

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

November 5, 2022



"Sing praises to the Lord, O you saints, and give thanks to [God's] holy name."

~ Psalm 30:4(ESV)



This 1606 painting is of St. Cecilia, the patroness of music. On this All Saint's Day, we lift up all of the saints in melodious celebration and remembrance.

Gathering as the Body of Christ

CENTERING SONG	“OH WHEN THE SAINTS”	INSTRUMENTAL
GREETING		
*CALL TO WORSHIP	“COME, AND LET US SWEETLY JOIN” vs. 1,2	UMH 699
*OPENING HYMN	“FOR ALL THE SAINTS” vs. 1-4	UMH 711

*CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

[All are invited to turn toward the Baptismal Font.]

Watching God, we are so easily confused by what the world tells us that we forget the stories of faith we heard as children. We are so fearful of tomorrow, we are not aware of your Spirit with us today. We are so busy wondering, “what if?” or “suppose?” we cannot hear the promises you whisper to us
So once again, Gracious God,
Have mercy on us.
You know our hearts so well—
Touch them with your grace.
You see our deepest fears—
Heal them with your peace.
You hear our secret longings—
Speak to them of your hope. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Silent Confession)

The One who searches our broken hearts has found the way to mend them and make us new people. The good news is that everything God has done in Christ is for us, that we may be made whole.

With kindness, and justice, God makes us new people. We will sing our thanks through all eternity. Great is God, and greatly to be praised! Amen.

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Service of the Word

POEM

“MUSIC”

JUHAN LIIV

Juhan Liiv (1864-1913) died in obscurity, never publishing a book prepared by himself. Since the nineteen twenties he has generally been recognized as one of Estonia’s greatest lyrical poets.

It must be somewhere, the original harmony,
somewhere in great nature, hidden.
Is it in the furious infinite,
in distant stars’ orbits,
is it in the sun’s scorn,
in a tiny flower, in treegossip,
in heartmusic’s mothersong
or in tears?
It must be somewhere, immortality,
somewhere the original harmony must be found:
how else could it infuse
the human soul,
that music?

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

“OPEN MY EYES”

UMH 454 (VERSE 1)

SCRIPTURE READING

HEBREWS 11: 13-16

NRSV

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“O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST”

NCH 25

(VERSES 1 & 2)

Service of the Table

OFFERTORY SONG

***THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to you, Lord.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing to give thanks to you, Holy Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of
power and might. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - - - -
- ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high -
est! Blest is the one who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

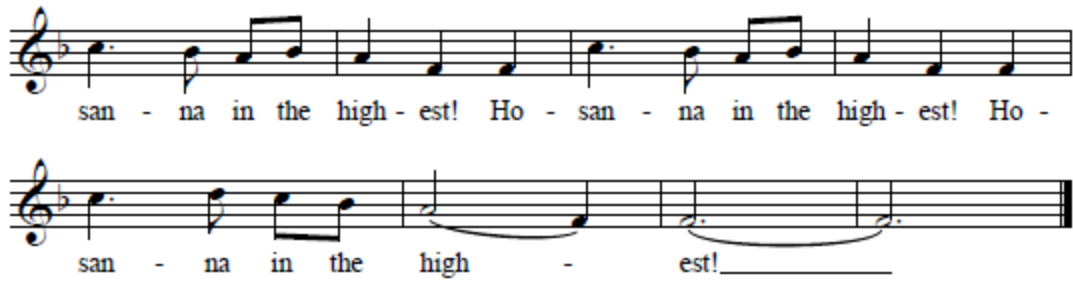
You are holy, Almighty One! Blessed are you, Jesus Christ! In the power of your Spirit you created all things, blessed them, and called them good.

At the right time you came and dwelt among us, as one of us, bringing good news to the poor, healing the sick, raising the dead, sharing table with the unrighteous, and teaching the ways that leads to life.

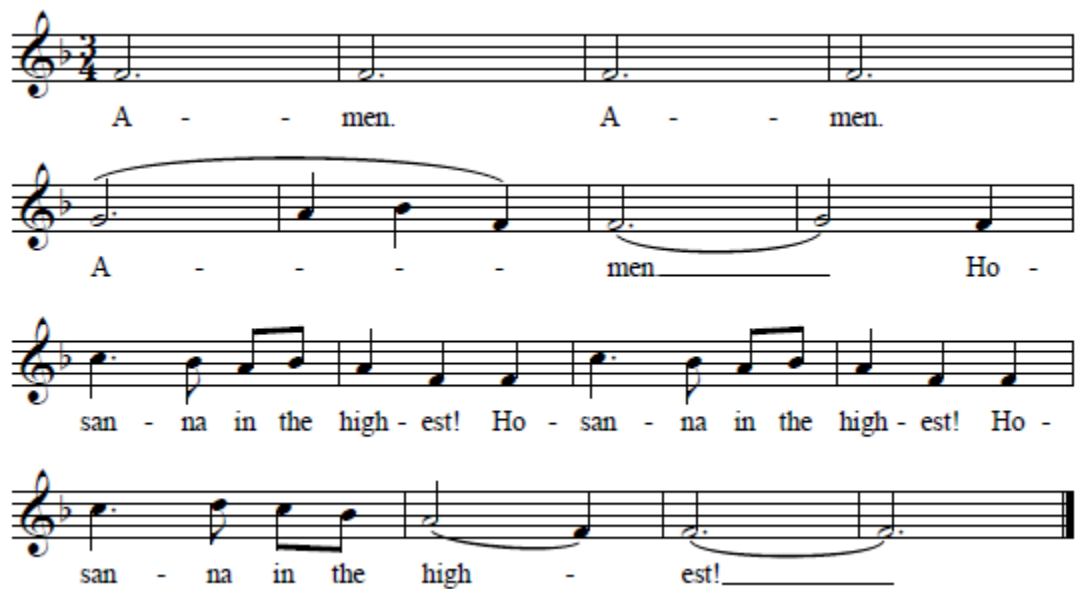
On the night of your betrayal, Lord Jesus, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said, “This is my body which is give for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood.”

We proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,
 Christ will come a - gain. Ho -



Pour out your Spirit on us. Pour out your Spirit on these gifts. Make us through them, Christ's body alive in the world.



INVITATION TO THE TABLE

We have a few COVID related options for those who wish to partake. If you wish to receive from the ministers, take an empty eco-friendly cup from the stack on the aisle table and approach the minister, who will place a piece of bread in your open hand. All bread is gluten free.

Or you may take one of the sealed celebration cups with the wafer on top and juice beneath; hold them out to the minister for a blessing. A minister will pour grape juice into your cup. Eat, drink, and dispose of the cup in the waste baskets at the side aisles as you return to your seat.

If you are unable to come forward, please signal the ministers and we will come to you at your seat. Those who prefer not to partake in Communion are invited to a different kind of divine encounter through an interfaith prayer of blessing. If this is your preference, we invite you to meet the minister at the baptismal font.

COMMUNION SONG

“EAT THIS BREAD”

UMH 628

Going Forth as the Body of Christ

*CLOSING SONG

“ONE HAND ONE HEART”

BERNSTEIN

Make of our hands, one hand
Make of our hearts, one heart
Make of our vows, one last vow
Even death won't part us now
Make of our lives, one life
Day after day, one life
Now it begins, now it starts
One hand, one heart
Only death will part us now

*BENEDICTION

SENDING & POSTLUDE

*May we remember those who have come before us.
May we recognize those who are among us.
And may we seek to be an example
to those who come after us.*

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