

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

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*Setting Three*

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house.

Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ – our way, our truth, our life.

# Joys & Concerns

Prelude

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## 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

*How Great Thou Art*

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Greeting

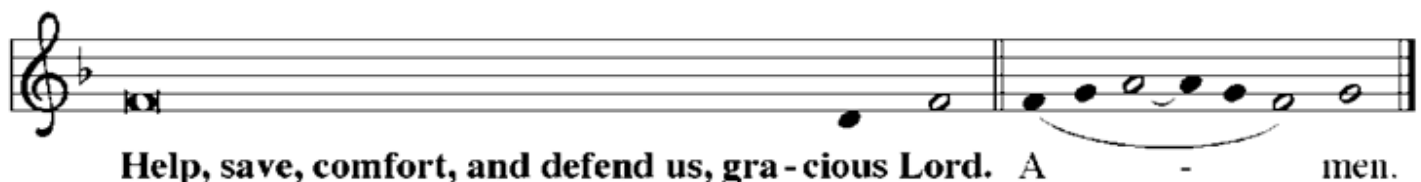
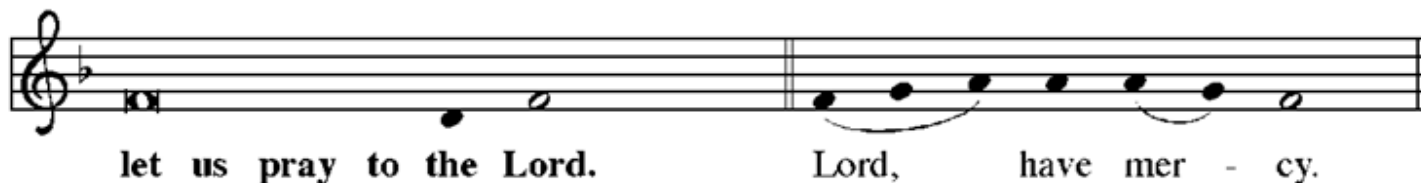
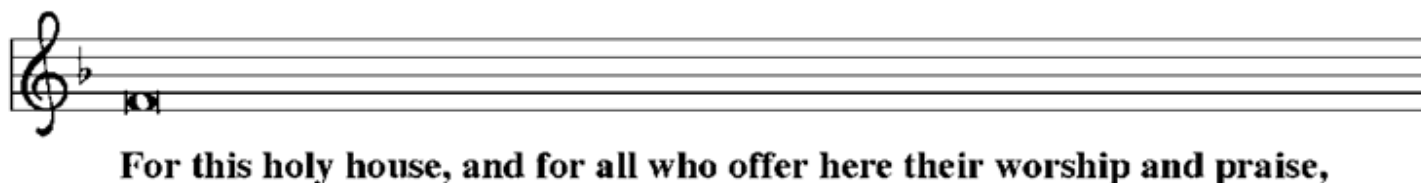
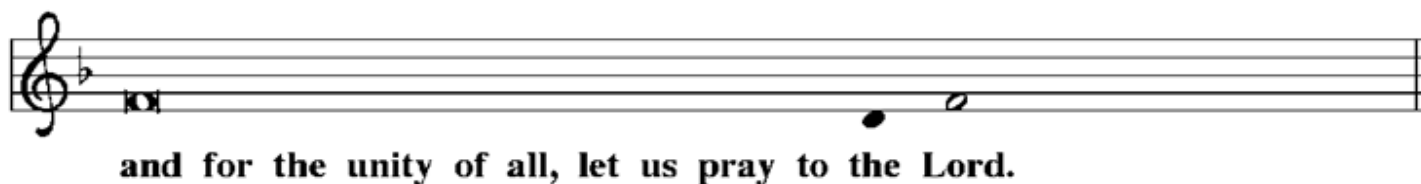
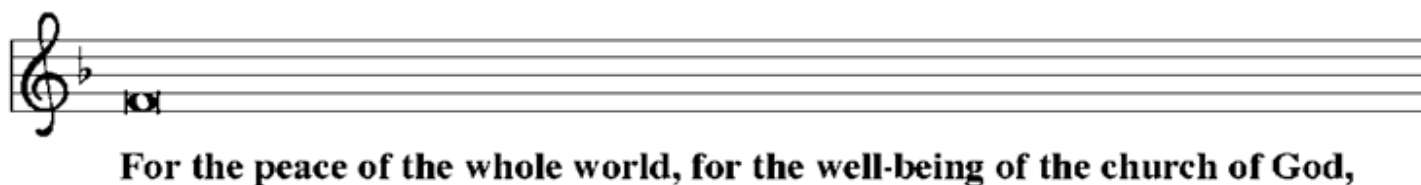
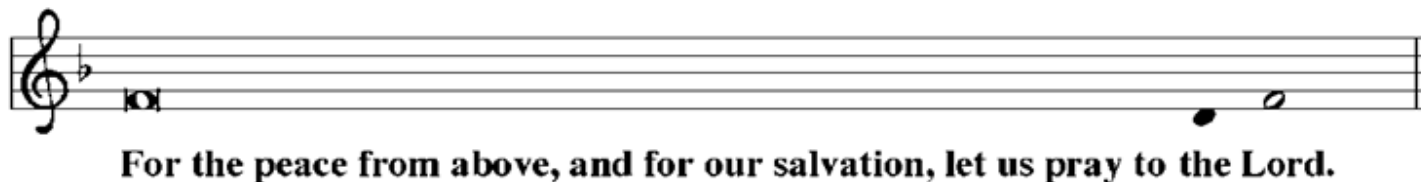
**P.** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**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



***This is the feast . . .***

**Women vs. 1, 3; Men vs. 2, 4**

*Refrain*




**All:** 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

**Women:**

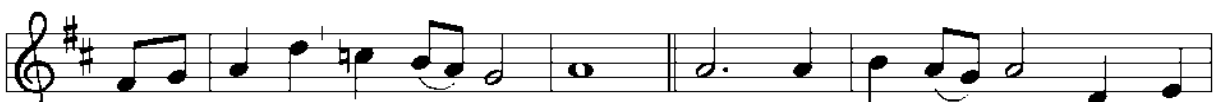


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



**All:** 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

**Men:**



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*




**All:** 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

**Women:**



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.

## *This is the feast . . .*

*Refrain*



All: 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  
Men



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

*Final refrain*



All: 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

A. Let us pray

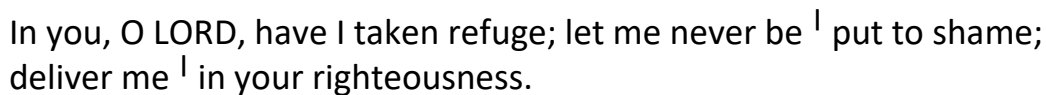
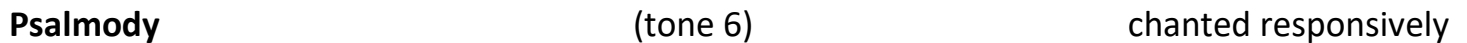
C. **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

**C. Thanks be to God.**



**Incline your <sup>1</sup> ear to me;  
make haste to de- <sup>1</sup> liver me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag <sup>1</sup> and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead <sup>1</sup> me and guide me.

**Take me out of the net that they have secretly<sup>1</sup> set for me,  
for you are my tow-<sup>1</sup>er of strength.**

Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, | God of truth.

**My times are <sup>1</sup> in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who <sup>1</sup> persecute me.**

Let your face shine up- | on your servant;  
save me in your | steadfast love."

## Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

**L. Word of God. Word of life.**

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



**Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the**  
**words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.**

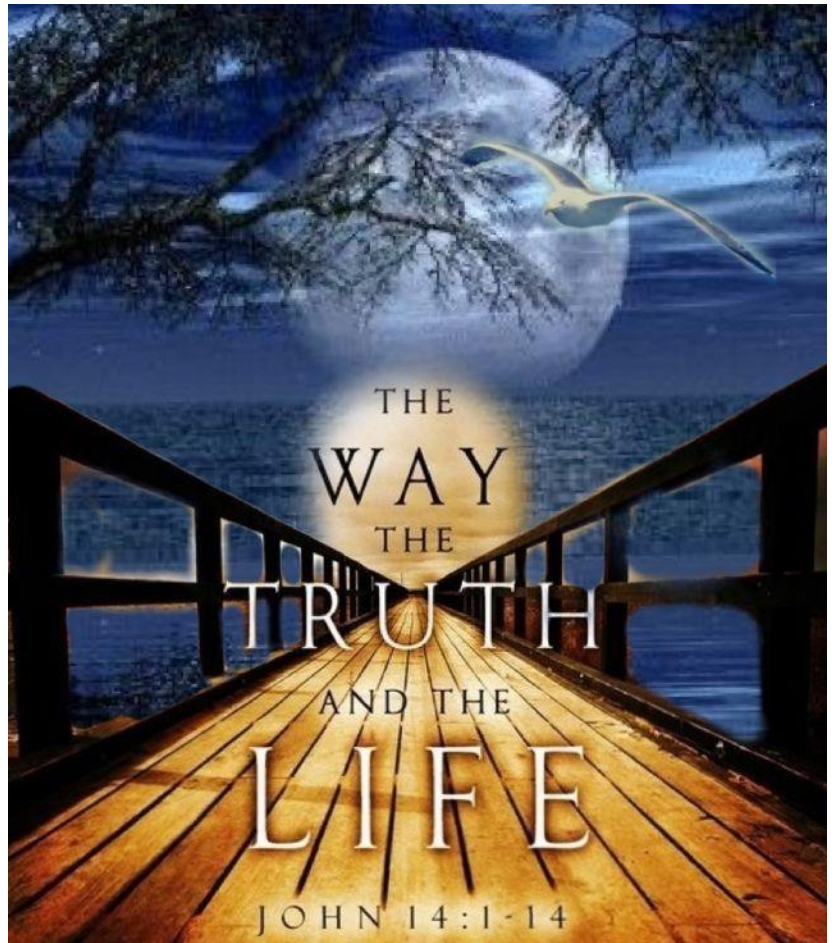


**P.** The holy gospel according to John, chapter fourteen.

**John 14:1-14**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."



**C. Glory to you, O God.**

**P.** The gospel of the Lord.

**C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

John Petry, Interim Pastor

**Hymn of the Day**

*Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land*

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# *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



God of life, strengthen your church to proclaim your gospel even in times of trouble. As we remember Stephen, we give thanks for diaconal ministry. Bless all deacons and strengthen them for their bridge-building ministry between church and world. 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.** Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.

**C. And also with you.**

## The Offering

**Anthem**

*When Stephen, Full of Power and Grace*

**Choir**

**God, Who is Rich in Mercy**

**~Erfurt, 1541**

**(congregation sings bold type)**

ch. C.

God, who is rich, is rich in mer - cy, **through**

**His** great love with **which** **He** loved us,

ch. C.

We who through our tres - pass - es were dead, God has raised us

C.

up and with Christ Jesus made a - live, **thru'** **His** great love with

ch.

**which** **He** loved us. All cre - a - tion shall see the im-

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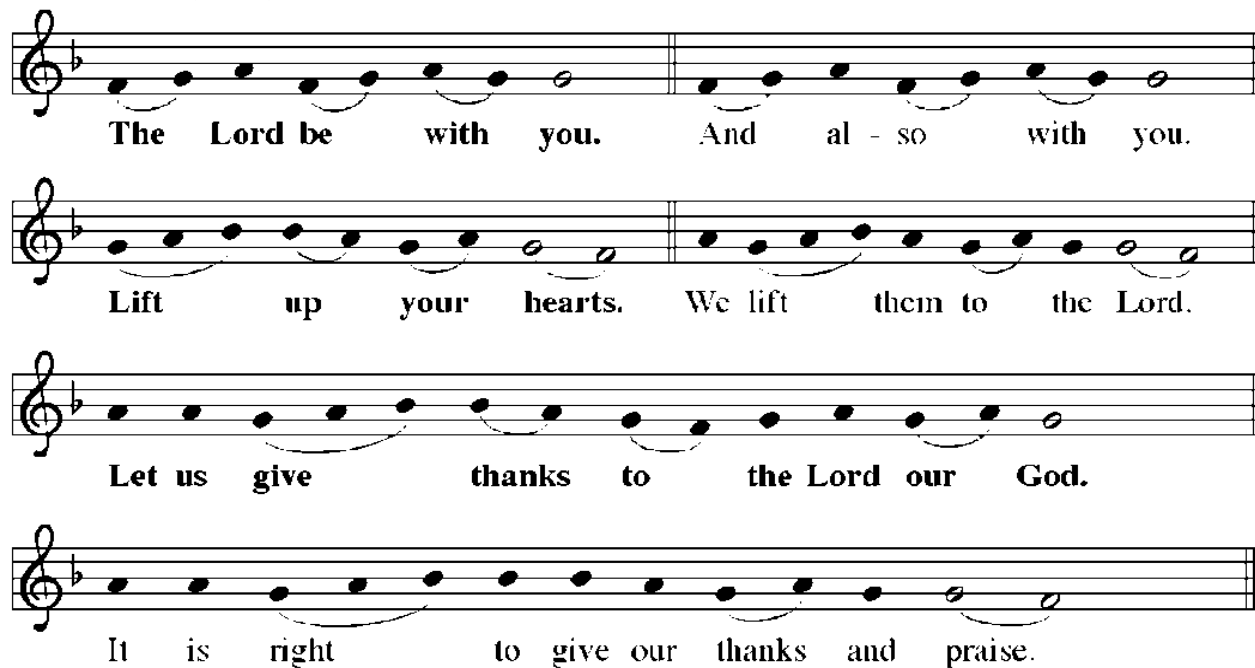
meas-ura- ble rich - ness of His Grace thru' Je - sus Christ, **thru'**

**His** **Great** **Love** with **which** **He** loved us.

## 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



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

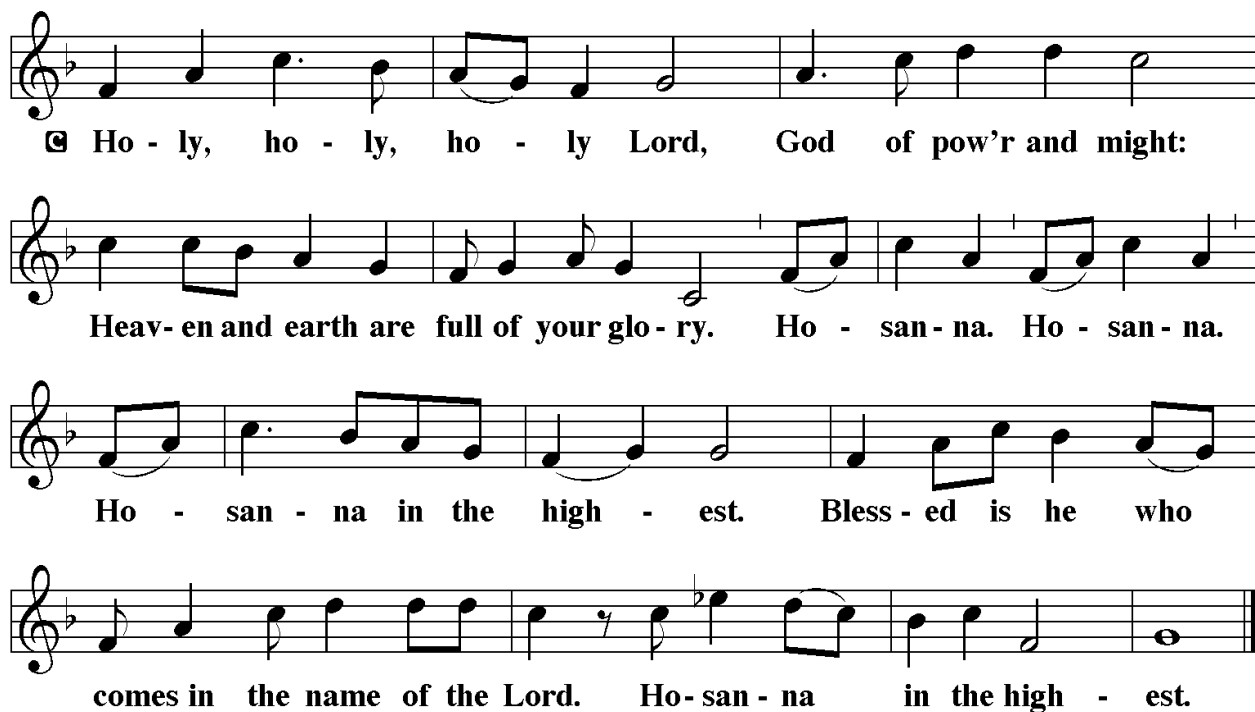
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface: It is truly right . . .

## The Sanctus



☞ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.

## *Jesus, Lamb of God*

☞ 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.

The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The lyrics are aligned under the corresponding notes. A bracket is placed under the word 'grant' on the fourth staff, spanning two measures.

## Communion Hymns

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*  
*I Received the Living God*  
*You Are Mine*

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## 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 Canticle



**☩** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



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

## 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

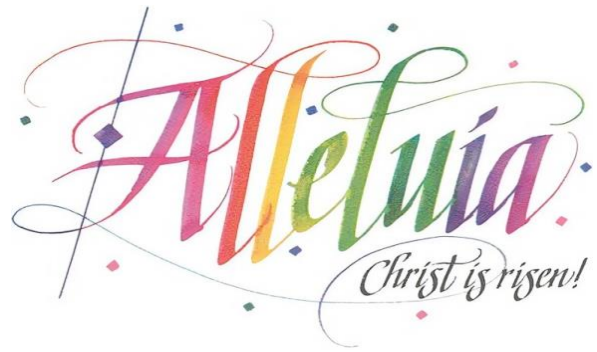
## Benediction

**A.** The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

**C.** Amen.

## 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

### Servers for Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>:

Assisting Minister..... Shannon Thomsen  
Reader ..... Shannon Thomsen  
Altar Guild ..... Barbara Kyles  
Greeters/Counters ..... Steve Brantley/Neil Brennecke  
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 given by Clyde & Rena Bogle to the Glory of God!

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.





# May EVENTS

Annual  
Able to Serve



May 9

Annual Able to Serve Mother's Day Breakfast

*Mothers Day  
Breakfast*

May 14



May 29

