

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
CONSISTORIAL BANQUET
FEBRUARY 16, 1986

Prelude of Sacred Music

*Hymn 1 Holy, Holy, Holy

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We shall bring to the Lord's table with our offerings the bread and wine for the Lord's Supper. We invite to this table all who are members of a Christian church, who desire peace with their neighbor, and who seek the mercy of God.

Luke the Evangelist wrote of our risen Lord, that when he was at table with two of the disciples, he took bread and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, and their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

IN COMPANY WITH ALL BELIEVERS IN EVERY TIME AND BEYOND TIME, WE COME TO THIS TABLE TO KNOW HIM IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD.

For the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and, when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Lift up your hearts.

WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

IT IS GOOD THAT WE DO.

We give you thanks, Lord God, our Creator, for bringing the worlds into being, for forming us in your likeness, for recalling us when we rebel against you, and for keeping the world in your steadfast love. We praise you especially for Jesus Christ; who was born of Mary and lived as one of us; who knew exactly the life we know, and yet was obedient to your purposes, even to his death on a cross. We thank you that you stamped his death with victory by raising him in power and by making him head over all things. We rejoice in the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit, in the church you have gathered, in its task of obedience, and in the promise of eternal life. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY,
GOD OF LOVE AND MAJESTY
THE WHOLE UNIVERSE SPEAKS OF YOUR GLORY,
O GOD, MOST HIGH.

Therefore bless now, by your Word and Spirit, both us and these gifts of bread and wine, that in receiving them at this table, and in offering here our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and one another, and remain faithful to the tasks he sets before us.

IN THE STRENGTH CHRIST GIVES WE OFFER OURSELVES TO YOU, GIVING THANKS THAT YOU HAVE CALLED US TO SERVE YOU. AMEN.

Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.

