

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022 | 10:30 AM



**Everyone is welcome.** As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

**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 from the ushers and a professionally staffed nursery is available from 7:45 AM to 11:45 AM. Follow the signs or ask any member for directions.

**To assist you during worship:** Large print worship bulletins are available from the ushers. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher and the pastors will be happy 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.

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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.

## Gathering

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

**PRELUDE** Setting of “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

By Frank D. Ashdown

## WELCOME

*Please stand.*

## INVOCATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN ELW 449 We Know that Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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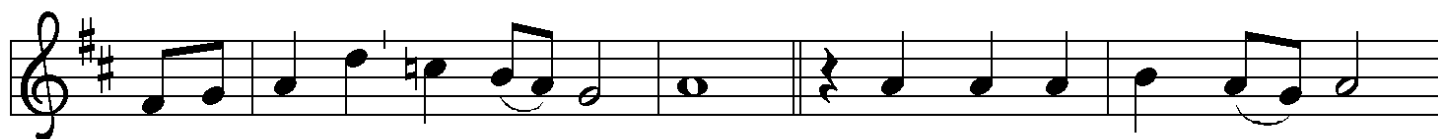
## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



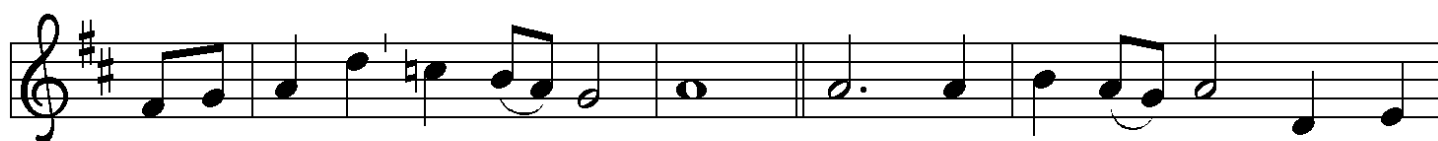
al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



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



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



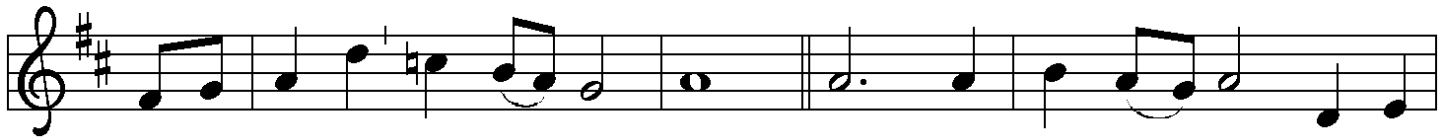
al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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



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



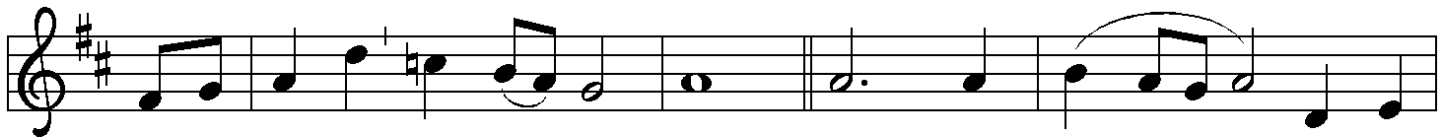
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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



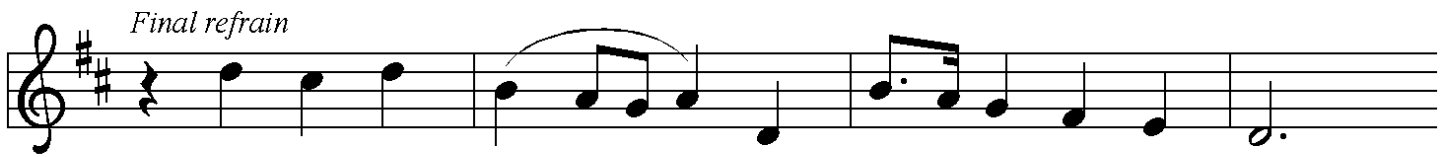
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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



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

Let us pray. Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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.*

**MUSIC** Setting of “The Strife Is O’er”

By Cathy Moglebust

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## FIRST READING Acts 16:9–15

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

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

PSALM 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

*Cantor sings the refrain first; thereafter, by all. Cantor sings the verses.*



O God, let all the na-tions praise you! O



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O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your salvation. **R**

Let the nations be glad and shout for joy, with uprightness you rule the peoples;  
you guide the nations on earth, you guide the nations on earth. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, o God; let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing that all the ends of the earth may revere him. **R**

**SECOND READING** Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

<sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

<sup>22:1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL John 14:23–29

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## SERMON

The Rev. Benjamin Hogue



Please stand.

# HYMN OF THE DAY ACS 939 Touch That Soothes and Heals



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that  
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it  
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's  
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the  
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and  
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of  
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:  
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.  
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.  
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

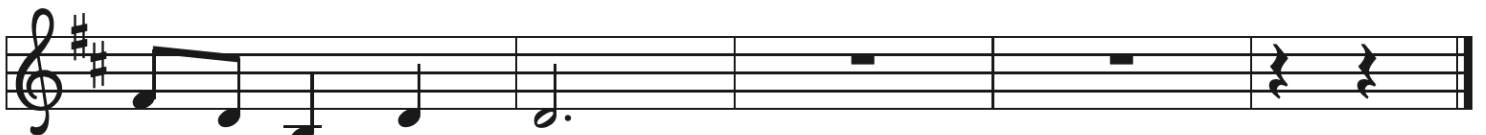
## Refrain



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*God brings those who are baptized out of death and into life.*

### PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

**Sponsors:** We present Sophie Juniper Wilbrink for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Sophie baptized into Christ? **Parents:** I do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Sophie grow in the Christian faith and life?

**Parents:** I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Sophie in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? **Sponsors:** I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Sophie and pray for her in her new life in Christ?  
**We do.**

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## BAPTISM

Sophie, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Sophie with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Sophie, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

## WELCOME

*Congregation President:* Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*Response at the conclusion of the prayer: Amen.*

## PEACE

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

PEACE  
BE TO YOU

*Please be seated.*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MISSION

### GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*We present monetary, food, and other offerings for God's mission 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](http://www.stjohnssummit.org) or scan this code.*



### OFFERING MUSIC “Where Charity and Love Are Shown” Adult Choir

By Joaquín Madurga

Where charity and love are shown,  
our God is there made known,  
our God is there made know.

One assembly at one table; one the cup, the bread, the wine;  
in one love we are companions, and in unity we dine.  
Brought together by the presence and the promise of God's Word,  
here in joy and in remembrance we receive our loving Lord.

At the table we are welcomed to the banquet from above.  
We recall the Lord's commandment that we live and grow in love.  
As the gifts of God are given, Jesus' body and his blood,  
so we give ourselves to others and we seek our neighbor's good.

This, the bread of life eternal; this, the saving cup we claim,  
draw us close within one fam'ly, make us one in Jesus' name.  
Let us tell the living story of his suff'ring and his pain,  
and proclaim the holy myst'ry: Christ has died, yet lives to reign.

*Please stand.*

## OFFERING HYMN ACS 937 Earth, Earth, Awake!

4 Praise we the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son! Al - le - lu - ia!

Praise we the vic - t'ry God has won! Al - le - lu - ia!

Praise we the Lamb who reigns a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!

Praise we the King whose rule is love! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: STUEMPFLE, Sally Ann Morris, b. 1952

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

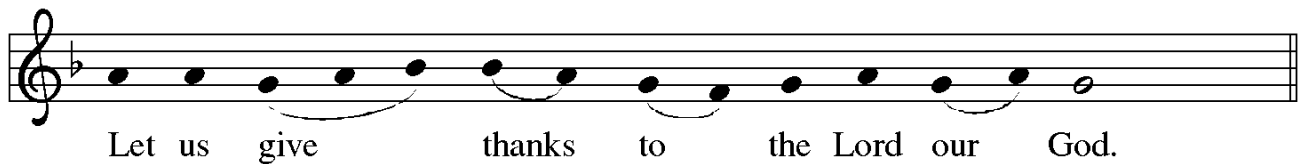
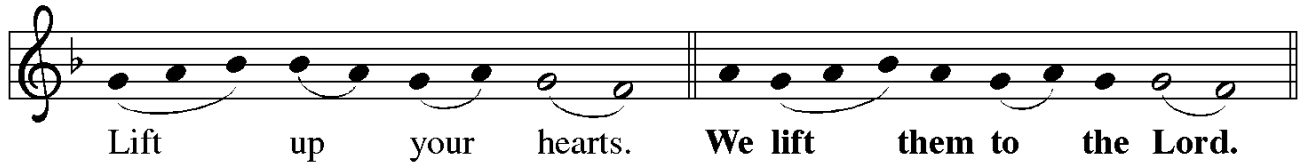
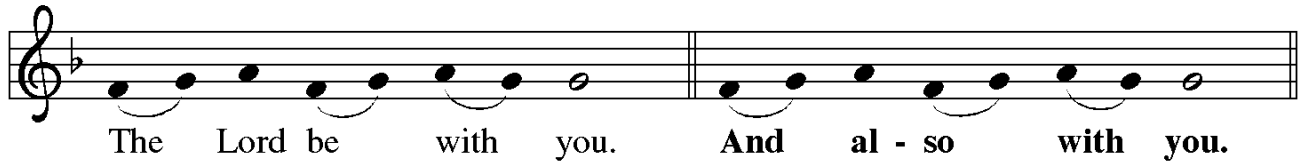
Let us pray. **Be present Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**



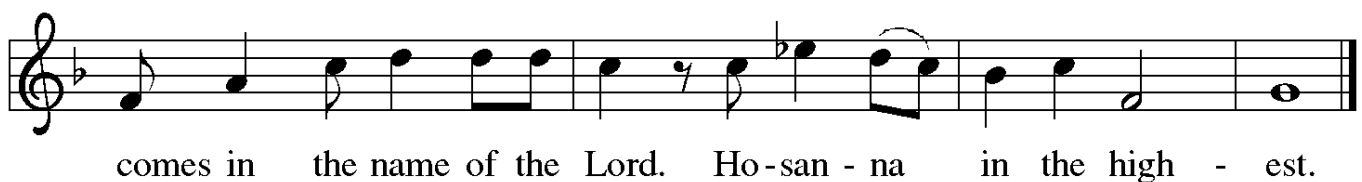
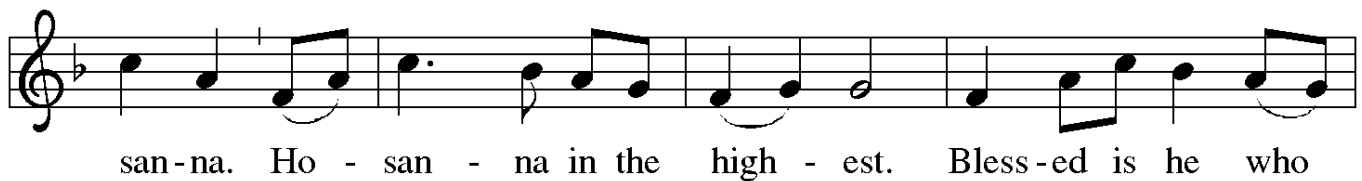
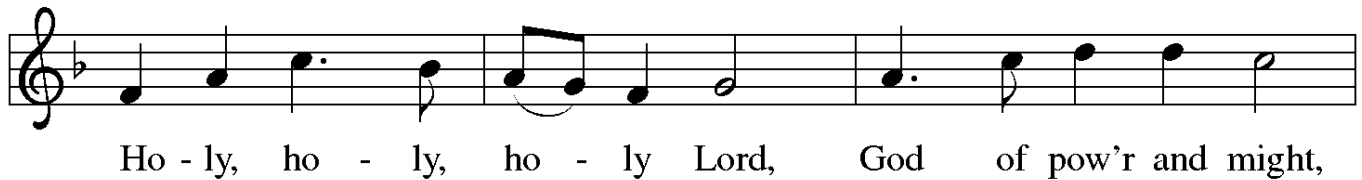
## Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING



### PROPER PREFACE



## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

### RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

*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.*

*The assisting minister serves the wine/grape juice in pre-filled individual cups.*

*You may pick up your personal cup, being careful to only touch that cup.*

*Step aside and drink the wine, placing the used cup in the return tray.*

*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

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.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 381 Peace to Soothe Our Bitter Woes



1 Peace, to soothe our bit - ter woes, God in Christ on us be - stows;  
 2 Peace with - in the church still dwells in our wel - comes and fare - wells;



Je - sus bought our peace with God with his ho - ly, pre - cious blood;  
 and through God's bap - tis - mal pow'r peace sur - rounds our dy - ing hour.



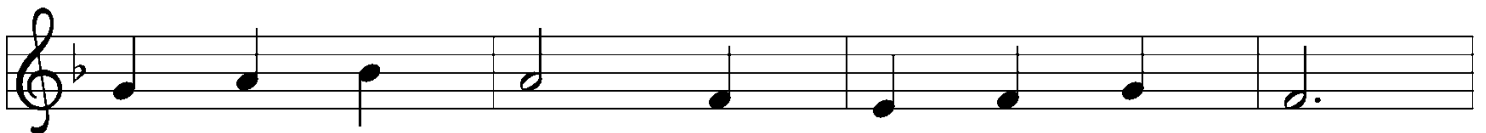
peace in him for sin - ners found is the gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
 Peace be with you, full and free, now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860–1943, alt.  
 Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 364 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!



*M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



*m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.*  
 Re - jice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.



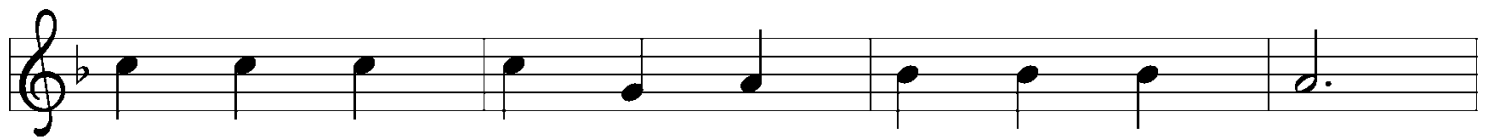
*A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



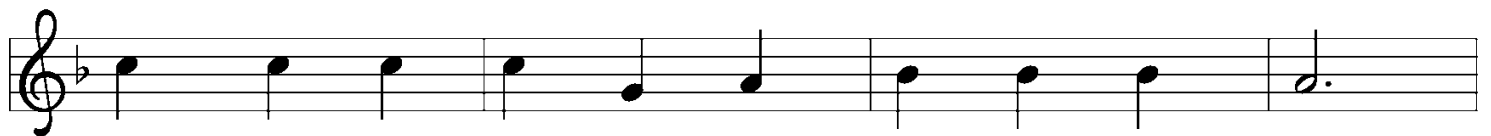


*m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.*  
e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
and in its con - quest his might did show.  
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there.”

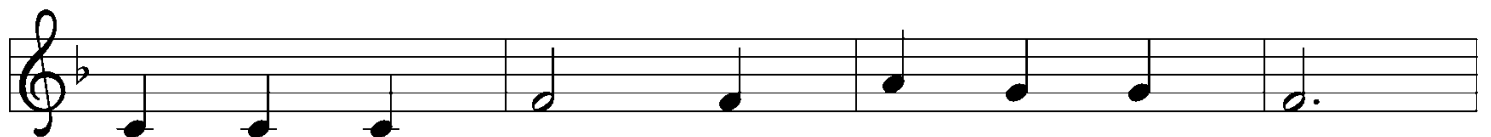
*Refrain*



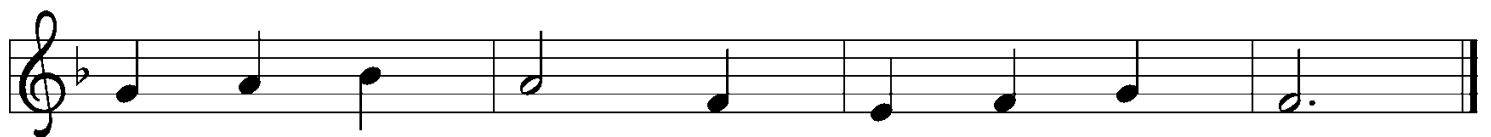
*Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.*  
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



*Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.*  
Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



*Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;*  
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



*ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.*  
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

4 “Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave.  
He has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done.  
Even the battle with sin is won.”

*Refrain*

5 Christ has arisen to set us free.  
Alleluia, to him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.

*Refrain*

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: MFURAHINI, HALELUYA, Tanzanian traditional

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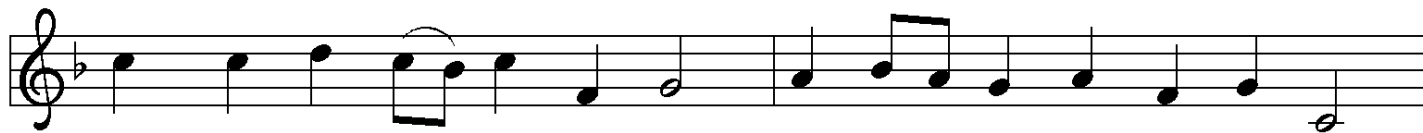
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*Please stand.*

## **BLESSING**

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

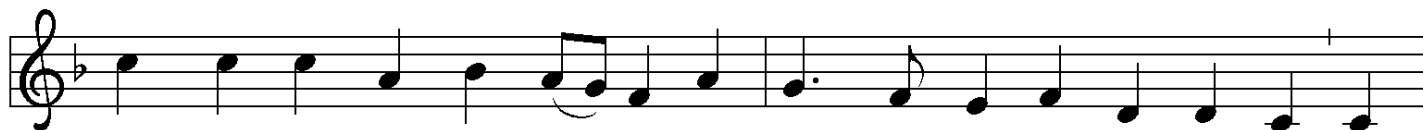
## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. **We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **Sending**

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

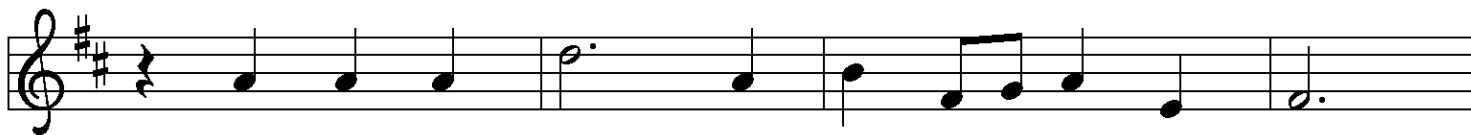
## **BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

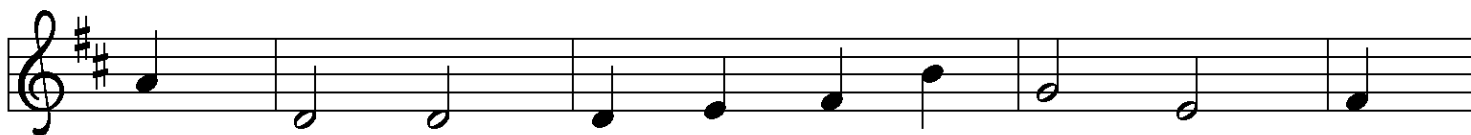
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, the Holy Trinity, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN ELW 390 The Risen Christ



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet  
2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,  
3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand  
4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y street,  
breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide  
the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,  
with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,  
whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;  
re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,  
till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.  
new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.  
en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.  
re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

Text: Nigel Weaver, b. 1952

Music: WOODLANDS, Walter Greatorex, 1877-1949

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE Setting of "This Joyful Eastertide"

By Paul Bouman

May 22, 2022

**Today's altar flowers** are given to the glory of God.

**Guest Preacher and leader of our forum TODAY**, the Rev. Ben Hogue from ELCA World Hunger. Pastor Hogue will share how the ELCA is funding World Hunger, Disaster Response, and other worldwide missions we support.

**Youth Group Meeting, TODAY at 7:00 PM.**

**The Anti-Racism Committee is hosting a viewing of the 4-part Netflix docuseries, *High on the Hog: How African American Cuisine Transformed America*.** Our last viewing is May 23 from 7:00–9:00 PM, and will be followed by a food sampling related to the series.

**Summit Has Pride, Saturday June 4, at 6:00 PM** on the Village Green. St. John's will join the City of Summit by showing their pride in their community with educational and non-profit displays from organizations serving the LGBTQ+ community. The event is free and open to all.

**Livestream Training, June 9, 7:00 PM:** A simple and brief training to learn how to run our weekly livestream is available for anyone to attend. Questions? Contact Stephanie Rothman.

**ASP Fundraiser:** For the month of June, ASP volunteers will be on hand on Sundays to assist you in participating in the *Piece by Peace Fundraiser*, our only fundraiser this year. Come help us “repair a house” (model) by “purchasing” siding, windows, decking, roofing, etc. to make it warmer, safer, and drier! Items are \$10 and up, but any donation will be accepted.

**Church Picnic will be June 12.** Mark your calendars!

**Save the Date–Blood Drive at St. John's!** On **June 24**, St. John's will host a blood drive from **12:00 to 6:00 PM**. Details and registration information coming soon!

**Registration for all Cross Roads Summer Camp Programs is open.** Come to one of the Cross Roads open house on **June 11** to visit camp, ask all your questions, and even enjoy a delicious lunch! Learn more and register at [crossroadsretreat.com](http://crossroadsretreat.com). Hinman Scholarship funds are available to church members attending Lutheran camps.

**Anti-Racism Committee Summer reading books available** with discussions after Labor Day. *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult is based on the true story of a labor and delivery nurse who was prohibited by a baby's father from any Black nurses caring for his baby. Recommended donation \$10. *Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together* by Heather McGhee examines the damage caused by racism in policymaking and proposes a path forward to combat these challenges. Recommended donation \$15.

**Lutheran Disaster Response** is providing refugees and those affected by the crisis in Ukraine with immediate financial support (100% of all donations are given) as well as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. You can mail or drop off a check at the church office, or donate online and type “Ukraine” under the “Special Giving” field or in the memo line.