

ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Sunday, August 16, 2026
The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**



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Sunday, August 16, 2026

9:30am Worship Service

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

P With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C **Thanks be to God!**

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

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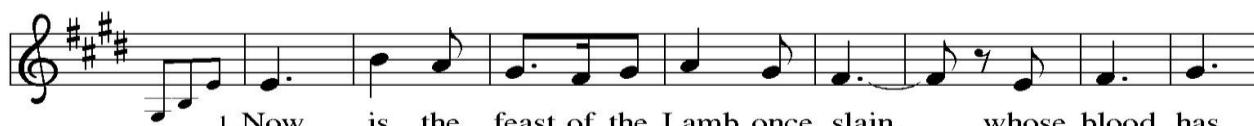
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

SALUTATION



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

L A reading from Isaiah, Chapter 56.

¹ Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

L A reading from Romans, Chapter Eleven.

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

GOSPEL: Matthew 15: 10-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P ¹⁰ Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

P The Gospel of Our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

ALL ARE WELCOME

#641 Red Hymnal

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

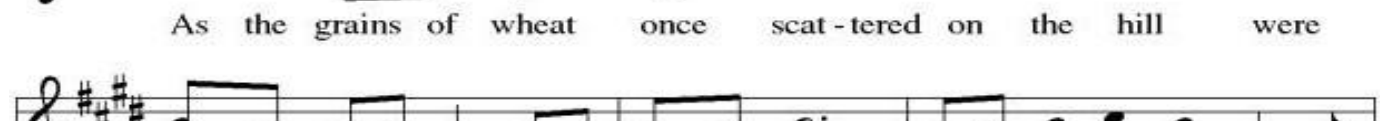
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AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

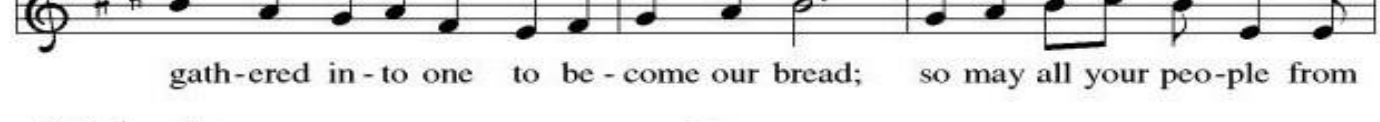
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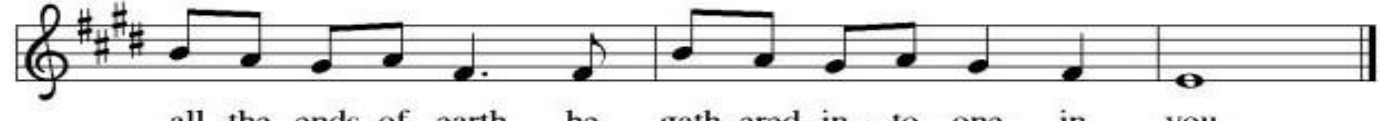
As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



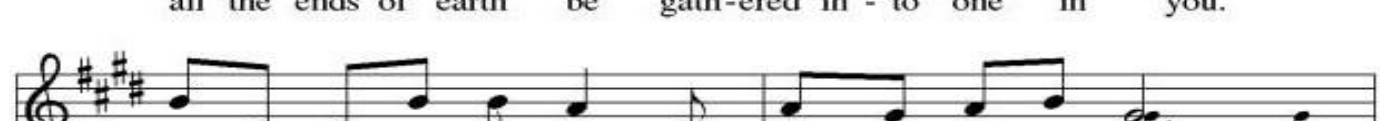
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



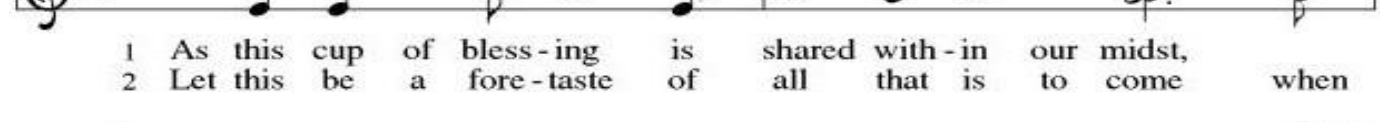
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



Refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with

you. *Presider:* *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We

Presider:

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation:

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Congregation:

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff is in 6/8 time and contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and'. The second staff continues with 'might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your' and includes a 3/8 time signature change. The third staff has 'glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the'. The fourth staff continues with 'One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the'. The fifth staff concludes with 'high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!' and ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

P You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God: everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

On the night of his betrayal 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. 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.

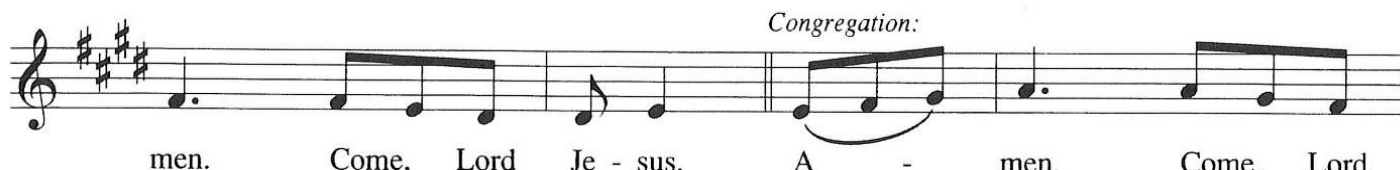
Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

Presider:

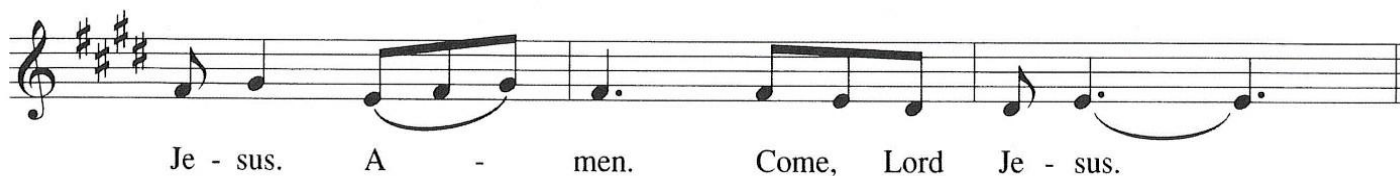


A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A -

Congregation:



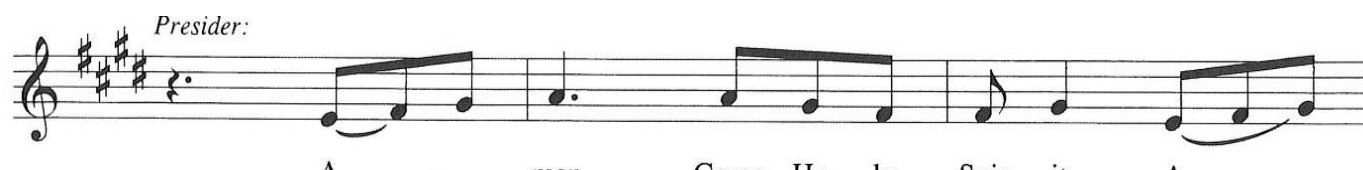
men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord



Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

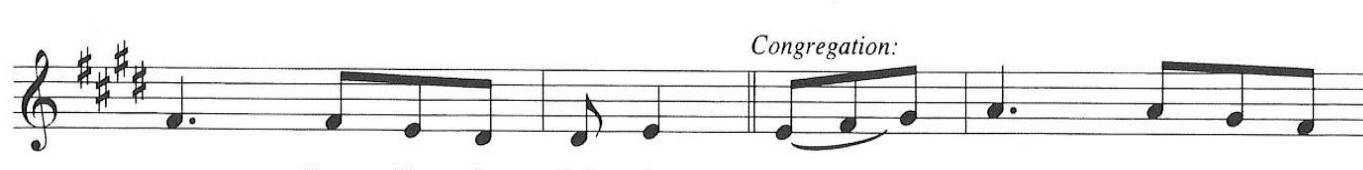
P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.

Presider:



A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A -

Congregation:



men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly



Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

P This we pray through Jesus Christ, our savior and our friend.

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the

u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is

yours, O God, now and for ev - er.

A - men.

P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

C **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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

Please prepare for the reception of Communion. Please be seated.

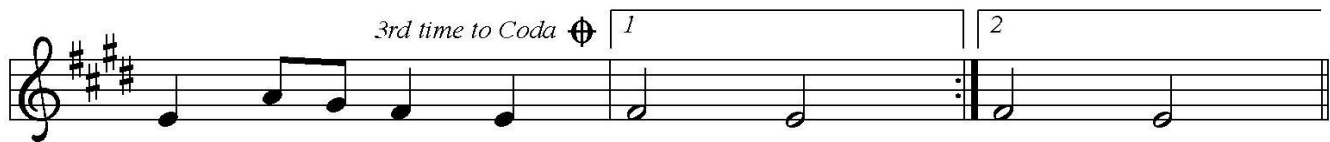
THANKS BE TO YOU



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

⊕ Coda



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Hymns Being Played During the Distribution of Communion:

Taste and See

#493 Red Hymnal

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

#461 Red Hymnal

Eat This Bread

#472 Red Hymnal

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the base of the steps or at your seats. All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers and juice are also available. Children are welcome to receive a blessing and a fish cracker.

Please stand as you are able.

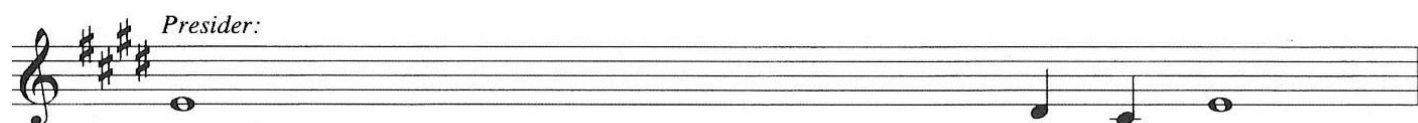
When all have received Communion:

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

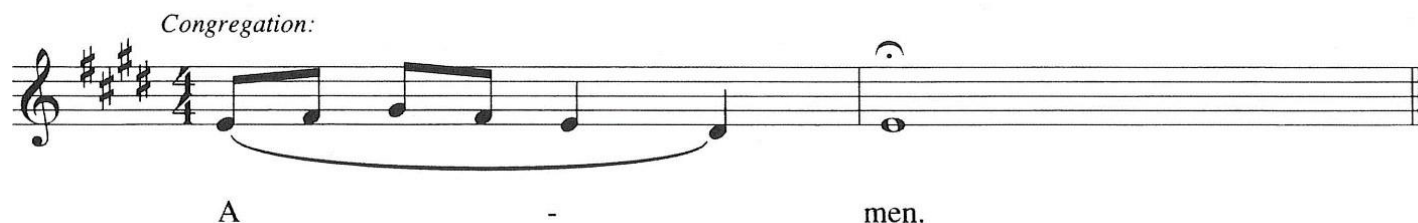
C **Amen.**

A Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**



May God bless us and keep us.
May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us.
May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.



GUIDE ME EVER, GREAT REDEEMER

#618 Red Hymnal

DISMISSAL

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Guest Organist: Jim Long
Audio-Video Production: John Costanzo
Worship Assistant: David Abel
Ushers: Kathy Brandt and Sue Pettit
August Offering Counters: Shirley Kerbaugh and Kathy Brandt
August Altar Guild: Debbie Ealer

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, August 16 9:30am Worship
Monday, August 17 7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group
Friday, August 21 7:30pm Crossroads AA
Sunday, August 23 9:30am Worship

ZOOM LINK FOR LIVE BROADCAST:

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MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Andrew Bleice, Jonathan Bleice, Seth Phillips, Abby Rinda, and Amy Sales.

MEMBERS OF THE ST. ANDREW'S FAMILY IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Immediate Prayers: Colleen Connlain, Donna Doran, David Fretz, Lori Gilbert, Jerri Heebner, Leo, Melanie Lynn, Jim Pennoyer, and Steve.

Members Homebound/Nursing Home: Margaret Bennett, Shirley Curto, Lisa Detweiler, Carol Ehler, Carl Fisher, Joan Holland, Theresa Lawhead, Irene Neel, Doris Neumeyer, Jean Pleiss, Doris Wanamaker, and Marge Weidner.

Long Term Prayers: Jessica Arnoldi, Elaine Bobeck, Rodney Burda, Charlie, Dianna Dillian, Crystal DiLonardo, Michael DiLonardo, Debbie DiLonardo, Carol Ehler, Maj-Britt Enblom, Kevin Gallagher, Ryan Gorrie, Lori Guillen, Rich Heater, Karen Israel, David Jackson, Sandy Joyce, Jennifer, Kamilah, Keith, Ingvar Kjellberg, Carol Laustsen, David Laustsen, Eric Laustsen, Laura Lee Laustsen, Barbara Lindner, Pete Merluzzi, Nancy, Paul, Penny, Dan Philipps, Rachel, Lisa and Jim Reinish, Shirley, Ethel Shive, Danielle Smith, Andi Steckel, Melissa Steckel, and Doug VonNessen.

Service Members: Courtney Baskwell, Matthew Baskwell, Levi Birchfield, Kyle Callantine, Anthony Duginski, Vince Franchino, Elizabeth Gordon, Derek Hartman, Kristina Himmelreich, Jan-Oskar Kjellberg, Rhiannon Perry, Mark Pollard, and Joseph Suhr.

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Now the Feast and Celebration: OL #01108; **Gospel Verse:** OL #01111; **As the Grains of Wheat:** OL #01112; **The Great Thanksgiving:** OL #01113; **Eucharistic Acclamation 1, 2 or 3:** OL #01114; **Holy, Holy, Holy:** OL #G3488H; **Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ:** OL #01115; **Amen:** OL #01502.

Taste and See: OL #00155

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly: OL #93815

All Are Welcome: OL #324850

Eat This Bread: OL #109956

Guide Me Ever: In The Public Domain Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt. Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932 Tune Name Cwm Rhondda