

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Clarks Summit, PA**

**Traditional Eucharist  
*(Setting 3)***

**Sunday, May 5, 2024**

***6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of 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 we have been saved.  
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,  
our sins are forgiven.

May Almighty God strengthen us with  
power  
through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in our hearts  
through faith.

**Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG

No. 650

## In Christ There Is No East or West



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.  
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.  
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

## GREETING

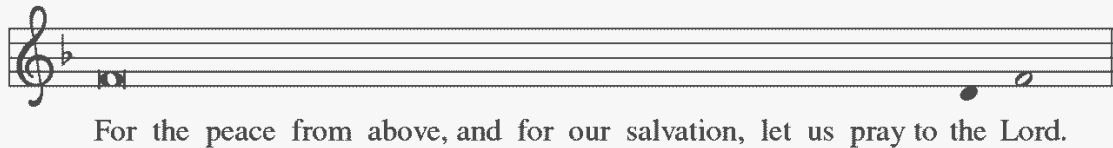
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all.

**And also with you.**

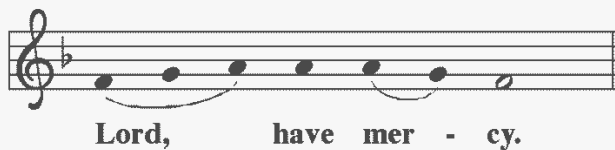
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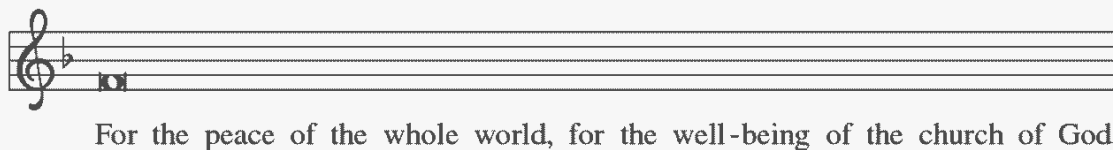
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



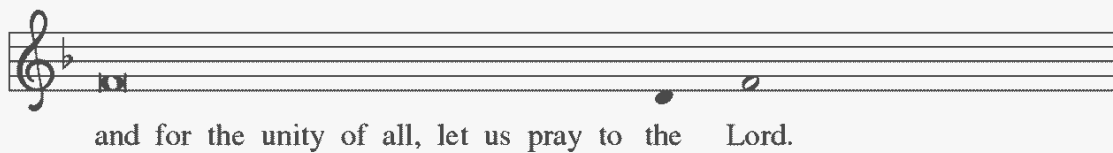
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



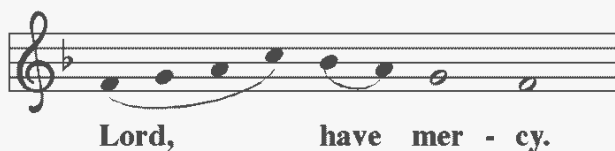
Lord, have mer - cy.



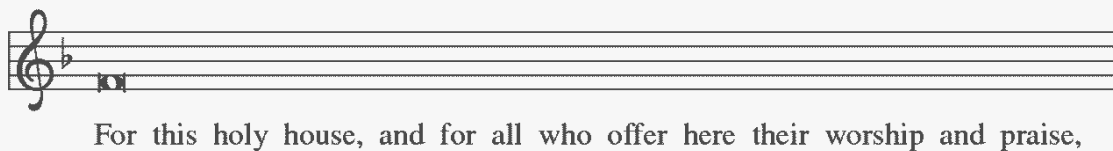
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



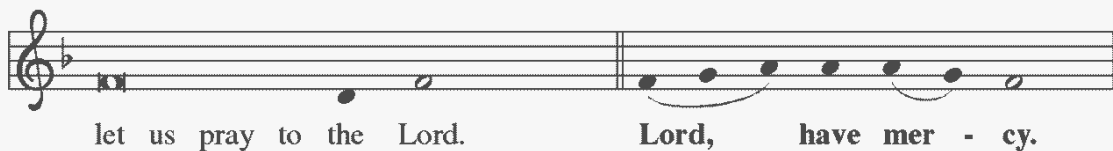
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



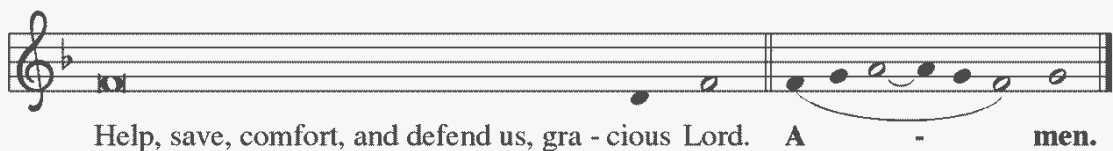
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

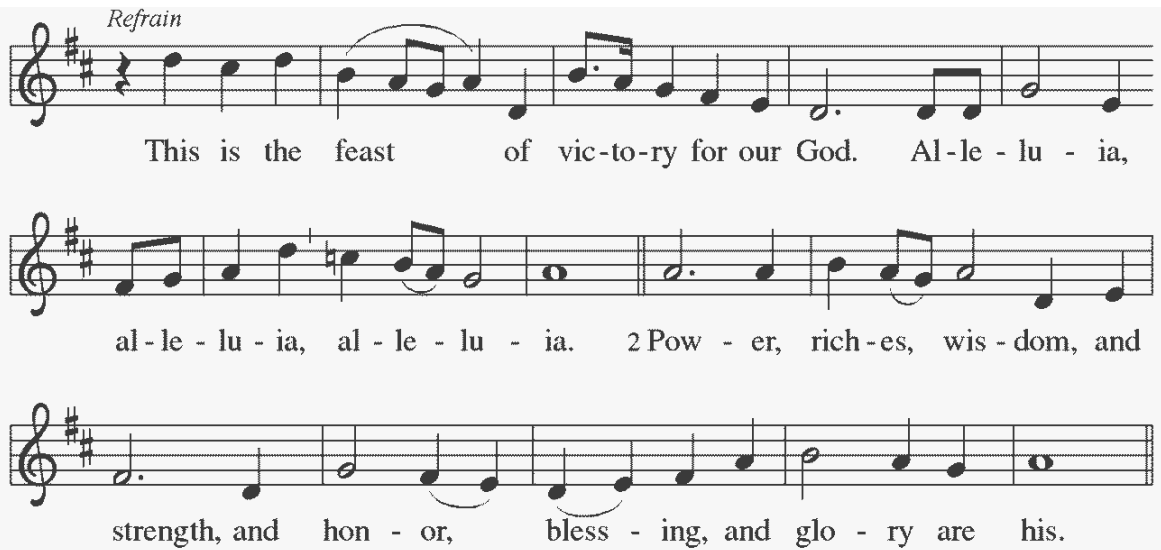
# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 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. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*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

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

## **FIRST READING**

“A reading from Acts.”

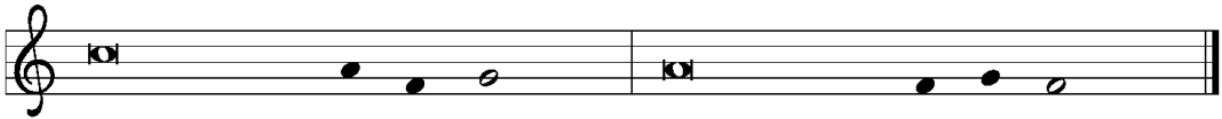
<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

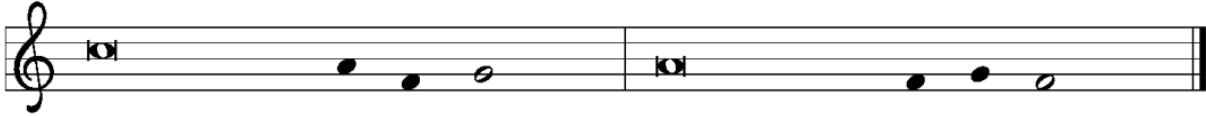
(Psalm Tone: ELW - Tone 7 - 0 Flats)



<sup>1</sup> Sing a new song to the LORD, who  
has done | **marvelous things,**  
whose right hand and holy arm have |  
**won the victory.**

<sup>2</sup> O LORD, you have made | **known your**  
**victory,**  
you have revealed your  
righteousness in the sight | **of**  
**the nations.**

<sup>3</sup> You remember your steadfast love and  
faithfulness to the | **house of**  
**Israel;**



all the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory | of our God.

<sup>4</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you  
lands;  
lift up your voice, re- | jice, and  
sing.

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD | with the harp,  
with the harp and the | voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound | of the  
Horn  
shout with joy before the | king, the  
LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,  
the world and those who | dwell  
therein.



<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers | clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy  
before the LORD, who comes  
to | judge the earth.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the | world with  
Righteousness  
and the peo- | ples with equity.

## **SECOND READING**

“A reading from First John.”

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the

water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# GOSPEL ACCLAM. FOR EASTER:

(ELW 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*

*Refrain*

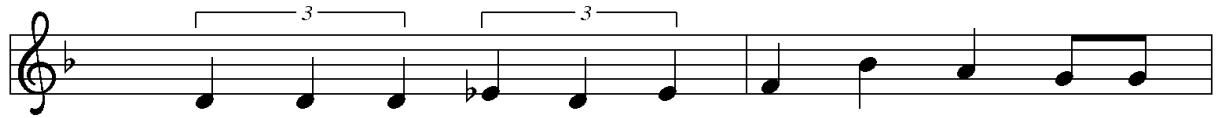


Hail thee, fes - ti-val day! Blest day to be hal-lowed for - ev - er;



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

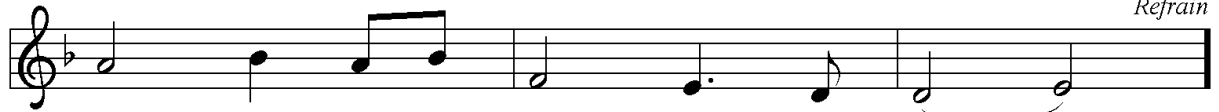




*Easter 2* Rise from the grave now, O Lord, the au - thor of



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



death, new life you give to us all:



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.

## **GOSPEL**

“The Holy Gospel According to John .”

“Glory to you, O Lord.”

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

<sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

<sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master

is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

“The Gospel of the Lord.”

“Praise to you, O Christ.”

**SERMON**

## Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

### *Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## 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:

*Name of Recipient:*

*Xxxxxxxx Xxxxxxxx*

*(Presented by Xxxxxxxx Xxxxxxxx*

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, you've chosen us to love you and one another, and to bear your love into the world. The world needs you so much! Make us faithful and fruitful, so we help nourish hearts starved for your love. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Bless your Church with the powerful presence of your Holy Spirit. Fill it with your love. Nourish it with Word and Sacrament. Through it, let the world see, desire, and dwell in your love forever. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Cheer the hearts and strengthen the spirits of all who are persecuted for your Name's sake. Use their witness to cause many to repent and believe in you. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Bless the people of this congregation with faith, hope, and charity. Fill us with wisdom and prudence. Through the gift of your Holy Spirit, make us glad to obey your commandments. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Bless this beautiful creation with all it needs to flourish. Make us wise stewards of it, especially the creatures entrusted to our care. May everything you have made praise and glorify you! Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Fill our elected and appointed leaders with the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might. Teach them to love justice; to act with mercy toward the poor and hungry in their lands; and to walk humbly before

your Father. Grant to all people the blessings of peace and unity on earth. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Bless all who protect life, health, and freedom. Grant them wisdom and integrity. Let their labors help create a safe, just world where the innocent may live in peace. Help us to honor their service. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Grant your life-giving Spirit to all who cry to you for help. Grant them wholeness of body and mind; confident hope in your goodness, and the peace which the world cannot give them. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, thank you for choosing, forgiving, and saving the faithful who

have gone before us. Grant that in this life, we may bear the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Gather us into your Kingdom, where those fruits will be perfected, to your glory and to the delight of all the redeemed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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 Altalaha Lutheran Church in Rehrersburg, Pennsylvania. By the guidance of your Holy Spirit might we always be found to be a Church that is Christ centered, mission driven, traditionally grounded,

and congregationally focused. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

As Trinity continues in the process of pastoral transition, might the forthcoming decisions that are made by your grace reflect your vision for our faith community. 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.**

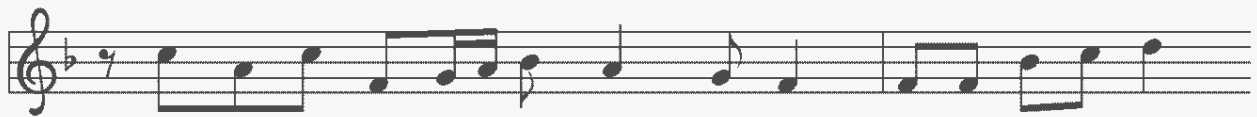
# PEACE

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

# OFFERING

# OFFERTORY:

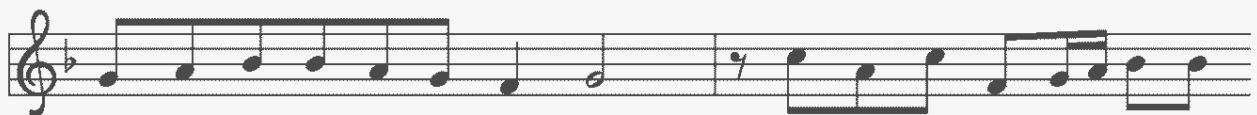
## Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



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





## 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,

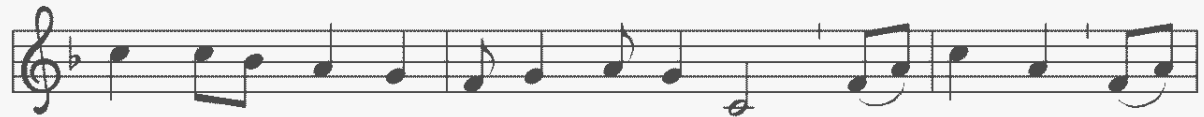
*[with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and]*

with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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:

*(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 our Lord Jesus was betrayed, we recall how He took bread and wine and promised his disciples that they were about to receive his very body and blood.*

*In like manner, as we partake of these consecrated elements of bread and wine, we too are recipients of that very same promise of the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of everlasting life.*

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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



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 AFTER EACH TABLE**

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and his most precious blood strengthen  
and preserve you in true living faith unto  
everlasting life. Depart in peace and the  
Lord go with you.

**Amen.**

**- or -**

Depart in peace and the Lord go with  
you.

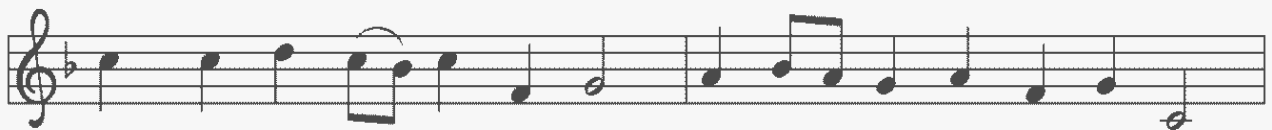
**Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

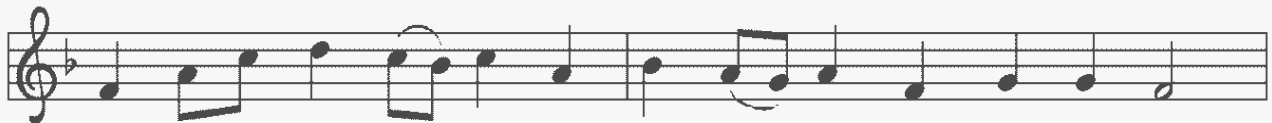
May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

## SONG AFTER COMMUNION

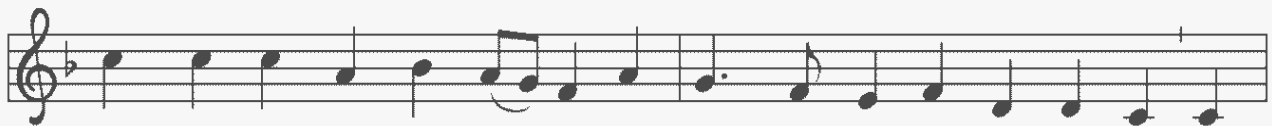
### Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



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



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice 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

People of God,  
we are Christ's body,  
bringing new life to a suffering world.  
May the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
bless us now and forever.

**Amen.**

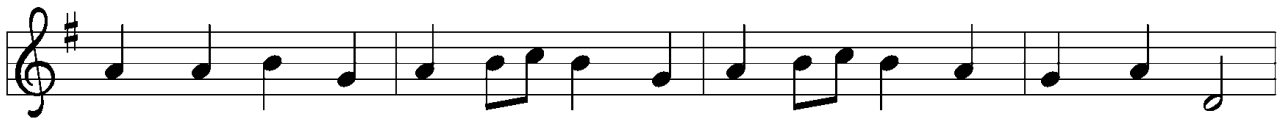
## Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - jice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace.

The living Word dwells in us.

**Thanks be to God.**