

# SAINT MARTIN LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 10, 2026 at 10:30 am**

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

***The Day:*** *In today's gospel Jesus talks of sending another Helper, the Spirit of Truth that the world can't receive because it doesn't see or know the Spirit. No wonder there is at times a chasm between the ways of the Lord and the ways of the world. But we who believe and stay true to the faith have the gift of the Spirit, not just with us but in us, according to the Lord himself.*

## **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.

**G** 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.

**G** 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.

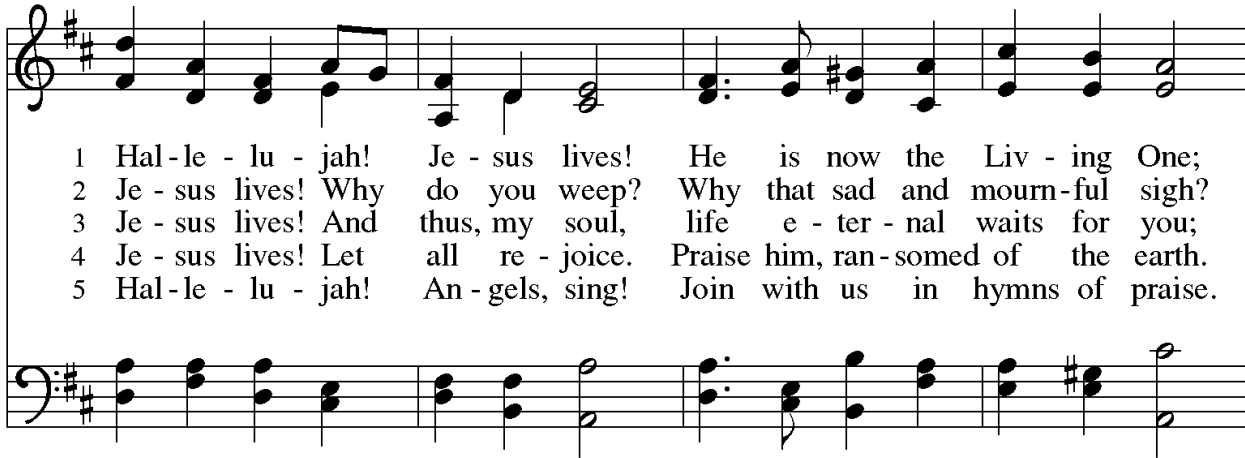
**C** **Amen.**

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

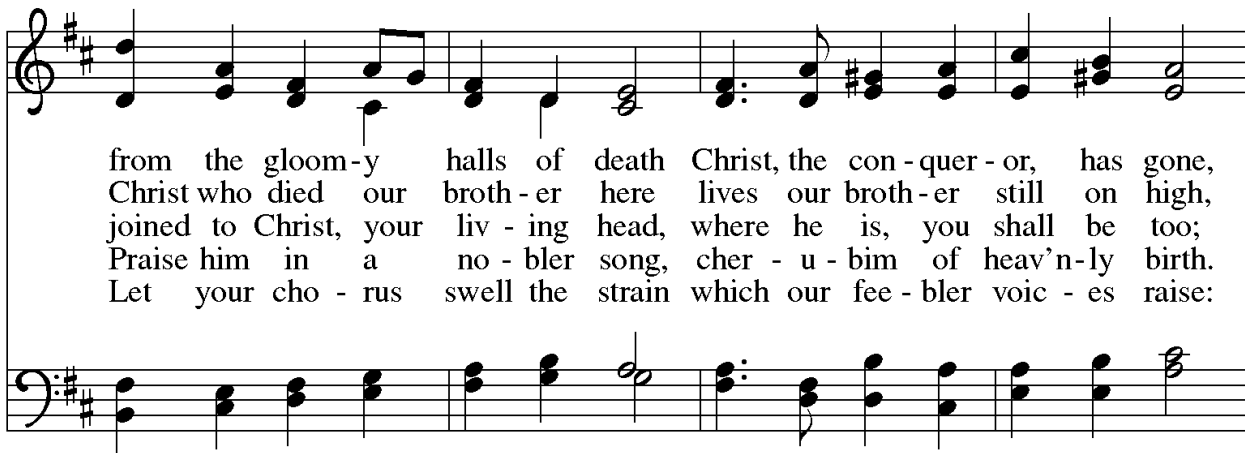
# GATHERING HYMN

## HALLELUJAH! JESUS LIVES!

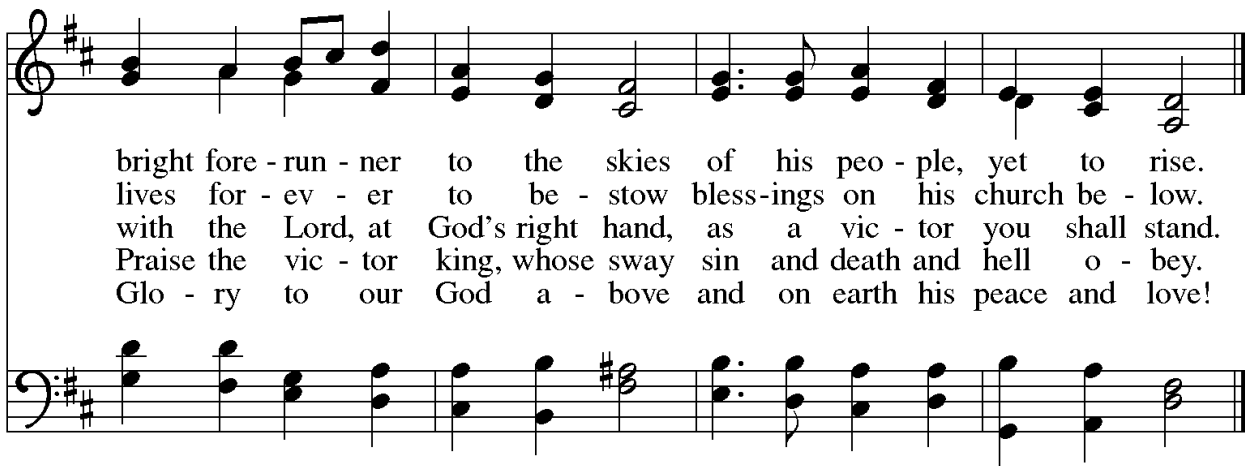
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1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;  
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?  
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;  
4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.  
5 Hal - le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom - y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,  
Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,  
joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;  
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav' n - ly birth.  
Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.  
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.  
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.  
Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.  
Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

# THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

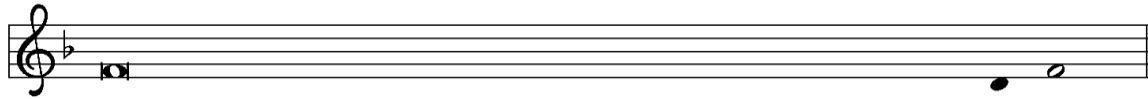
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**G** And also with you.

## KYRIE



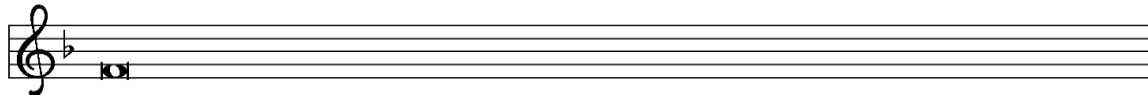
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



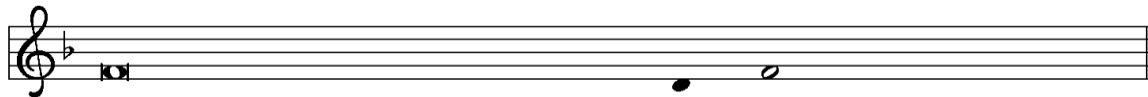
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



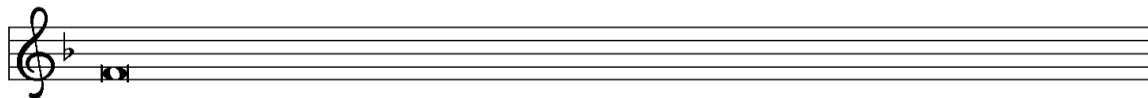
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



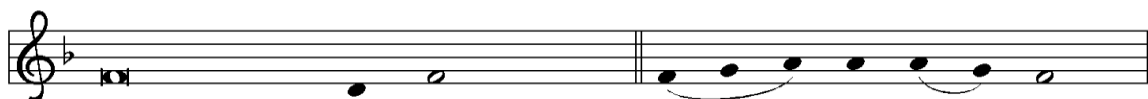
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



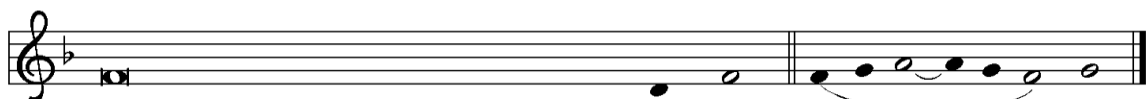
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## 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.

*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

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

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**A** Amen.

*Sit*

## FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:22–31

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

**L** A reading from the book of Acts, the 17th chapter, beginning at the 22nd verse.

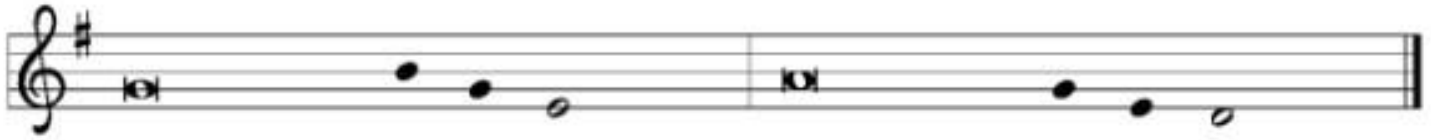
<sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we are indeed his offspring.” <sup>29</sup>Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## PSALMODY

Psalm 66:8–20



8 Bless our | God, you peoples;  
let the sound of | praise be heard.

**9 Our God has kept us a- | mong the living  
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.**

10 For you, O God, have | tested us;  
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

**11 You brought us in- | to the net;  
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

12 You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

**13 I will enter your house | with burnt offerings  
and will pay | you my vows —**

14 those that I promised | with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

**15 I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;  
I will give you ox- | en and goats.**

16 Come and listen, all you | who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has | done for me.

**17 I called out to God | with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**

18 If I had cherished evil | in my heart,  
the Lord would | not have heard me;

**19 but in truth | God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**

20 Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,

nor withheld unfailing | love from me.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forev- | er. Amen.**

## **SECOND LESSON**

**1 Peter 3:13–22**

*The author of 1st Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.*

**L** A reading from 1st Peter, the 3rd chapter, beginning at the 13th verse.

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup>having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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

## 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

**John 14:15–21**

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the 14th chapter, beginning at the 15th verse.

 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you

in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**SERMON**

**“An Awful or Lawful”**

**Pastor Beatty**

*Stand*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

## FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

ELW #812

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and  
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

*Refrain*  
when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.

ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

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

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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** God of new life, through the water of holy baptism you have made us one with Christ and one another. Guide your one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church to proclaim Christ's righteousness, mercy, life, and love throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**G hear our prayer.**

**A** Lord God, let your Spirit be at work through all bishops, and pastors, especially our own Pastor Mark, and all deacons and church workers, that as they proclaim your word and administer your holy sacraments, you may teach us all things and bring to remembrance all your Son has said and done for us. Lord, in your mercy,

**G hear our prayer.**

**A** Almighty God, you created all the nations of the earth, and continue to sustain them. Grant good leaders in every land. We pray especially for our president Donald and our governor Brian that all world leaders will seek peace and serve justice. Frustrate the causes of evil, violence, war and oppression especially in Ukraine, Iran, Israel, Africa, Venezuela, in our own nation and anywhere that chaos or calamity reigns. Lord, in your mercy,

**G hear our prayer.**

**A** Listening Lord, you always wait upon the prayers of your people and attend to their cries. We pray especially for those named in our bulletin and those we name before you now. *(after silence count to 10)* Inspire us to pray in all seasons of life and through all trials, giving us faith in your promise to answer us. Grant strength, wholeness, hope, and healing to all for whom we pray. Lord, in your mercy,

**G hear our prayer.**

**A** O Lord, we give you thanks for the salvation and life you give us through Christ Jesus. You do not leave your people as orphans but strengthen your people with the body and blood of your Son. Help us to receive what you offer here for our good, that this Holy Communion may strengthen our faith and equip us for your service. Lord, in your mercy,

**G hear our prayer.**

**A** Heavenly Father, your Son in his incarnation took on our human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. He submitted to his mother, honoring and obeying her, so fulfilling the commandment where we have not. On this Mother's Day, graciously accept our thanksgiving for our mothers, whom you have given to us. Teach us to honor them aright — loving, obeying, and giving thanks for them, as is fitting in your sight. Lord, in your mercy,

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

**A** Source of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, that clinging with them to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation we may come with them to the fullness of your everlasting kingdom. 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.

**G** **Amen.**

## PEACE

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

**G** **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 ANTHEM

# THY HOLY WINGS

## OFFERTORY



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, for the glorious resurrection

of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself  
to take a - way our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in ris - ing has brought us to e - ter - nal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the  
res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,  
and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,  
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

## 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.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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.

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

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**☐** Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**☒ 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

## ON MY HEART IMPRINT YOUR IMAGE

ELW #811

On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,

that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.

Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,

is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

*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.

**G** Amen.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A** The Lord be with you.

**G** 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

## LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD

ELW #517

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system.

## DISMISSAL

**A** Love The Lord!

**C** Live The Mission!

Together!

## POSTLUDE

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