

# *Saint Martin Lutheran Church*



*Third Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2026 at 10:30 am*

*Welcome to the worship of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!*

*The Day: The Easter good news reminds us today that Christ is risen! It also reminds us that he is with us. In today's gospel, on the road to Emmaus, Jesus joins the disciples and walks with them, though they don't recognize him along the way. Is it possible that even today, Christ walks alongside us, right there with us, without us recognizing him in our midst? Come risen Lord and reveal yourself to us along the journey of life, giving us eyes to see you especially in the unexpected times and places.*

## **PRELUDE**

*Please silence electronic devices during this quiet time of preparing our hearts for worship.*

*Stand*

## **BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by

the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

*The assembly follows the ministers into the church. The Procession begins.*

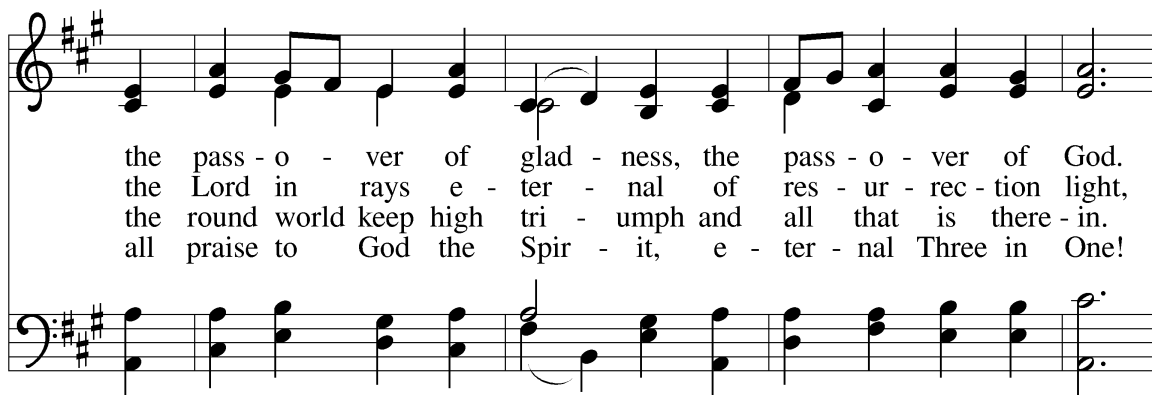
# GATHERING HYMN

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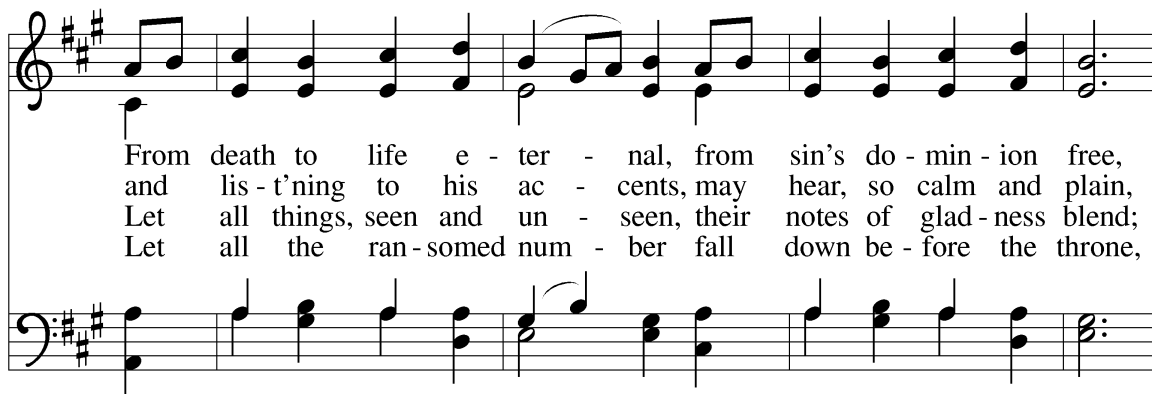
## THE DAY OF RESURRECTION!



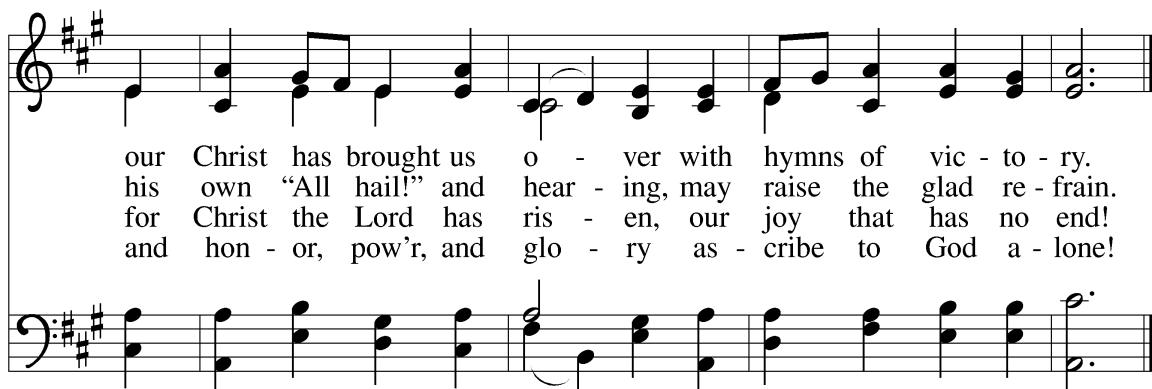
1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

# THE 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.

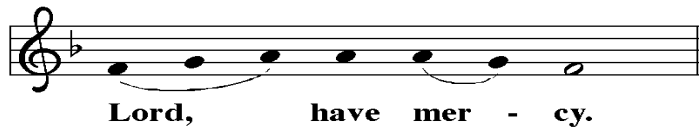
## KYRIE



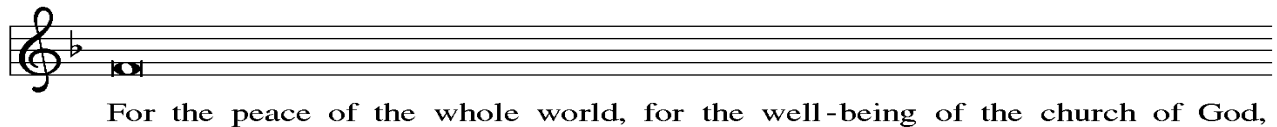
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.



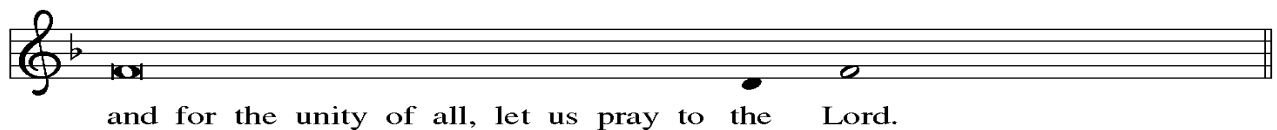
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



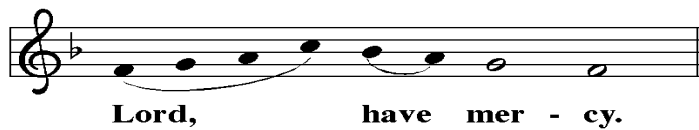
Lord, have mercy.



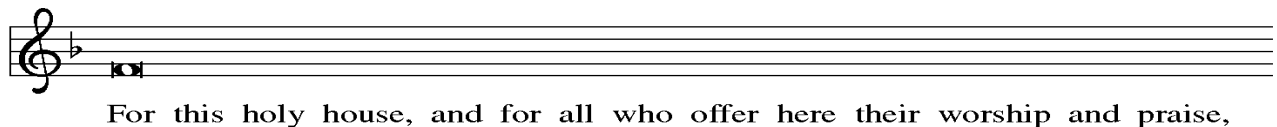
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



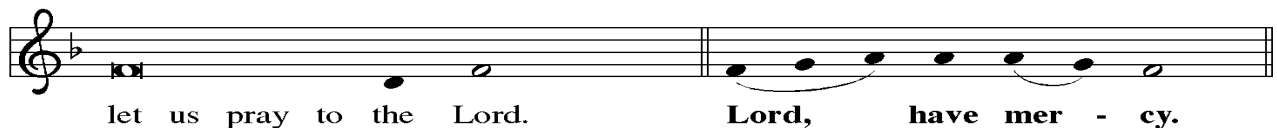
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



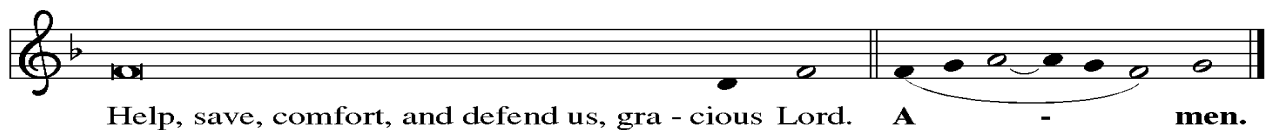
Lord, have mercy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. | Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
*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

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

**P** Let us pray.

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Beatty

### FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

**L** A reading from the book of Acts, the 2nd chapter, beginning at the 14th verse.

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

<sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

# PSALMODY

# Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19



- <sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,  
<sup>2</sup> **for the LORD has given | ear to me**  
**whenev- | er I called.**
- <sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;  
I came to | grief and sorrow.
- <sup>4</sup> **Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:**  
**“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”**
- <sup>12</sup> How shall I re- | pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has | done for me?
- <sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup | of salvation**  
**and call on the name | of the LORD.**
- <sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God’s people.
- <sup>15</sup> **Precious in your | sight, O LORD,**  
**is the death | of your servants.**
- <sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I | am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from  
my bonds.
- <sup>17</sup> **I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving**  
**and call upon the name | of the LORD.**
- <sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God’s people,
- <sup>19</sup> **in the courts of | the LORD’s house,**  
**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!**
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the | Holy Spir-it:**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forev- | er. Amen.**

## SECOND LESSON

## 1 Peter 1:17-23

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus,*

*faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

**L** A reading from 1st Peter, the 1st chapter, beginning at the 17th verse.

<sup>17</sup>And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA VERSE

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

*The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

**P** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter, beginning at the 13th verse.

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>And

beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Sit*

**SERMON**

**“Holy Communion”**

**Pastor Beatty**

*Stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING! **ELW #393**



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives  
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the  
 4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the  
 5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
 stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l'wers  
 sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they  
 sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall  
 cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
 see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.  
 say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."  
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**P** With one voice let us confess our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## INTERCESSIONS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
- P/A** Lord in Your Mercy,      **G** hear our prayer.*
- A** Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. your Spirit opens the Word to the hearts of your people. Enlighten us by the resurrection light that never fades. Gather us at your table, that you may be known to us in the breaking of the bread and our hearts may burn in faith toward you and love toward one another. Lord, in your mercy,
- G** hear our prayer.
- A** Blessed Lord, you have established your Church so that your promise of eternal life might be delivered to us, grant us faithful bishops, pastors, deacons, and church workers, to proclaim repentance and forgiveness through Word and Sacrament. Lord, in your mercy,
- G** hear our prayer.

**A** O Lord, grant that your Word may be the foundation of every Christian home; that husbands and wives may be united in faith and hope; and that children may hear and be nurtured in this Word by faithful parents. Lord, in your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Almighty God, stifle the powers of darkness and end the reign of war, violence, and terror especially in Ukraine, Iran, Israel, the Middle East, and everywhere that chaos reigns. Give us leaders who will seek peace and work for the common good. Instill in them a love of righteousness and guide them in the pursuit of justice for all. Bless Donald, our president; the Congress of the United States; Brian, our governor; all state and local officials; all medical and emergency workers; and all members of the armed forces. Lord, in your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**A** O God, you have not forgotten us in our afflictions or abandoned us in our weakness. Deliver the sick and suffering according to your will, and give comfort to the dying, especially to those who have requested our prayers especially those named in our bulletin and those we name before you now. Guard us against despair, and grant us patience in days of trouble as we await your perfect healing. Lord, in your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Lord of eternal life, we give thanks for all your saints who have nurtured your church's life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the eternal brightness of your glorious presence. Lord, in your mercy,

**G** **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.

## PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Peace be with you. **R** Peace be with you.*

*Sit*

## OFFERING

*The ushers collect our gifts of tithes and offerings, the ministers make ready the bread and wine.*

*Stand as gifts are presented.*

## OFFERTORY

**C** 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.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — ourselves, 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.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

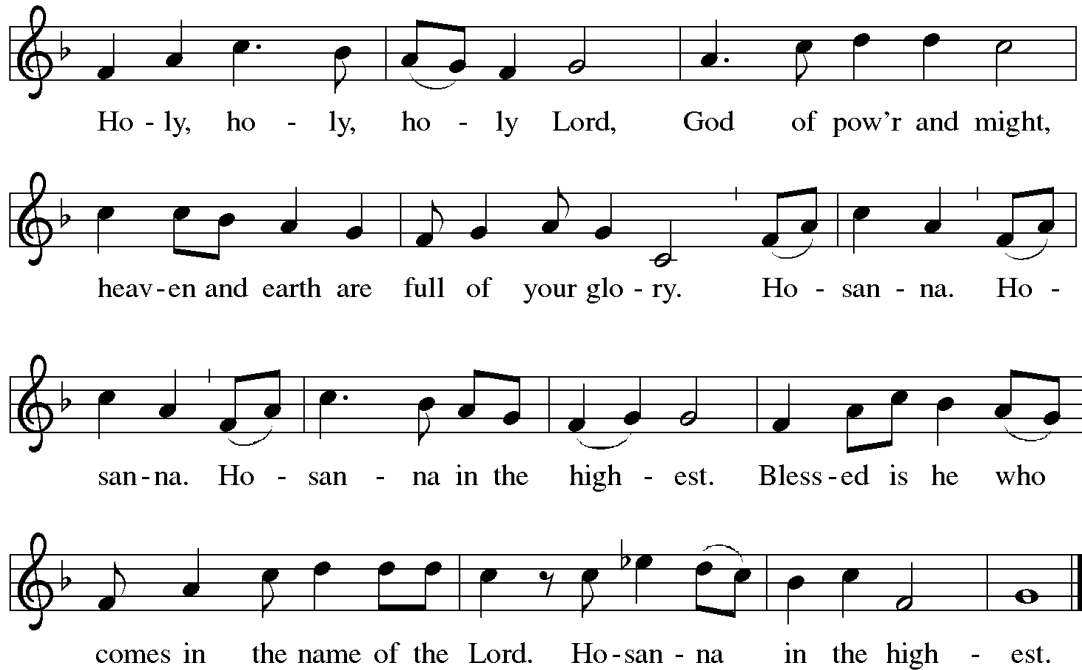
**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

# PREFACE

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;  
whose suffering and death gave sal - va - tion to all.  
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,  
trans - form - ing death in - to life.  
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,  
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P** Heavenly Father, you so loved the world that you gave your only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have everlasting life. We give you thanks for his glorious resurrection and ascension to fulfill your holy will and to accomplish all things for us and 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 dying and rising until he comes again.

**C** Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.  
Alleluia!

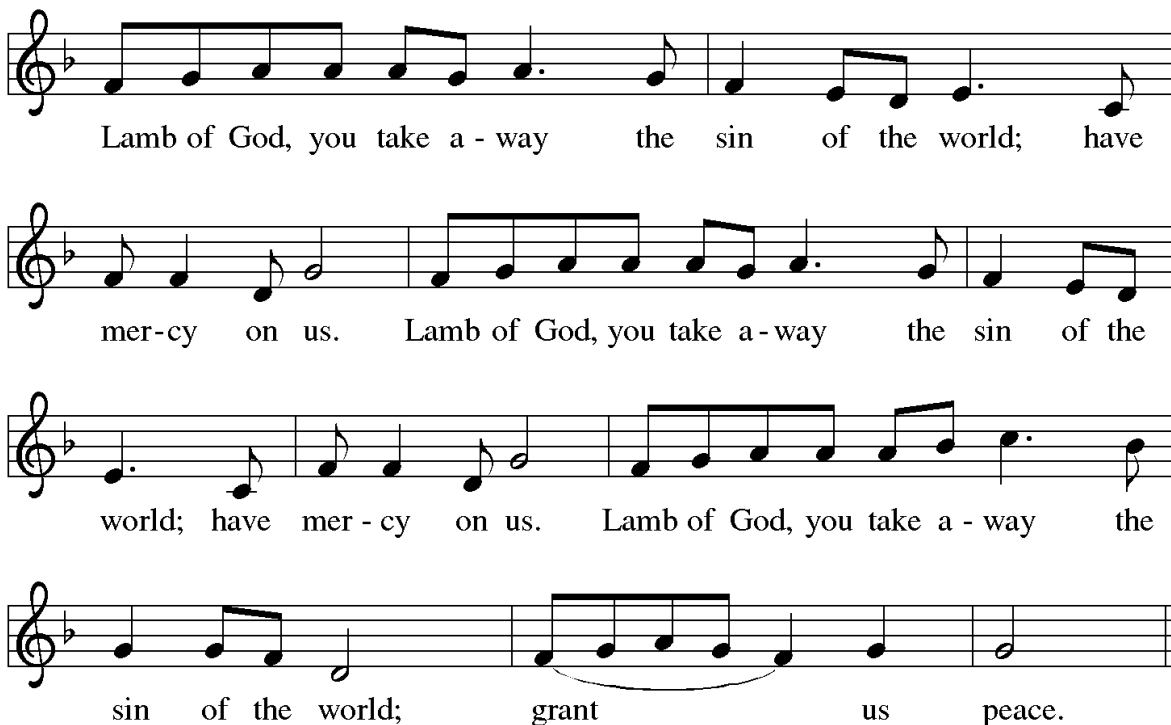
## LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray.
- 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.

*Sit*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### AGNUS DEI

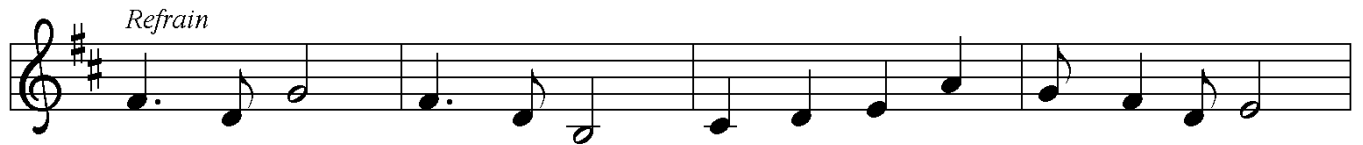


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

# COMMUNION HYMNS

## EAT THIS BREAD, DRINK THIS CUP

ELW #492



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - diant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.



*Refrain*  
in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!  
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.  
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.  
Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

# YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART

ELW #484



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

*Stand*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen ✝ you and keep you in God's grace.

**C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**A** Let us pray: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**G** Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** May God the Father who raised Christ from the dead, open to you the gate of everlasting life.

**G** Alleluia!

**P** May God the Son who burst from the grave, give you joy as you celebrate his resurrection.

**G** Alleluia!

**P** May God the Holy Spirit who brought you to new birth in baptism, fill you with strength and peace.

**G** Amen. Alleluia!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# SENDING HYMN

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## NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## DISMISSAL

**A** Love The Lord!

**C** Live The Mission!  
 Together!

## POSTLUDE

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