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Lord of Life Liturgy [Dr. Bradley C. Hunnicutt]

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday."
Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel.

The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life.
He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters
of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us
amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the
resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C. Amen

P. Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C. Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

P. Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

ELW 385

Greeting

P. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

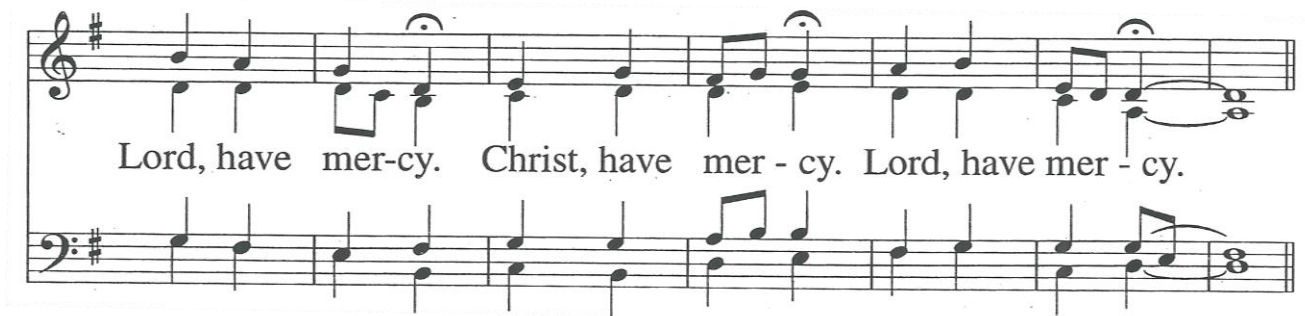
P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. And also with you.

Kyrie

A. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C. (Refrain)



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

C. **Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

A. 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.

C. **Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

A. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

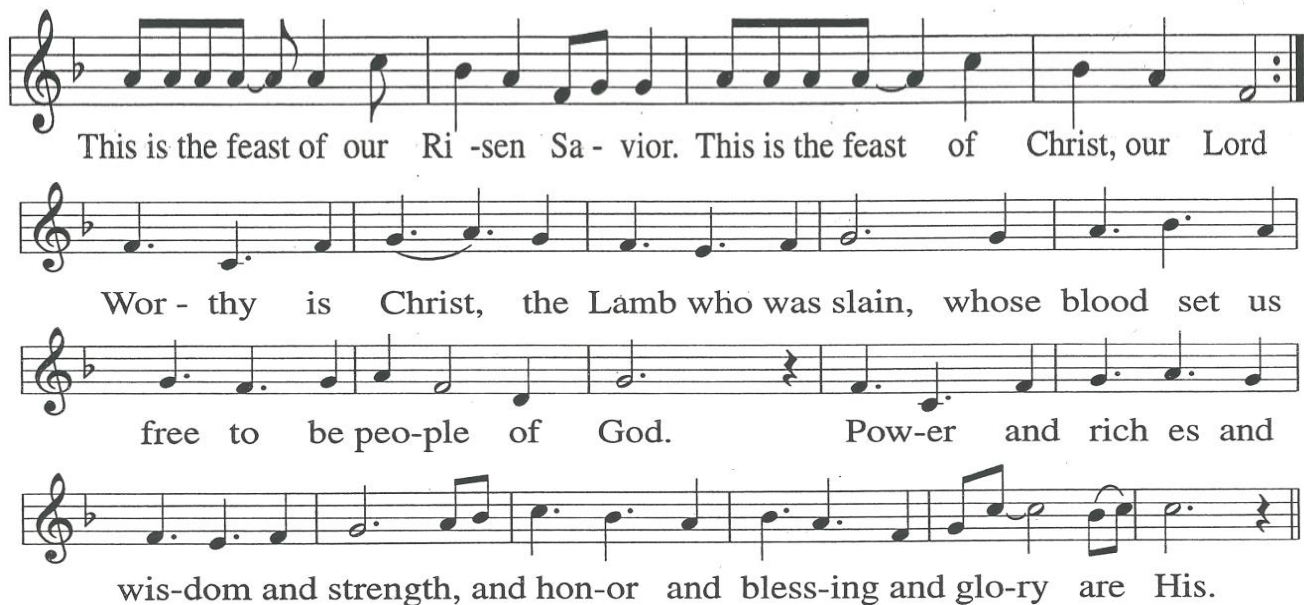
C. **Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

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

C.



This Is the Feast ...



This is the feast of our Ri-sen Sa-vior. This is the feast of Christ, our Lord

Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and

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

This is the feast of our Ri-sen Sa-vior. This is the feast of Christ, our Lord

- P. This is indeed the feast of our Risen Savior . . .
 . . . And His glorious resurrection has indeed become the Lord of Life!

c.

For the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le

lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

This is the feast of our Ri-sen Sa-vior. This is the feast of Christ, our Lord

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Hal-le-lu - jah. Hal-le-lu - jah. Hal-le-lu - jah. A - men.

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Y**

Hal-le-lu - jah. Hal-le-lu - jah. A - men. A - men.

C.

This is the feast of our Ri - sen Sa - vior. This is the feast of
Christ, our Lord. This is the feast of our Ri - sen Sa - vior
This is the feast of Christ our Lord.

Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

C. 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

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

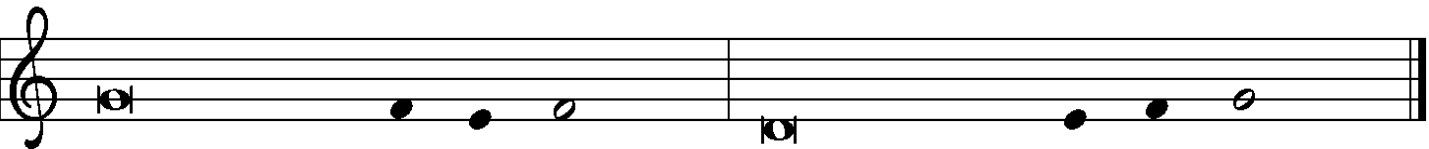
Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with

glad and generous hearts, 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.

L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody Psalm 23 (tone 6) chanted responsively



The LORD¹ is my shepherd;
I shall not¹ be in want.

**The LORD makes me lie down¹ in green pastures
and leads me be-¹ side still waters.**

You restore my¹ soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways¹ for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall¹ fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they¹ comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is¹ running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the¹ LORD forever.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. 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.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

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. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

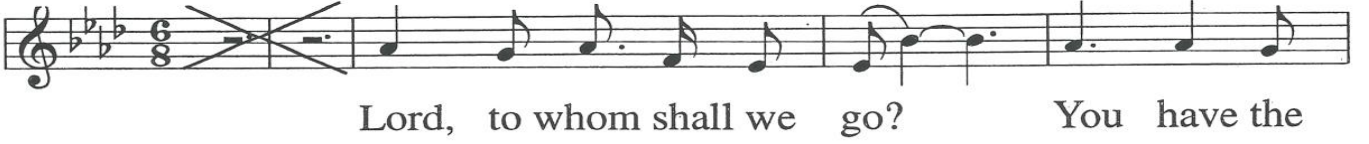
Gospel Acclamation

C H O I R



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

C.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le-lu -ia. Al-le-lu -ia.

P. The Holy Gospel according to John chapter ten.



C: Glo -ry, glo -ry to you, O Lord. Al - le - lu - ia.

John 10:1-10

Jesus said, "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. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

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

P. The Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise, Praise to you, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Nicene Creed

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,
By the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man.
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 worshipped 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 of Intercession

A. United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God.

C. Your mercy is great.

P. Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

C. Amen.

The Peace

P. The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.



The Offering

Anthem

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

~L. Larson

Choir

Offertory: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless-ing. 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 dreams of all; u-nite them with the
prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble with your
pres-ence, Lord, your pres-ence, Lord, your pres-ence, Lord.
Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, Lord, and give us a fore-taste,
give us a fore-taste, give us a fore-taste of the
feast to come. A-men.

Offertory Prayer

A. Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

C. Amen.

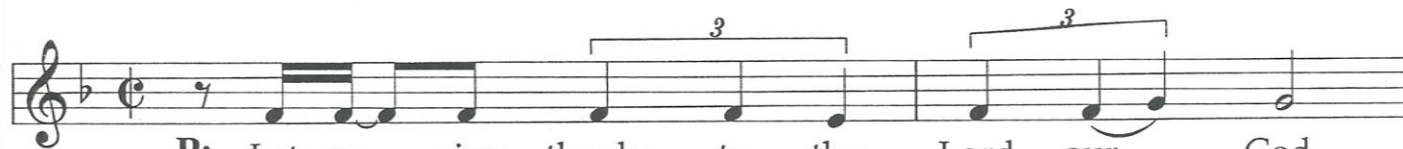
The Great Thanksgiving



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 God thanks and praise.

P. It is indeed.....

Praise
and give thanks to *the*
Lord

The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might: heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
slower san - na in the high - est. *a tempo* Bless - ed, bless-ed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est

Eucharistic Prayer



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

P. Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

C. Amen.



Lamb of God

slowly

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, bear-er of our sins, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world, give us your peace.

Communion Hymns

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW 781

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

ELW 470

The Lord's My Shepherd

ELW 778

Post Communion Blessing

P. God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
† bless you now and forever.

C. Amen.

Post Communion Cantic

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry - one what
God has done. Let ev'-ry - one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name.
He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peop - le
forth in joy with shouts, with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al -
le - lu - ia.

Al-le-lu-ia!

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes. The final line of the score includes a handwritten 'Al-le-lu-ia!' with a double underline, and the musical notation for this part consists of two measures with 'x' marks above the notes, indicating a specific performance instruction or a placeholder for a specific melody.

Post Communion Prayer

- A.** Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in in Jesus' name.
- C. Amen**

Benedictus

Presider

The Lord bless you and keep you.

Congregation

The Lord bless you and keep you, too.

Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to

The Lord make his face shine on you

you.

The Lord look up on you with fa-vor and

and be gracious to you.

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give you peace. A - men.

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Sending Hymn

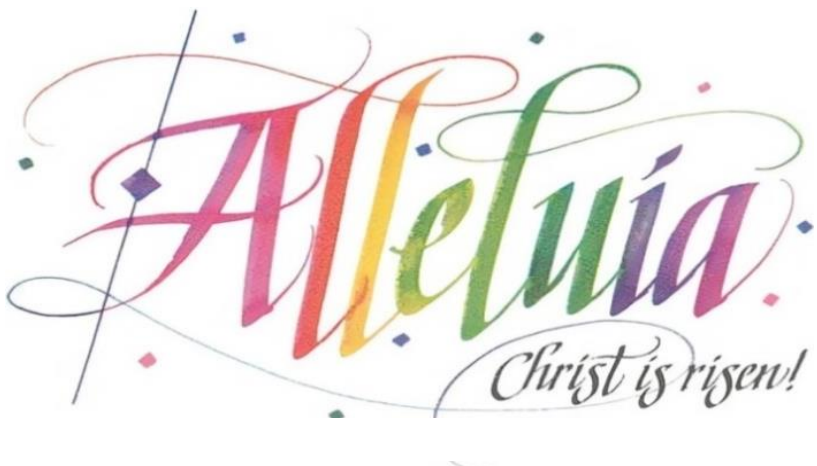
Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

ELW 377

Dismissal

- A. Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P. Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
- C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude



*After Worship Fellowship today is sponsored
by Matthew & Larissa Himmeger.*



Servers for Sunday, April 30th

Assisting MinisterAlecia Harrison
Reader Gerry Havenstein
Altar Guild Ginny King
Greeters/Counters Tess Andrews/Alecia Harrison
Acolyte Antonio Smith

Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.

Candles this month are given by Ginny King in loving memory of Dennis King.

Flowers this week are given by Tom & Alecia Harrison in celebration of Alecia's Birthday!

Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheet is on the board in the hallway.

