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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

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10:00am Worship (In-person & virtual options)

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Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

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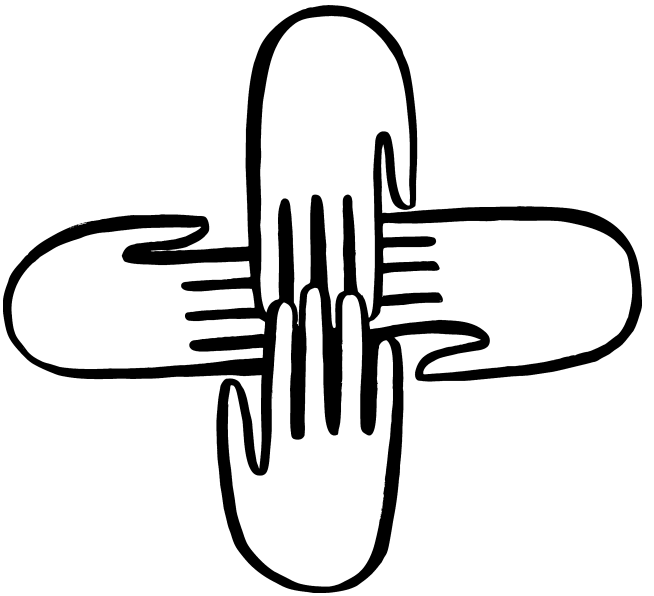
Prelude

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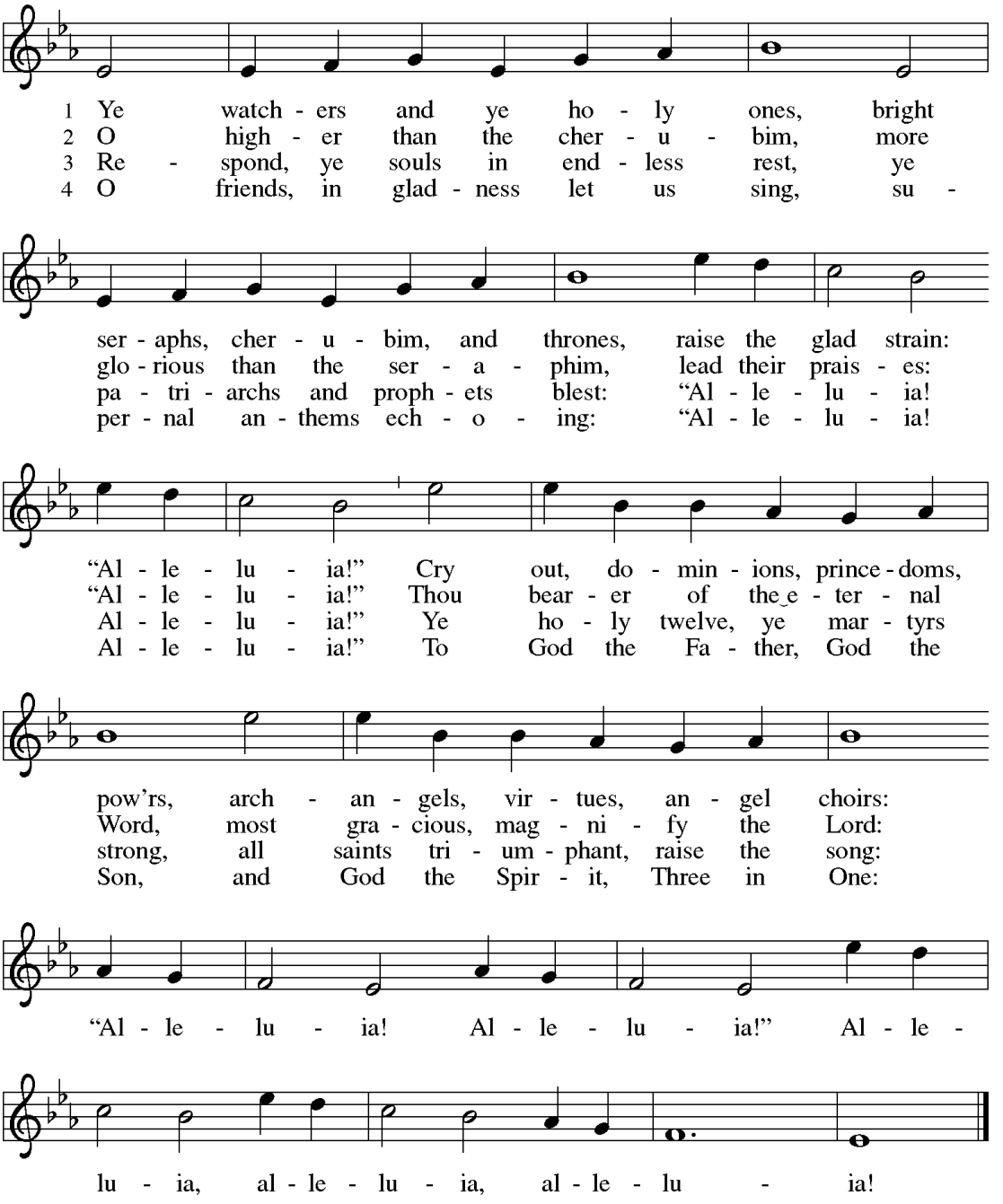
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C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

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Opening Hymn ELW #424 "*Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*"

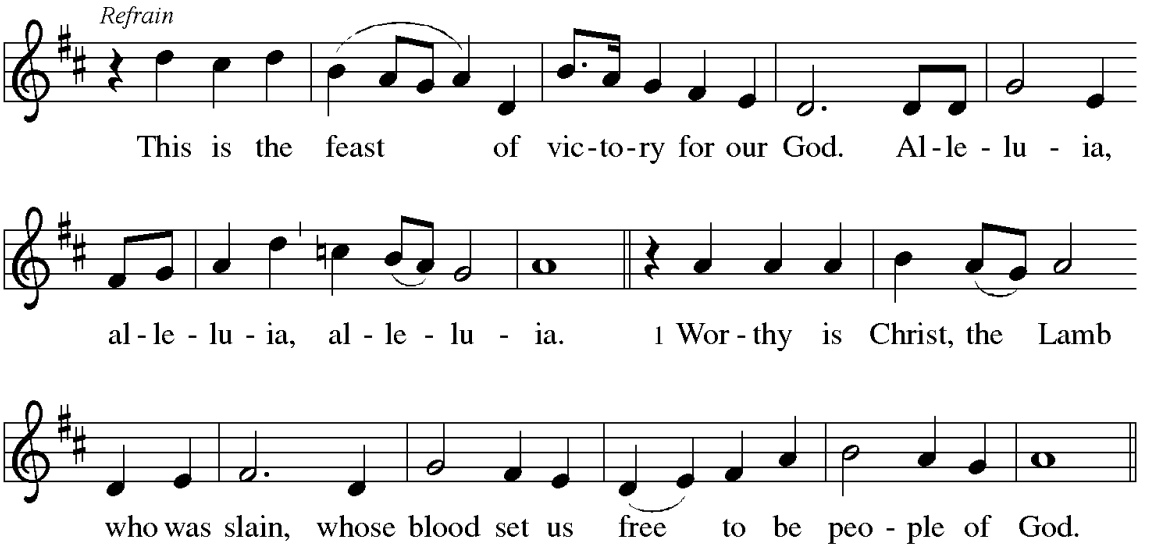


P: The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.
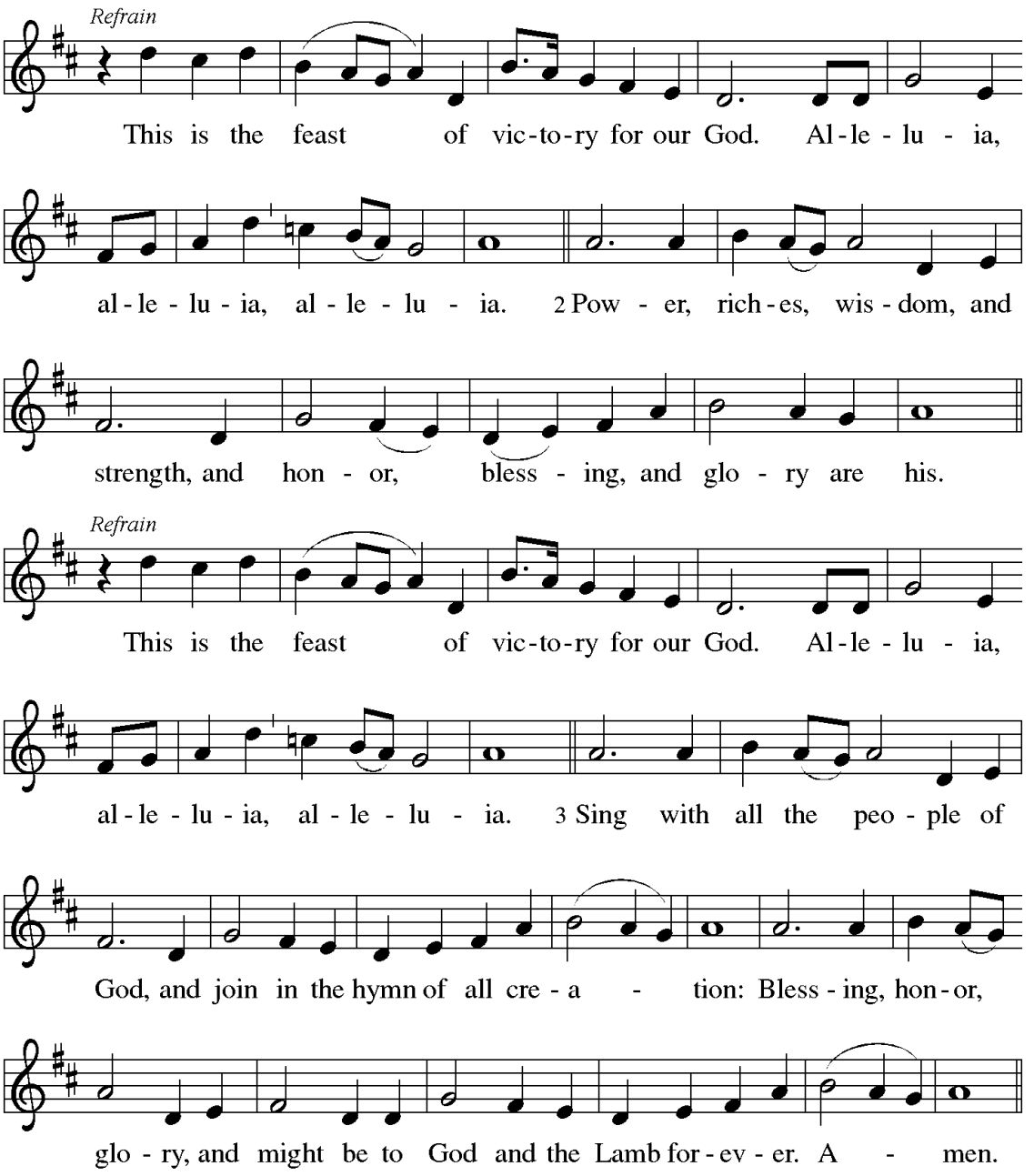
Hymn of Praise — "*This is the Feast*"



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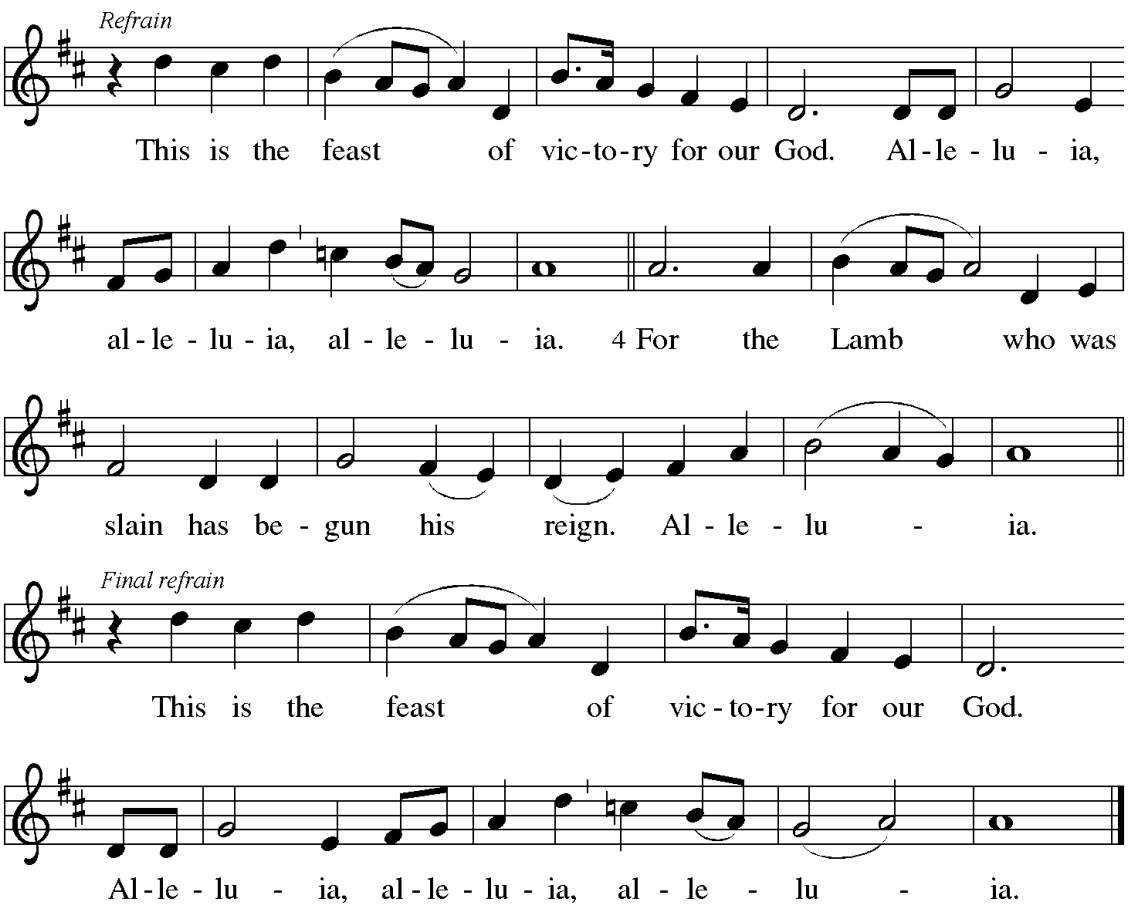
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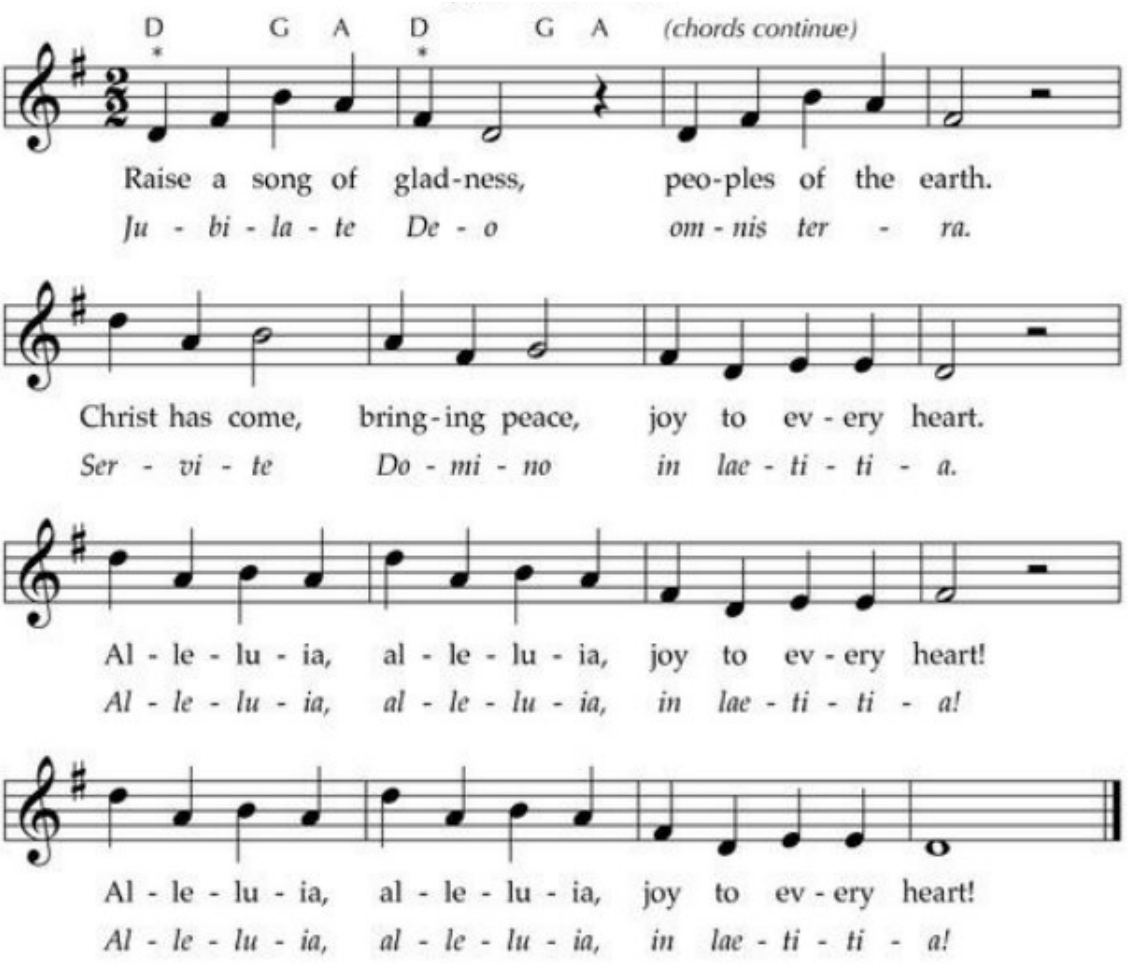


First Reading Acts 11:1-18

[1] Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles
had also accepted the word of God. [2] So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the
circumcised believers criticized him, [3] saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised
men and eat with them?" [4] Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step,
saying, [5] "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There
was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its
four corners; and it came close to me. [6] As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed
animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. [7] I also heard a voice saying to
me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' [8] But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing
profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' [9] But a second time the voice
answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' [10]
This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. [11] At
that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house
where we were. [12] The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction
between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered
the man's house. [13] He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and
saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; [14] he will give you a
message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' [15] And as I began
to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. [16]
And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with
water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' [17] If then God gave them the
same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I
that I could hinder God?" [18] When they heard this, they were silenced. And they
praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that
leads to life."

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Taize "*Raise a Song of Gladness*"



*May be sung as a canon.

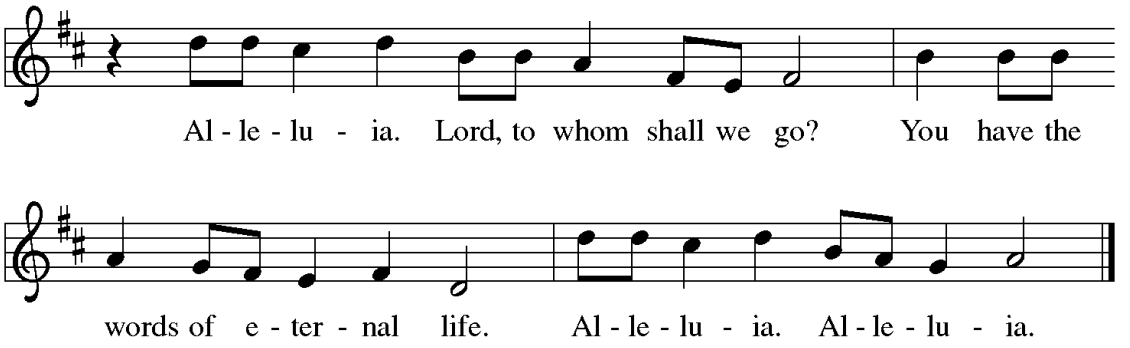
Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6

[1] I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had
passed away, and the sea was no more. [2] And I saw the holy city, the new
Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for
her husband. [3] And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
[4] he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

[5] And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things
new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." [6] Then
he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the
end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



P: The Holy Gospel according to St John.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel — John 13:31-35
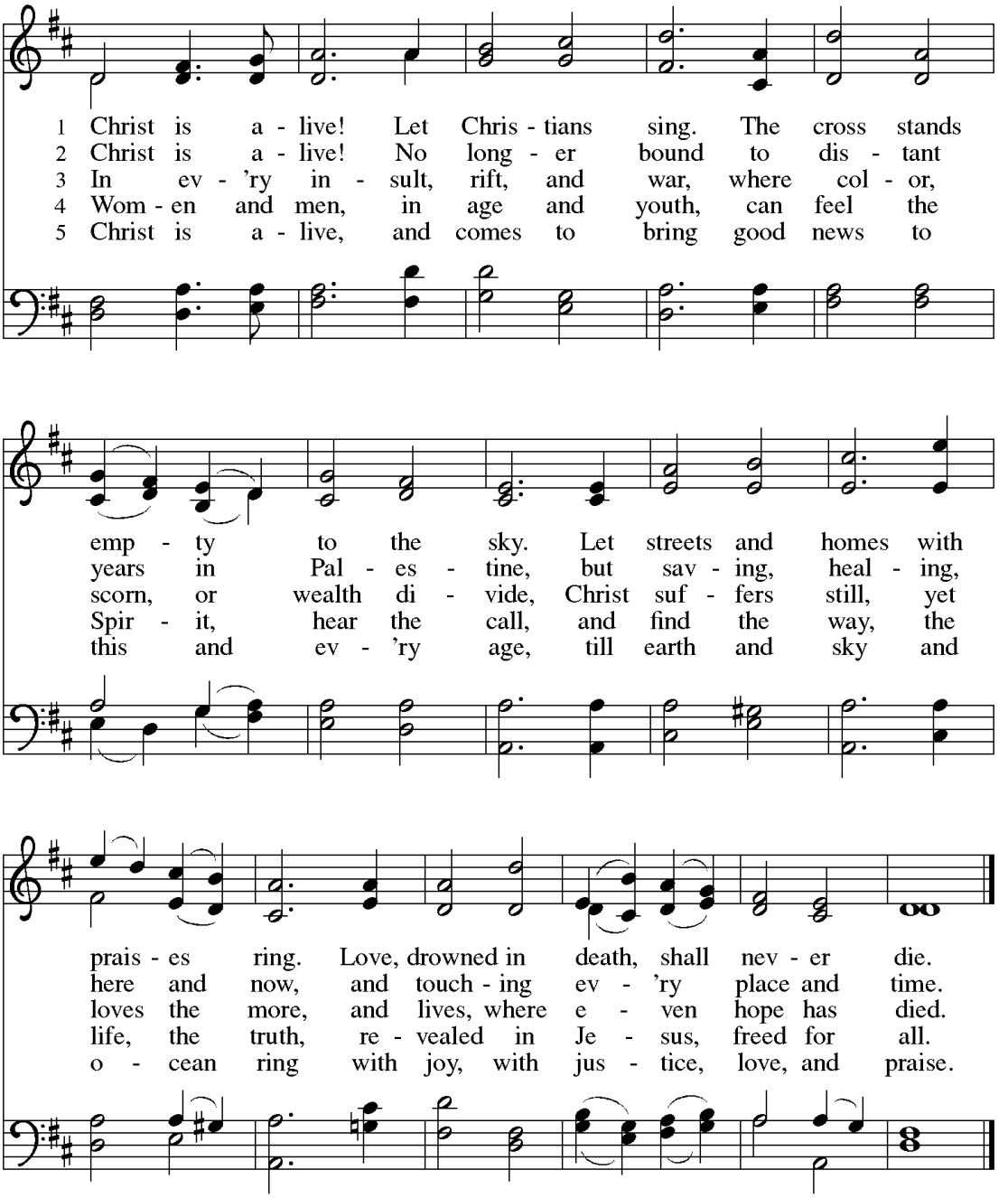
31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and
God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also
glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you
only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to
you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' 34 I give you a new commandment, that
you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one
another."
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)

Sermon — Rev. Nicholas Zook



Hymn of the Day ELW #389 *"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"*



Apostle's Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Easter Prayers of Intercession

A: We are united to Christ in his death and resurrection through our baptism. As members of his risen body, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

A: Let us pray to the Lord.
C: Hear us, risen Lord.

A: Holy God, you raise up leaders in your church who preach salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. Inspire us to go and tell this good news throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.
A: Holy God, we pray for the resurrection of our world when Christ will rule and the establishment of your kingdom will bring an end to war, violence, injustice and death. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, as Christ's presence in our community, you call us to love and serve our neighbors. Bless the ministries of Concordia Church and Concordia Place with the spirit of our risen Lord that your saving grace may fill the lives of all we serve. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who struggle and seek your presence, especially Lupe, Raymond, Donna, Pastor Don, Kenneth, Sherri, Pastor Dan, Pam, Ian, Pastor Deanna, Michel, Joanne, Steve, Melanie, and those whose names we speak silently or aloud [*pause for names*] ...Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you have swallowed up death forever through the resurrection of your Son. Speak to those who mourn with the promise of new life in Christ with those they love. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and hopes, and fill us with the risen life of Jesus Christ, your Son.
C: Amen.

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

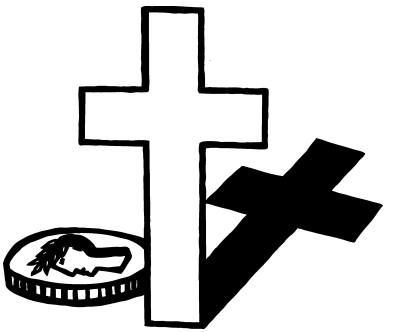
You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.

Offertory Anthem

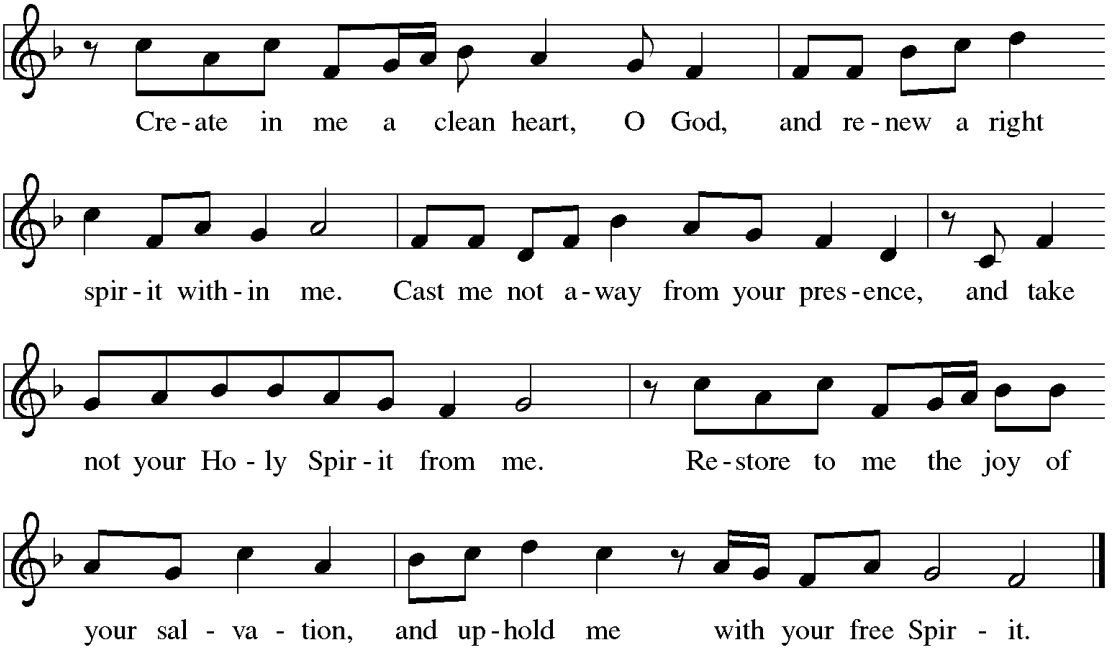
We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude as we prepare for communion.

The Offering

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Offertory Hymn ELW #186 "*Create in Me a Clean Heart*"



Offertory Prayer

A: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist
The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

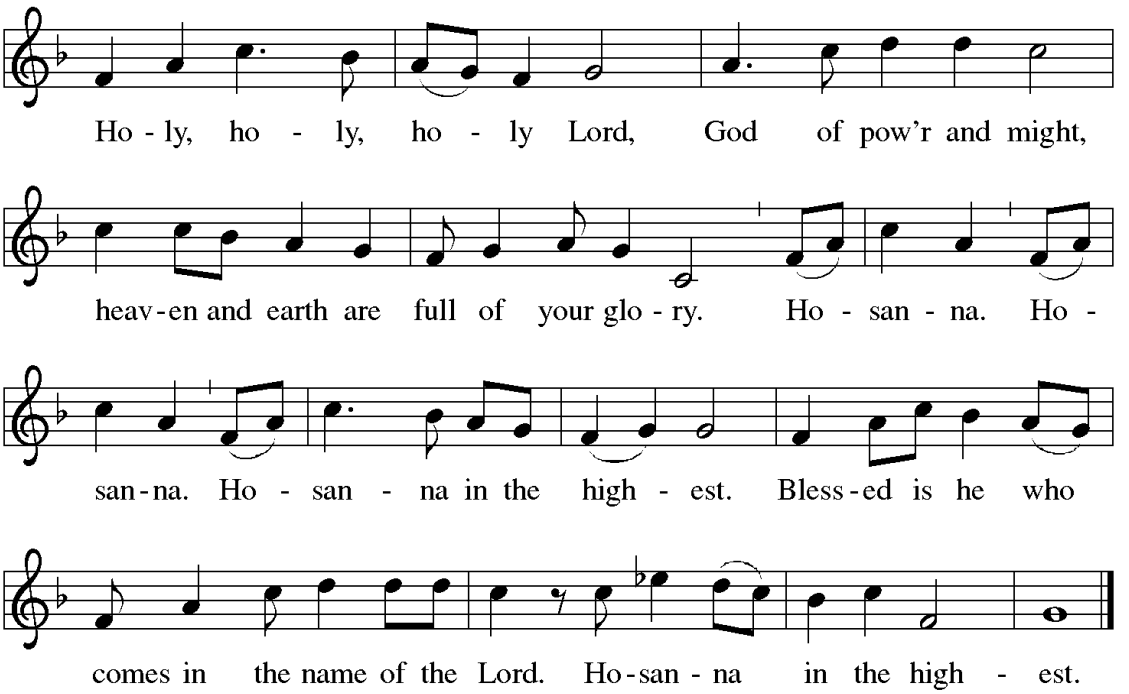
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should and at all times……. we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus
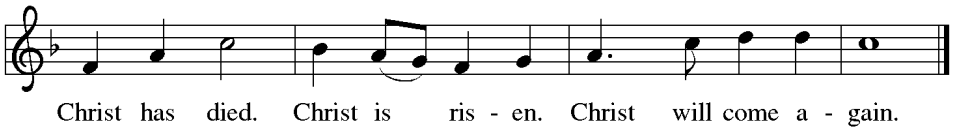


P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.'

P: 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.

P With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C:

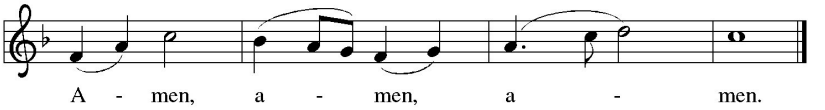


P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: We praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

C:



The Lord's Prayer

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

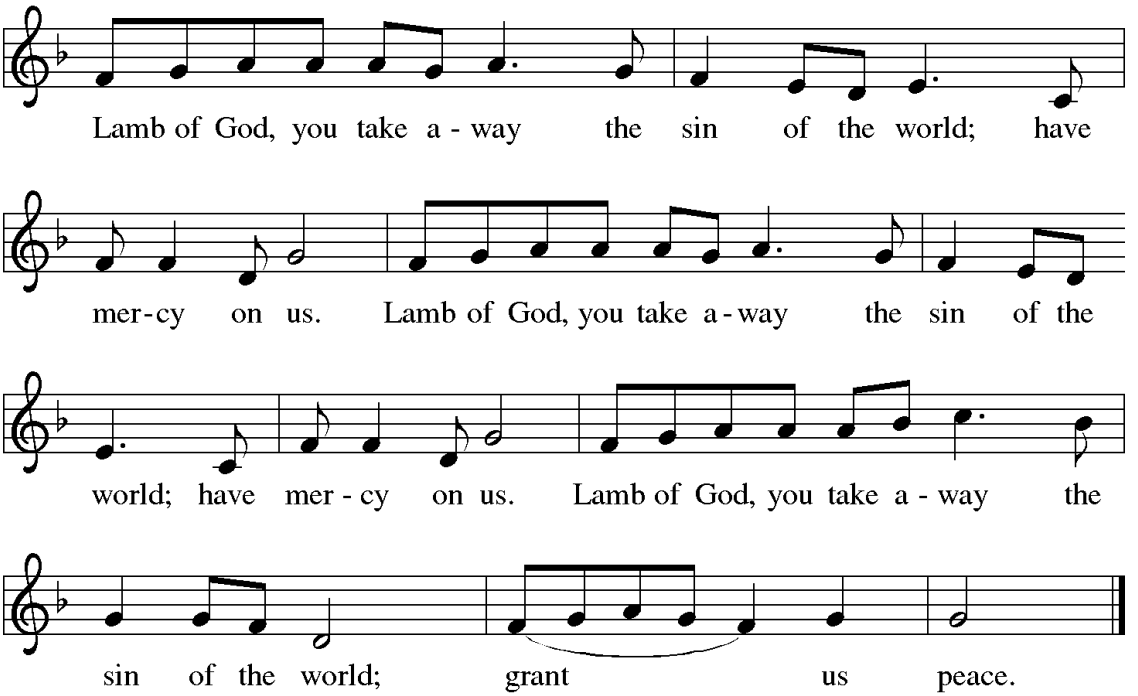
C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven,
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us,
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Communion Invitation

We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.

Communion Hymn *"Lamb of God"*



Post Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

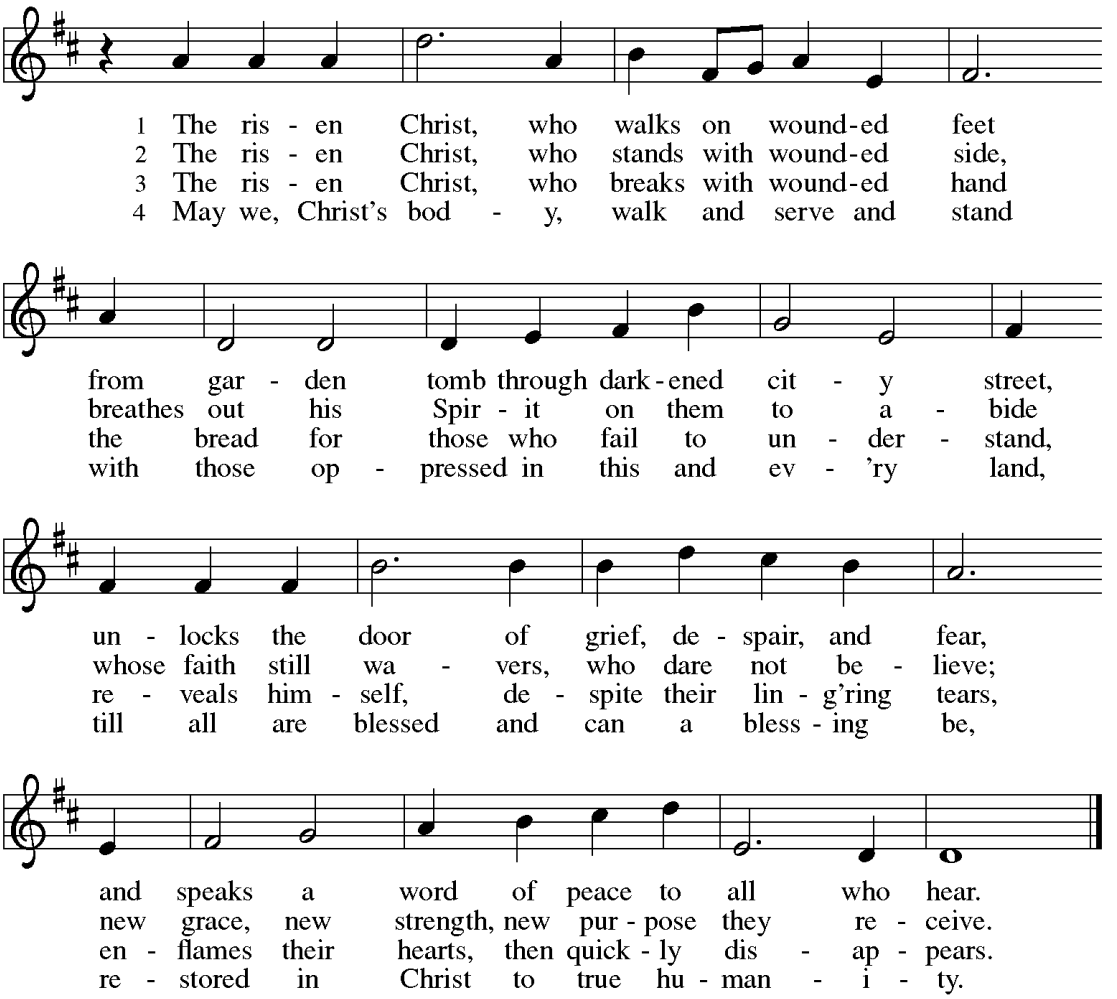
Post-Communion Prayer

A: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

ELW #390 "*The Risen Christ*"





Announcements

Dismissal

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: Go in peace. Remember your baptism.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook
Deacon: Kim Baratta
Lector: Dan Formeller
Greeter: Guenter Seidel
Soloists: Marisa Buchheit, Jade Dasha, Benjamin Burney, Ryan Alexander
Choir: Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck
Organist: Élider DiPaula

Upcoming Events

May 18th: Council meeting at 11am in the gym

June 8th: Annual meeting of the church at 11am in the sanctuary

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Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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Taize **"*Raise a Song of Gladness*"**

Hymn of the Day **ELW #389 "*Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*"**

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936
Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789
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Offertory Hymn **ELW #186 "*Create in Me a Clean Heart*"**

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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Closing Hymn **ELW #391 "*The Risen Christ*"**

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