

SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:00 AM

May 11, 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Easter / Good Shepherd Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please see the bulletin or newsletter for any announcements. All announcements are due in writing by noon on Tuesday to the church office.

[Please stand, as able, where indicated.]

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Glorify Thy Name w/ We Will Glorify* D. Adkins arr. S. Pethel

INTROIT *This is the Day* Emmaus Music book

LEADER

This is the day

That the Lord hath made

Let us rejoice

and be glad in it

ALL

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OPENING ANTHEM *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Victor C. Johnson

MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP - ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY:
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

[Please stand as you are able]

INVOCATION

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

APOSTOLIC 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!

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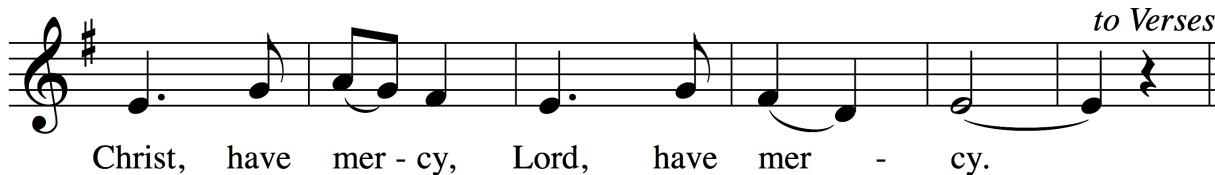
Refrain

Assistant:

Congregation:



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,



Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

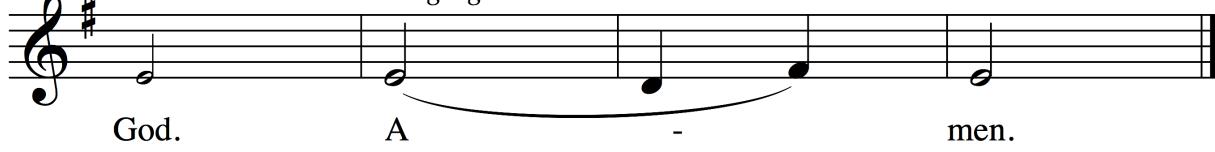
Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

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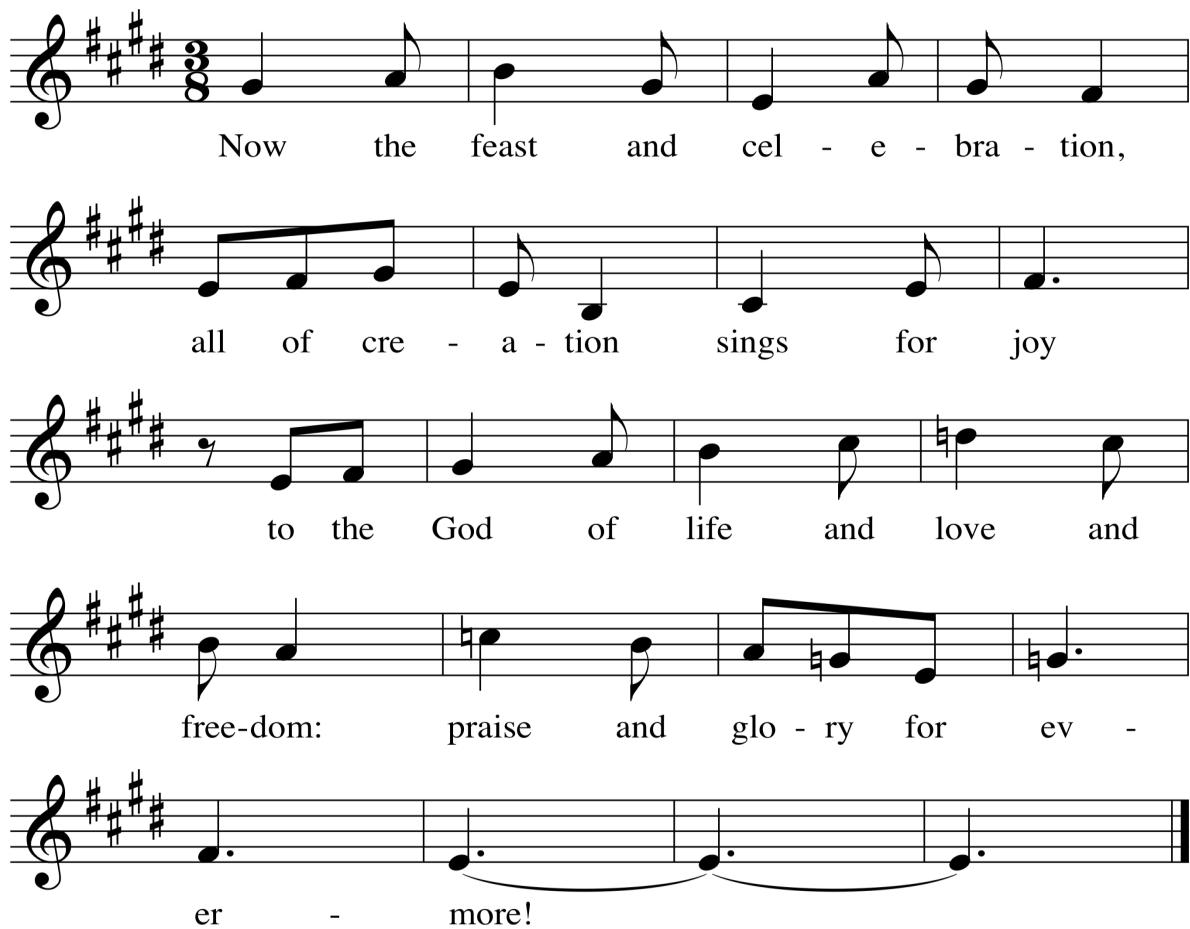


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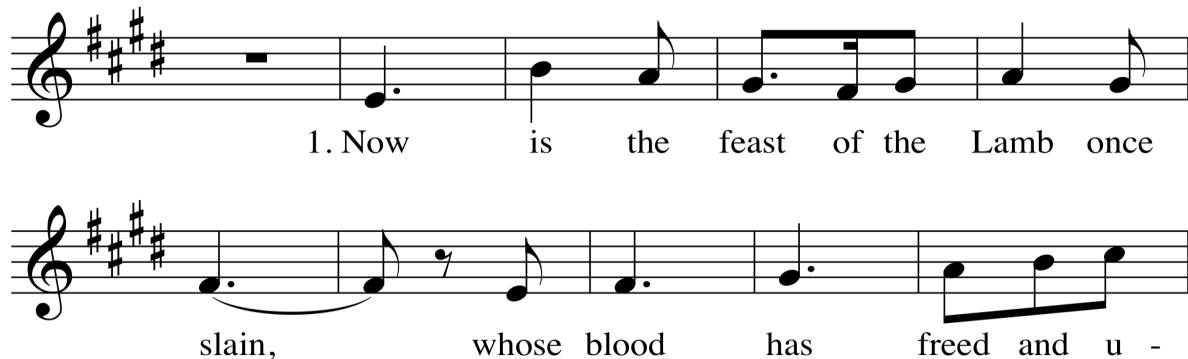
HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



Now the feast and celebra-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!

Verse 1



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. *to Refrain*

Verse 2

2. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and
 might, all hon-or and glo-ry to Christ
 for ev-er. *to Refrain*

Verse 3

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
 make us peo-ple of God; to make
 all things new. *to Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray...*(silence)* O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

[Please sit]

WORD

FIRST READING Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing was well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

Lector: A reading from Acts.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

L: The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

**C: He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

L: He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

**C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**C: Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING *Revelation 7:9-17*

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering, in whose blood the saints have washed their robes and made them white.

Lector: A reading from Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

[Please stand as you are able]

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

HOLY GOSPEL John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus according to Saint John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

P: The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

[Please sit]

SERMON

Pastor Finley

[Please stand as you are able]

HYMN OF THE DAY

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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PROFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE 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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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 THE FAITHFUL

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus. Give us unfailing trust, unafraid to join in Jesus' work of renewing all things.

A: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Great Shepherd, feed your people at the table of creation. Prepare a safe place for those whose environments are dangerous or unhealthy, especially those making difficult journeys. Prosper your creation for the sake of every living thing.

A: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy Lord, warm the hearts of all who celebrate and all who mourn on Mother's Day. Accompany those yearning to be mothers. Help us to heal from broken family relationships and open us to receive your nurturing love from all who serve mothering roles in our lives.

A: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Rescuing Lord, seek out those who weep while they await healing or consolation especially all whom we name silently in our hearts or with our voices now ... (long pause) Set people in their path who can provide the care they need and wipe away every tear from their eyes.

A: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

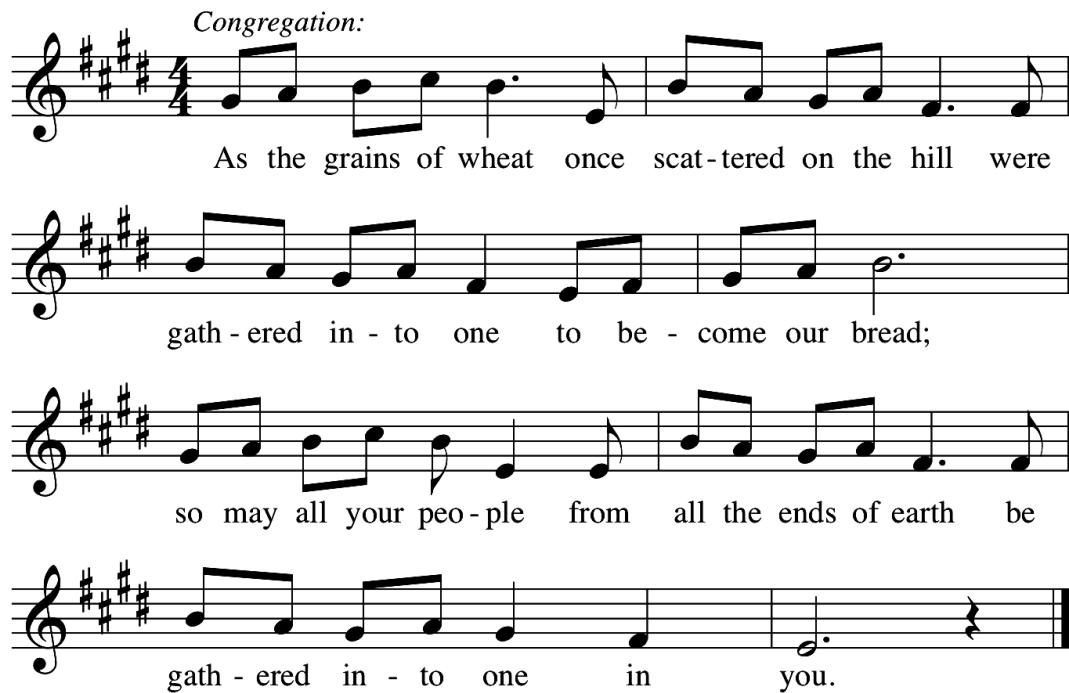
C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY

Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scattered 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Presider: Congregation:

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Congregation:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

A musical score for the hymn 'HOLY, HOLY, HOLY'. The score consists of five staves of music in G major, with a key signature of four sharps. The time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines. The first staff begins with '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'. The third staff concludes with 'glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!'. The fourth staff begins with 'Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -'. The fifth staff concludes with 'san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est!'. The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The vocal line is supported by harmonic chords.



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness;
you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence.
We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us.
We thank you for the new world to come
and for the love that will rule all in all.
We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen,
the people of your promise:
the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land,
the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile,
and the prophets' words that will not be in vain.
In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son,
who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.
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.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the incarnation of your Son:
his human birth and the covenant he made with us.
We remember the sacrifice of his life:
his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death.
But chiefly [on this day] we remember his rising from the tomb,
his ascension to the seat of power,
and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit.
We cry out for the resurrection of our lives,
when Christ will come again in beauty and power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we and all who share in this bread and cup
may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven,
and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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 AND FRACTURE

P: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

C: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

[Please sit]

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: INTINCTION AND COMMON CUP

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Cindy Blevins

~ Jeffina Rechel Ranjith Singh, Eliza Jones—flute duet

[Please stand as you are able]

TABLE BLESSING

P: May this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING OF SHEPHERDS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

P: Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord: bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our absent sisters and brothers. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this Holy Eucharist, that through the body and blood of your Son, we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today is the last day to register for VBS and be guaranteed a T-Shirt. All volunteers need to register also.**
- We are still in need of volunteers, adult and youth, to help with VBS. Please consider volunteering, it is only for a few hours each morning, Monday—Thursday, June 9-12.**

SENDING

SENDING HYMN

For All Your Saints, O Lord
vs. 1,2,6 and 7

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BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, \ddagger Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Proclaim the Risen Christ!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

For All Your Saints, O Lord

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