

Third Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023 | 10:30 AM



All are welcome at Saint John's regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socioeconomic position, immigration path, or faith journey. We believe that a diverse and inclusive congregation benefits all, and that we grow when we listen to and learn from those who are different from us. Scripture teaches us to do good and seek justice, and we invite you to join us in striving for a just world. We are committed to continuing the work of anti-

racism, social and economic justice, and environmental care. We look forward to learning from one another and growing together on this journey of faith, grace, and love.

Jesus said: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. So that we may be in contact with you, we invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. Our programs are open to all and you are invited to participate. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

Children are welcome. We encourage them to attend worship with their parents—even their noise and restlessness are surely a delight to God. Children's bulletins are available.

To assist you during worship: Large print worship bulletins are available from the ushers. Please inform an usher if you would like the pastor to commune you at your pew.

Offerings: St. John's is a tithing church. We dedicate a percentage of our offerings to the mission of the wider church through the NJ Synod of the ELCA and to many other mission partners. We are able to support these ministries because of your offerings and tithes.

Assisted Listening: To access assisted listening, Connect to the StJohnsALS WiFi network. Download the free WaveCast app to your phone. Tap ST_JOHNS_ALS to connect. Please use your own headphones to listen.



Ministers: The People of Saint John's

Clergy & Staff

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We're delighted you're worshiping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.

Prayer Before Worship

Almighty God, Jesus, our risen Lord, was made known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may recognize his presence, and with his disciples cry, "The Lord has risen, indeed!" Through Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ELW Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Red Book ACS All Creation Sings: Purple Book

PRELUDE Concerto in G after Johann Ernst, BWV 592

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Please stand. **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM** Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

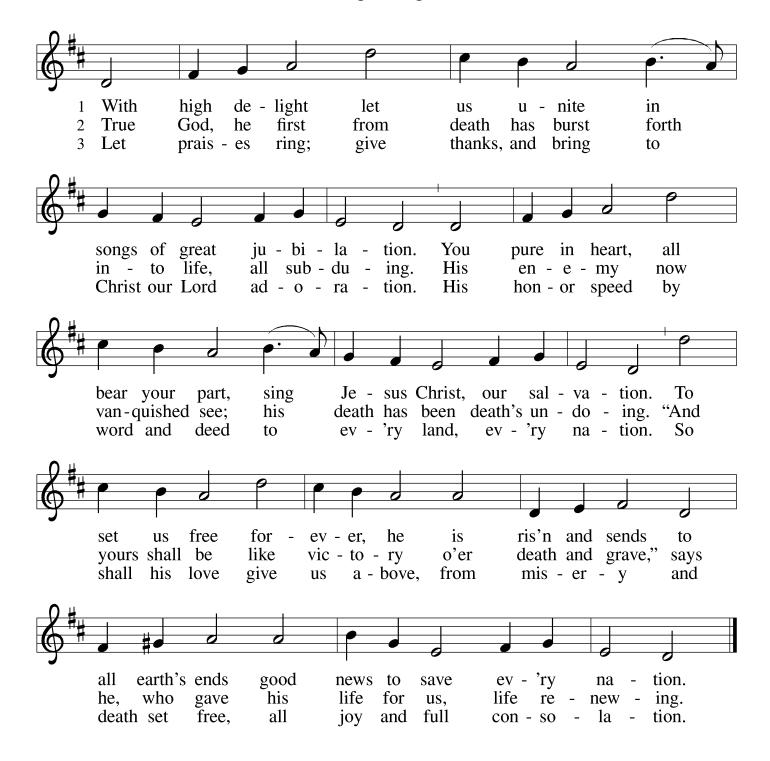
Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in these waters we are born anew.

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 every living thing. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

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.

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. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW 368 With High Delight Let Us Unite



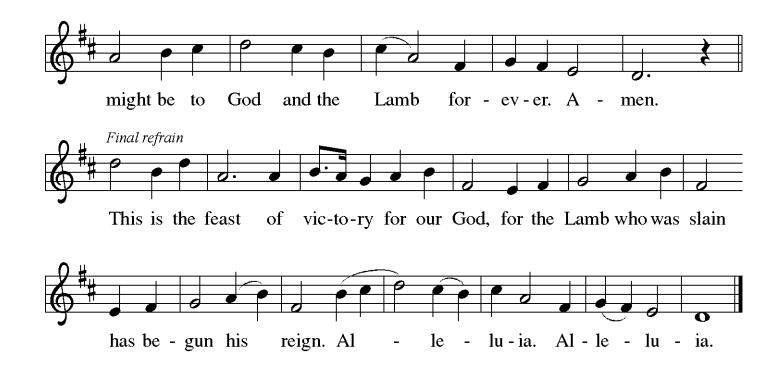
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

> **Word** God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING Acts 2:14a, 36–41

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ³⁶"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19

Refrain sung first by choir, thereafter by all. Choir sings light verses. Congregation sings bold verses.



SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:17–23

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

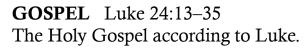
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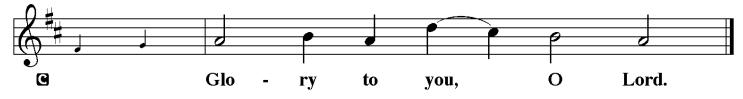




Refrain sung first by choir, thereafter by all. Verse sung by choir.

V. If today you hear God's voice, O harden not your hearts.

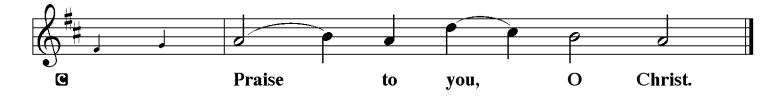




¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.



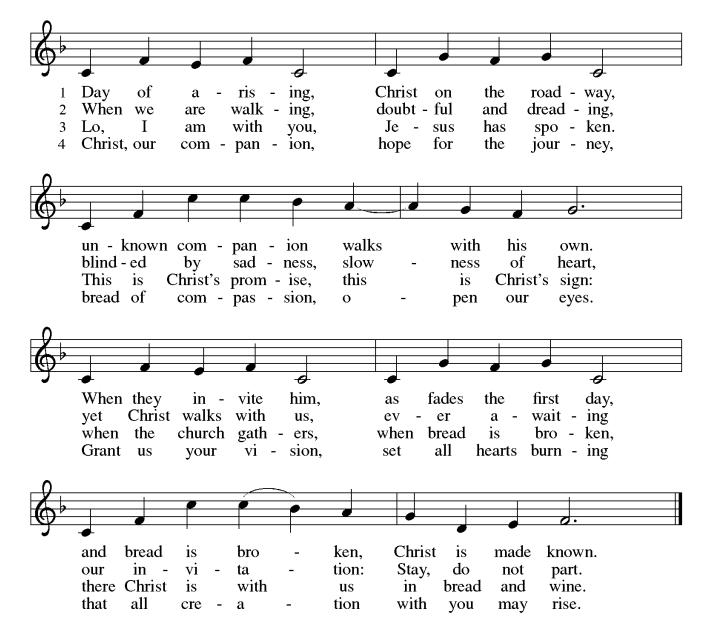
Please be seated. CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

The Rev. Annemarie H. Cook



Please stand. HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 374 Day of Arising



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NICENE CREED

With the whole church, we 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 OF INTERCESSION God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

PEACE

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

Please be seated. PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MISSION

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We present offerings for God's mission in the world through this congregation. Both visitors and members alike may use the pew envelope to make a contribution. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org or scan this code.



OFFERING MUSIC Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

R.S. Thatcher

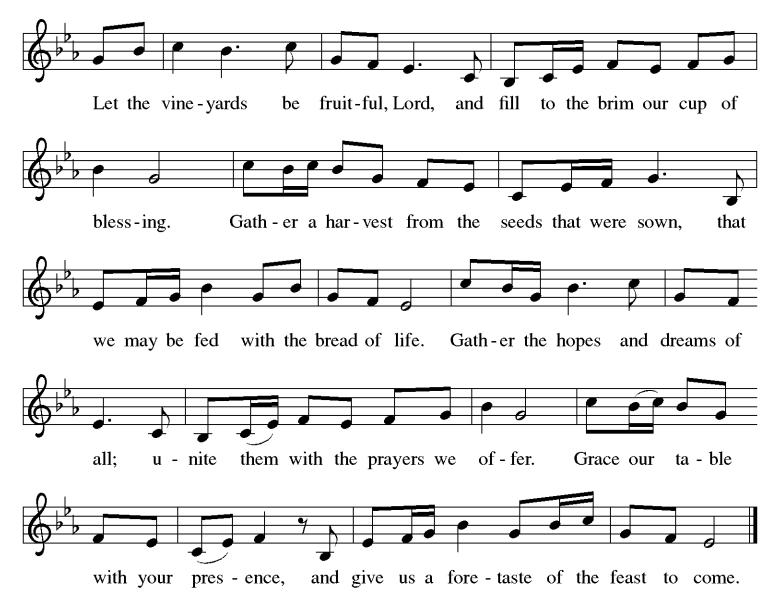
Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness! God hath brought forth Israel into joy from sadness; 'tis the spring of souls today, Christ hath burst his prison, and from three days sleep in death as a sun hath risen.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor, with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render; comes to gladden faithful hearts who with true affection welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection!

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal, nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold thee as a mortal; but today amidst the twelve thou didst stand, bestowing that thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

John of Damascus (c. 675–750); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866)

Please stand. **OFFERTORY**

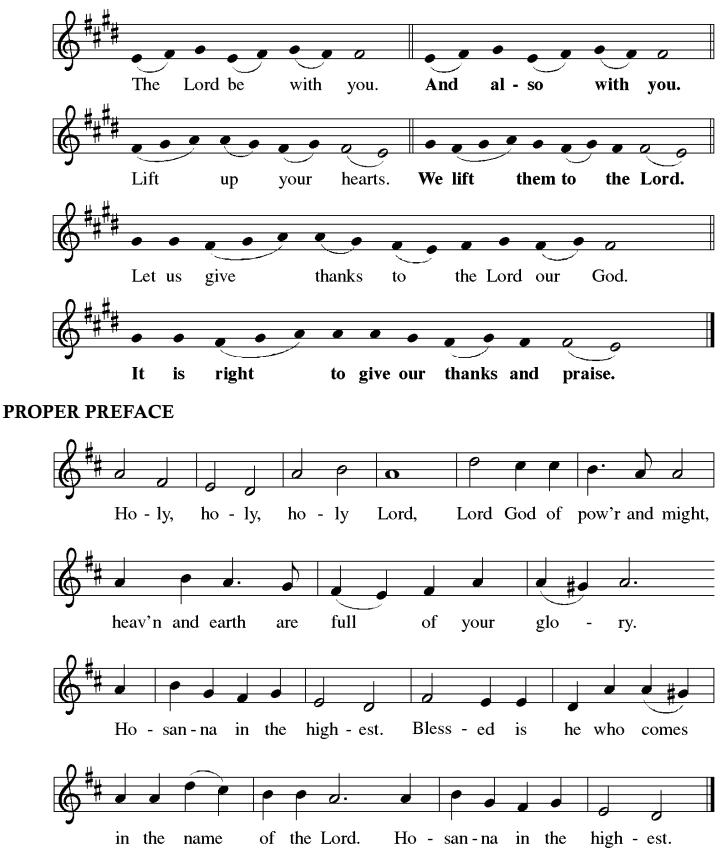


OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Be present Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.

Meal God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



Blessed are you, O God of the universe . . . With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



O God of resurrection and new life: pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine . . . With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray:

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.



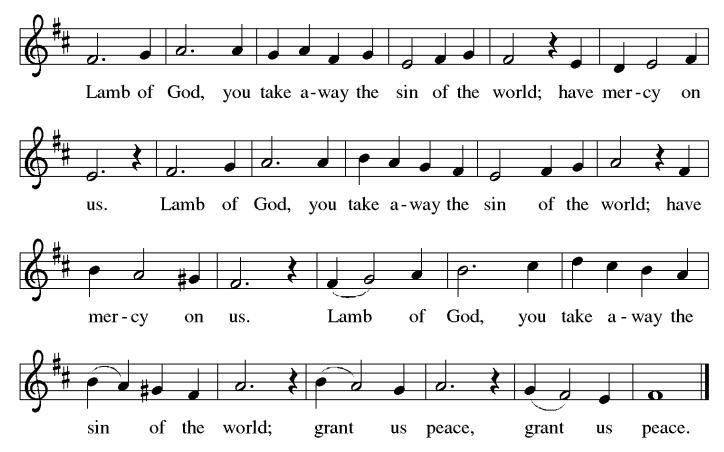
They knewhim in the breaking of the bread

Please be seated. RECEPTION OF COMMUNON

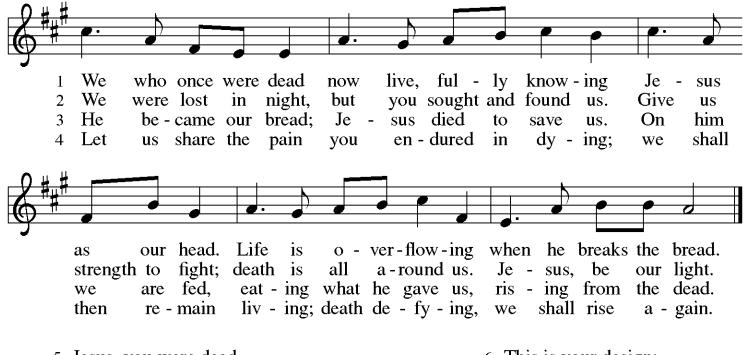
If you wish to receive communion, please approach the pastor one at a time. The pastor will place a wafer in your open hands. Please indicate if you need a gluten free wafer. Wine is served from the chalice—either by intinction or drinking from the common cup. Wine and grape juice are available in pre-filled individual cups.

> All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN ELW 495 We Who Once Were Dead



5 Jesus, you were dead, but you rose and, living, made yourself our bread, in your goodness giving life though we were dead. 6 This is your design;in this meal we meet you.Be our bread and wine,Jesus, we entreat you.This shall be our sign.

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COMMUNION HYMN ELW 501 Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus



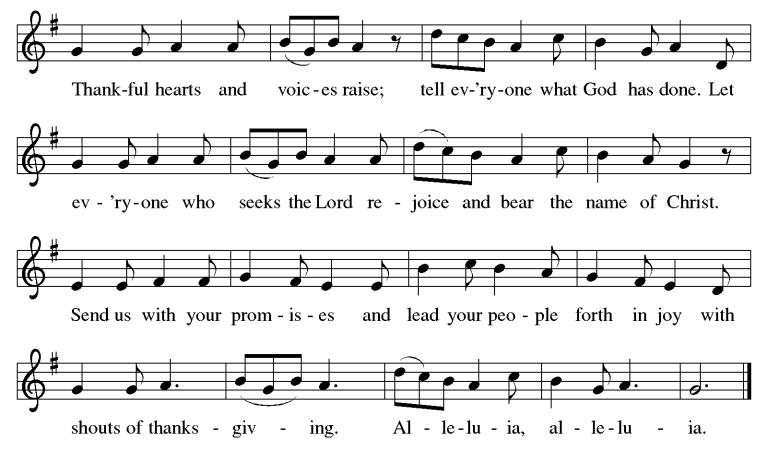
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Please stand.

BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

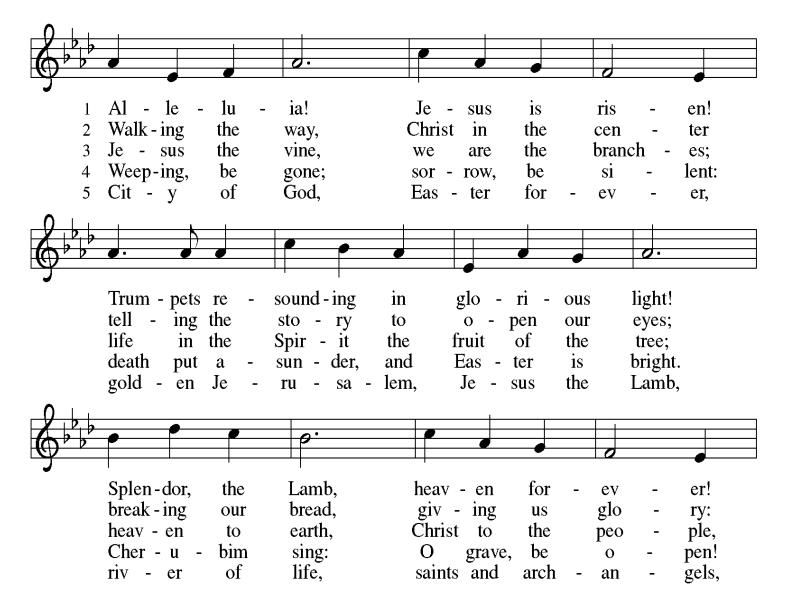
Let us pray. Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

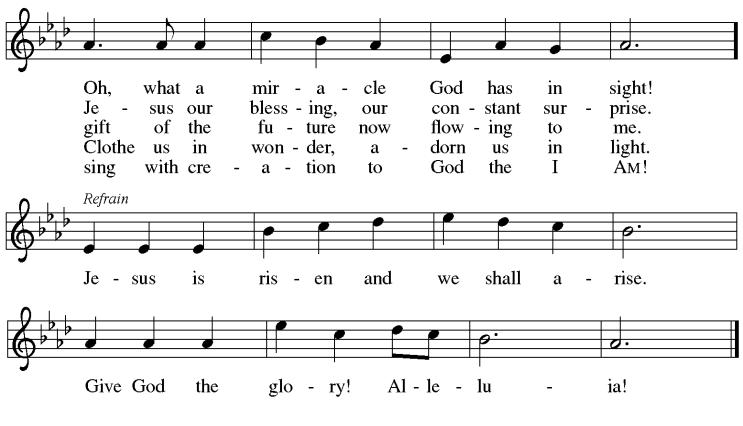
Sending God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ, who in rising from the dead has defeated death, bringing us new life and a new future, fill you with all joy and hope in believing; and the blessing of God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW 377 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!





Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Music: David N. Johnson, 1922–1987 Text © 1995 Augsburg Fortress. Music © 1969 Contemporary Worship 1, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Fanfare

William Mathias

April 23, 2023

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bertha & Paul Reiling by Joy Petzinger and in honor of Rachel Clark's birthday by Linda & Craig Clark.

We welcome The Rev. Annemarie H. Cook as our guest preacher today.

Children's Choir TODAY at 9:30 AM and Faith Formation at 10:00 AM. All children grades K-6 are welcome . Contact Christopher Harlow-Jennings or Deacon Walker for more information.

Dinner Church, TONIGHT, 6:00 PM. Join us for Word and Sacrament in a dinner setting.

Pastor Blake is away until April 27 on a continuing education trip to Greece and Turkey. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Carmen Johnson, Council President at (917) 612-2181 or the church office at (908) 273-3846 ext. 2503.

Afternoon Tea registrations extended through TODAY! St. John's is hosting a fundraiser for Cross Roads on Saturday, April 29 at 3:00 PM. The recommended entry donation of \$45 per person. All are welcome and fancy dress is encouraged. See the weekly email to register online.

Bridges Run, April 29: A group of St. John's members will distribute food and other items to people in need in Newark.

Family Promise, April 30–May 7: Meals or gift cards (groceries or Uber/Lyft) are needed. Sign up to volunteer at familypromise.org/what-we-do/fp-union-county, scroll to the bottom of the page to Volunteer Opportunities. Amy Jones, volunteer coordinator, will email you details. Digital gift cards can be emailed to <u>ajones@familypromise.org</u>. Physical cards can be mailed to Family Promise Union County, Attn: Amy Jones, 402 Union Ave., Elizabeth, NJ 07208. Questions may be directed to <u>Marifel Calis</u>.

Pastor Blake and Shai Dromi invite all members of St. John's to their wedding on **Sunday, July 2 at 5:00 PM** at St. John's For the complete details, please visit their website <u>theknot.com/</u> <u>blakeandshai</u>. You **MUST** <u>**RSVP</u> by May 15**. Please see the weekly email for more details.</u>

Cross Roads Open House, May 13 or June 10: Take a tour of camp, hear stories, ask questions, and finish with a delicious lunch in the dining hall. To learn more, visit: <u>https://bit.ly/41ibJNg</u>

The Caritas Chamber Chorale present two concerts of sacred a cappella choral music, entitled *Sacred Tribute*, for the benefit of Adorno Fathers' African Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa. , Saturday, May 20, 2023, 7:30 PM Christ Church, 561 Springfield Ave., Summit and Sunday, May 21, 2023, 4:00 PM, St. Catharine Church, 215 Essex Ave., Spring Lake. The concerts are free and open to the public. For more details, visit <u>www.caritaschamberchorale.org</u>.

Bethlehem Build Lent Collection. Our partner congregation, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, New Orleans, is building the 2nd affordable house on their property Our Council has challenged us to raise \$25,000 and we can match dollar for dollar up to \$6,000 to support this project. Give online or by check, **payable to St. John's**, "Bethlehem Build" in the memo line.

We are hiring a Livestream Coordinator for Sunday services from 7:45–Noon including religious holidays. Approximately 5 hours a week. Experience with livestream and audio equipment. Open to high school and college students with TV production experience. Please contact Linda Mesenbrink at Linda.mesenbrink@verizon.net or 973-202-2773.



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