

SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:00 AM

April 27, 2025 - Second Sunday of Easter / Thomas 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

ALL

This is the day

This is the day

That the Lord hath made

That the Lord hath made

Let us rejoice

let us rejoice

and be glad in it

and be glad in it

ALL

This is the day that the Lord hath made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

LEADER

ALL

This is the day

This is the day

That the Lord hath made

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OPENING ANTHEM

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

setting by Jack Schrader

MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP - ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY:

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / THOMAS 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!

KYRIE

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

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

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

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)

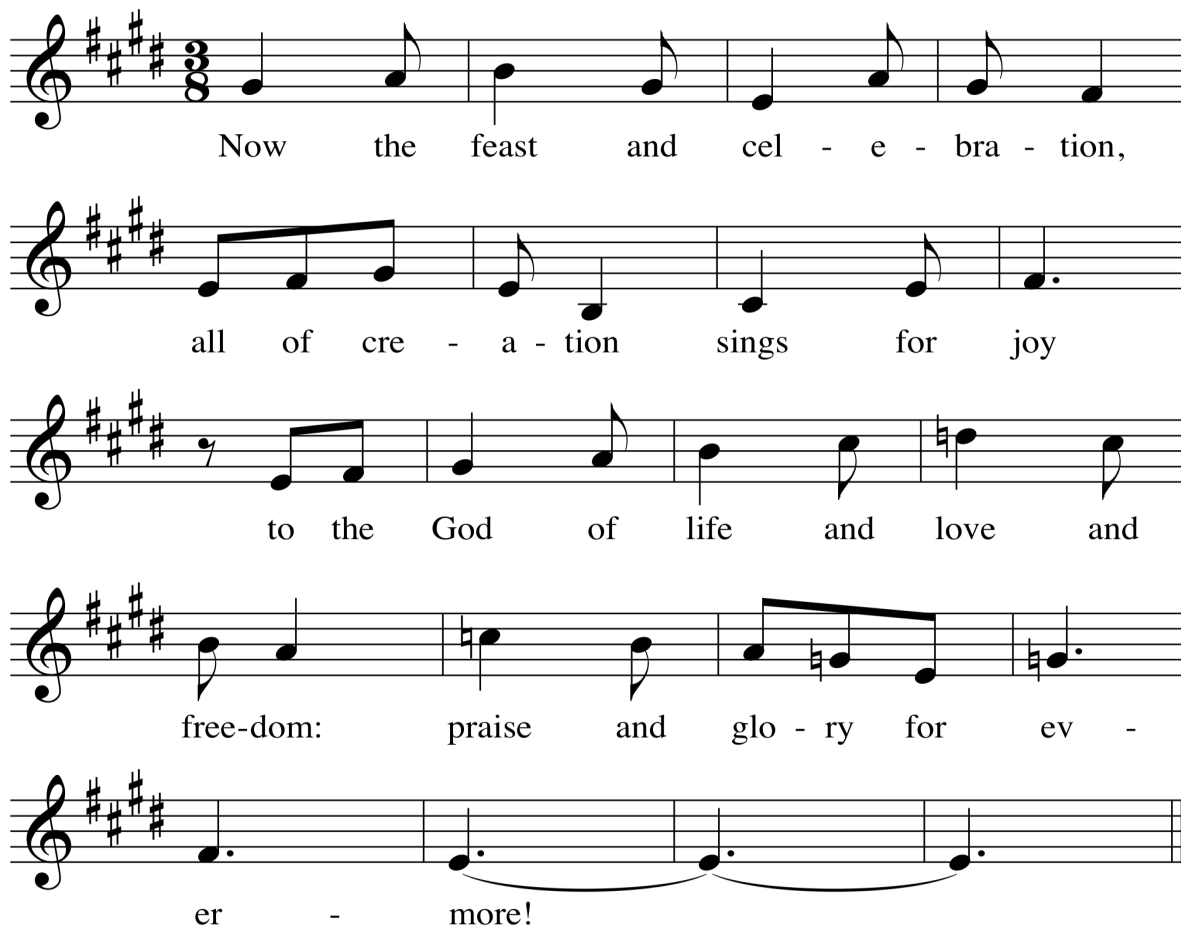
Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

God. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

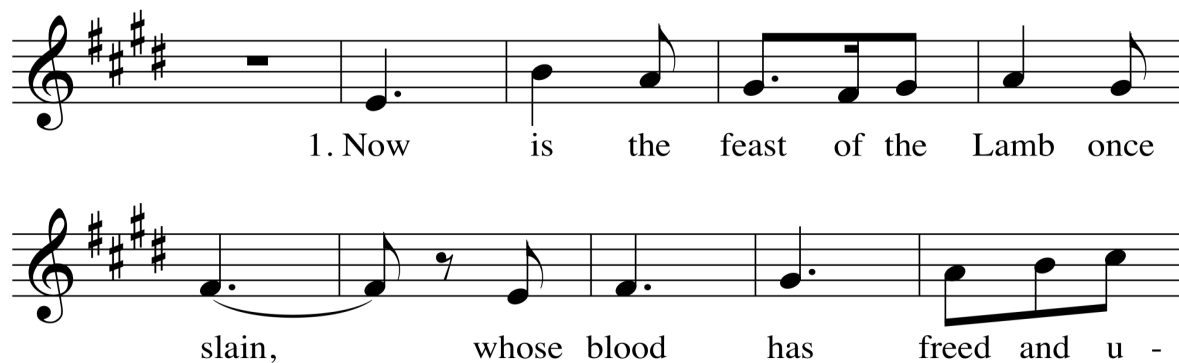
Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - 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!

The musical notation for the Refrain is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/8 time signature. The melody consists of five lines of music. The first line contains four measures of eighth notes. The second line contains four measures, with the first three being eighth notes and the last being a dotted quarter note. The third line contains four measures, with the first being a quarter rest, followed by eighth notes, and ending with a quarter note. The fourth line contains four measures, with the first being a quarter note, followed by eighth notes, and ending with a quarter note. The fifth line contains four measures, with the first being a dotted quarter note, followed by eighth notes, and ending with a quarter note. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures.

Verse 1



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -

The musical notation for Verse 1 is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of two lines of music. The first line contains five measures, with the first being a quarter rest, followed by eighth notes, and ending with a quarter note. The second line contains five measures, with the first being a dotted quarter note, followed by eighth notes, and ending with a quarter note. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures.

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*

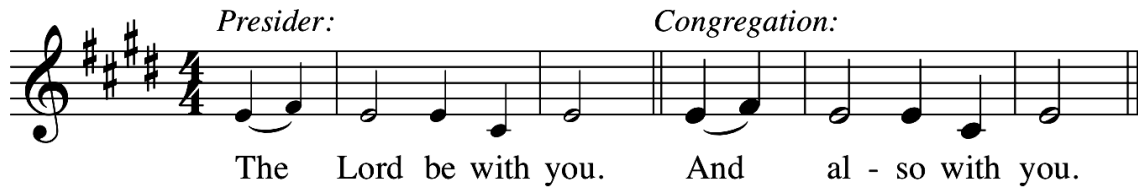
Verse 3

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) 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.

C: **Amen.**

[Please sit]

WORD

FIRST READING Acts 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

Lector: A reading from Acts.

When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, 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." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

PSALM 118:14-29

L: The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

C: **There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:**

L: "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!
The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

C: **I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

L: The LORD has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.

**C: Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.**

L: "This is the gate of the LORD;
he who is righteous may enter."

**C: I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.**

L: The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**C: This is the LORD's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

L: On this day the LORD has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**C: Hosanna, LORD, hosanna!
LORD, send us now success.**

L: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

**C: God is the LORD; he has shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**

L: "You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

**C: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.**

SECOND READING Revelation 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ, experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

Lector: A reading from Revelation.

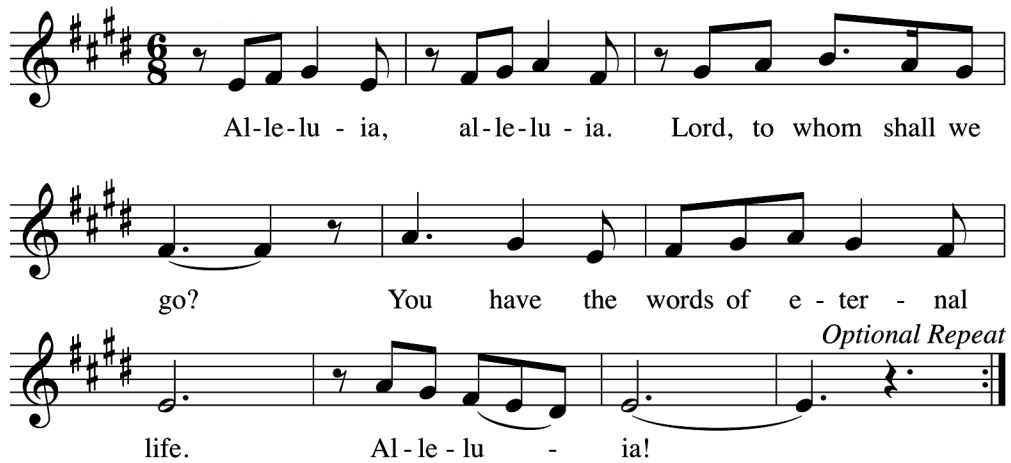
John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 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. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

[Please stand as you are able]

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19-31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Lord appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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." 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." 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 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." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 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.

P: The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

[Please sit]

[Please stand as you are able]

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Walk By Faith

ELW 635

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: Almighty God, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life.

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

A: Gracious Lord, Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit channel their attention toward serving those who are most in need. Grant your peace to all in war torn areas around the world.

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

A: Holy Lord, Inspire those who lead your people in worship and praise, especially the art and music ministries of this congregation. With joyful motion and sound, send us forth with praise that we cannot keep to ourselves.

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

A: Give us the words of your saints who, like Thomas, boldly confessed your Son as Lord and God. With Jesus our leader, empower us to live according to his ways. Grant healing and peace especially to all whom we name silently in our hearts or with our voices now ... (long pause)Anoint them with your spirit and grant them wholeness.

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.

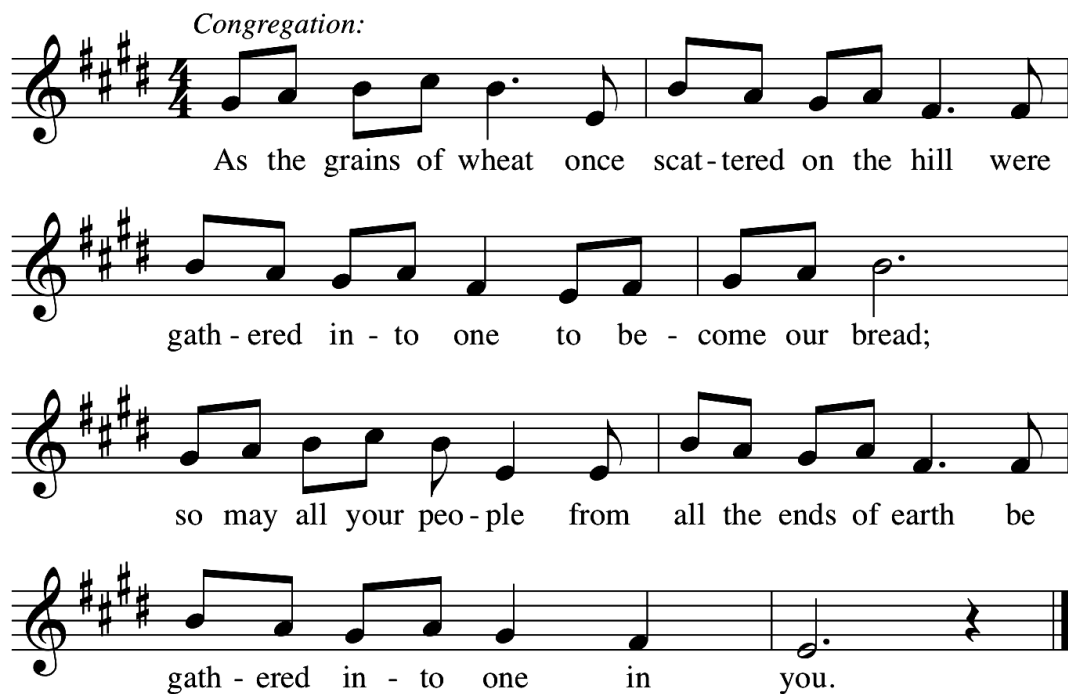
C: Amen.

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: *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



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!



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]

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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.

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[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

- **Please join us for refreshments next Sunday for Volunteer Appreciation Sunday.**

SENDING

SENDING HYMN

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

ELW 384

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.**

POSTLUDE