

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Clarks Summit, PA**

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

**Deacon's Mass  
Sunday, April 26, 2026**

***4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter***  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE MUSIC

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy  
endures forever.

**Amen.**

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.

**Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we are captive 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.

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. 807

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

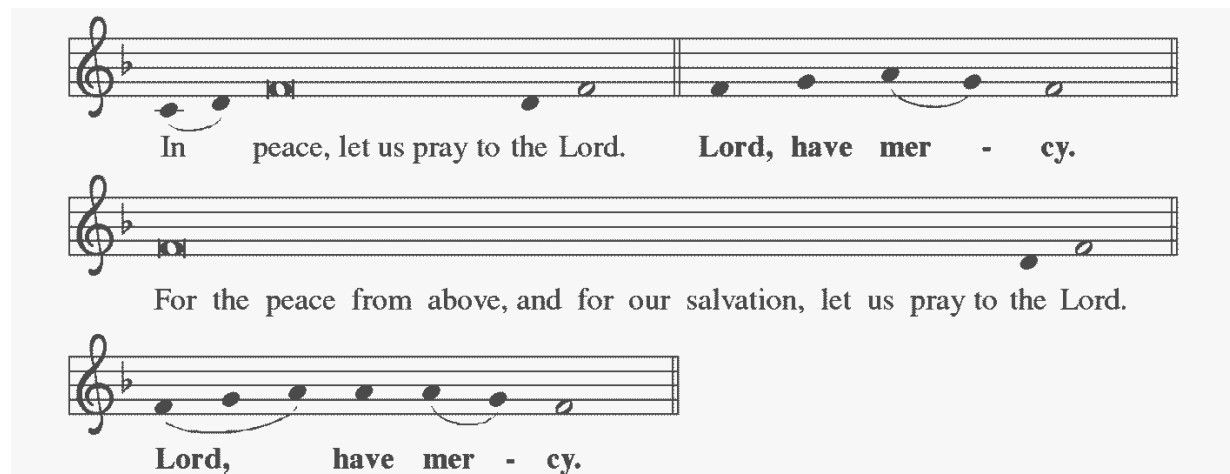
Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

## 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.

## 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.

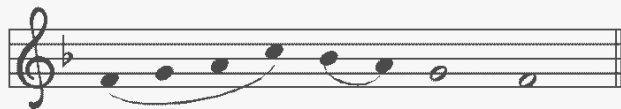
Lord, have mer - cy.



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. 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 our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

## **FIRST READING**

“A reading from Acts.”

<sup>42</sup> [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added

to their number those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

(Psalm Tone: ELW - Tone 10 - 0 Flats)



<sup>1</sup> The Lord | is my shepherd;

I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.

<sup>3</sup> You restore my | soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall | fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort  
me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my  
enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days |  
of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.

## **SECOND READING**

“A reading from First Peter”

<sup>19</sup> It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God.

<sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” <sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins

in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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*

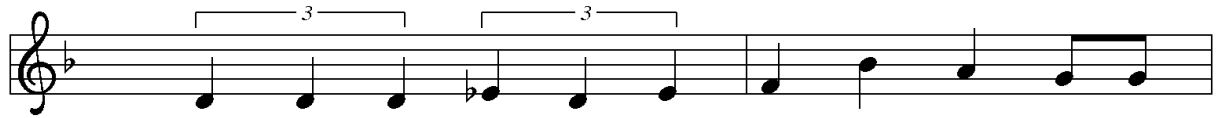
*Refrain*



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



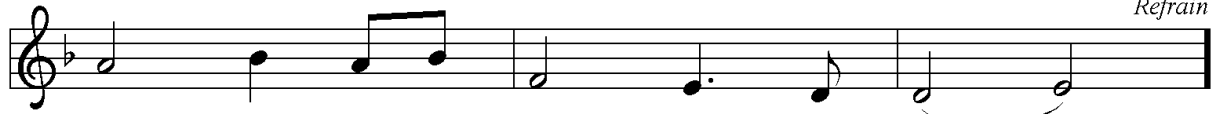
day when our Lord was raised, break-ing the king - dom of death.



*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>1</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with

them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

“The Gospel of the Lord.”

“Praise to you, O Christ.”

**SERMON**

## When Peace, like a River *It Is Well with My Soul*



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

### *Refrain*



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

## 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.*

Thank you, Jesus, for being our Good Shepherd – even though we balk at being compared to sheep! Thank you for giving us abundant life, even as we walk

through death-shadowed valleys. Thank you for knowing us by name, even though we sometimes forget yours. Claim us and guide us every day, in spite of ourselves, until we are safely in your house forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are the Good Shepherd. Defend the Church from peril, provide for its needs, and lead it in paths of righteousness. Through its ministry, lead many to hear your voice and follow you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are the Faithful Shepherd for your people who are set upon by wolves and persecutors. Protect, guide, and bless them. Give them such grace under pressure that their enemies' hearts may

repent of evil deeds. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You call your sheep by name. Bless the work of theologians and seminary professors. Help them to identify and train faithful people to help tend your beloved flock. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You are the Good Shepherd of this congregation. Lead us with your Word. Prepare our table with your Body and Blood. Teach us to do your will with glad and faithful hearts. And use us to lead many into your safe keeping. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lead our children, especially teenagers,

in paths of righteousness and holiness.  
Defend them from every enemy that  
tempts them to stray from your side.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You are the Gate of your sheep. Protect  
the people of every nation from false  
shepherds; from rulers who care nothing  
for their welfare; and from all the  
threatening dangers of this world. Bring  
peace in places of violence; rich pasture  
in places of poverty; and true  
righteousness in places of injustice.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You are the Rod and Staff of all who  
stand in harm's way on behalf of others.  
Guide, protect, and strengthen them.  
Prosper all their works that make for

peace, safety and justice; shelter and strengthen their loved ones; and bring them home safely and soon. 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 Emanuel Lutheran Church in Elmer, New Jersey. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Recognizing the local congregation to be the front line for mission and ministry, inspire this Church and to always hold as its primary responsibility the function of striving to equip and strengthen every congregation to

become the most effective instrument possible for accomplishing Christ's purposes. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer**

As our congregation continues planning for pastoral transition, grant us the wisdom to hear and see your will for our church family. Help us to plan appropriately and give us the faith to follow where you lead us with open minds and open hearts to your glory. 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.**

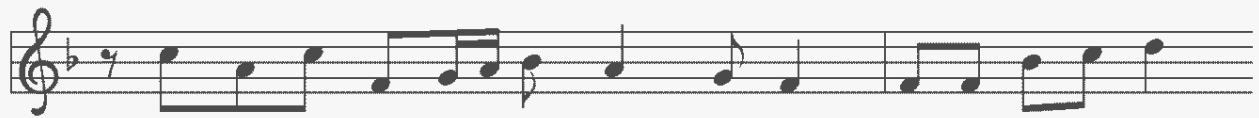
## PEACE

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

## OFFERING

# OFFERTORY:

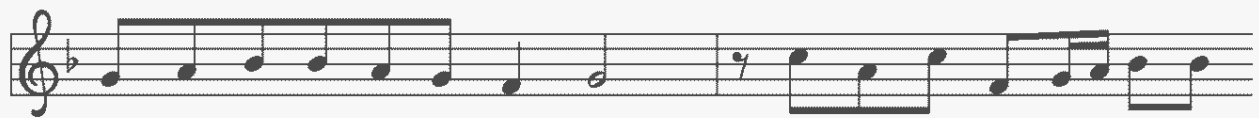
## Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



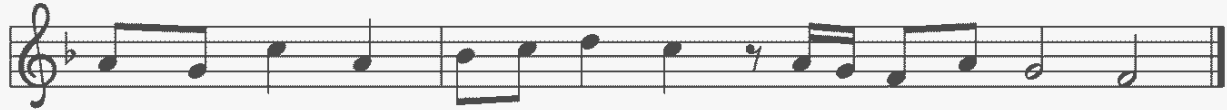
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



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



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

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,  
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered  
to give you glory. You have set a table  
before us, a glimpse of that great day  
when we will hunger and thirst no more.  
Nourish us with the body and blood of  
Jesus, that goodness and mercy may  
follow us and bless the world you love.  
In the name of Jesus,

**Amen.**

## 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,

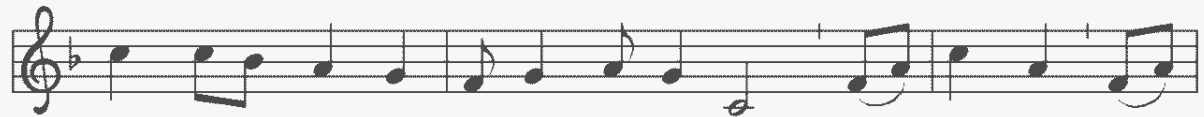
*[with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and]*

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

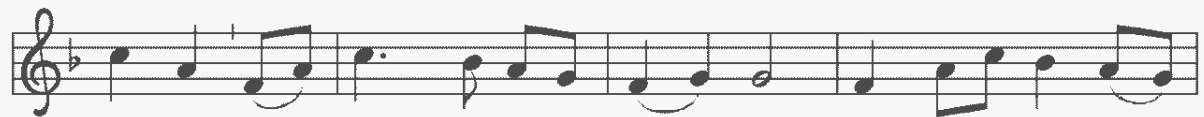
# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

Come to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord.

## 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 FOLLOWING EACH TABLE**

Depart in peace and the Lord go with you.

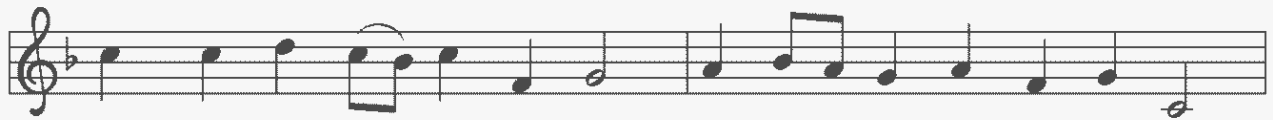
**Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

# SONG AFTER COMMUNION

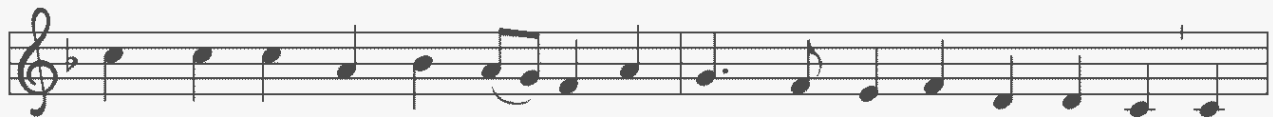
## Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



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



Let all who seek the Lord re - 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.

Holy One,  
through this meal you have made your  
home among us and are making all  
things new. Send us now to speak  
peace to anxious hearts, to love our  
enemies, and to bring your healing to  
the nations. In the name of Jesus,

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.

## What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
 last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in us.

Thanks be to God.