

# *Welcome to Edison Lutheran Church*

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The Third Sunday of Easter  
May 4, 2025  
10:30 am

Welcome to worship!  
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# Holy Communion

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## **Welcome to worship.**

If you are a visitor with us, thank you for being here. We invite you to sign our attendance book and the guest book in the Narthex. **Children are welcome** in worship. *Children's bulletins* are available from the ushers. Also, Children's Activity Bags, located in the back of the sanctuary on the right side to use during the service.

**We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday and extend the invitation to all who are baptized to receive Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin.**

◆ *indicates the congregation stands as able*

Prayer cards are available in the pews. If you have a prayer concern or a thanks that you would like included in the Prayers of the People, fill out the card and ushers will collect them from end of pews after Prayer of the Day.

## Gathering

10:25 am Pre-Service Music for meditation and quiet gathering

BELL TOLL

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE

"I Love to Tell the Story"

(tune: Hankey) - William G. Fischer

For the TEXT, see ELW 661.

## ◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

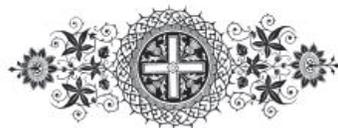
AM In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

AM Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C **Amen.**

AM Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

AM Gracious God,  
C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**



◆ GATHERING HYMN "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord" ELW 875

All Verses



Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!



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Text: Cameroon traditional, collected by Elaine Hanson  
Music: CAMEROON PRAISE, Cameroon processional, arr. Ralph M. Johnson  
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◆ GREETING

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.**

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE

“Now the Feast and Celebration”

(Refrain-sung by all, Vs. 1 women only, Vs. 2 men only, Vs 3 All)

**Refrain**

*Congregation:*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,



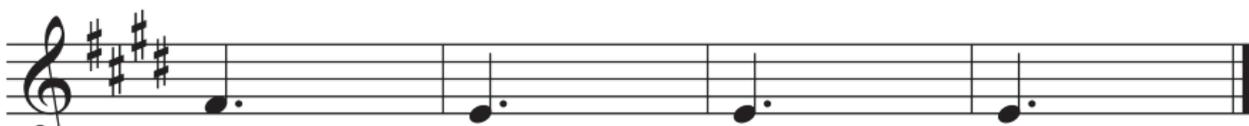
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy



to the God of life and love and

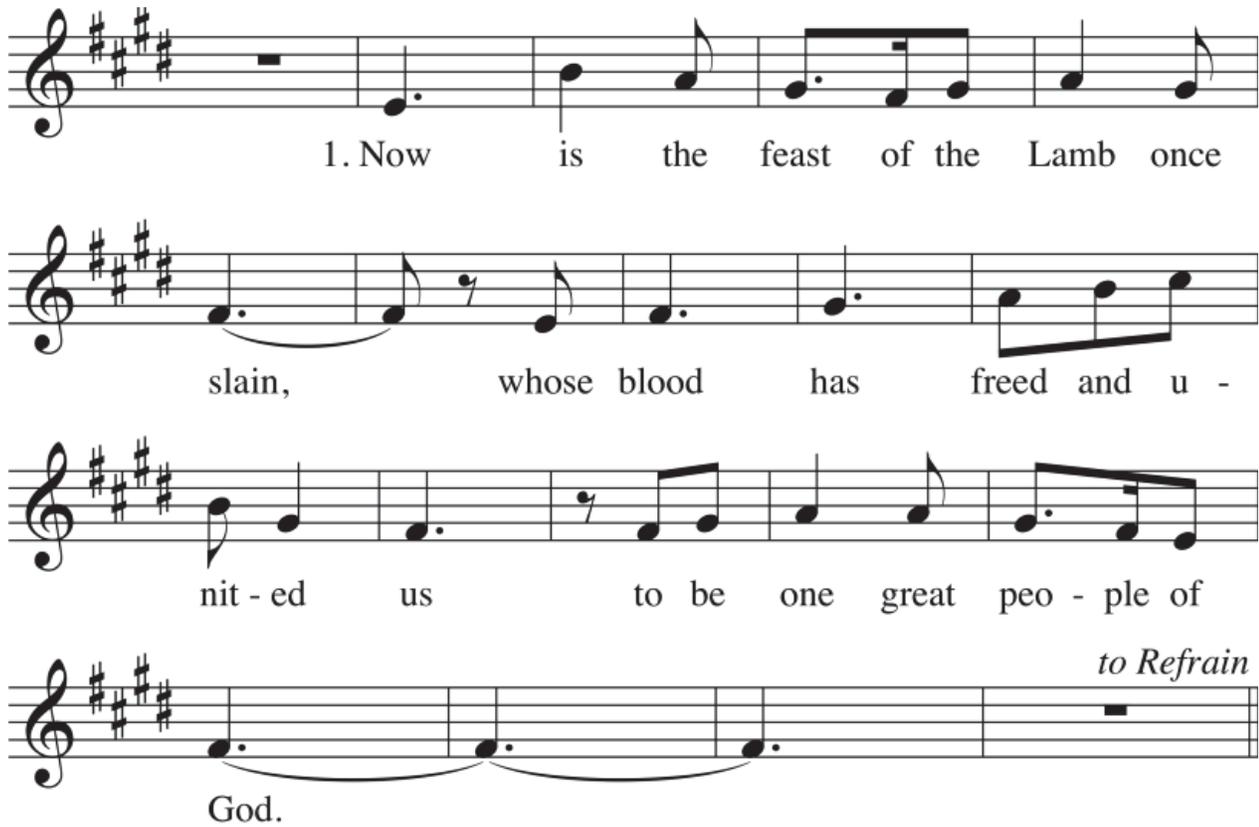


free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -



er - more!

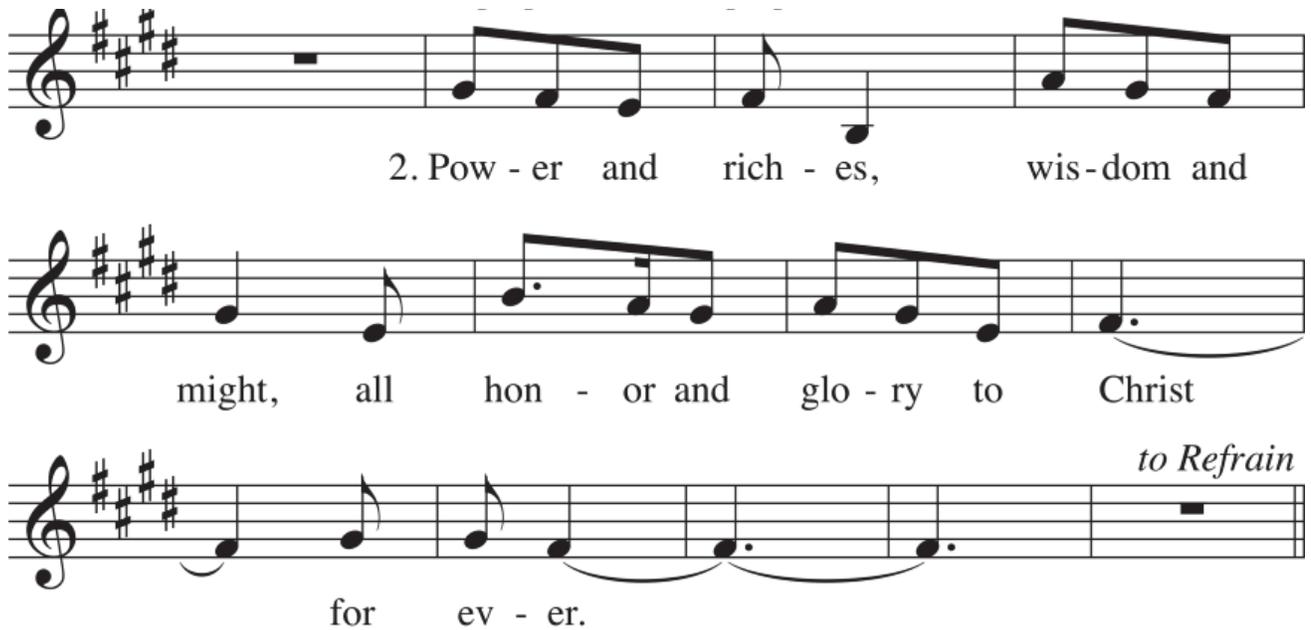
Verse 1 - Women



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God. *to Refrain*

The musical notation for Verse 1 - Women is written on four staves. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are: "1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God." The word "God." is followed by a bracketed section labeled "to Refrain" which contains three dotted quarter notes.

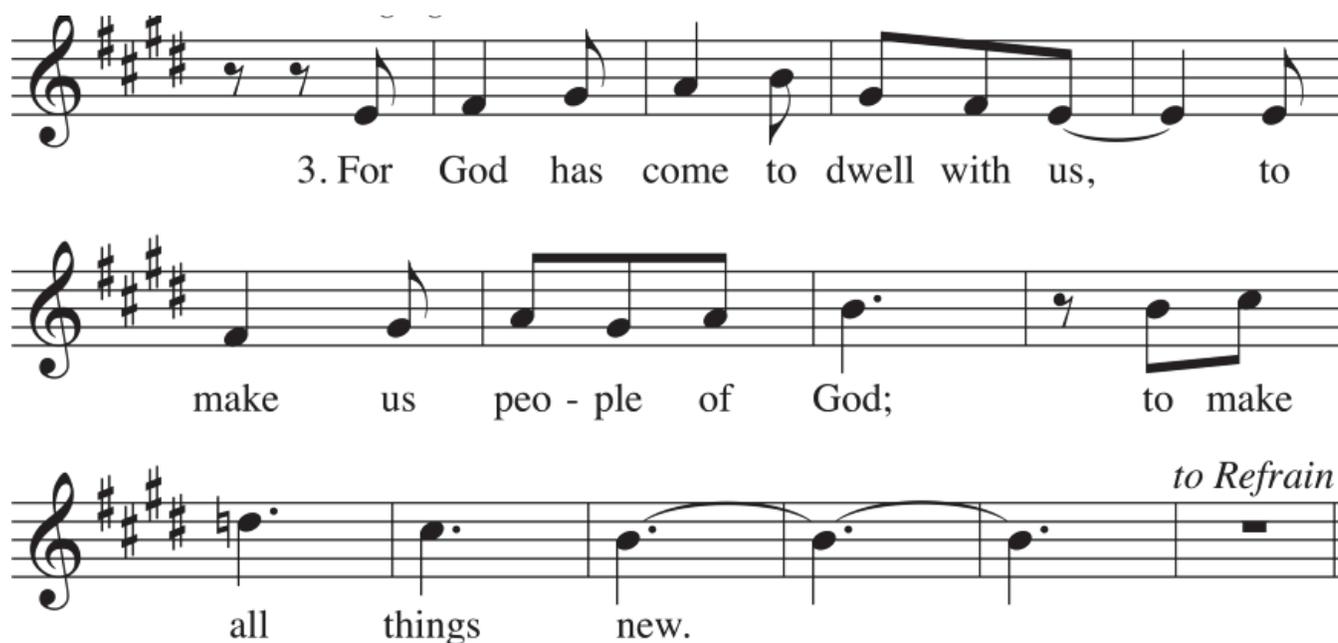
Verse 2 - Men



2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

The musical notation for Verse 2 - Men is written on three staves. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are: "2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ for ev - er." The words "for ev - er." are followed by a bracketed section labeled "to Refrain" which contains three dotted quarter notes.

### Verse 3 - All



3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new. *to Refrain*

### ◆ SALUTATION



*Presider:* The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with you.

### ◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM Let us pray ...

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*(Please pass prayer cards to the aisle.)*

# Word

## FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-22

*A long time ago in the city of Damascus far, far away. (Episode 1).*

<sup>1</sup> Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an

instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” <sup>21</sup> All who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?” <sup>22</sup> Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

**C Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM Youth Choir

“I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart” - George W. Cooke

## SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

*A long time ago, within John's revelations,. (Episode 2)*

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!”

<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

**C Thanks be to God.**



## ◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

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

## ◆ HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

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

*A long time ago along the Sea of Tiberias, far, far away. (Episode 3)*

<sup>1</sup> After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom

Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

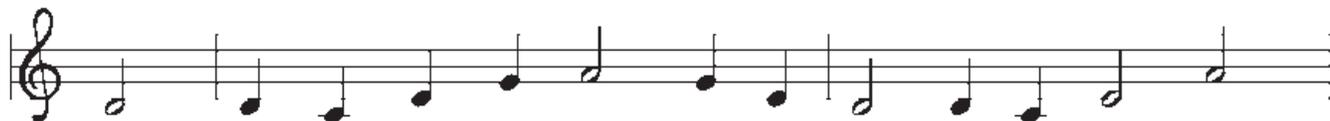
**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON  
SERMON

Pastor John Guthridge  
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◆HYMN OF THE DAY "What Wondrous Love Is This" **ELW 666**

**All Verses**



1 What won-drous love is this. O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
be - neath God's righ-teous frown. Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.  
Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## ◆ 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,  
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 THE PEOPLE

*(after each petition the following response is read)*

AM Hear us, O God.      **C Your mercy is great.**

# Meal

## THE PEACE IS SHARED

AM The peace of the Lord be with you all. **C And also with you.**

*The peace is shared with one another with the words,  
"The peace of the Lord," or similar words.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN "As the Grains of Wheat" **ELW 465**

*Congregation remains seated to sing the hymn while offering is collected.*

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in-to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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P "It is our duty and delight, .....

..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:"

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Marty Haugen



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P In the night in which he was betrayed .....

..... Do this for the remembrance of me.

## ◆ LORD'S 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.**



**COMMUNION** *All who are baptized in the common faith of Jesus Christ crucified are welcome to receive communion. We believe that the body and blood of our Lord is truly present in the sharing of bread and wine. Children are welcome to commune at the discretion of their parents. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are welcome to receive a blessing. White grape juice is also available.*

**If you desire to commune at the altar rail:** Holy Communion at the altar is served in groups. To prevent crowding, please wait in your place until directed by the Ushers. Be sure to bring your cup with you. At the altar rail, you'll be served a small piece of bread and have wine or grape juice poured into your cup. After you have communed, wait for the pastor to dismiss you back to your place.

**If coming forward is difficult:** Please let an usher know that you would like to receive communion at your seat. After those coming to the altar have been served, Pastor will bring communion to you at your seat.

# HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

## "Lamb of God"

Marty Haugen

*Congregation:* Lamb of God, *Congregation or assistant:* you take a-way the sin of the

*Congregation:* world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us,

*Final time: Cong. or assistant:* mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:* take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Additional invocations:*

you break the chains of hatred and fear:  
 you are the way of justice and peace:  
 you are the way of mercy and love:



- "I Love to Tell the Story" - **ELW 661**  
"Jesus Loves Me!" - **ELW 595**  
"This Little Light of Mine" - **ELW 677**  
"For the Beauty of the Earth" - **ELW 879**  
"Children of the Heavenly Father" - **ELW 781**

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**



# Sending

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆SENDING HYMN

"Thanks Be To You"

Marty Haugen

All Verses



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

⊕ Coda



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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	<b>Serving Sunday May 4</b>	<b>Serving Next Sunday May 11</b>
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor John Guthridge	Pastor John Guthridge
<b>Music Ministers</b>	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Kaycee Stubben	Chris Omdal
<b>Acolyte</b>	Davis Fenimore	Eva Klllogjeri
<b>Lector</b>	Youth	Kris Merritt
<b>Greeters</b>	Youth	Steven Dahl Janet Wyman
<b>Ushers</b>	Youth	Dan & Patsy Martin
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kathy Shoop Janet Wyman, Youth	Janet Wyman Susie Forsythe
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>	Youth	Anne & Bob Kuntz Linda & David Vague
<b>Flowers</b>	Shirley & David Brick	Jeff & Stephanie Knutzen
<b>Council Member of the Day</b>	AnnaLaurie Wattson Lamb	Patsy Martin

*Scripture Readings for next Sunday, May 11, are:*

**Acts 9:36 - 43    Psalm 23    Revelation 7:9 -17    John 10:22 -30**

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