

SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:00 AM

May 4, 2025 - Third Sunday of Easter / Meal 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

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

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OPENING ANTHEM

Be Not Afraid

Taylor Davis

MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP - ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY:

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / MEAL SUNDAY

PRESENTATION

P: Dear brothers and sisters, you have been equipped to serve as Stephen Ministers at Christ the King Lutheran.

A reading from Colossians

“Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving” (Colossians 3:23–24).

P: Each of you has been comforted by God with the Good News of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection for us all. We ask you now to join in serving our Lord and those in our congregation and community who need to be comforted.

As Jesus has responded to your needs, we ask you to be responsive to the needs of others.

As Jesus took the burdens of the world on his shoulders and has been a friend to you in troubled times, we ask you to care for those who are burdened and troubled.

As Jesus patiently listens when you turn to him, we ask you to be a patient listener in a hurried world.

As Jesus has broken down the barriers that separated you from God, we ask you to heal divisions wherever you find them and trust in God to make people whole.

As the Spirit of Christ has given you gifts for service, we ask you to use your skills, talents, and prayers to help those people you serve.

As Jesus has shown his care to you, we ask you to help this congregation grow as a caring community through your own caring ministry.

As Jesus has revealed his presence to you through faith, we ask you to share your personal experiences of faith with those around you so that they too may celebrate the presence of Christ in our world today.

VOWS

P: Are you prepared to meet those requests that we ask of you? If so, respond, "Yes, with the help of God."

Stephen Ministers: Yes, with the help of God.

P: Are you prepared to nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others—to support, encourage, build up, and comfort people in their needs?

Stephen Ministers: Yes, with the help of God.

P: Are you prepared to serve as Stephen Ministers at Christ the King Lutheran?

Stephen Ministers: Yes, with the help of God.

P: (addressing the congregation) Now, we ask you, members of Christ the King Lutheran, to open your hearts to the ministry of these people and to pray for them, that they may be effective servants of Christ. Are you prepared to meet this request? If so, answer, "Yes, with the help of God."

C: Yes, with the help of God.

P: Will you accept their ministry when you need help and allow these individuals to work with you as you face struggles in your life, that you might receive support and help from your Christian brothers and sisters?

C: Yes, with the help of God.

BLESSING

P: May you share Christ's ever-abundant love with others so that they and you may grow in his wholeness. (1 Jn. 4:11, Eph. 3:19)

COMMENDATION

P: Because you have promised faithfully to serve the Lord Jesus and his people as Stephen Ministers, I commend you to the care and guidance of the Holy Spirit as you in turn care for others. Work hard. Use the skills you have learned, drawing on the gifts and talents the Spirit of God has given you so that you might be a blessing to the people you meet and care for. Continue to study. Reflect upon the situations you encounter. Pray for the people whose lives you are privileged to share. Be free to share your own needs with others so that you might receive the same kind of care and love you offer others. Act boldly and without fear, for Christ is with you. And “may the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

PRAYER

P: O God, we ask you to take our sisters *Kim and Randi* and our brothers *Bob and Steve* into your care. You have blessed them with gifts and talents and have provided them with an opportunity to learn more about helping people. May they serve you with the power of the Holy Spirit; may they be quick to serve, patient in listening, willing to share themselves with people. Give to us thankful hearts for them and show them in times of stress and satisfaction a special measure of your mercy and joy. Keep them strong in the faith you have given them for the sake of Jesus, who cares for all of us in every way forever.

C: Amen

DISMISSAL

P: Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

[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!

KYRIE

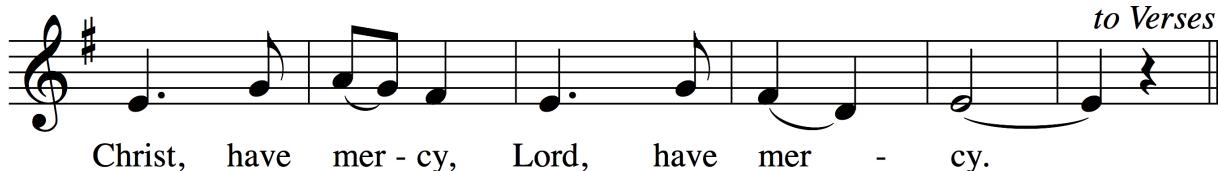
Refrain

Assistant:

Congregation:



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



to Verses

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)

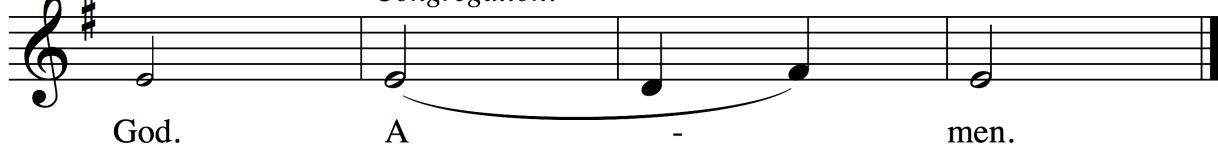
Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:



Help, save and de - fend us, O

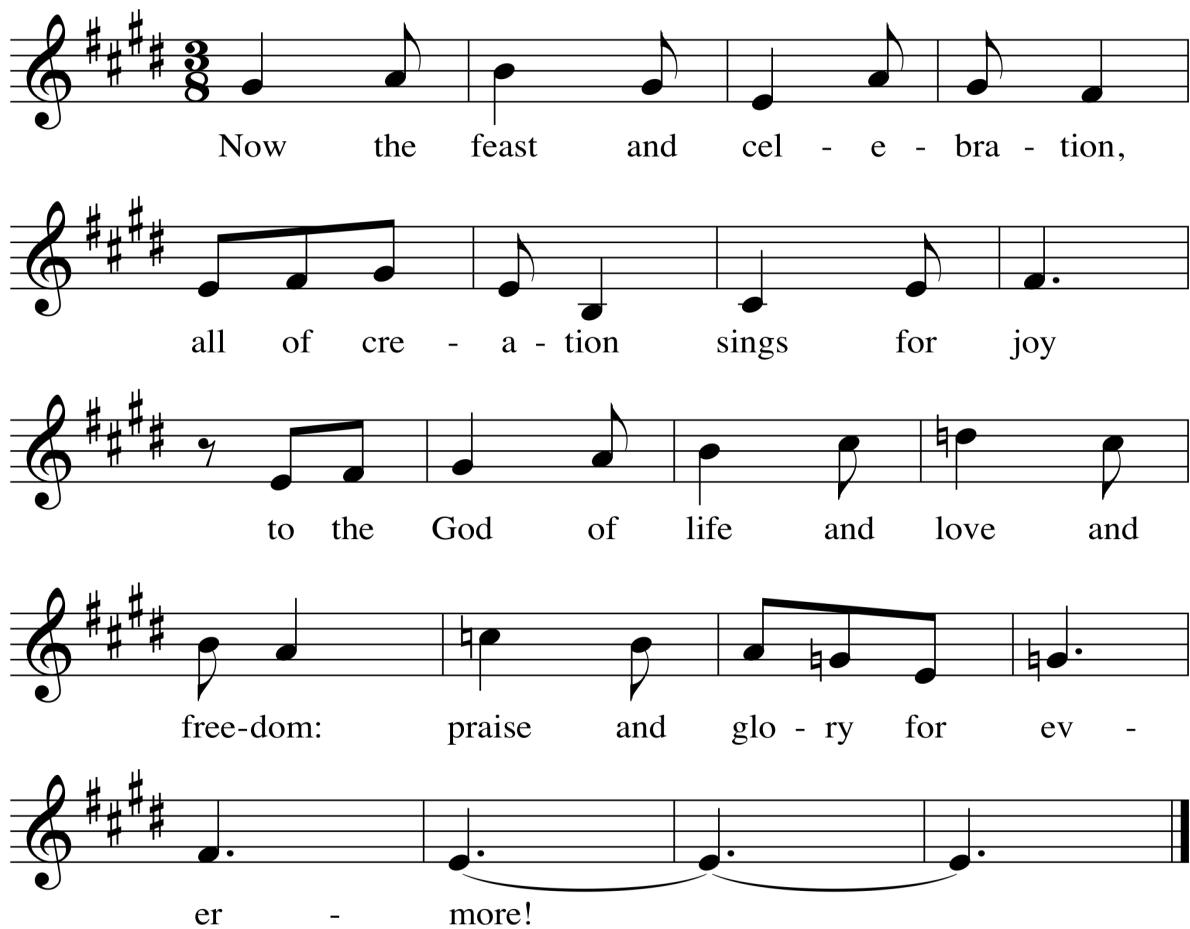
Congregation:



God. A - men.

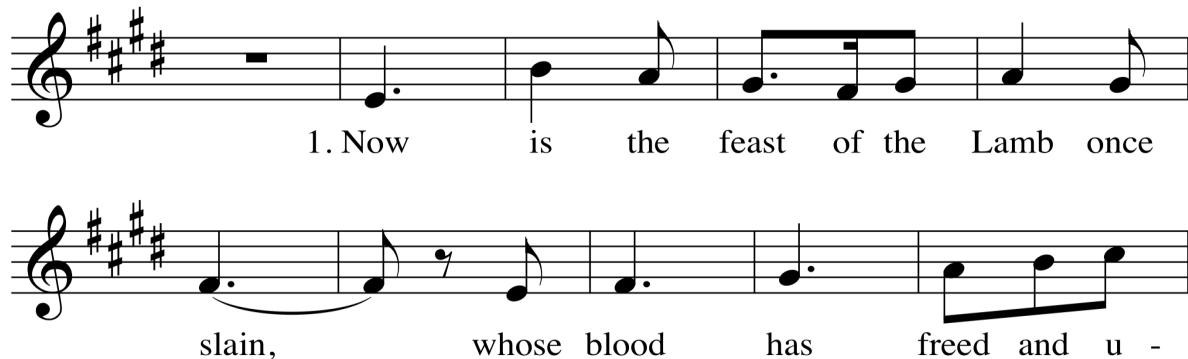
HYMN OF PRAISE

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

P: Let us pray...*(silence)* 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.

C: Amen.

[Please sit]

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (K4–2nd Grade)

Deborah Scarazzo

HANDBELL ANTHEM

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

arr. Patricia Cota

~ Soli Deo Gloria Handbell Choir

[Please sit]

WORD

FIRST READING Acts 9:1-20

Each of us has a story of meeting God's grace. Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation, beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

Leader: A reading from Acts.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 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. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named

Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 30

L: I will exalt you, O **LORD**, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**C: O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**

L: You brought me up, O **LORD**, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**C: Sing to the LORD, you servants of his;
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**

L: For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,
his favor for a lifetime.

**C: Weeping may spend the night,
but joy comes in the morning.**

L: While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.
You, **LORD**, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

**C: Then you hid your face,
and I was filled with fear.**

L: I cried to you, O **LORD**;
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

**C: "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

L: Hear, O **LORD**, and have mercy upon me;
O **LORD**, be my helper."

**C: You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.**

L: Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O **LORD** my God, I will give you thanks forever.

SECOND READING **Revelation 5:11-14**

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship on the Lord's Day. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."

Lector: A reading from Revelation.

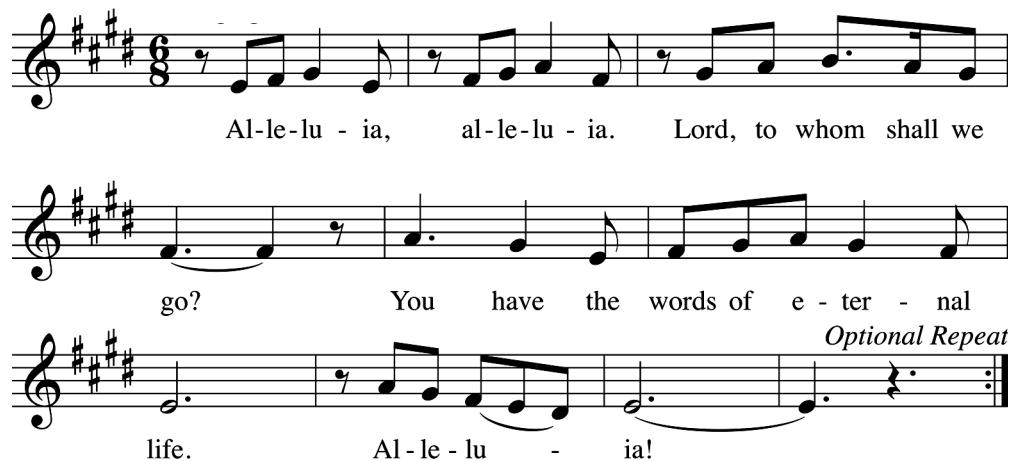
Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" 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!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

HOLY GOSPEL John 21:1-19

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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. 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. 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. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." 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. 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. 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. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." 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. 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. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. 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." 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." 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. 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." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

P: The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

[Please sit]

SERMON

Pastor Finley

[Please stand as you are able]

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: O Lord, we come before you with grateful hearts for the volunteers at Christ the King. Thank you for each person who dedicates their time, talents, and energy to serve your Kingdom. We recognize their selflessness and the love they demonstrate through their actions. Bless each volunteer abundantly and our congregation that we may serve you each day

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

A: Saving Lord, bind us with your merciful grace and bring us and all believers into your eternal realm, into your blessed presence. We pray for those who are traveling, that they may be safe. We pray for those who are in dangerous situations, that they may be protected. We pray for those who are nearing death that they may know your peace.

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

A: Bountiful Lord, you provide for our every need. You call us out of self-pity and share with us your blessings. As you fed your disciples that morning on the shoreline, we ask you to continue to be present in our lives and feed us. Nourish us with your own body and blood in the Sacrament that we might receive your promised forgiveness and eternal life. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

A: Rescuing Lord, when we cry out to you for help you heal us and give us new life. You rescue us from the pit. Especially to all whom we name silently in our hearts or with our voices now ... (long pause) turn their mourning into dancing and clothe them with joy.

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.

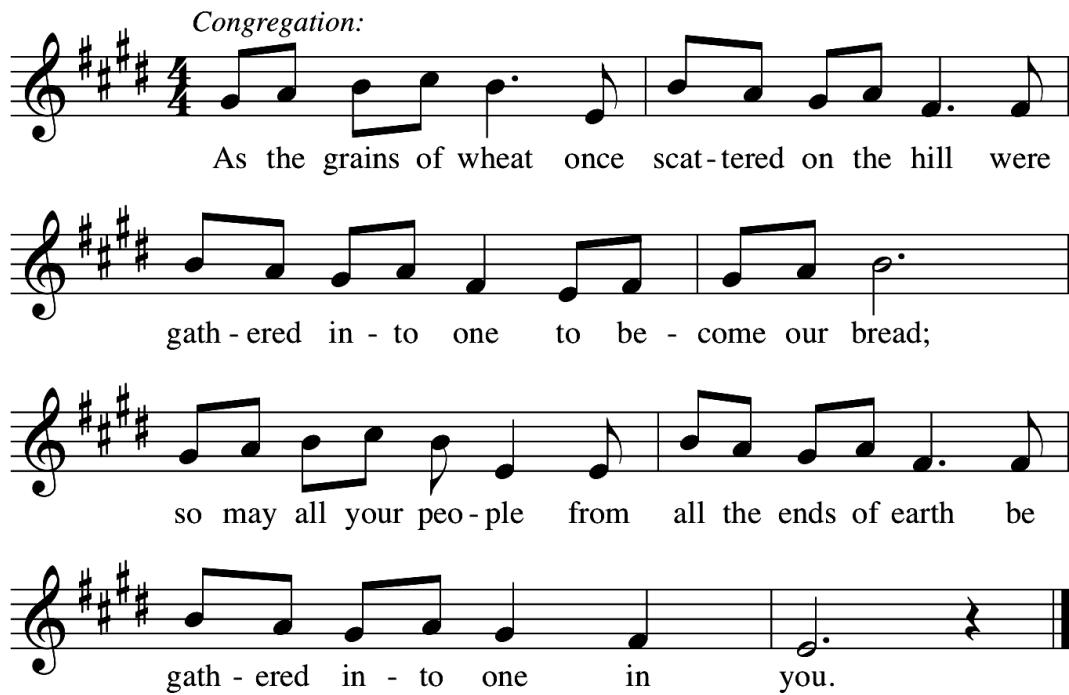
C: Amen.

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 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

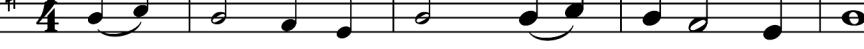
A: Merciful Father,

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:



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

Presider:



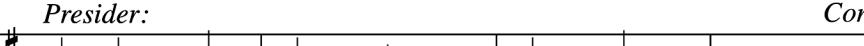
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider:



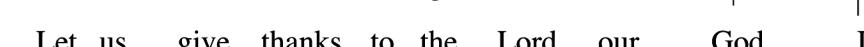
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

Congregation:



right to give God thanks and praise.

Congregation:



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

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G major, 6/8 time. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are:

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!

EUCARISTIC 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 world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, and

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, grant us peace.

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, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: INTINCTION AND COMMON CUP

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION *Festival Sanctus*
~ Dr. Jack Broman, Rich Grimshaw, Dr. Mark Spraker

[Please stand as you are able]

John Leavitt

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

- **The last day to register for VBS and be guaranteed a T-Shirt is next Sunday, May 11. All volunteers need to register also.**

SENDING

SENDING HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, † 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.