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# Third Sunday of Easter



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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.

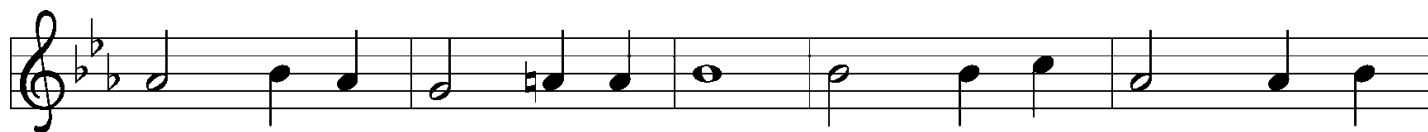
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

**GATHERING SONG***Blessing and Honor**(ELW 854)*

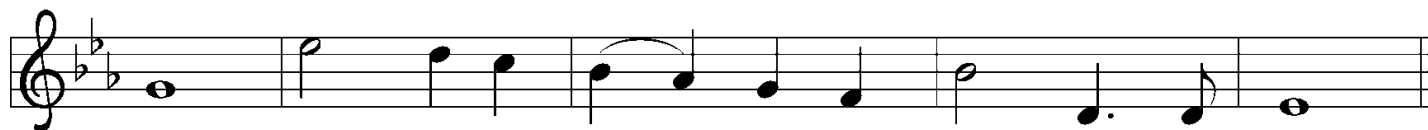
1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and  
2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name; let all the  
3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy, ev - er de -  
4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the



rich - es and strength ev - er - more, be to the Lamb who our  
earth sing his glo - ry and fame. O - cean and moun - tain, stream,  
scend - ing the love from on high; bless - ing and hon - or and  
robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the



bat - tle has won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the  
for - est, and flow'r ech - o his prais - es and tell of his  
glo - ry and praise— this is the theme of the hymns that we  
Lamb who was slain, dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to



throne; whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne!  
pow'r; ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.  
raise; this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.  
reign; dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt.

Music: AMERICAN HYMN, Matthias Keller, 1813–1875

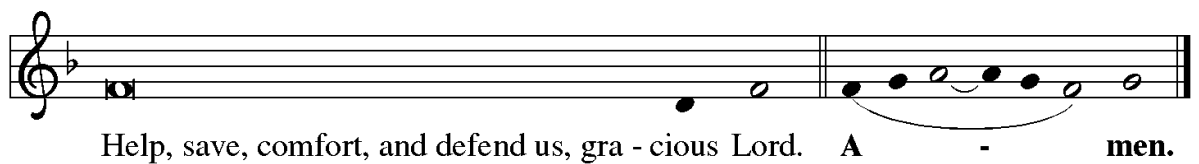
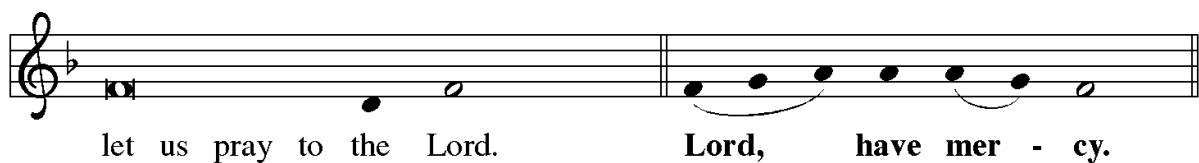
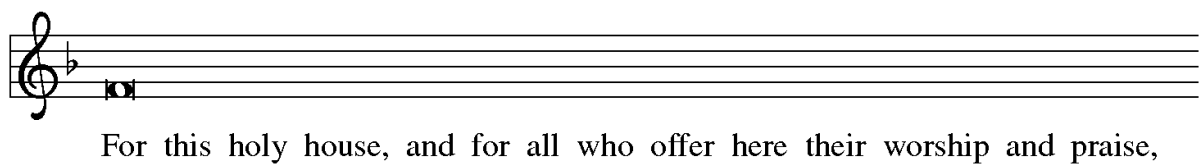
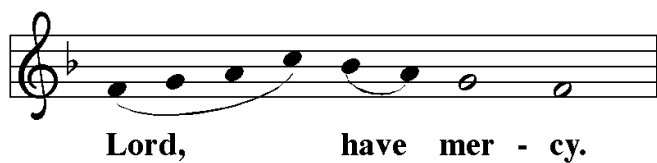
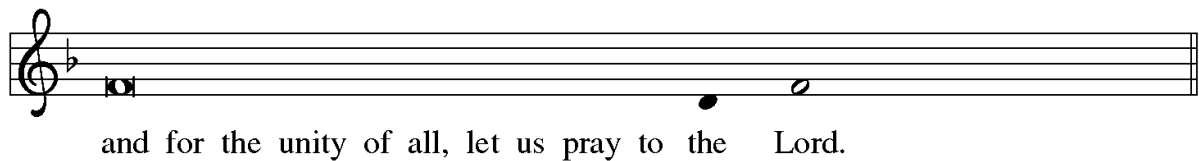
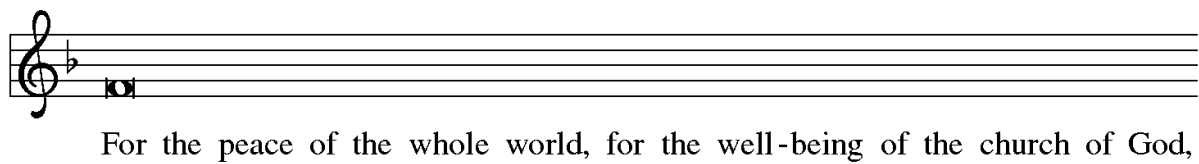
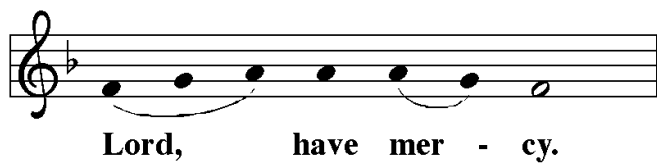
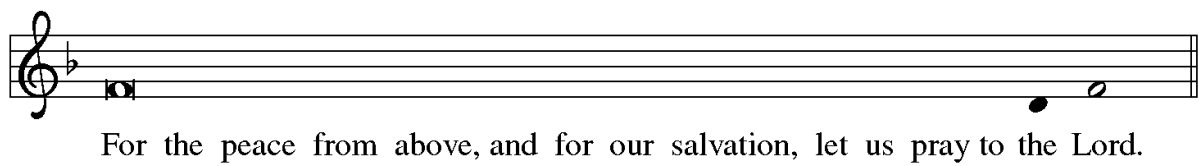
**GREETING**

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 138)



# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

(ELW 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. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple 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.

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 9:1-6 [7-20]

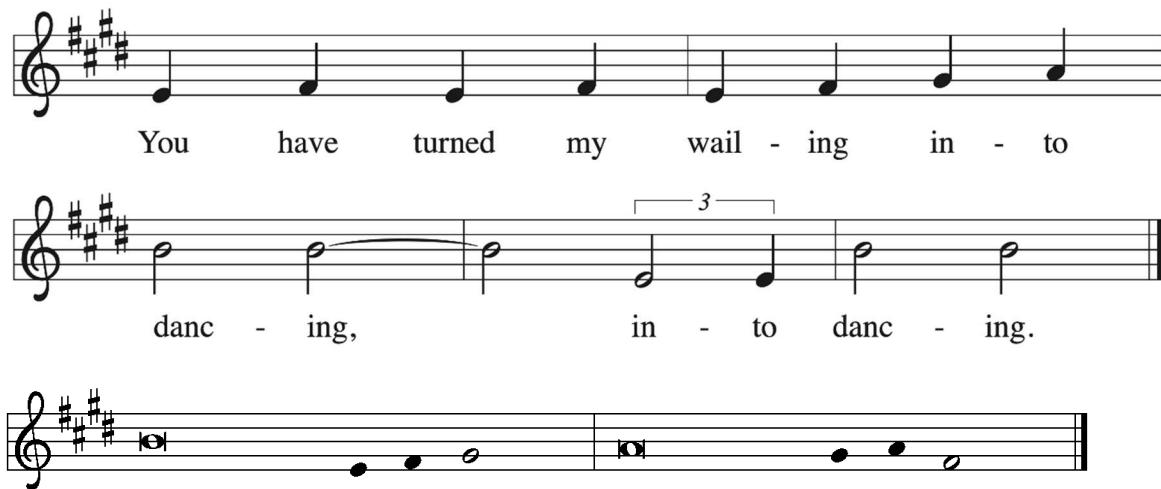
A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup> Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 30: 1-12



- <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lift-<sup>1</sup> ed me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph<sup>1</sup> over me.
- <sup>2</sup> **O Lord my God, I cried<sup>1</sup> out to you,  
and you restored<sup>1</sup> me to health.**
- <sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O Lord,<sup>1</sup> from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down<sup>1</sup> to the grave.
- <sup>4</sup> **Sing praise to the Lord,<sup>1</sup> all you faithful;  
give thanks in ho-<sup>1</sup> ly remembrance. R**
- <sup>5</sup> God's wrath is short; God's favor<sup>1</sup> lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes<sup>1</sup> in the morning.
- <sup>6</sup> **While I felt se-<sup>1</sup> cure, I said,  
"I shall never<sup>1</sup> be disturbed.**
- <sup>7</sup> You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong<sup>1</sup> as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was<sup>1</sup> filled with fear.
- <sup>8</sup> **I cried to<sup>1</sup> you, O Lord;  
I pleaded with<sup>1</sup> my Lord, saying,**
- <sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down<sup>1</sup> to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or de-<sup>1</sup> clare your faithfulness?
- <sup>10</sup> **Hear, O Lord, and have mer-<sup>1</sup> cy upon me;  
O Lord,<sup>1</sup> be my helper." R**
- <sup>11</sup> You have turned my wailing<sup>1</sup> into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed<sup>1</sup> me with joy.
- <sup>12</sup> **Therefore my heart sings to you<sup>1</sup> without ceasing;  
O Lord my God, I will give you<sup>1</sup> thanks forever. R**

## SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

A reading from Revelation.

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!”

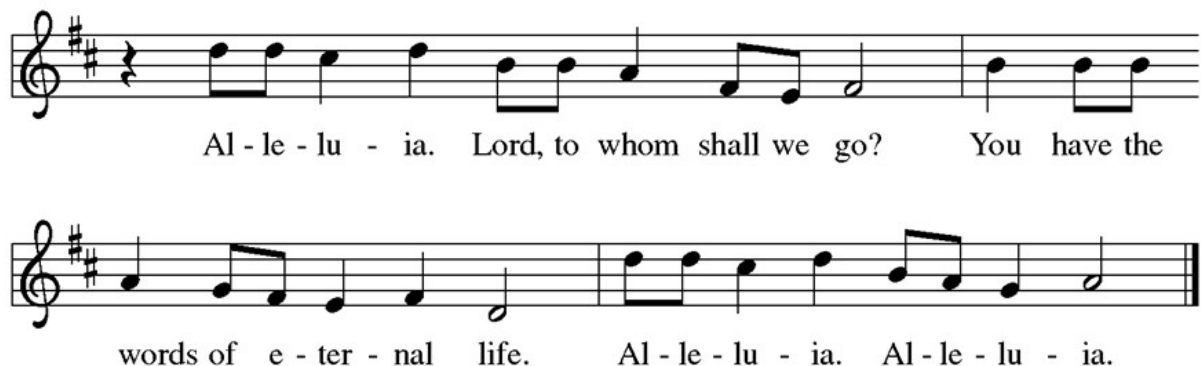
<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW p. 142)



## GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They

answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Rev. Larry Closter**



## HYMN OF THE DAY

Here I Am, Lord

(ELW 574)



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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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.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.

Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip youth directors, Sunday school teachers, and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people. Hear us, O God.

### **Your mercy is great.**

Your abundance is made known throughout creation. Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and estuaries (*local bodies of water may be named*) so that all creatures living in them might flourish. Make us wise stewards of our local watersheds. Hear us, O God.

### **Your mercy is great.**

Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers, especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work. Amplify the voices of those most in need, that their leadership guides the way forward. Hear us, O God.

### **Your mercy is great.**

Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care 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.**

You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place (*specific ministries may be named*). Hear us, O God.

### **Your mercy is great.**

We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and places (*especially Monica, mother of Augustine*). May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you, today and every day. 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

*Drifache Fuga*

J.E. Kindermann (1616-1655) Organ



*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.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

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**

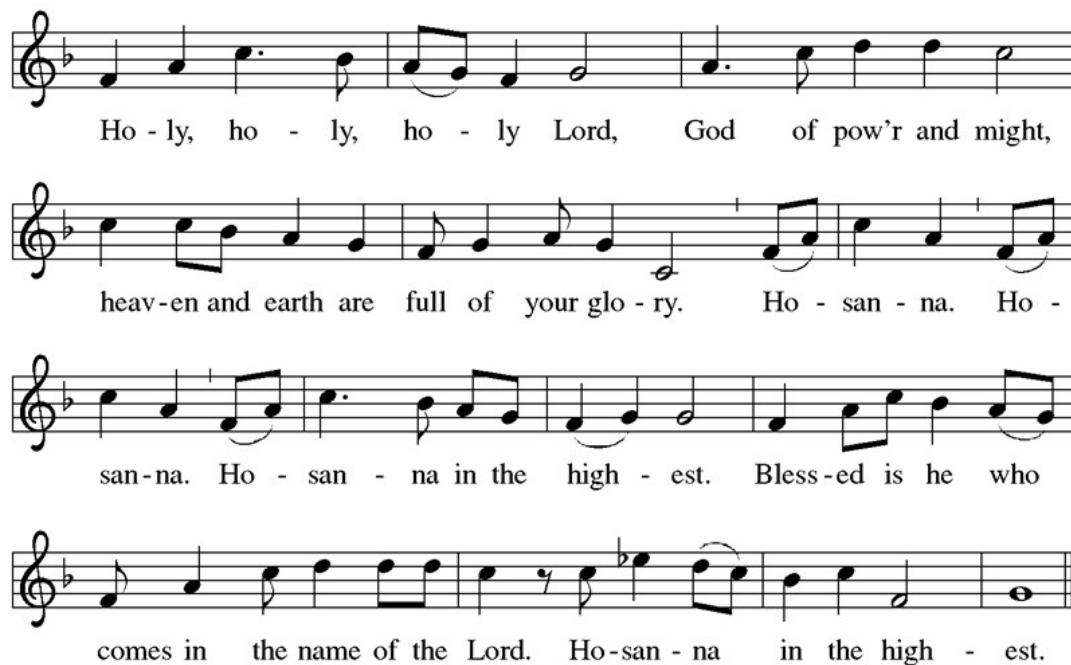
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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:



### 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.**

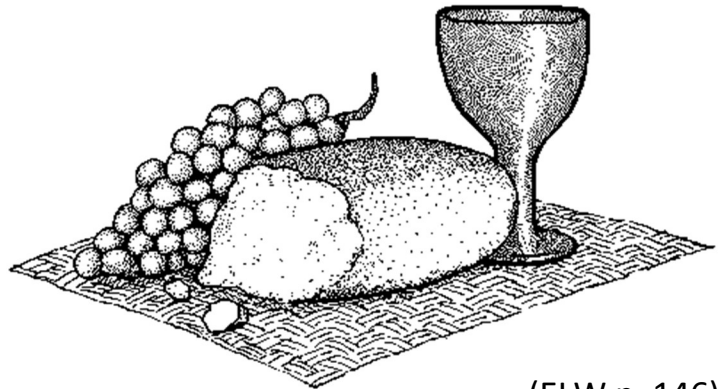
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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)

Musical notation for the Communion Song, featuring four staves of music with lyrics underneath.

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

## *What Feast of Love*



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
 What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?  
 What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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## What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme, I will  
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## 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

*You Servants of God*

(ELW 825)



1 You ser-vants of God, your Mas-ter pro-claim, and pub-lish a -  
2 As-cend-ed on high, al-might-y to save, yet still he is  
3 Sal-va-tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
4 Then let us a-dore and give him his right, all glo-ry and



broad his won-der-ful name; the name, all-vic-to-rious, of  
nigh, his pres-ence we have. The great con-gre-ga-tion his  
loud and hon-or the Son. The prais-es of Je-sus the  
pow'r and wis-dom and might, all hon-or and bless-ing, with



Je-sus ex-tol; his king-dom is glo-rious and rules o-ver all!  
tri-umph shall sing, as-crib-ing sal-va-tion to Je-sus, our king!  
an-gels pro-claim, fall down on their fac-es, and wor-ship the Lamb.  
an-gels a-bove, and thanks nev-er ceas-ing, and in-fin-ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

### 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

*An Easter Postlude*

C. Pearce (1856-1928)

# ~The Trinity Times~ Church & Community news

## Reminders

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- ♦ **Note from** Trinity Treasurer | Mark Greene [trinityltreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:trinityltreasurer@gmail.com)

### **Donating Stock to the Church**

Did you know you can support our church's mission by donating appreciated stocks?

The church has a brokerage account that accepts stock transactions. Giving stock directly to the church can offer significant tax benefits. **You may avoid paying capital gains taxes and can also receive a charitable deduction for the full market value of the stock.** This means your gift can have a greater impact both for you and for our ministry. Ask your accountant about the tax benefits.

If you're interested or would like more information, please see the email above, Mark Greene | Trinity Treasurer, or by phone, contact the church office 540-869-4019 Business hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8 am - 1 pm

We are happy to help guide you through the process!

Thank you for your generosity and faithful support!

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### **Following Today's service,**

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

Our Study Begins (After Service)

- ♦ **Tuesday, May 6**

Congregational Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM | Parish Hall

- ♦ **Thursday, May 8**

Choir Rehearsal 5:45 PM | Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director

- ♦ **Friday, May 9**

CMSP Music private lesson 5-6 pm | Upstairs Classroom

- ♦ **Saturday, May 10**

CMSP Music Together (Spring Session – Week 5) | Upstairs Classroom

♦ **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:**

4<sup>th</sup> – Larry King & Bruce Everly

9<sup>th</sup> – Monica Lambert

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

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## Thank you Notes

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I personally want to thank everyone that helped get the Seder Meal together. It would not have gone off as smoothly and as beautifully as it did without all of you.

Thank you Christine Cornwell

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## Save the Date

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Mark your calendars – MAY is here!

- **May 4** – 98th Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival
- **May 6** – Congregational Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM | Parish Hall
- **May 10** – Stephens City Fire Dept. Boot Drive @ 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:

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