

(Setting 3)

Sunday, April 7, 2024

(Second Sunday after Easter - Year B)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE MUSIC

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

In your compassion forgive us our sins,

**known and unknown,
things we have done
and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you,
and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy,
loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power
through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en,
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal:
 who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
 All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing
 Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
 Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: GAUDEAMUS PARTER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547

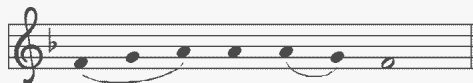
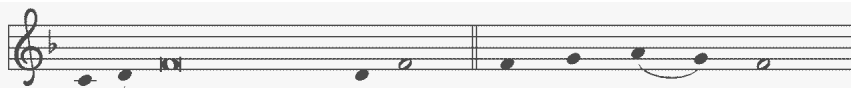
GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE

(Setting 3 / S 138)



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



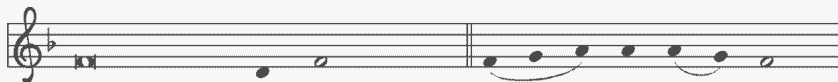
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



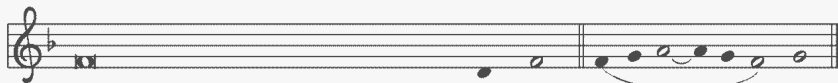
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

(Setting 3 / S 139)

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



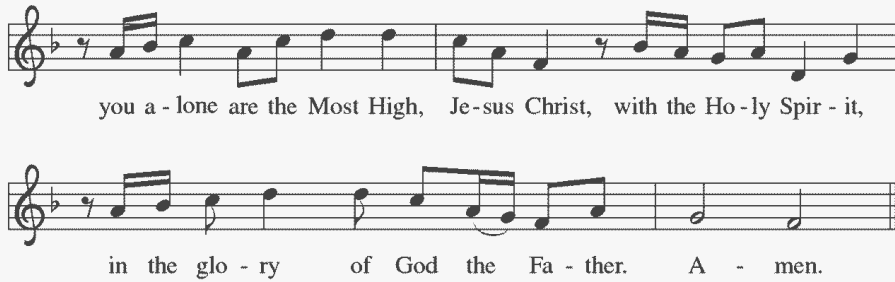
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Acts 4:32-35

FIRST READING

Introduction: "A reading from Acts."

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great

grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.

³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

After the First Reading the following will be said:

Conclusion: "The word of the Lord."

Response: ("Thanks be to God.")

(ELW - Tone 7)

PSALM

(Choir verses in yellow highlight)

Psalm 133

(Psalm Tone: ELW - Tone 7 - 0 Flats)



¹How good and how pleas- | **ant it is,**
when kindred live togeth- | **er in unity!**

²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | **on the beard,**
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | **of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | **hills of Zion.**
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for- | **evermore.**

1 John 1:1-2:2

SECOND READING

Introduction: “A reading from First John

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and

truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he

himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in

us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

After the Second Reading the following will be said:

Conclusion: "The word of the Lord."

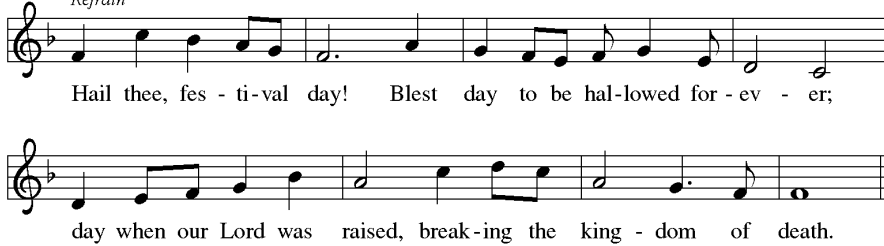
Response: ("Thanks be to God.")

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR EASTER:

ELW No. 394
(Verses 1 and 2 for Easter)

Hail Thee, Festival Day!

Refrain



Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;
day when our Lord was raised, break - ing the king - dom of death.

Easter 1 All the fair beau - ty of earth from the



death of the win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - 'ry good



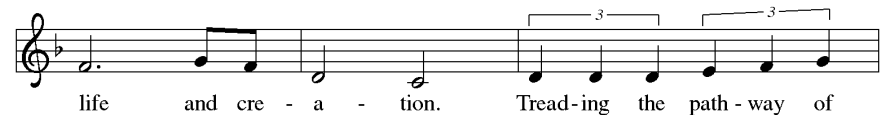
gift of the year now with its mas - ter re - turns: *Refrain*



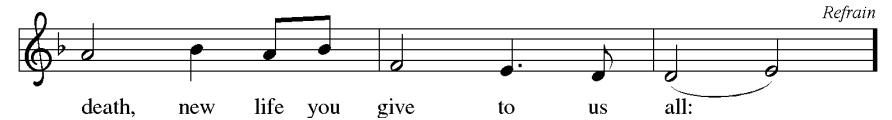
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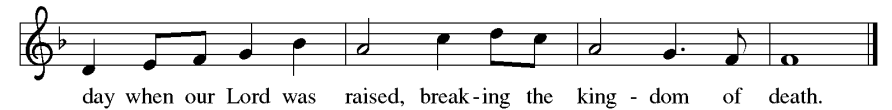
life and cre - a - tion. Tread-ing the path - way of



death, new life you give to us all: *Refrain*



Refrain
Hail thee, fes - ti-val day! Blest day to be hal-owed for - ev - er;



day when our Lord was raised, break-ing the king - dom of death.

GOSPEL

Introduction: "The Holy Gospel According to John ."

Announcement Response: ("Glory to you, O Lord.")

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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."

²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

After the Gospel Reading the following will be said:

Conclusion: "The Gospel of the Lord."

Concluding Response: ("Praise to you, O Christ.")

SERMON

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!



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!

NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified,

who 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 AND SQUARES MINISTRY: QUILT MINISTRY:

NAME: _____

(Presented by Xxxxxxxx Xxxxxxxx)

(Sunday: 10x:x0 AM Liturgy)

Loving God, we thank you for the gifts you have given to our Prayers and Squares Ministry: the talent, the gifts of fabric, the time, the gifts we use to create these quilts that are given with love and prayer to those who are struggling. We ask that you continue to help those involved in this ministry to use these gifts to honor you.

We ask your blessing upon the recipient of this quilt, _____. May this quilt wrap _____ with comfort and love. This we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's
creation.

We pray for those within the Trinity family who are sick, hospitalized, or in special need, especially . . .

We pray for those who are serving in the armed forces, especially .

We pray for those outside the Trinity membership who are sick, hospitalized, or in special need, especially . . .

A brief silence.

Lord Jesus, thank you for being patient with us. Thank you for breathing your Spirit and peace upon us. Thank you for giving us your own work of forgiving the sins of all who seek forgiveness and grace. Give us the faith, hope, and charity to believe, worship, and obey you always.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Breathe your Holy Spirit upon your Church. May it never doubt your Resurrection, and always proclaim you as the crucified and risen Savior of the world.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Pour your Holy Spirit into your persecuted followers. May their faith in you be unwavering, and their witness to you be gracious and bold.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Breathe your gracious Spirit upon this congregation. Make us hunger for your Word and thirst for your goodness. Help us to love you by serving others in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Breathe your Spirit upon doubters, and all whose confidence in your grace has been shaken by tragedy. Use us to lead them into your house. Lift them with your wounded hands. Transform their unbelief into unshakeable faith in you, their Lord and God. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give the leaders of the nations, and to all people, that peace which the world cannot give. Let righteousness and mercy bless those troubled by the powers of sin, evil and death. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

The other disciples sought out Thomas when he was doubting and sorrowful. Teach us to seek out and walk with others when they despair of your love. Give us grace to be gentle, patient, yet persistent as we invite them to taste and see your goodness. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bring the peace of your forgiveness, the healing of your dear touch, and the joy of your salvation to all those who suffer in body or spirit. Cheer their hearts, renew their faith, and restore them to fellowship with all who love them.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, you have been raised from death. You promise your resurrection life to all whom you have redeemed. We entrust into your care our beloved dead. Wipe away the tears of all who grieve. Turn our doubt into confidence. Grant that all whom you have redeemed may see you face to face and cry out in adoration and joy, "My Lord and my God!" Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Intercessions for the Ministries of the NALC

(Number 1)

We pray for our bishop, Dan (Selbo), for the staff of the North American Lutheran Church, for our Northeast Mission District, for our Atlantic Mission Region, for each of the congregations of the NALC, and especially today for Trinity Lutheran Church in Warrenton, Virginia .

We pray that together we might faithfully bear witness to God's saving grace in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

As Trinity continues planning for pastoral transition, grant to the congregation wisdom to discern your will for the entire church family. Help all who are entrusted with leadership responsibilities in this process to plan appropriately and be given, with open minds and hearts to your glory, the faith to follow where you lead. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend
all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING


OFFERTORY:

(S 186)

Create in Me a Clean Heart
Offering Song



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

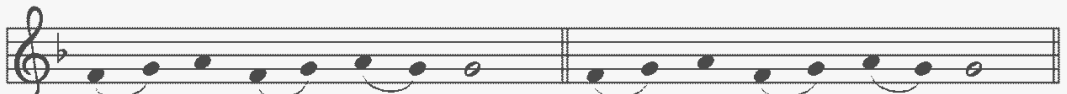
Let us pray.

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

DIALOGUE


(Setting 3 / S 144a)



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



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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

-or-

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

[EASTER]

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,

the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in 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

(Setting 31 / S 144b)

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.

Thanksgiving at the Table:

Thanksgiving at the Table

(The Season of Easter)

Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the
heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his
family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel
from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our
Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us,
healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.

*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.*

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving
death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this
dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us
and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to
life,
that we may live as your chosen
ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen

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.

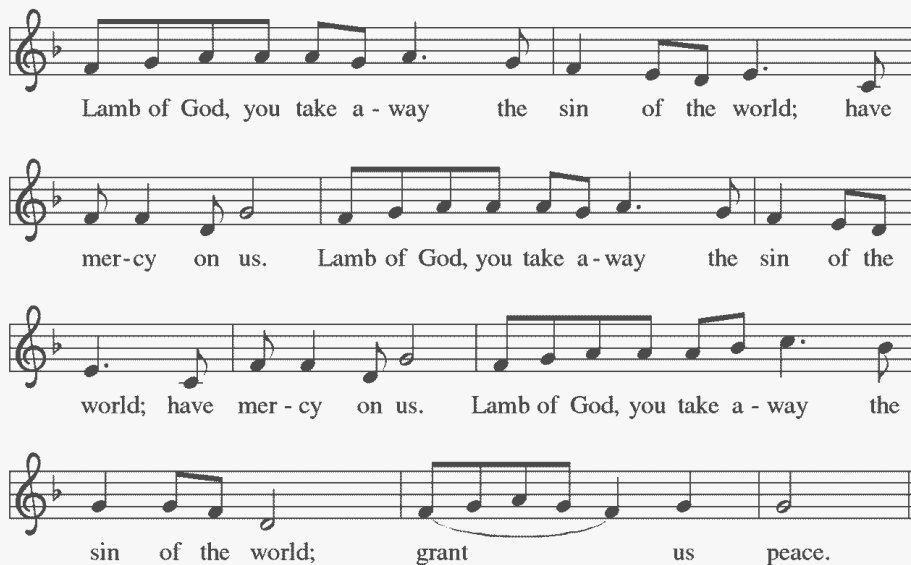
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

COMMUNION SONG

(Setting 3 / S 146)



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

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen

BLESSING FOLLOWING THE DISTRIBUTION

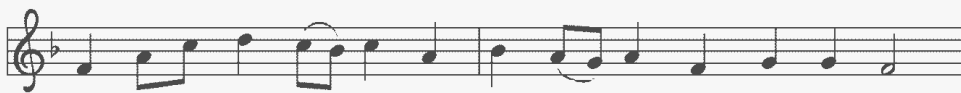
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION *(Setting 3 / S 204)*

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✝ bless you now and always.

Amen.

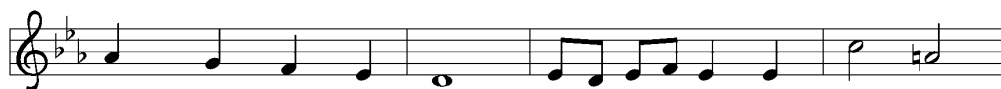
Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay,
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!