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# Second Sunday of Easter

*My Lord My God - John 20:28*



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**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✝ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,  
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
 4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,  
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.  
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;  
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal:  
 who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;  
 All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
 comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
 but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing  
 Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
 your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

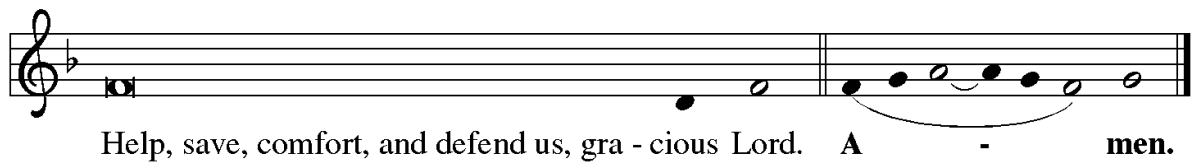
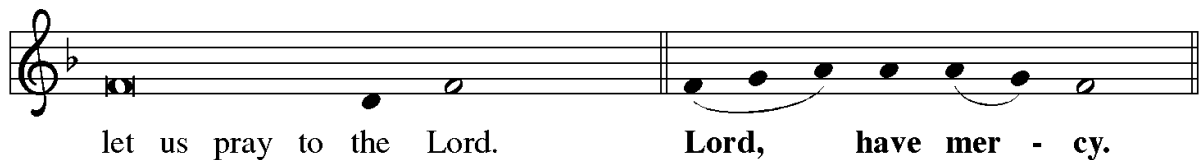
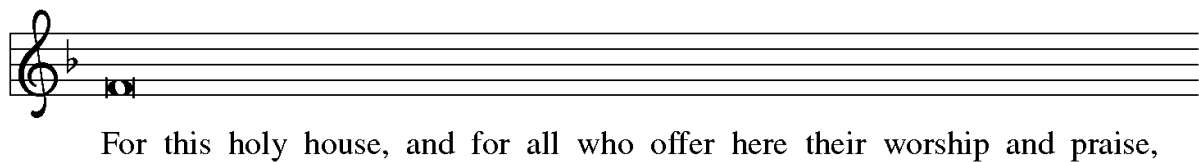
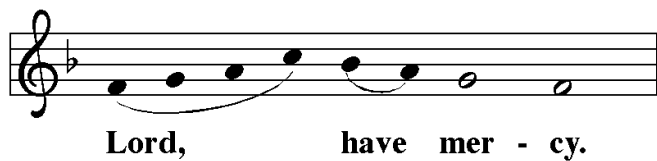
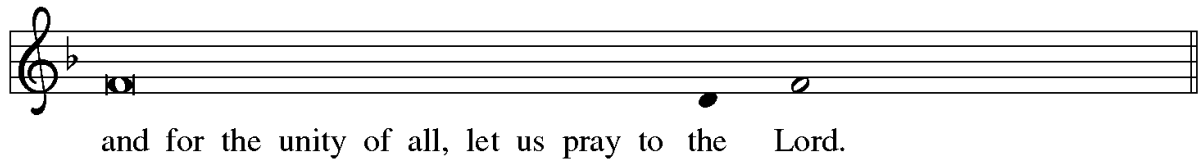
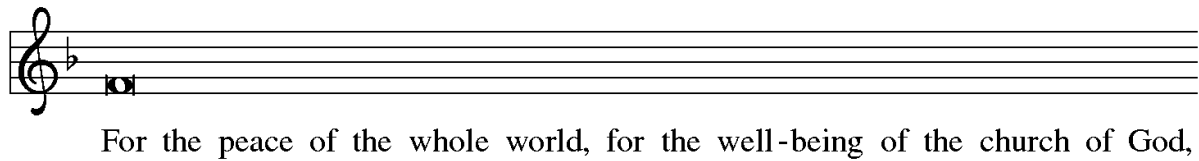
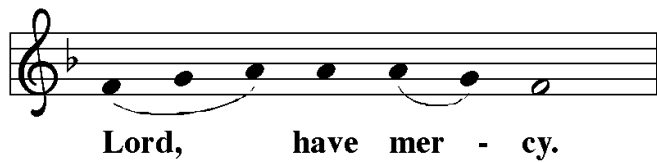
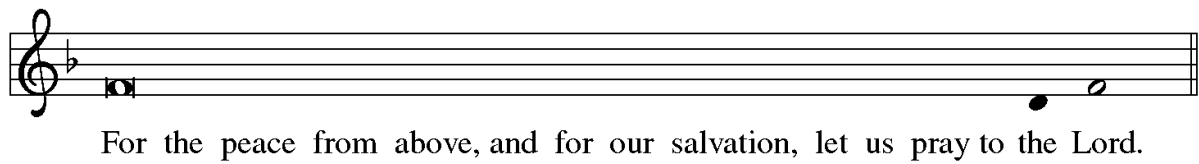
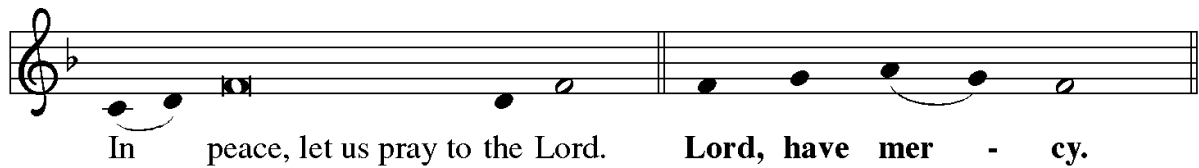
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 Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547

### 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.**

**KYRIE (ELW p. 138)**



## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 139)

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.      I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

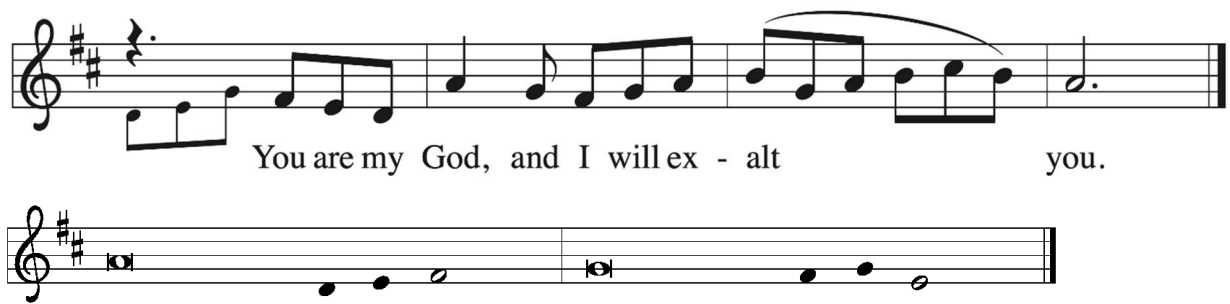
A reading from Acts.

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 118:14-29**



- <sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength <sup>|</sup> and my song,  
and has become <sup>|</sup> my salvation.
- <sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents <sup>|</sup> of the righteous:**  
**"The right hand of the <sup>|</sup> LORD acts valiantly!**
- <sup>16</sup> The right hand of the LORD <sup>|</sup> is exalted!  
The right hand of the <sup>|</sup> LORD acts valiantly!"
- <sup>17</sup> **I shall not <sup>|</sup> die, but live,**  
**and declare the works <sup>|</sup> of the LORD. R**
- <sup>18</sup> The LORD indeed pun- <sup>|</sup> ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o- <sup>|</sup> ver to death.
- <sup>19</sup> **Open for me the <sup>|</sup> gates of righteousness;**  
**I will enter them and give thanks <sup>|</sup> to the LORD.**
- <sup>20</sup> "This is the gate <sup>|</sup> of the LORD;  
here the righ- <sup>|</sup> teous may enter."
- <sup>21</sup> **I give thanks to you, for you have <sup>|</sup> answered me**  
**and you have become <sup>|</sup> my salvation. R**
- <sup>22</sup> The stone that the build- <sup>|</sup> ers rejected  
has become the chief <sup>|</sup> cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup> **By the LORD has <sup>|</sup> this been done;**  
**it is marvelous <sup>|</sup> in our eyes.**
- <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the <sup>|</sup> LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be <sup>|</sup> glad in it.
- <sup>25</sup> **Hosanna! <sup>|</sup> O LORD, save us!**  
**We pray to you, LORD, pros- <sup>|</sup> per our days! R**
- <sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name <sup>|</sup> of the LORD;  
we bless you from the house <sup>|</sup> of the LORD.
- <sup>27</sup> **The LORD is God and has giv- <sup>|</sup> en us light.**  
**Form a procession with branches up to the corners <sup>|</sup> of the altar.**
- <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and <sup>|</sup> I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I <sup>|</sup> will exalt you.
- <sup>29</sup> **Give thanks to the LORD, for the <sup>|</sup> LORD is good;**  
**God's mercy en- <sup>|</sup> dures forever. R**



## SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

A reading from Revelation.

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)



## GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the

sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Closter**

**Rev. Larry**



# HYMN OF THE DAY

## *We Walk by Faith*

(ELW

635)



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found:  
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation**

he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities (*current issues of concern may be named*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way especially Barb, Shirley, Louise,

Stephen, Paul, Hadley, Nikki, Michael, Jeff, Monica (worshippers may add names silently or aloud). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy and compassion look with favor upon the Roman Catholic Church as they grieve the loss of Pope Francis. By your Holy Spirit guide the process of selecting a new Pope that in all ways Son, Jesus, will be glorified.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

**Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Meal**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING**

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

Arranged by Michael

Beyer



*Offering is an act of worship that shows our gratitude to God for all that we are and have in our lives. The offering today will provide support for the ministries of Trinity both locally and in the world around us. You may provide your offering in person, scan the QR code adjacent or send it by mail. We thank you for sharing not only your monetary gifts but also your gifts of time and talent to further our mission to share Jesus' love in worship, fellowship, hospitality, and community, doing God's work with our hands.*

**OFFERING PRESENTATION***Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**(ELW 182)*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: 'Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of'. The second staff continues the melody: 'bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be'. The third staff: 'fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -'. The fourth staff: 'nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your'. The fifth staff concludes the phrase: 'pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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Risen One,  
you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.  
Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.  
**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

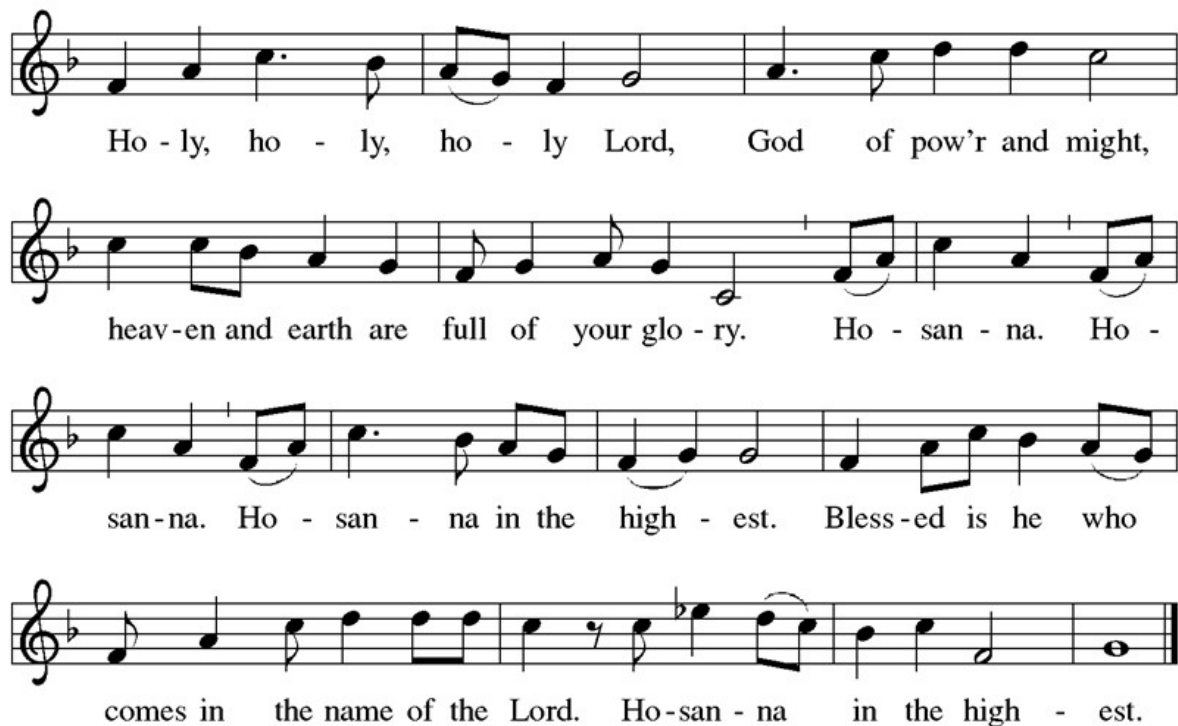
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS (for the sick and homebound)**

Let us pray. O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger bless these elements with your divine grace and those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

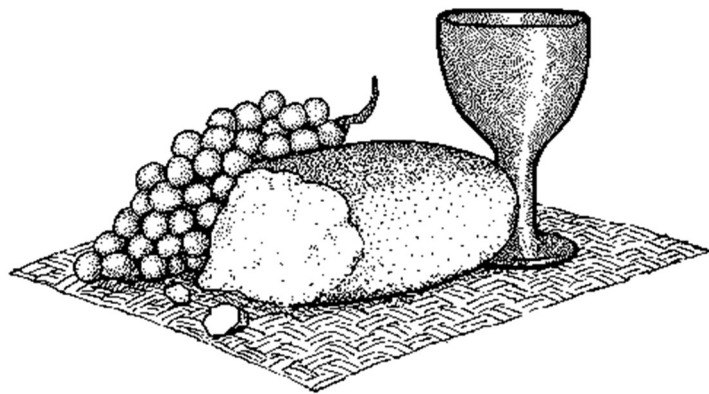
*Those communing from home, have your package ready to open, but do not consume the elements until the pastor acknowledges those at home and says: "Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life." Then you may partake.*

## **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.



## COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 146)

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.

## SONGS DURING COMMUNION *As the Grains of Wheat* (ELW 465)

*Refrain*

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.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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*In the Singing* (ELW 466)



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world.  
**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*Thine Is the Glory*

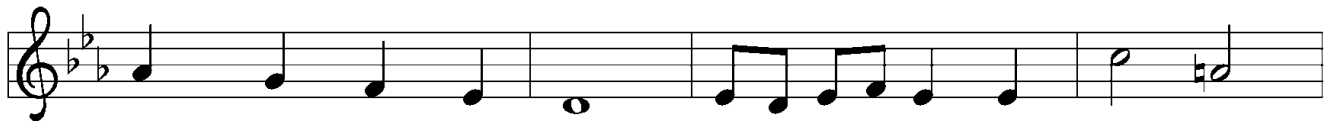
(ELW 376)



- 1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*

where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939  
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE***Thine Is the Glory*

Arranged by Donald Johns

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## Reminders

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### Following Today's service,

Coffee Hour after service (All are welcome!) | Parish Hall

#### ♦ Wednesday - April 30

##### We could use your help!

If you're able to contribute, we're still in need of a few key items to make this Wednesday's Community Meal a success.

**Menu:** Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans & Dessert

**Meal Time:** 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall

To donate or get involved, please contact Martha Cooley or Susan Scheulen.

#### ♦ Thursday, May 1

- Choir Rehearsal 5:45 PM | Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director
- National Day of Prayer
- May Day

#### ♦ Friday, May 2

CMSP Music private lesson 5-6 pm | Upstairs Classroom

#### ♦ Saturday, May 3

CMSP Music Together (Spring Session – Week 3) | Upstairs Classroom

#### ♦ Notes from the LCW

##### Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who baked and shopped at our Spring Craft & Bake Sale! We raised \$251 thanks to your support – we appreciate you!

##### ☕️ 🌸 LCW Ladies' Tea Party – You're Invited!

Join us for a special Tea Party on **Saturday, May 17 at 2 PM** in the Parish Hall. Enjoy tea, treats, and great conversation. Wear your favorite hat and invite family & friends!

~ **DATE EXTENDED ~ RSVP by MAY 1ST:**

Sue Scheulen – (540) 247-4826 | [susanscheulen@yahoo.com](mailto:susanscheulen@yahoo.com)

Mistie McPadalin – (540) 660-0567 | [wjmcp3@gmail.com](mailto:wjmcp3@gmail.com)

♦ **Note from Social Outreach Ministry** | Kim Begnaud-Hampton

Help Support WATTS with a Recipe!

Hi there! Our friend Dee Morris is putting together a community cookbook fundraiser to benefit WATTS (Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter), and she's looking for recipe submissions. If you have a favorite dish you'd like to share, please email it to [Wattscookbook@outlook.com](mailto:Wattscookbook@outlook.com).

Dee and her team host WATTS each November at Stephens City United Methodist Church. WATTS provides a safe, warm overnight shelter and supportive services to our area's homeless during the winter months. Your recipe can help support this life-saving mission!

Learn more about WATTS at <https://watts-homelessshelter.org/>

- ♦ **The Prayer Team** has a beautiful table located at the entrance to the Sanctuary (just inside the doorway to the right). Everyone is welcome to fill out a card and place prayer request in the box. Also, if you would like to add to the Prayers of Intercession please contact Mistie McPadalin.

- ♦ **HOSPITAL VISITATION**- Pastor Closter is registered clergy for Valley Heath he visits patients in the hospital when we are aware that someone has been admitted and sees this as important pastoral care. Because of HIPPA, the hospital does not contact the church to let us know when a parishioner is a patient. If you want him to visit, please contact the church office at 540-869-4019, or after hours, please call the pastor 540-848-5325 or send an email. You may also reach out to our prayer team contact, Mistie McPadalin or Matha Cooley.

- ♦ **Food pantry donation** request for May: canned Green Beans.

- ♦ **Happy Birthday this week:** –

*(Did we miss your birthday? Contact the church office to update your info!)*

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## Save the Date

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Mark your calendars – MAY is here!

- **April 25–May 4** – 98th Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival
- **April 30** – Community Meal @ 5:30 PM | Parish Hall  
(Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans & Dessert)
- **May 4** – Our Study Begins (After Service)
- **May 6** – Congregational Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM | Parish Hall

- **May 10** – Stephens City Fire Dept. @10 AM -1 PM | TLC Parking lot
- **May 11** – Sunday service @ 9:30 AM | Mother's Day!
- **May 12-18** – Pastor Closter will be on Vacation
- **May 13** – Sewing for the Savior @ 9:30AM in room 204. | Contact Martha Cooley  
– LCW (Lutheran Church Women) @ 11:30AM | Contact Deb Wickboldt
- **May 17** – LCW Tea Party @ 2 PM (RSVP by May 1st)
- **May 18** – Sunday Service @ 9:30 AM | Pastor Deanna Boynton  
will be leading worship  
– Noisy Offering will benefit Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- **May 23-24** – *33rd Annual Newtown Heritage Festival*  
Join us at the **Old Stephens City School Veterans Memorial site** for the  
**Veterans Memorial Service.**  
**Pastor Closter** will deliver the **Invocation and Prayer** at **8:00 AM.**
- **May 24** – Stephens City Fire & Rescue Chicken BBQ Dinner @ 11AM - 1 PM
- **May 26** – Memorial Day
- **May 27** – Sewing for the Savior @ 9:30AM in room 204. | Contact Martha Cooley
- **May 28** – Community Meal @ 5:30 PM | Parish Hall  
(Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad & Dessert)

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## For More Info


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### Stay in the Loop!

If you'd like to receive our weekly *Trinity Times* Newsletter by email, please fill out a welcome card (small basket on the table to the left in the Narthex) with your name and email—we'll be happy to add you to the list!

**No email?** No problem! Feel free to take a printed copy of this week's newsletter (*next to the name tag table, also in the Narthex*).

If you would like a copy mailed to you prior to Sunday service. Please call the office:

 **540-869-4019**

 **Business hours:** Tuesday-Friday, 8 am - 1 pm