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The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025
10:30 am

Welcome to worship!
Masks are welcome. If you are joining us from your car,
please tune your radio to 98.7 FM or join us for the
livestream via Facebook or our website,
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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 "The Gift of Love" (tune: O Waly Waly) - arr. Hal H. Hopson

For the TEXT, see ELW 644, "Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue."

◆ 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 "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life" **ELW 816**

All Verses



1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a
 2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a
 3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
 length; such a strength as makes his guest.
 part; such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1593–1632

Music: THE CALL, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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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,

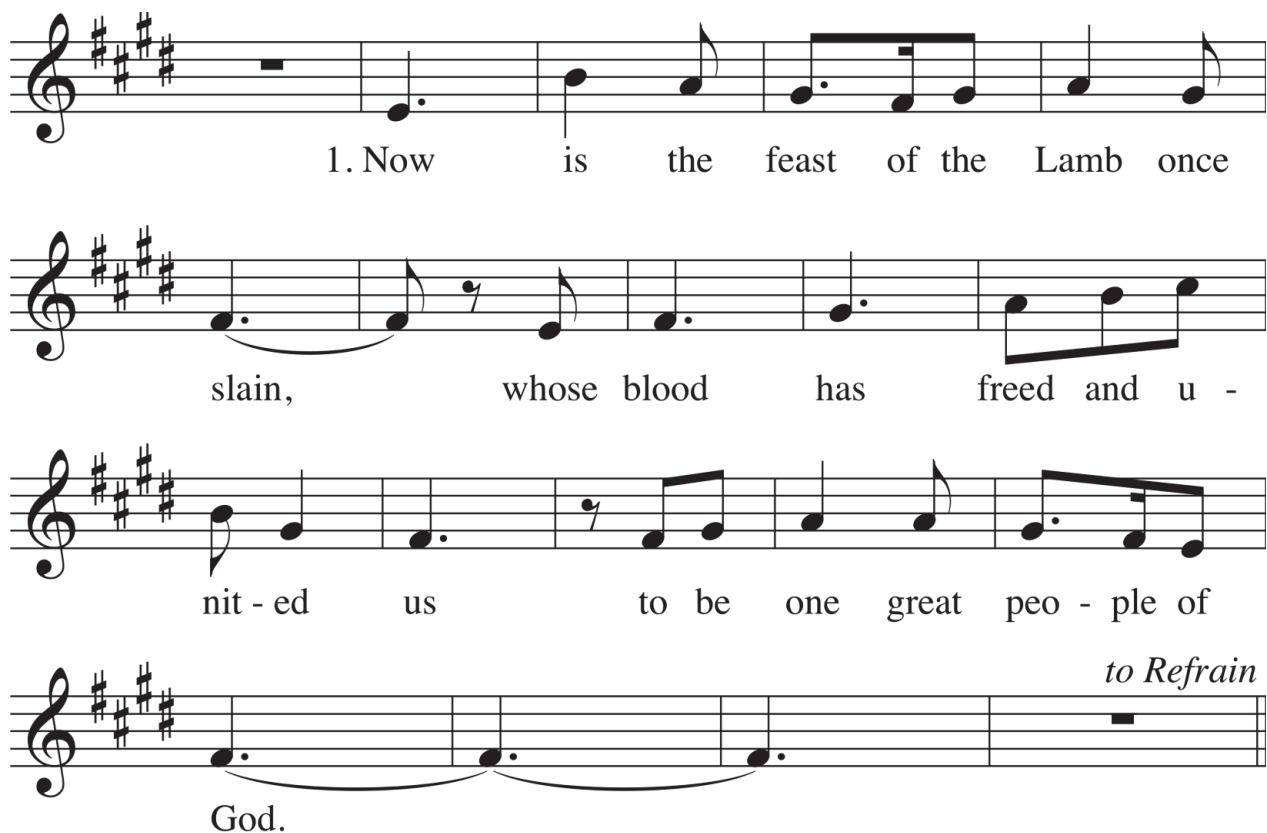
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy

to the God of life and love and

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

er - more!

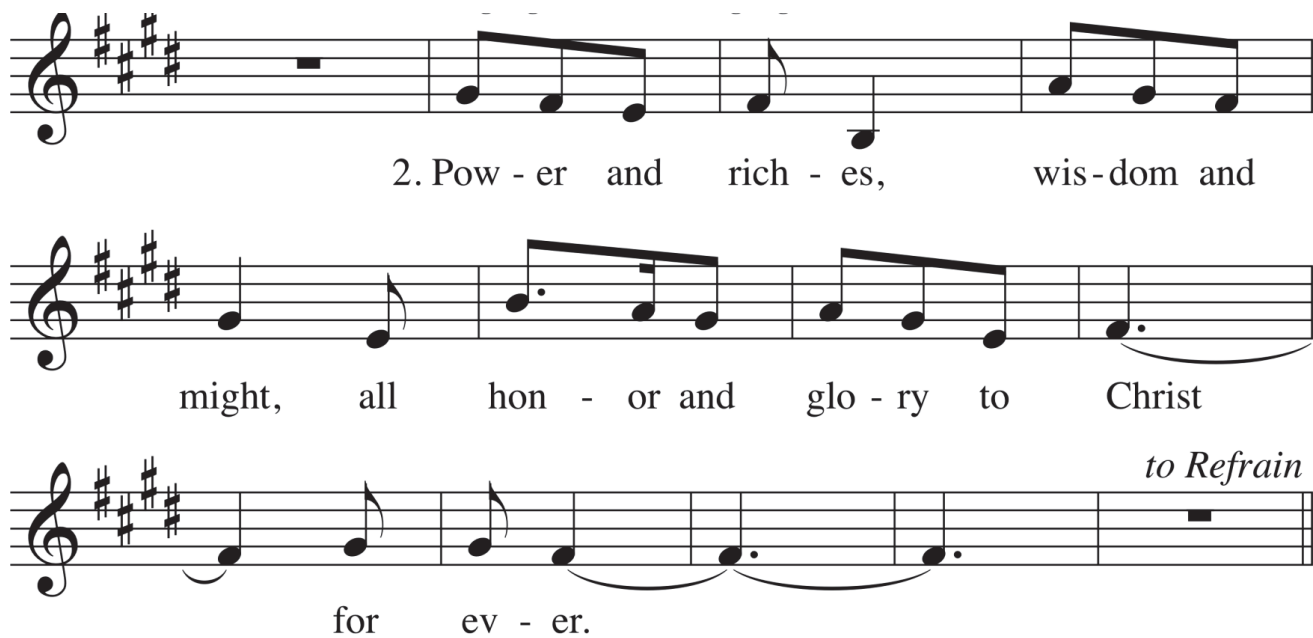
Verse 1 - Women



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 is written on four staves in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The first staff begins with a whole rest followed by a half note G4, then a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, and a quarter note B4. The second staff continues with a half note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a half note E4, a quarter note D4, and a quarter note C4. The third staff starts with a half note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a half note F#3, a quarter note E3, and a quarter note D3. The fourth staff concludes with a half note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, and a final whole rest. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

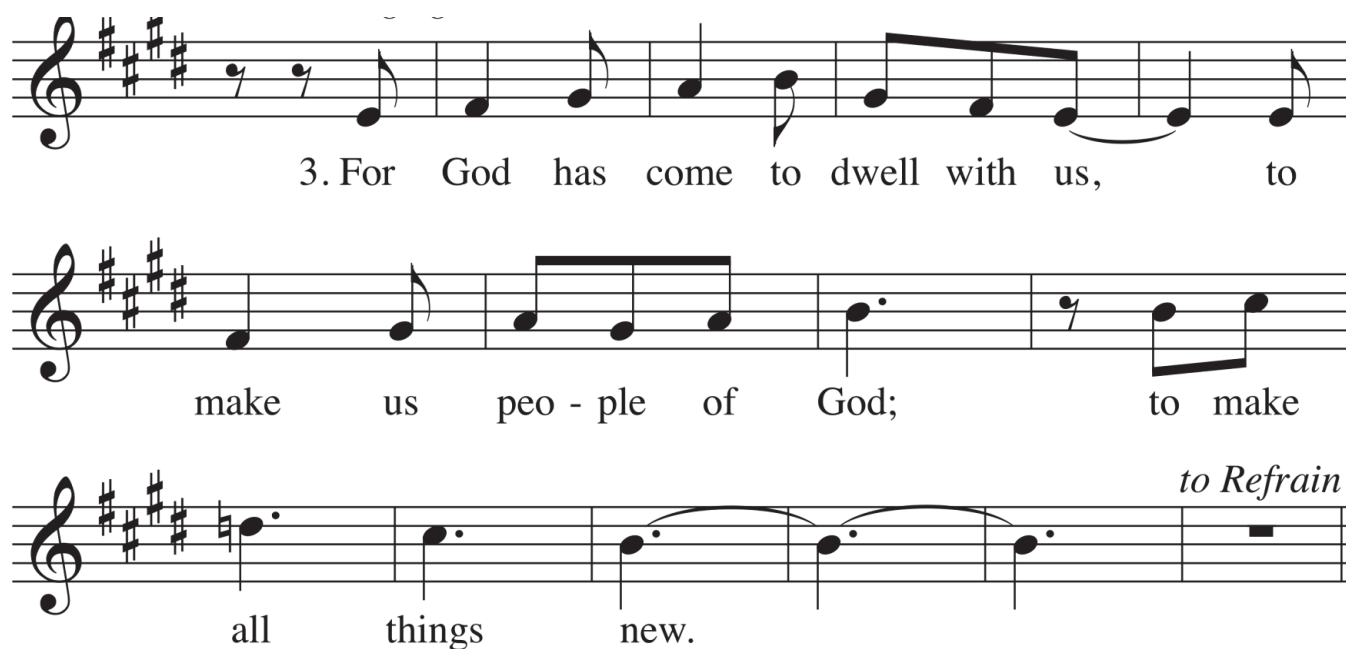
Verse 2 - Men



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 is written on three staves in the key of D major. The melody is more active than in Verse 1. The first staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, and a quarter note B4. The second staff continues with a half note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a half note E4, a quarter note D4, and a quarter note C4. The third staff starts with a half note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a half note F#3, a quarter note E3, and a quarter note D3. The fourth staff concludes with a half note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, and a final whole rest. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across 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 ...

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please pass prayer cards to the aisle.)

Word

FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

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

remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

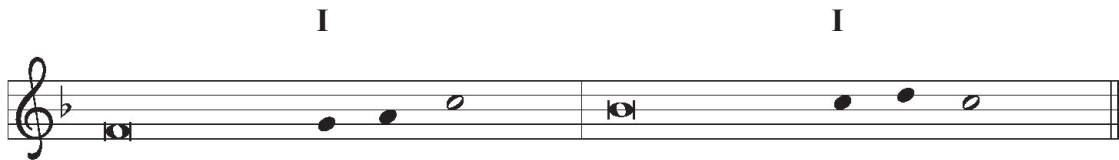
L Word of God. Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 148

The splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven. (Ps. 148:13)



¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD [|] from the heavens;
praise God [|] in the heights.

² **Praise the LORD, [|] all you angels;
sing praise, all you [|] hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the LORD, [|] sun and moon;
sing praise, all you [|] shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the LORD, heav- [|] en of heavens,
and you waters a- [|] bove the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name [|] of the LORD,
who commanded, and they [|] were created,

⁶ **who made them stand fast forev- [|] er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not [|] pass away.**

⁷ Praise the LORD [|] from the earth,
you sea monsters [|] and all deeps;

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⁸ fire and hail, ¹ snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- ¹ ing God's will;
⁹ mountains ¹ and all hills,
fruit trees ¹ and all cedars;
¹⁰ wild beasts ¹ and all cattle,
creeping things and ¹ flying birds;
¹¹ sovereigns of the earth ¹ and all peoples,
princes and all rulers ¹ of the world;
¹² young ¹ men and maidens,
old and ¹ young together.
¹³ Let them praise the name ¹ of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over ¹ earth and heaven.
¹⁴ The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for
all ¹ faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. ¹ Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

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

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

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

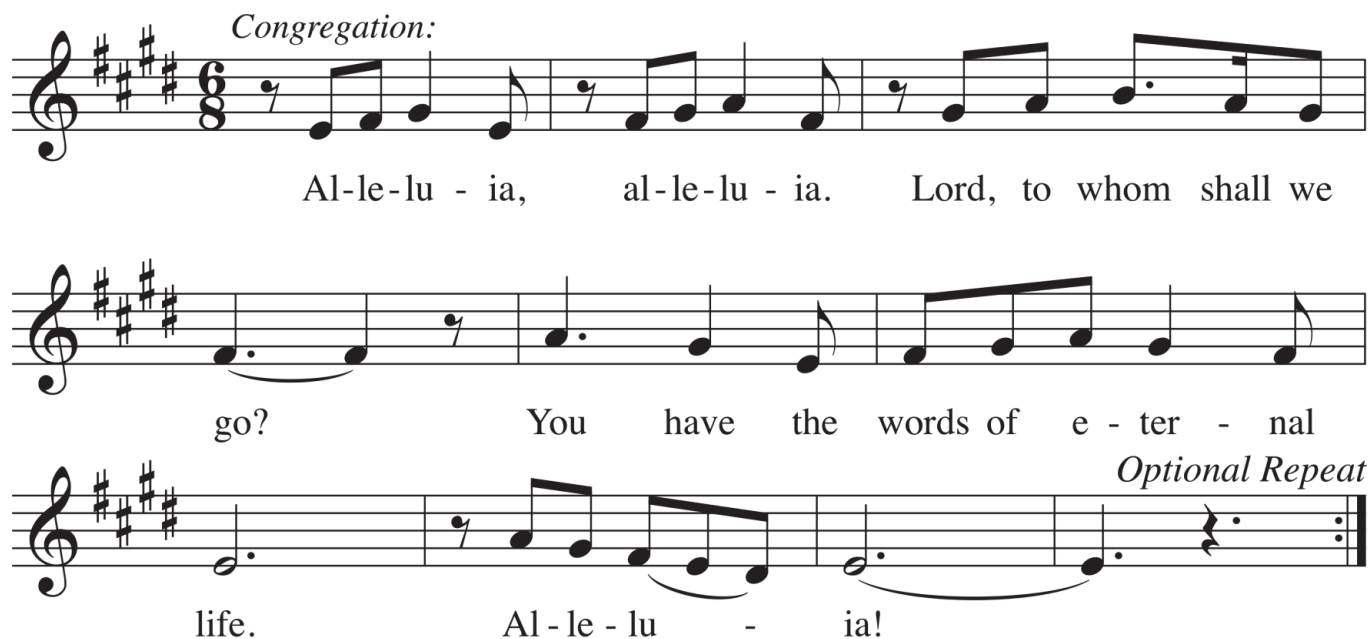
L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.



◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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*

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◆ HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

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

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor John Guthridge

SERMON

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◆HYMN OF THE DAY "I Come with Joy"

ELW 482

All Verses



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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◆ 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: Choral Anthem “Because He Lives”

Gaither and Gaither / arr. Jack Schrader

TEXT: 1. God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;
he came to love, heal, and forgive;
he lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

REFRAIN Because he lives I can face tomorrow;
because he lives all fear is gone;
because I know, I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because he lives.

2. How sweet to hold a new-born baby,
and feel the pride and joy he gives;
but greater still the calm assurance,
this child can face uncertain days because he lives.

REFRAIN

◆ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

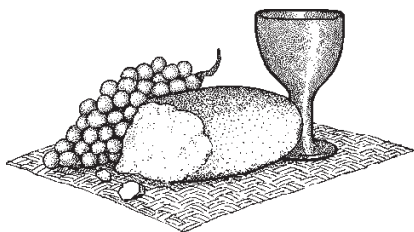
AM Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE OFFERING

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◆ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Marty Haugen

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

Presider: you. Lift up your hearts. We

Presider: lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Presider: thanks to the Lord our God. It is

Presider: right to give God thanks and praise.

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: mer - cy on us. *Cong. or assistant:* 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:

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"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"	- ELW 631	
"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"	- ELW 708	
"Where True Charity and Love Abide"	- ELW 642	REPEAT as led by the organ.
"Great God, Your Love Has Called Us"	- ELW 358	
"Baptized and Set Free"	- ELW 453	
"Where Charity and Love Prevail"	- ELW 359	

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.**



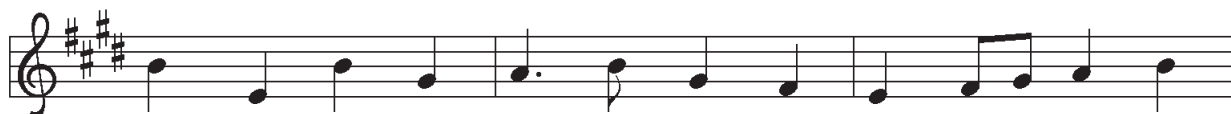
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◆SENDING HYMN

"Thanks Be To You" All Verses

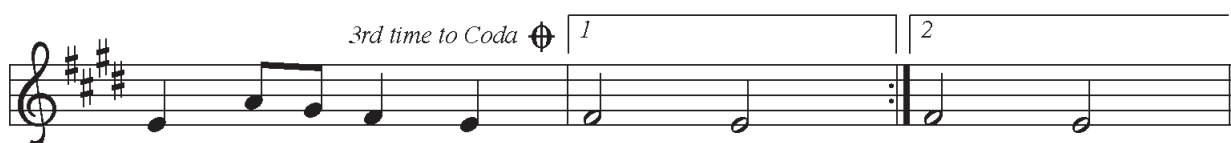
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1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



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

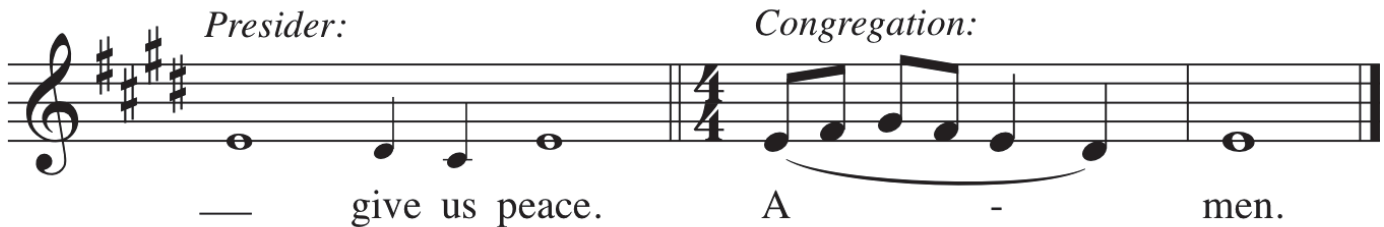


ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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◆ BENEDICTION

Presider: May God bless and keep us.
May God's face shine on us and be gracious.
May God look on us with favor and ✠ give us peace.



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◆ SENDING

AM Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "The Rejoicing" - G.F. Handel / arr. Hal H. Hopson



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	Serving Sunday May 18	Serving Next Sunday May 25
Presiding Minister	Pastor John Guthridge	Pastor John Guthridge
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Assisting Minister	Jerry Benson	Darla Jensen
Acolyte	Blake Caldwell	TBD
Lector	Larry Olsen	Nancy Nygren
Greeters	Linda Tyler Karson Englund	Judy Bendtsen Linda Nilsen
Ushers	Larry & Susie Forsythe	Jason Tyler Nancy Nygren
Altar Guild	Susie Forsythe Julie Rousseau	Terri Olsen RuthAnne Pocock
Fellowship Hosts	Jean & Mike Miller Barb Leander	Jon & Susan Aarstad Kathy Shoop
Flowers	Kristin Caldwell Sarah Dahl	John & Candy Johnson
Council Member of the Day	Linda Tyler	Judy Bendtsen

Scripture Readings for next Sunday, May 25, are:

Acts 16:9-15

Psalms 67

Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5

John 14: 23-29

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