



*Welcome to Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026

6:15 pm

Palms at Como Conservatory
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Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

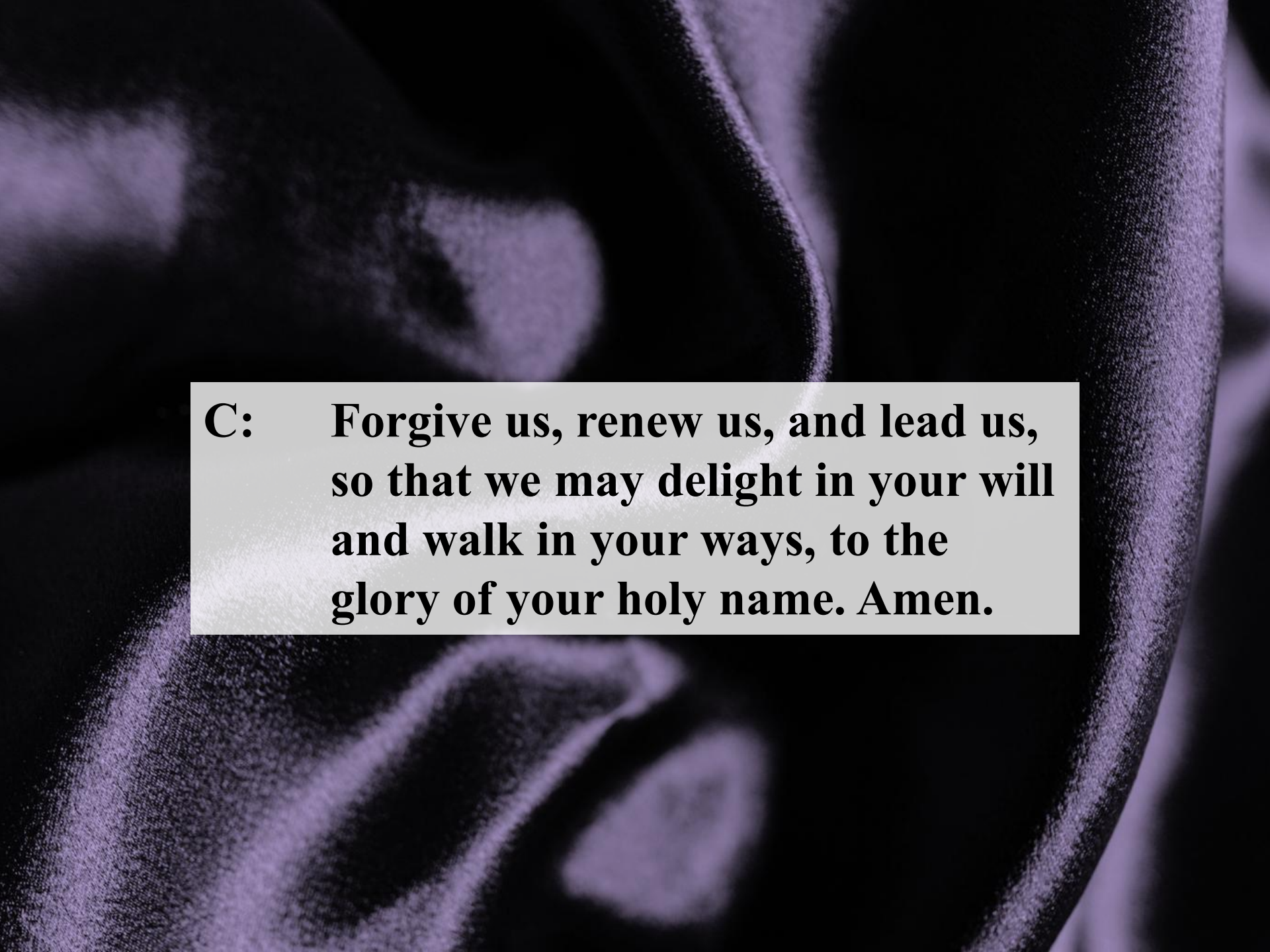
L: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

L: Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silent Reflection

L: Most Merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.



**C: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the
glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Laying on of Hands

You are invited to come forward for individual
laying on of hands.

During this time, you may also join in singing
“Go to Dark Gethsemane”
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Greeting

L: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading, Exodus 12:1-14

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² “This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴ If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

⁶ You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷ They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

⁸ They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire.

¹¹ This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD. ¹² I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ “This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

L: ¹ I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

**C: ² for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

L: ¹² How shall I repay the LORD for all the
good things God has done for me?

**C: ¹³ I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.**

L: ¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.

C: ¹⁵ **Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.**

L: ¹⁶ O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am
your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

C: ¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice of
thanksgiving and call upon the name of
the LORD.**

L: ¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,

C: ¹⁹ **in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Second Reading, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one other.

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 21-35

¹ 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.

² The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.

⁵ 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. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

¹⁰ 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.” ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

²¹ After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit and declared, “Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.” ²² The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. ²³ One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining close to his heart; ²⁴ Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking.

²⁵ So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?” ²⁶ Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “Do quickly what you are going to do.” ²⁸ Now no one knew why he said this to him.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

²⁹ Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the festival,” or that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰ So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

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L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.


Message

Where Charity and Love Prevail

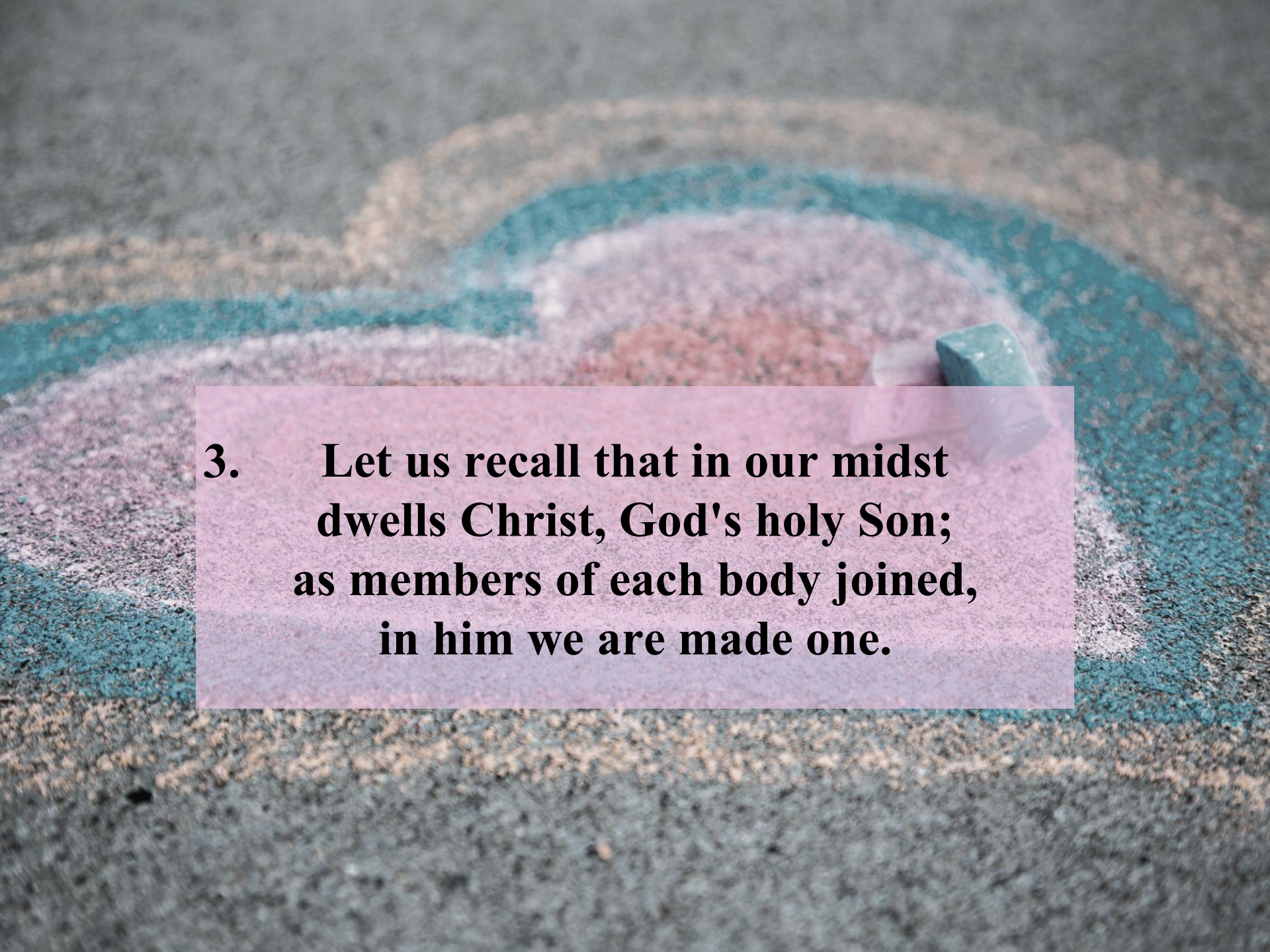
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- 1. Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love we thus are bound.**




**2. With grateful joy and holy fear,
God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul
now love God in return.**



3. Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son; as members of each body joined, in him we are made one.



**4. Let strife among us be unknown;
let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek;
be his our only peace.**



**5. Let us forgive each other's faults
as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well
in Christian gentleness.**

Prayers of Intercession

Response after each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, confident that you will strengthen us by your Spirit to love one another as Christ has loved us. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen.**

Peace

L: Jesus, at the Last Supper, said to his disciples, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.” The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Sharing the Peace



Offering
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“Just As I Am”

Lamb of God

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**1. Your only Son no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod
and to become the Lamb of God.**

**O Lamb of God,
sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God,
O wash me in his precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**2. Your gift of love they crucified,
they laughed and scorned him
as he died,
the humble King they named a fraud
and sacrificed the Lamb of God.**

**O Lamb of God,
sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in his precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray.
Extravagant God,
you have blessed us with the fullness of
creation. Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.
Take and use what we offer here, come
among us, and feed us with the body and
blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

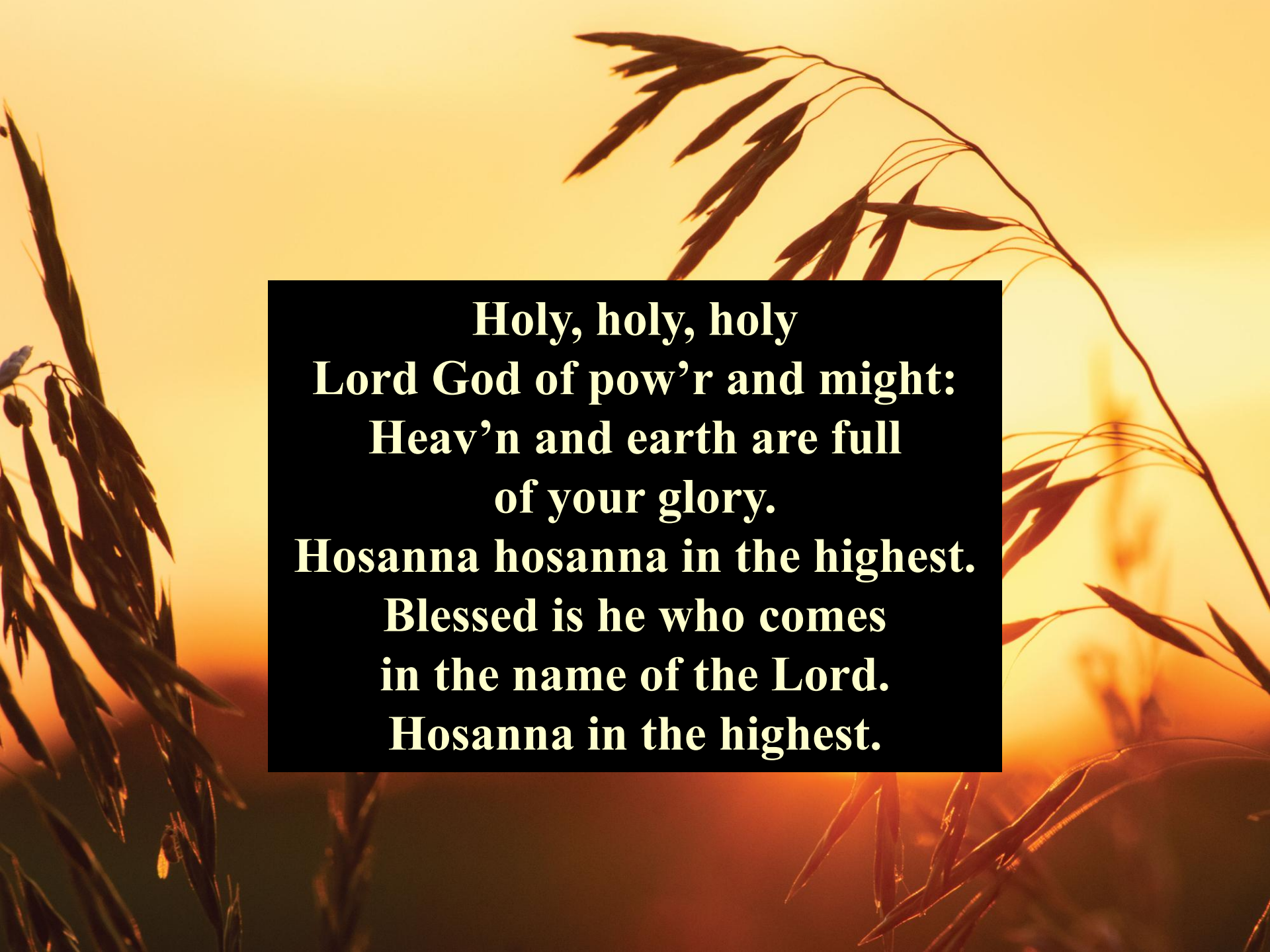
L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface



**Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full
of your glory.
Hosanna hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution



Eucharistic Prayer

- L: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

L: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

C: **Amen.**

L: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

C: **Amen.**

L: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The 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.**

**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.**

Holy Communion

Communion will be served at one station. An usher will guide you forward. Wafers or gluten free bread and wine or juice will be offered. You will be served a wafer unless you indicate otherwise. Please take the wine or juice from the tray yourself.



In the Singing

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- 1. In the singing, in the silence,
in the hands expectant, open,
in the blessing, in the breaking,
in your presence at this table,**

**Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the wine of grace;
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the bread of peace.**

**2. In the question, in the answer,
in the moment of acceptance,
in the heart's cry, in the healing,
in the circle of your people,**

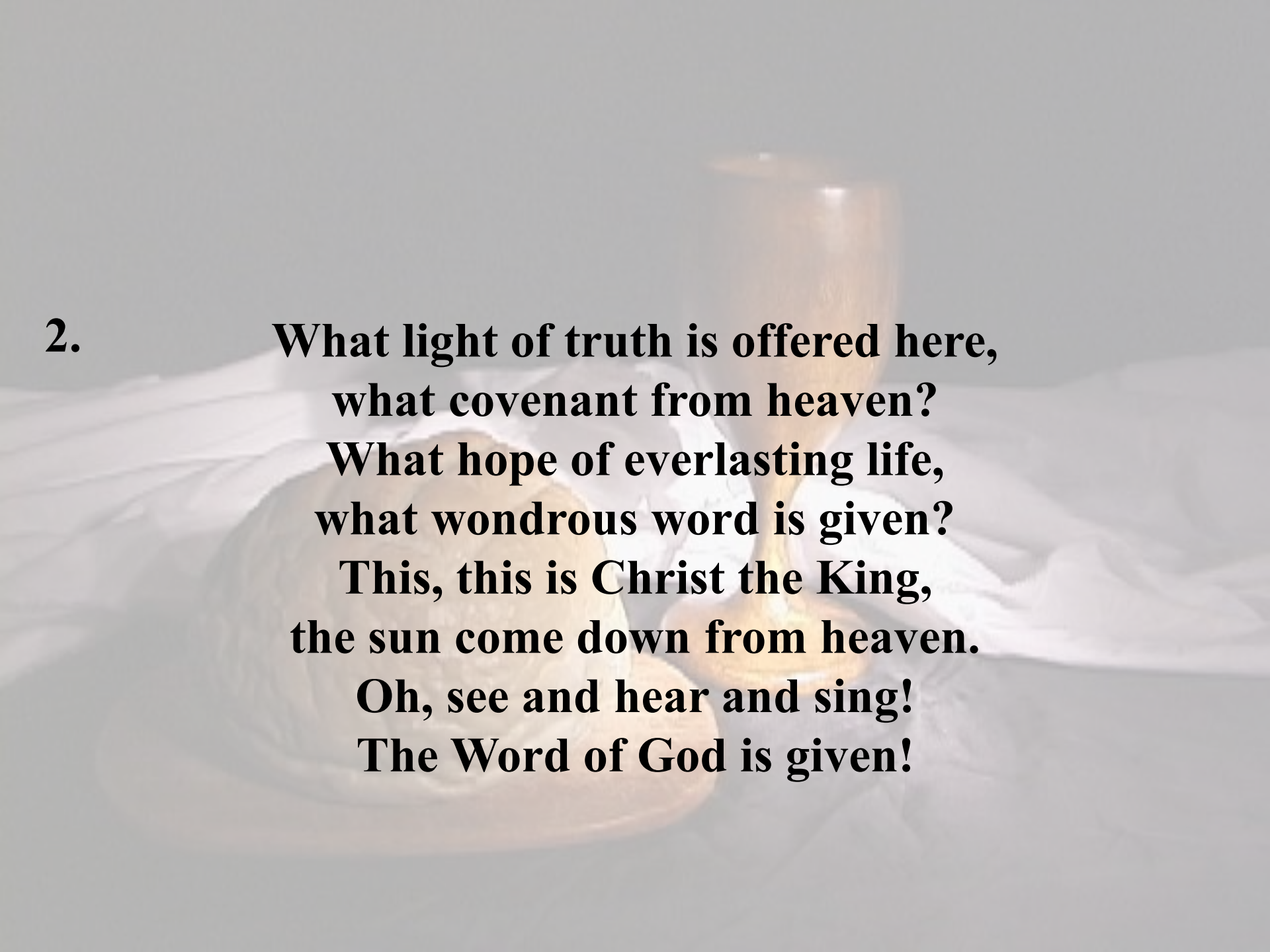
**Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the wine of grace;
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the bread of peace.**

What Feast of Love

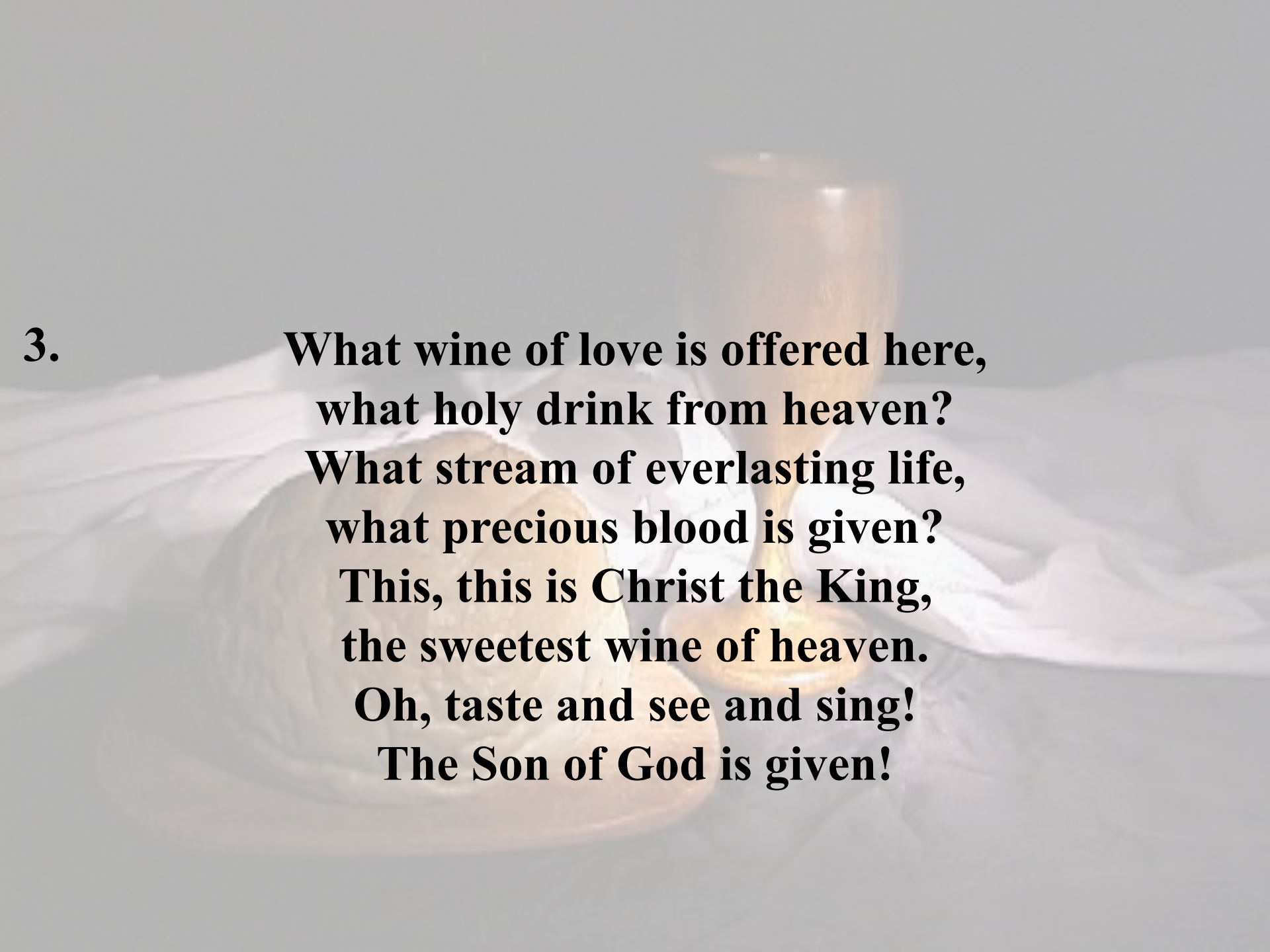
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- 1. What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the King,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!**



**2. What light of truth is offered here,
 what covenant from heaven?
 What hope of everlasting life,
 what wondrous word is given?
 This, this is Christ the King,
 the sun come down from heaven.
 Oh, see and hear and sing!
 The Word of God is given!**

A chalice and a host are shown on a white cloth. The chalice is a golden cup with a stem, and the host is a round, golden wafer. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white cloth.

**3. What wine of love is offered here,
what holy drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the King,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!**

Communion Blessing



Prayer after Communion

L: Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22 will be read during
the stripping of the altar.

*Candles are extinguished.
Communion vessels, candles, paraments,
and linens are removed.*

Please leave the sanctuary in silence as we process outdoors to burn the prayers placed in the Prayers for the HEARTh Jar as incense before God and the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice.