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Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 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.

Holy Communion happens at every service and is open to all baptized.

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Prelude

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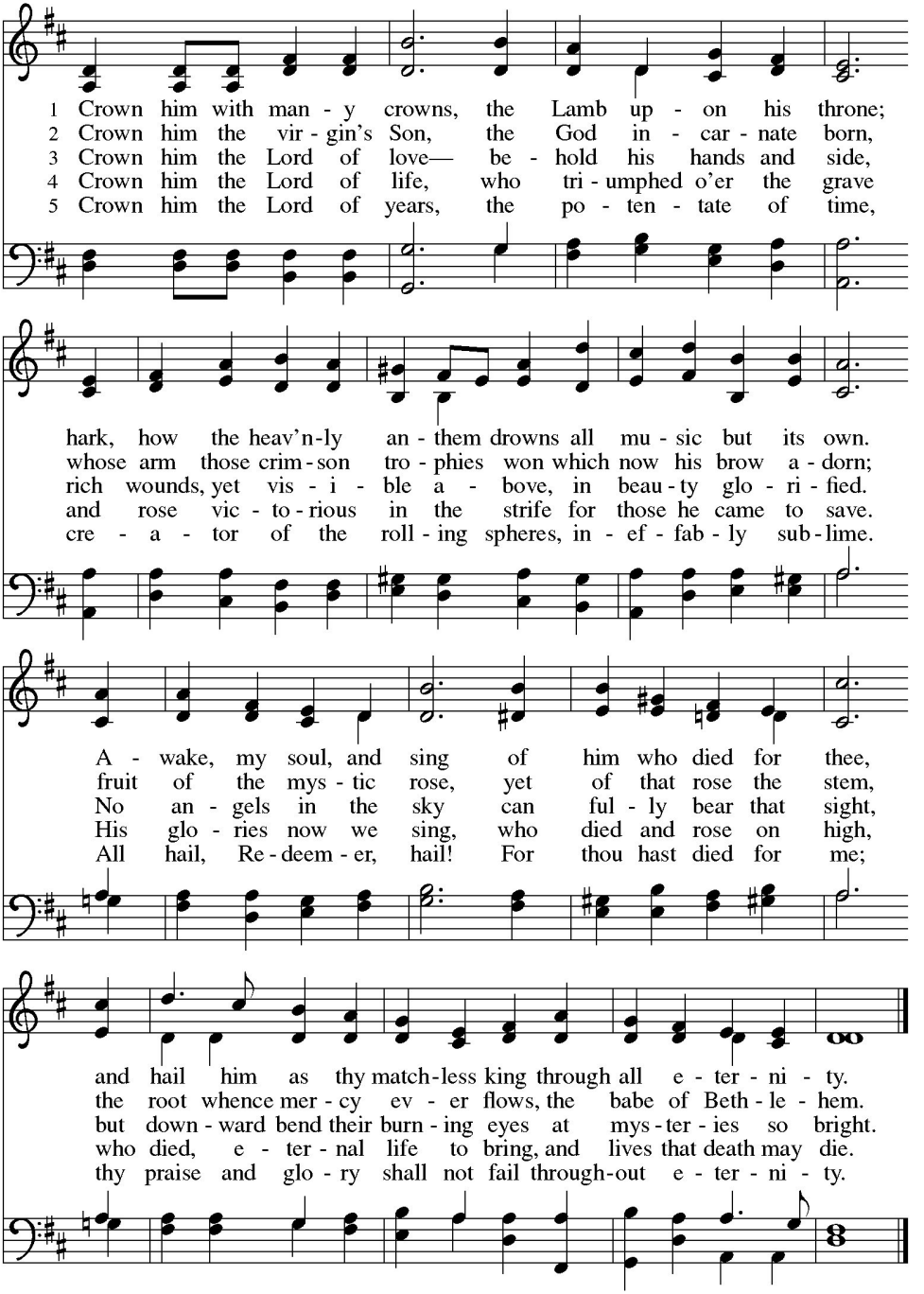
P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.
C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

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Opening Hymn ELW #855 "*Crown Him With Many Crowns*"



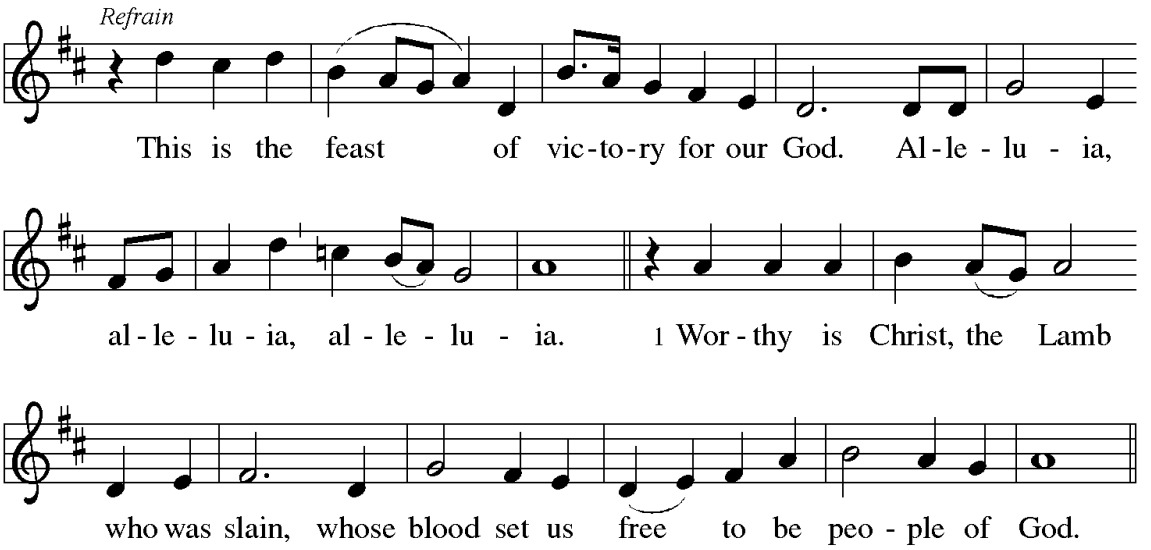
P: The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Children's Message
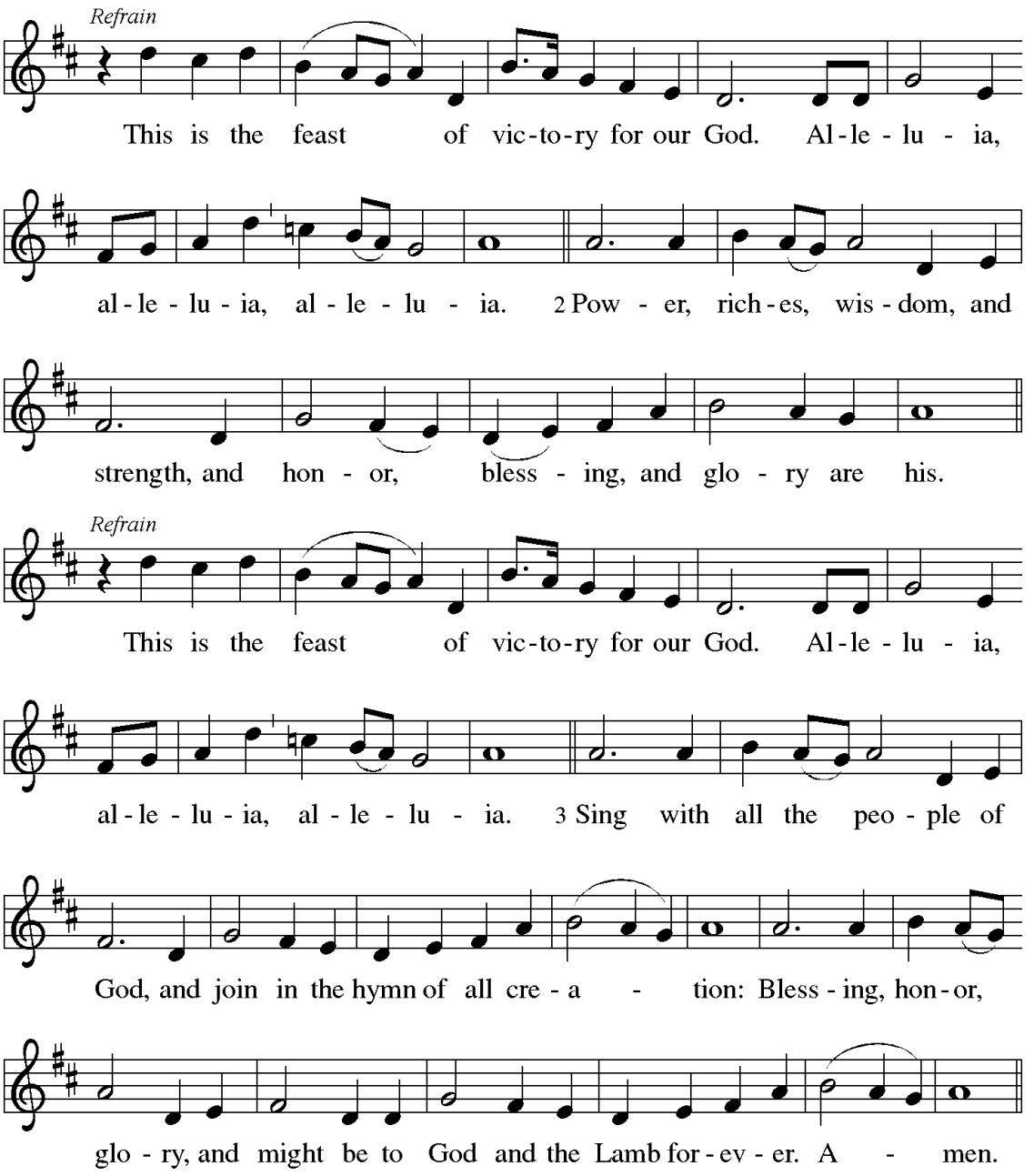
Hymn of Praise — "*This is the Feast*"



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Hymn of Praise con't... "*This is the Feast*"

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.
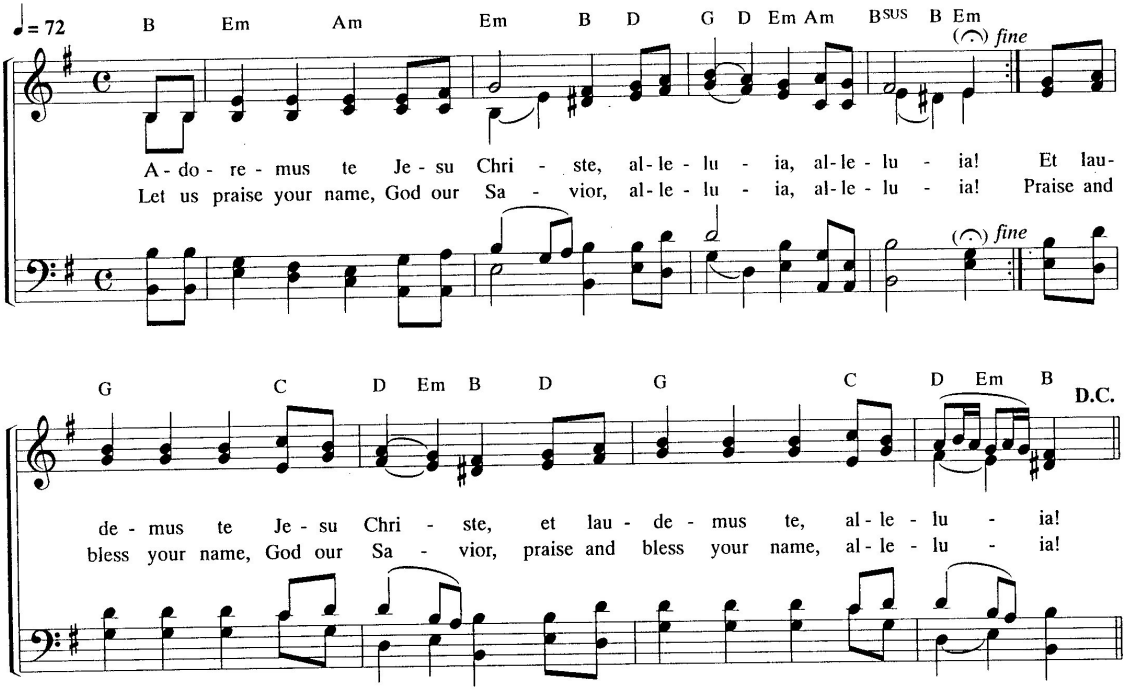


First Reading Acts 16:16-34

16 One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a
spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-
telling. 17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are
slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." 18 She kept
doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the
spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out
that very hour.
19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they
seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the
authorities. 20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said,
"These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews 21 and are advocating customs
that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." 22 The crowd joined in
attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and
ordered them to be beaten with rods. 23 After they had given them a severe
flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them
securely. 24 Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and
fastened their feet in the stocks.
25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and
the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was an earthquake, so
violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the
doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. 27 When the jailer
woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to
kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted
in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." 29 The jailer called for
lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he
brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They
answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your
household." 32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his
house. 33 At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds;
then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 34 He brought them up
into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced
that he had become a believer in God.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Taize

"Let Us Praise Your Name"
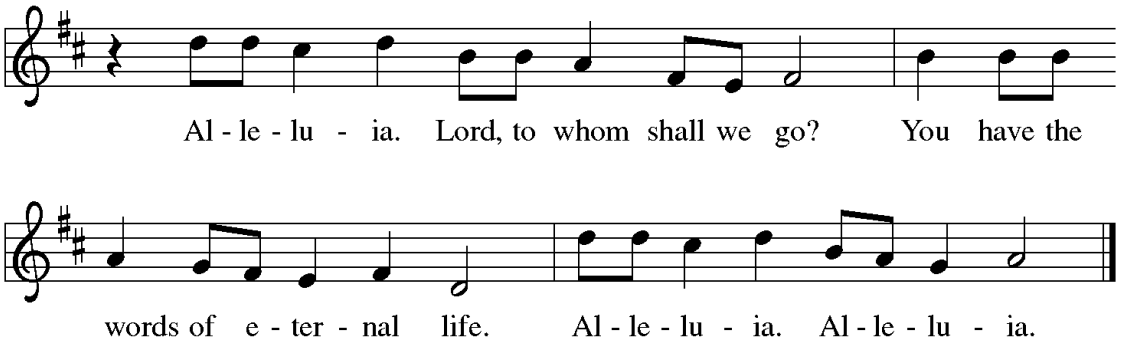




Second Reading Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

12 “See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s
work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the
end.”
14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the
tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.
16 “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I
am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”
17 The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”
And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”
And let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.
20 The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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 17:20-26

[Jesus prayed:] [20] "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, [21] that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. [22] The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, [23] I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. [24] Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.
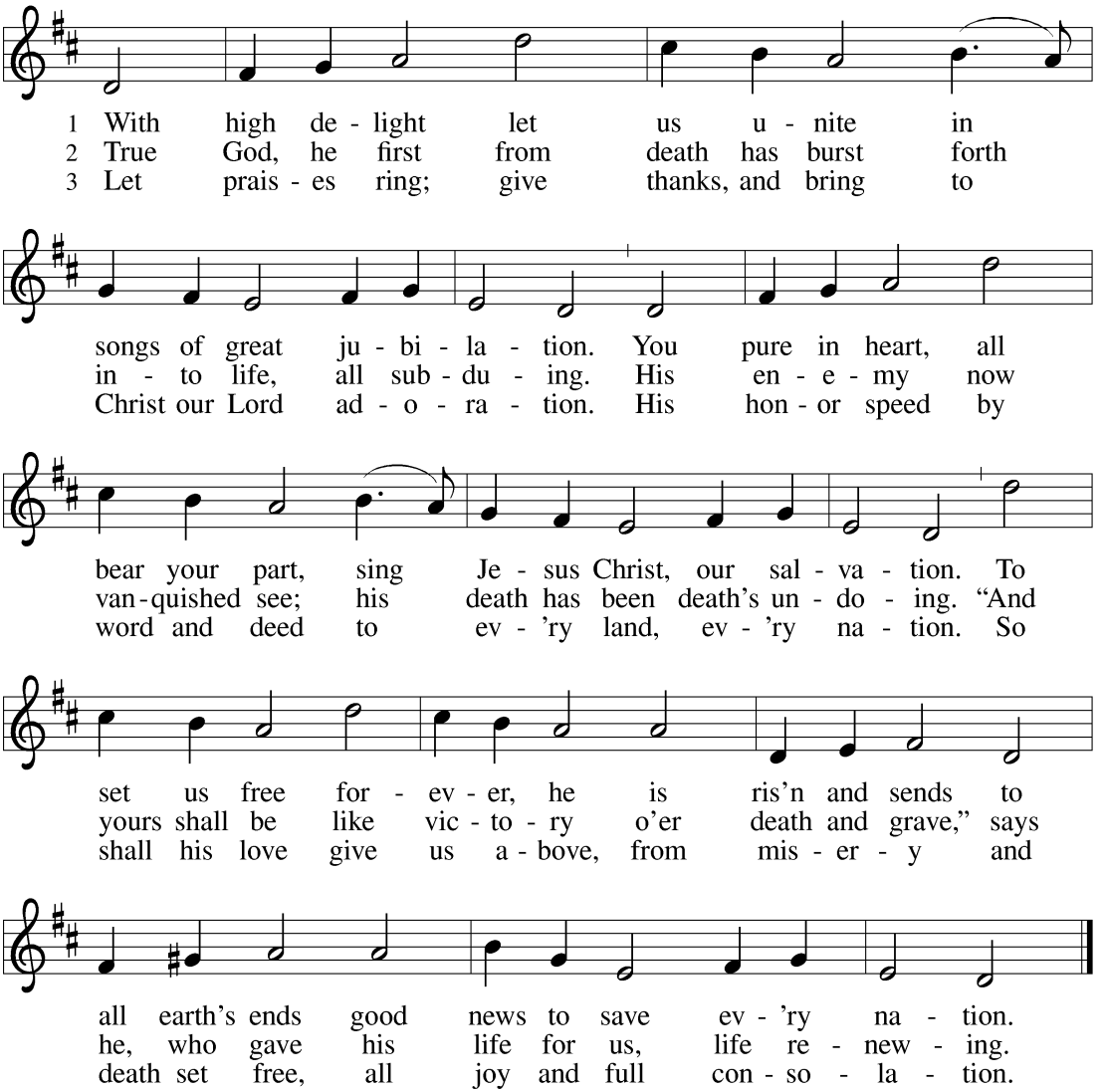
[25] "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. [26] I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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 #368 "*With High Delight Let Us Unite*"



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, Bill, Regina, Diana, Bette, 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.

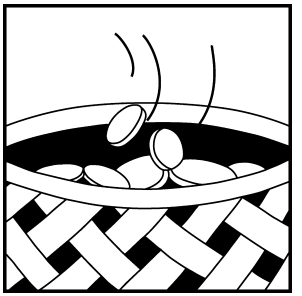
You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.

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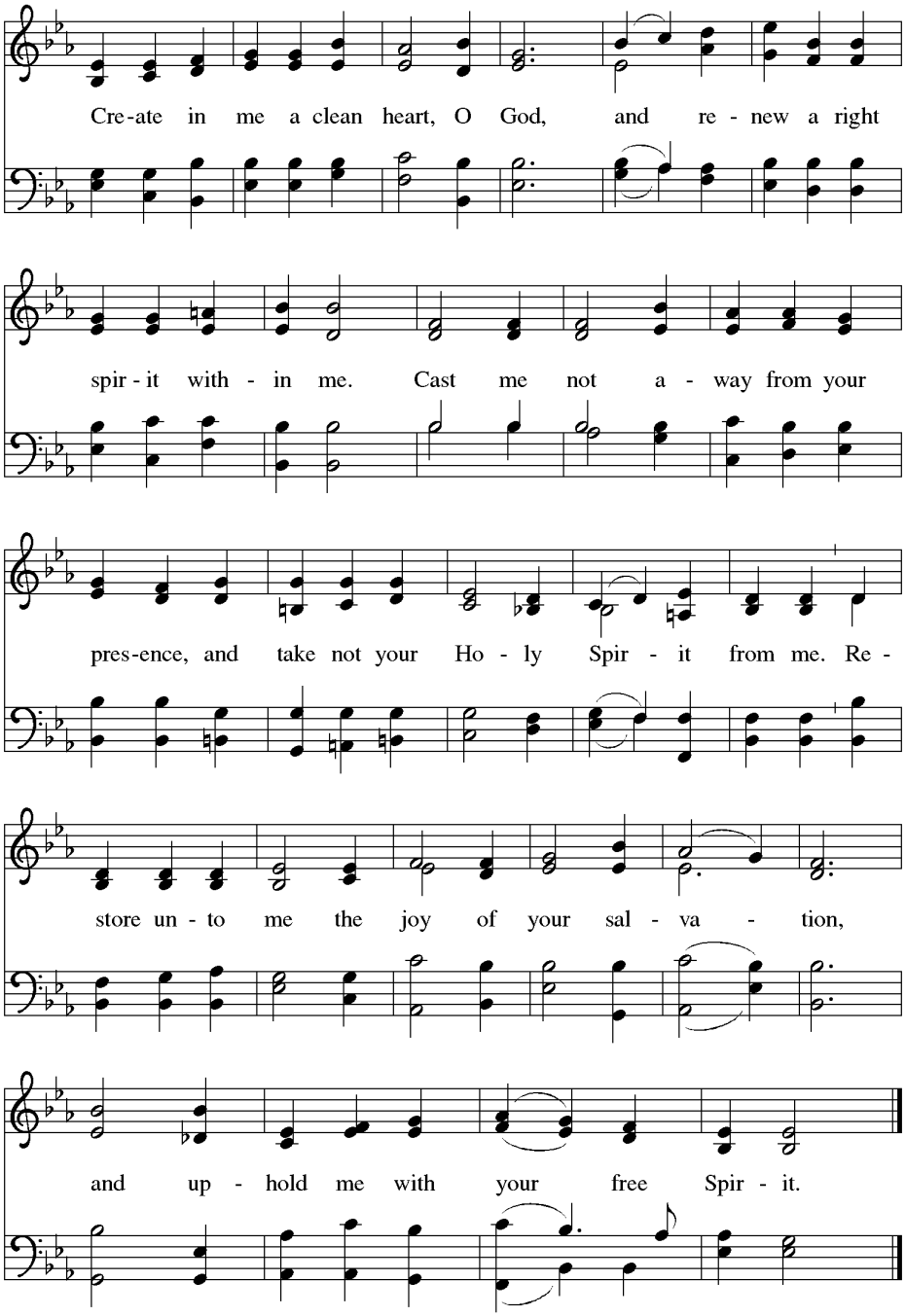
We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude as we prepare for communion.

The Offering

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Offertory Hymn ELW #188 "*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

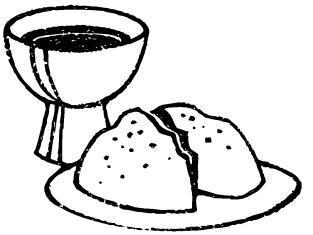
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

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

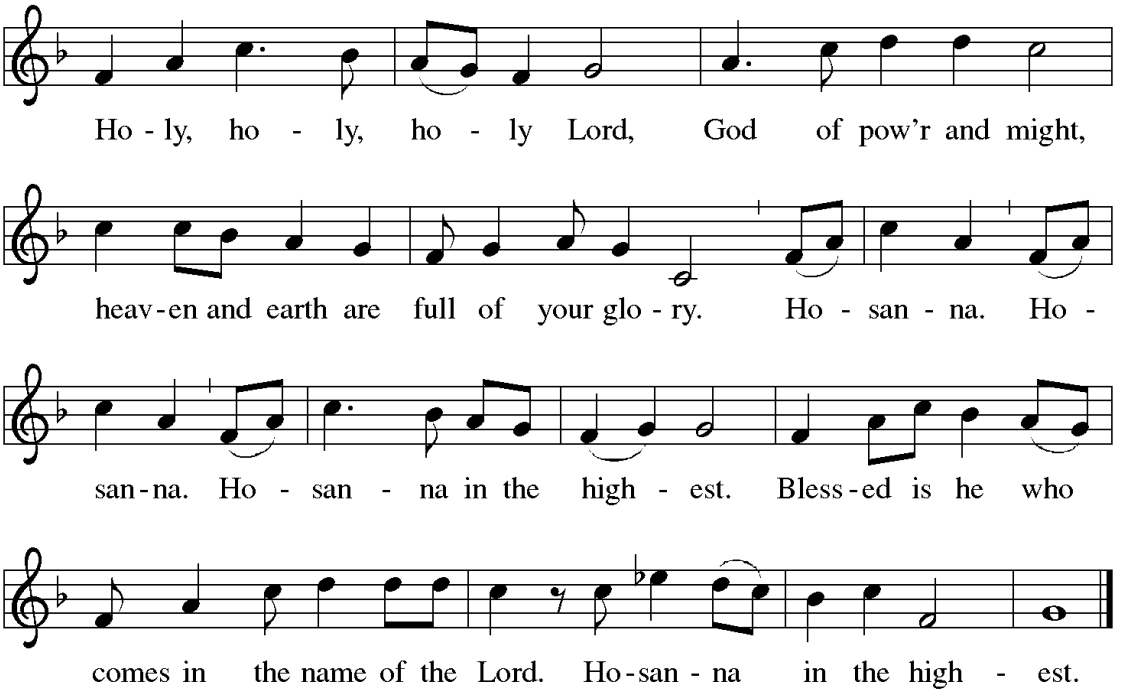
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

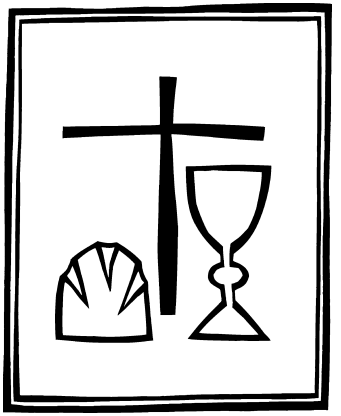
Preface

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


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.
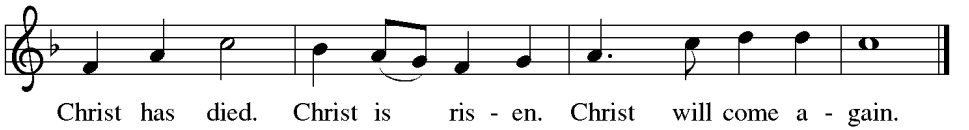


P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

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:

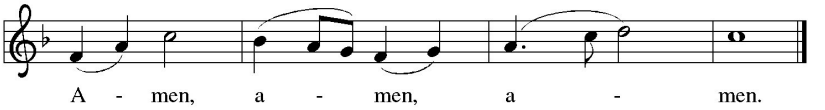


P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

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

C:



The Lord's Prayer

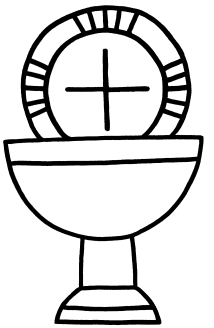
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

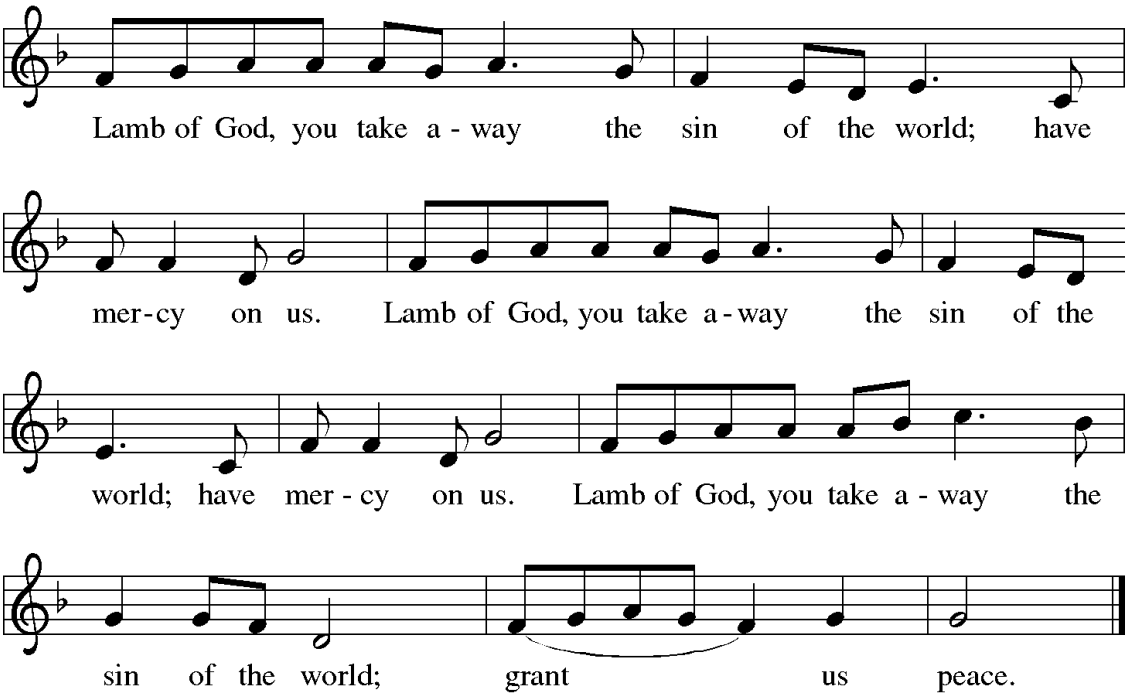
Communion Invitation

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.

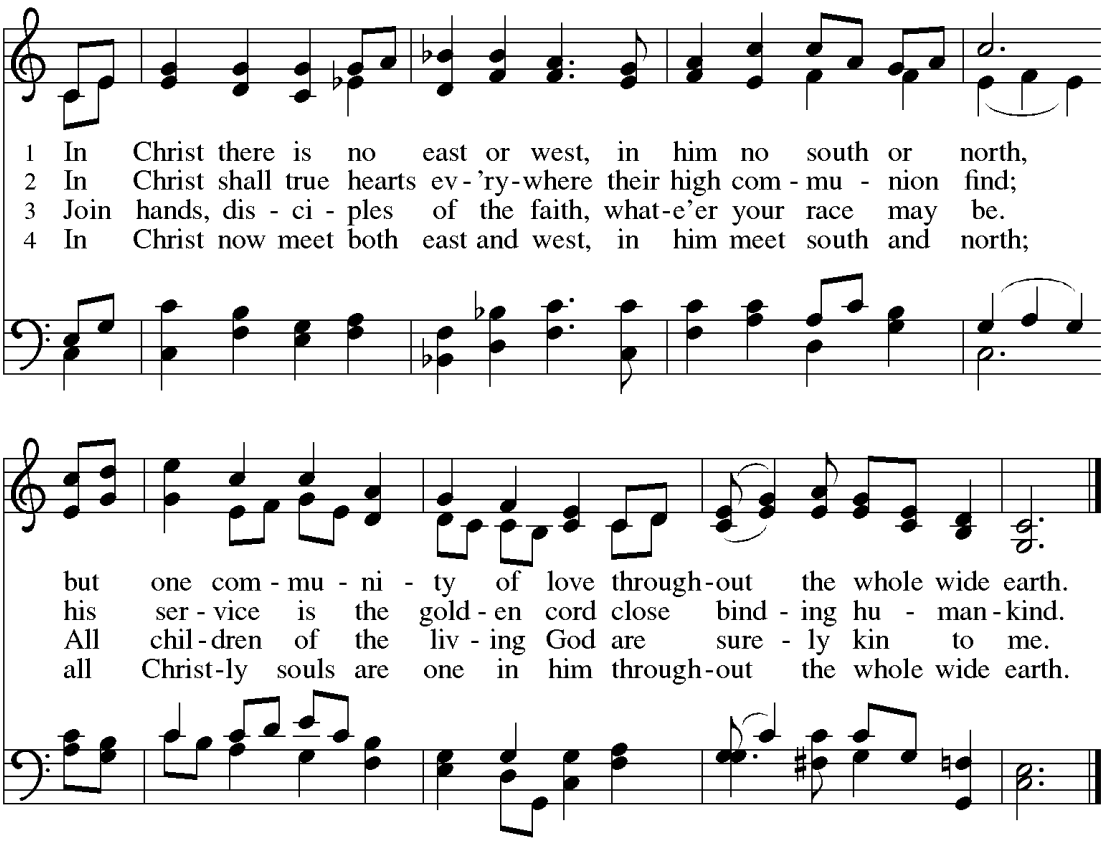
C: Amen.

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 #650 "*In Christ There is No East or West*"



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: Wilma Stevens
Greeter: Bob Chandler
Soloists: Marisa Buchheit**,** Jade Dasha, Benjamin Burney, Avery Sujkowski
Choir: Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Kungying Li, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck
Organist & Choir Director: Paul Dykstra



Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting of the church will be held on Sunday, June 8th immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to hear ministry reports, vote on the budget for FY26 and elect new council members. Your attendance is important. Please mark your calendars and join us next week!

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Upcoming Events

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

June 15th: Happy Father's Day!
Children's Sunday School & Father's Day party 11am-12:30pm

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Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

Taize **"*Let Us Praise Your Name*"**

Hymn of the Day **ELW #368 "*With High Delight Let Us Unite*"**

Text: Georg Vetter, 1536–1599; tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976, alt.
Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune
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Offertory Hymn **ELW #188 "*Create in Me a Clean Heart*"**

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

Closing Hymn **ELW #650 "*In Christ There is No East or West*"**

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.
Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

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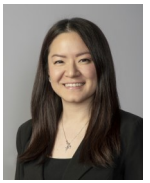
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