

## *SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP*

11:00 AM

May 25, 2025 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

**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. ]

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### **GATHERING**

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#### **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*

**ALL**

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**LEADER**

*This is the day*

**ALL**

*This is the day  
That the Lord hath made*

#### **OPENING ANTHEM**

*Our Father*

Rev. Bob Beck, arr. Paul Hemmer

#### **MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP - ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY:**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*[ 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

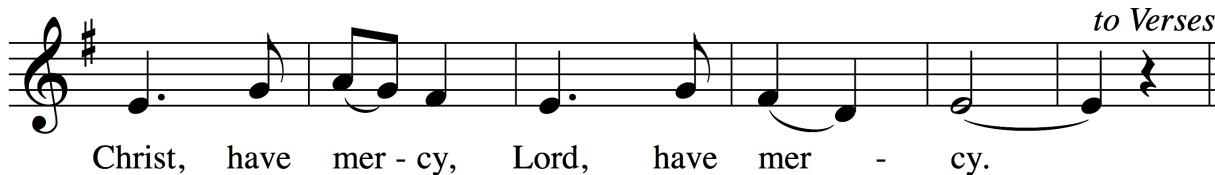
### Refrain

*Assistant:*

*Congregation:*



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



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

*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:*



*Congregation:*



## HYMN OF PRAISE

### Refrain

Now the feast and celebra-tion,  
all of crea-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:* The Lord be with you.  
*Congregation:* And also with you.

P: Let us pray...*(silence)* Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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 16:9-15

*A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.*

Lector: A reading from Acts.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 67

L: May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
    show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

**C: Let your ways be known upon earth,  
    your saving health among all nations.**

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
    let all the peoples praise you.

**C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
    for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.**

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
    let all the peoples praise you.

**C: The earth has brought forth her increase;  
    may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

L: May God give us his blessing,  
    and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## SECOND READING **Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5**

*John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplant sun and moon.*

Lector: A reading from Revelation.

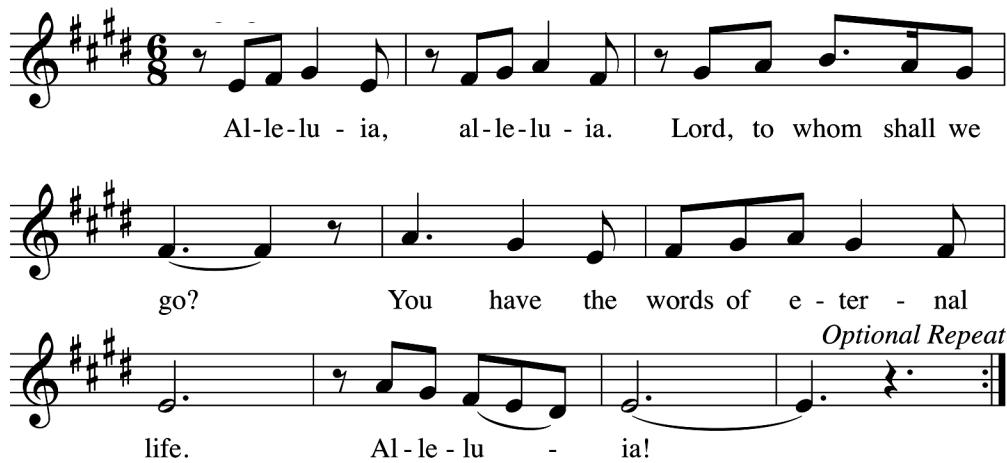
And in the spirit one of the angels carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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 14:23-29

*As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.*

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus answered Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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**

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

**ELW 804**

**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: Loving God, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. Help us to plant good seeds in your world.

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

A: Holy Lord, shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority.

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

A: Loving God, give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things.

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

A: Almighty God, Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace especially all whom we name silently in our hearts or with our voices now ... (long pause) ..... Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and 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.

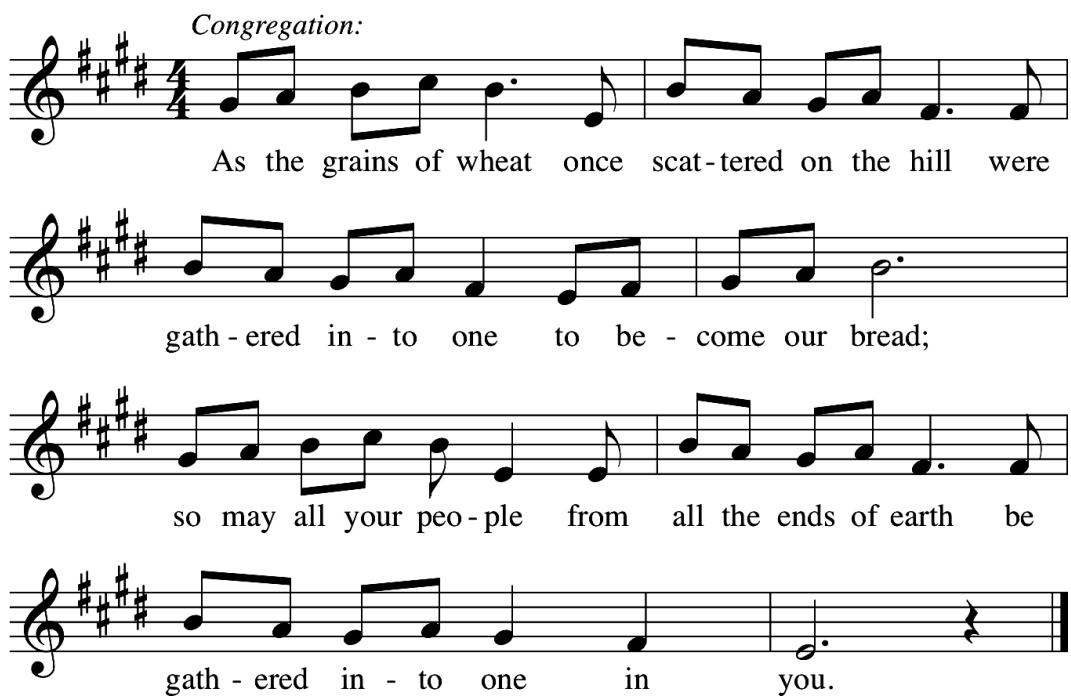
**C: Amen.**

## 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.

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MEAL

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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

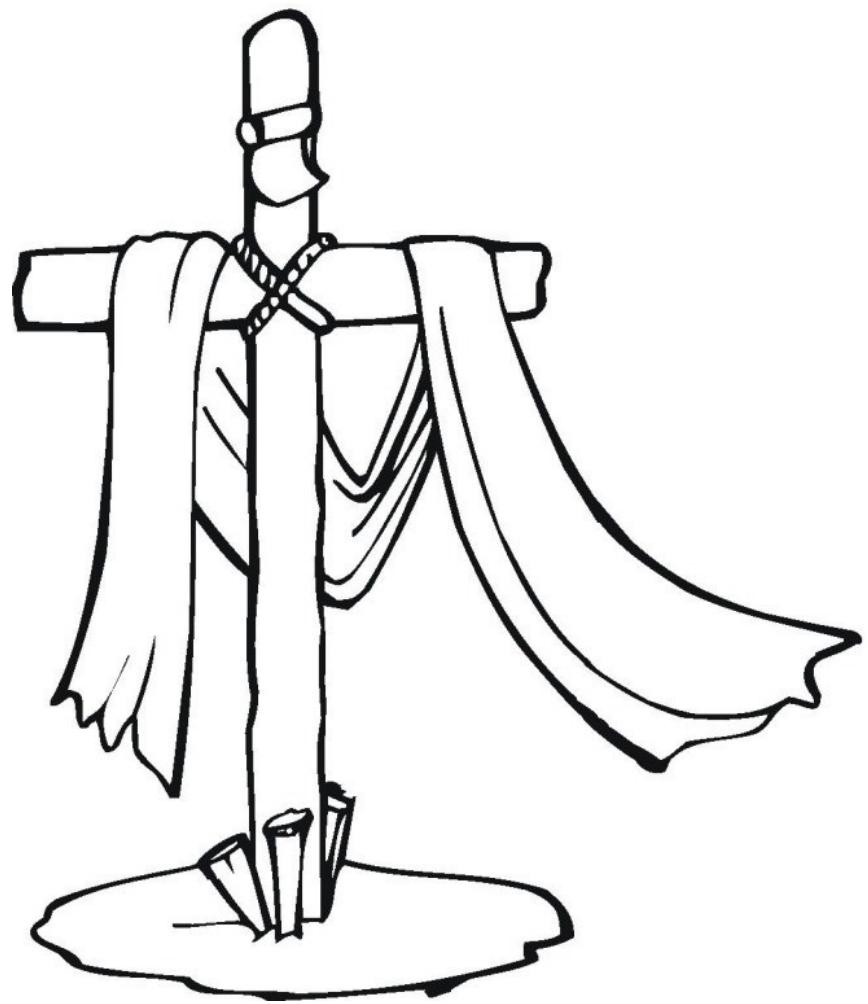
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

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]*

## 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

*[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**

- **The office will be closed on Memorial Day—May 26**

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## SENDING

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**SENDING HYMN**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

**ELW 815**

## 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