOTWASHING

(There are four stations placed around the altar. You are invited to, with a partner or your family, go to one of these stations and wash one another's hands, in symbolic remembrance of Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet before they ate the meal together. Pastor Tina will be at one station for individual hand washing.)

The assembly stands.

RESPONSIVE CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

We repent of this hardheartedness.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Help us to be thankful for your presence in our lives.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Help us to be your hands and feet in this world.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

These are the desires of our hearts.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

In Remembrance

Courtney/Red

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine.

In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.

In remembrance of me, open the door and let your neighbors in, let them in.

*Take, eat, and be comforted. Drink, and remember too,
that this is my body and precious blood, shed for you.*

In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love.

In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, look for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Create In Me a Clean Heart

ELW 188

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

**Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.**

**Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.**

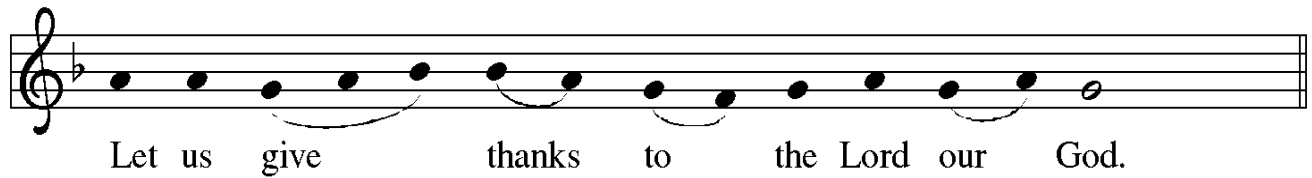
Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

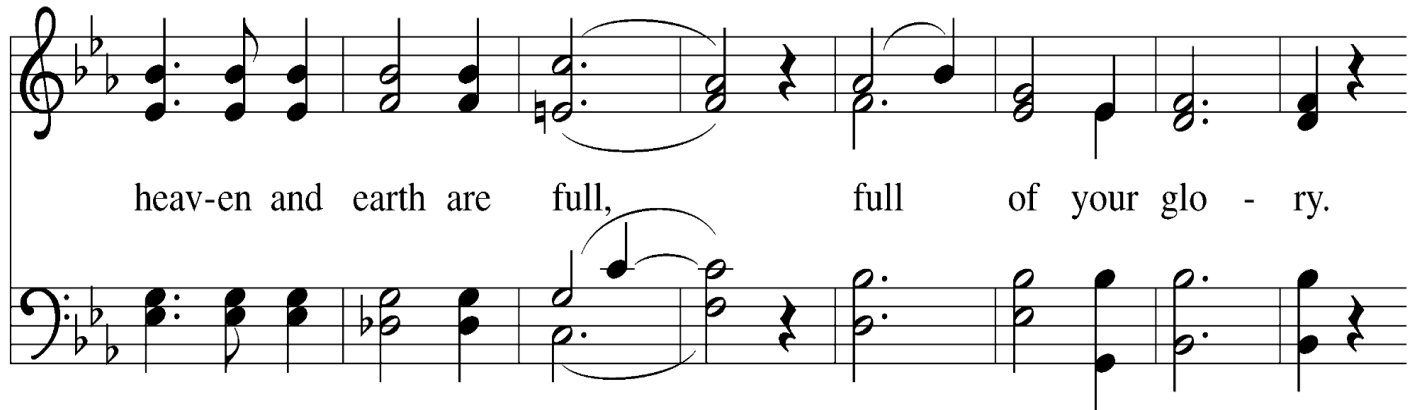
SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



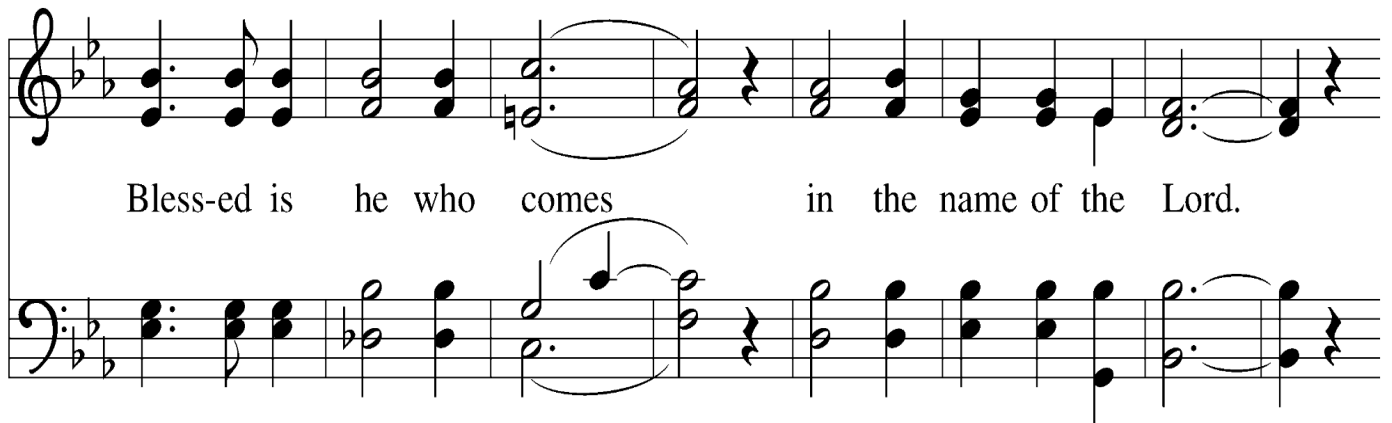
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,




heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



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

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

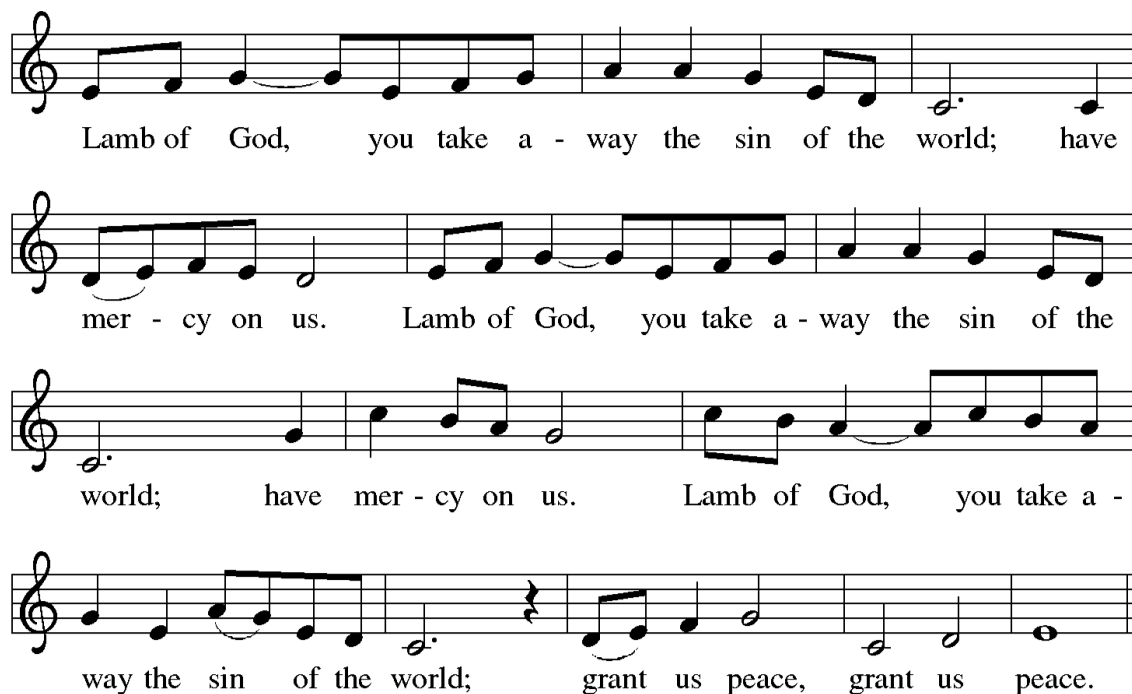
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 assembly is seated.

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

Communion will be held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a clear communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a purple grape juice cup from the center of the tray. Recycle baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION *In This Feast of Love*
TÄSSÄ PÖYDÄSSÄ

ACS 962

The assembly stands.

SENDING

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

READING: Mark 14.26-42

RESPONSIVE HYMN:

Stay with Me

ELW 348

REFLECTION

Descending Theology: The Garden

Mary Karr

*We know he was a man because, once doomed,
he begged for reprieve. See him
grieving on his rock under olive trees,
his companions asleep
on the hard ground around him
wrapped in old hides.
Not one stayed awake as he'd asked.
That went through him like a sword.
He wished with all his being to stay
but gave up
bargaining at the sky. He knew
it was all mercy anyhow,
unearned as breath. The Father couldn't intervene,
though that gaze was never
not rapt, a mantle around him. This
was our doing, our death.
The dark prince had poured the vial of poison
into the betrayer's ear,
and it was done. Around the oasis where Jesus wept,
the cracked earth radiated out for miles.
In the green center, Jesus prayed for the pardon*

*of Judas, who was approaching
with soldiers, glancing up – as Christ was – into
the punctured sky till his neck bones
ached. Here is his tear-riven face come
to press a kiss on his brother.*

PSALM 22

STRIPPING THE ALTAR

PLEASE DEPART IN SILENCE

Maundy is an English form of a Latin word for “commandment.” The theme of the evening is Jesus’ commandment to “love one another even as I have loved you,” a love sharply focused by the contrast of the betrayal which followed. Jesus’ love is demonstrated both in his example of servanthood and in his gift of himself in Holy Communion.

Stripping the Altar is symbolic of Jesus’ humiliation at the soldiers’ hands. As the communion vessels, linens, and altar ware are removed, Psalm 22 is read. Jesus quoted this psalm while he hung on the cross. The altar will remain bare through Good Friday, and then will be dressed in splendor for the Easter celebration.

After the participants have left the chancel, you are asked to **leave in silence**. There is no benediction as the drama of Jesus’ life and the story of salvation continues through this week.

Serving the Assembly

Crucifer	Drew Rummel
Acolytes	Elena Stevens Karina Stevens
Ushers	Anne Obara Cliff Obara
Altar Guild	Steve Quist Karoline Ardis
Camera	Cliff Obara

GATHERING HYMN *Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now*

1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing
2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -
3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you

feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and
veiled in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry
ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in

life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

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HYMN OF THE DAY

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your

love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
 as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty

though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
 by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
 but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
 and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
 to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that

heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
 close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
 mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
 faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

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OFFERTORY HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION *In This Feast of Love*

Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä
 1 In this feast of love, in this
 2 In this bread and wine, in this
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le
 feast of love, Lord, you share your
 bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the

it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!
 blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

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