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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 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 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
(tune: St. Denio) - excerpt - arr. Larry Shackley
For the TEXT, see Gathering Hymn, page 4.

◆ 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 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ELW 834

Verses 1, 3, and 4



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

◆ 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)

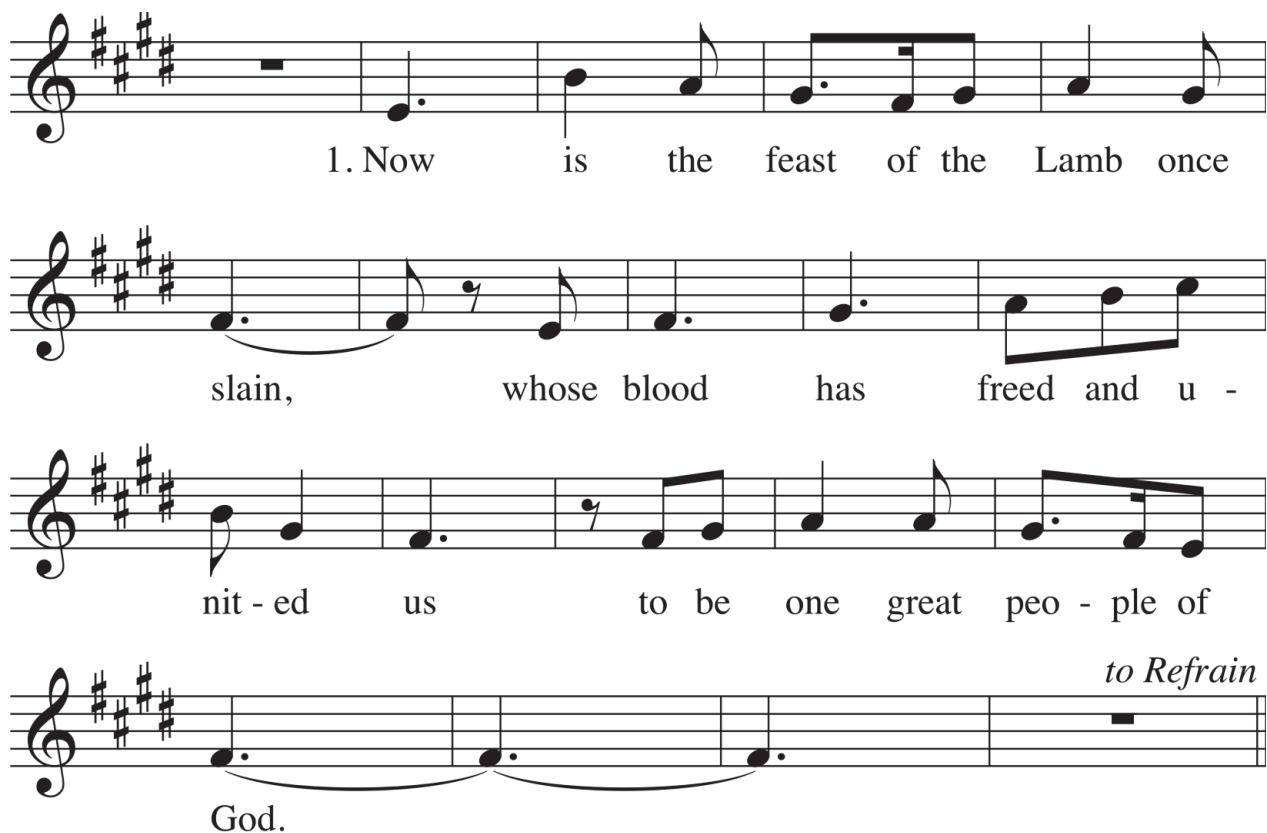
Refrain

Congregation:

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (four sharps), and 3/8 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a 3/8 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final note on a half note. The lyrics are: 'Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,'. The second staff continues the melody with a half note and a quarter note. The lyrics are: 'all of cre - a - tion sings for joy'. The third staff continues the melody with a half note and a quarter note. The lyrics are: 'to the God of life and love and'. The fourth staff continues the melody with a half note and a quarter note. The lyrics are: 'free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -'. The fifth staff continues the melody with a half note and a quarter note. The lyrics are: 'er - more!'. The score ends with a double bar line.

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 G major (one sharp). The melody begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The lyrics "1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once" are aligned under the first staff. The second staff continues with a half note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a half note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The lyrics "slain, whose blood has freed and u -" are aligned under the second staff. The third staff continues with a half note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, a half note E3, a quarter note D3, and a quarter note C3. The lyrics "nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of" are aligned under the third staff. The fourth staff continues with a half note B2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note G2, a half note F#2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2. The lyrics "God." are aligned under the fourth staff, and the phrase "to Refrain" is written above the final measure.

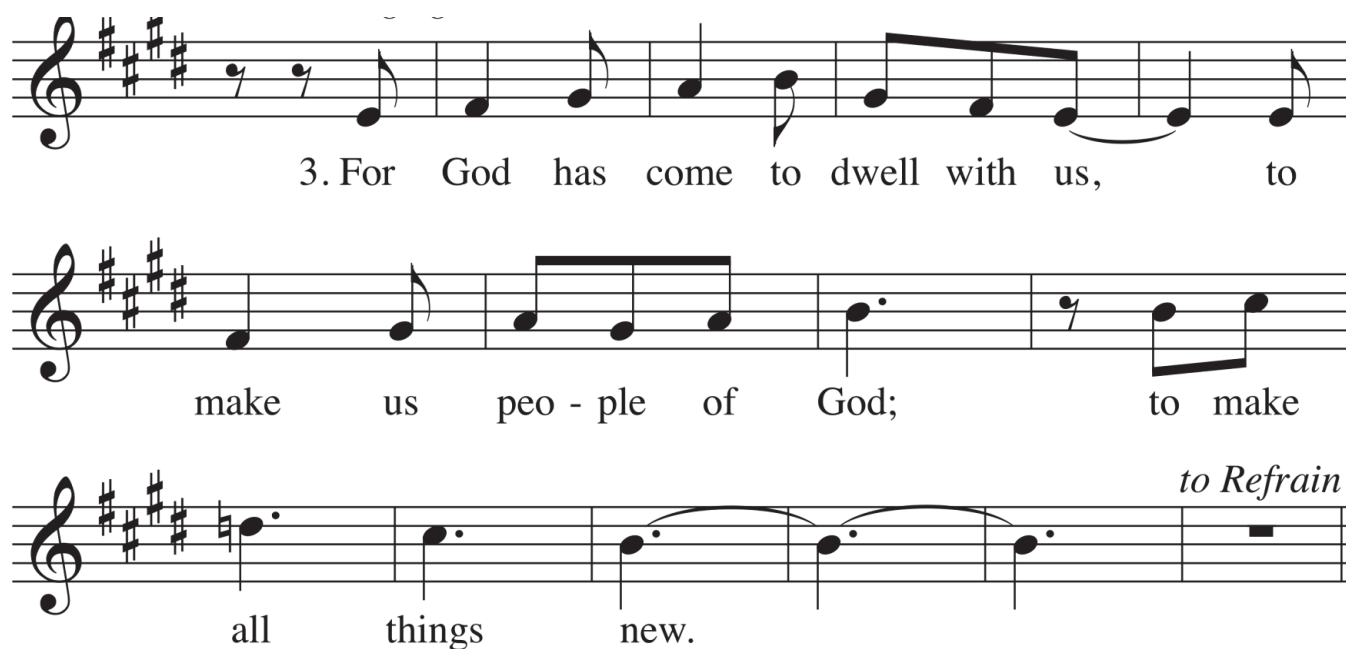
Verse 2 - Men



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 G major (one sharp). The melody begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The lyrics "2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis-dom and" are aligned under the first staff. The second staff continues with a half note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a half note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The lyrics "might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ" are aligned under the second staff. The third staff continues with a half note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, a half note E3, a quarter note D3, and a quarter note C3. The lyrics "for ev - er." are aligned under the third staff, and the phrase "to Refrain" is written above the final measure.

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*

The musical notation is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff contains the lyrics "3. For God has come to dwell with us, to". The second staff contains "make us peo - ple of God; to make". The third staff contains "all things new." and ends with a double bar line and the instruction "to Refrain".

◆ SALUTATION



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

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The first part, labeled "Presider:", contains the lyrics "The Lord be with you." and ends with a double bar line. The second part, labeled "Congregation:", contains the lyrics "And al - so with you." and ends with a double bar line.

◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM 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.

C Amen.

(Please pass prayer cards to the aisle.)

Word

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

⁹ 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.” ¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ 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.

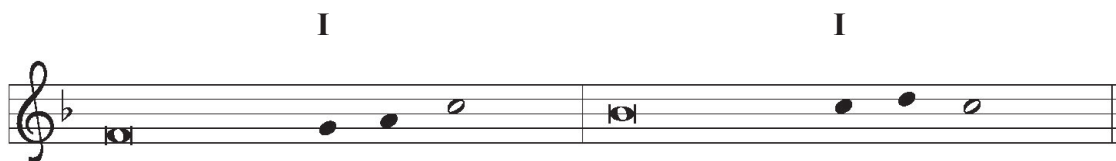
L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

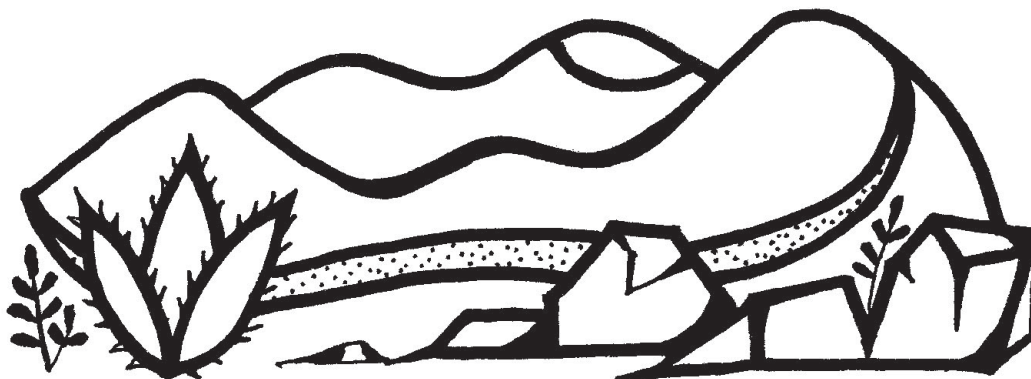
PSALM

Psal^m 67

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy. (Ps. 67:4)



- ¹ May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.
- ² **Let your way be known | upon earth,**
your saving health a- | mong all nations.
- ³ Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁴ **Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,**
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all
the na- | tions on earth.
- ⁵ Let the peoples | praise you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁶ **The earth has brought | forth its increase;**
God, our own | God, has blessed us.
- ⁷ May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.



SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10,22–22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

¹⁰ 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.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ 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. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ 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.

^{22:1} 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 ² 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. ³ 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; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ 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.

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 14:23-29

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus speaks to his disciples shortly before his arrest. Though he is leaving them for a little while, he is also coming to them through the Holy Spirit. In his word, they will have peace in the midst of the world.

²³ 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. ²⁴ 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.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ 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. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

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SERMON

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◆ HYMN OF THE DAY "How Firm a Foundation"
All Verses

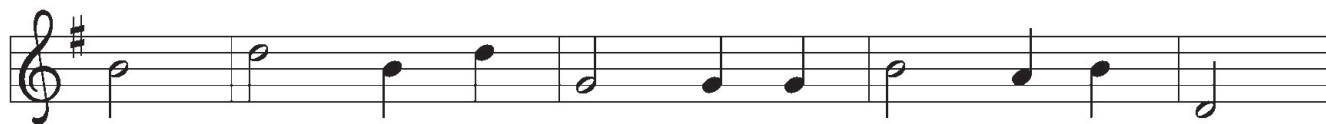
ELW 796



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American



◆ 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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THE OFFERING

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◆ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

AM Let us pray.

**C You have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

◆ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Marty Haugen

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And also with

Presider: you. *Congregation:* Lift up your hearts. We

Presider: lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is

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: *Congregation or assistant:*



Lamb of God, 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:

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"When Peace Like a River"	- ELW 785
"Come, Ye Disconsolate"	- ELW 607
"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"	- ELW 628
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"	- ELW 815
"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"	- ELW 763
"Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes"	- ELW 381 - Set to tune "Dix" (For the Beauty of the Earth)

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

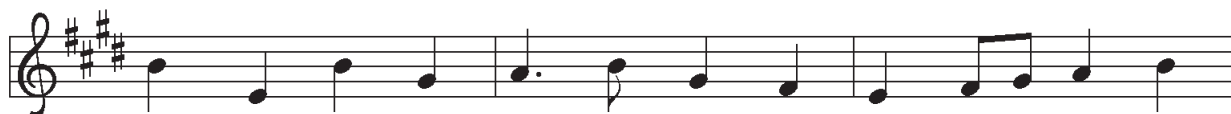
ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆SENDING HYMN

"Thanks Be To You"

Marty Haugen

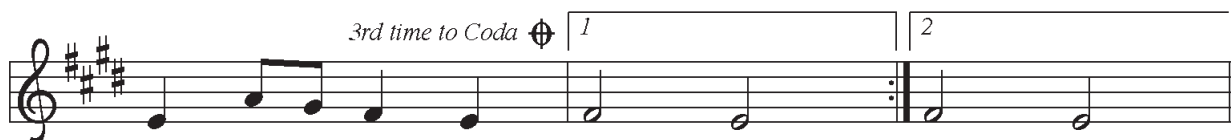
All Verses



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

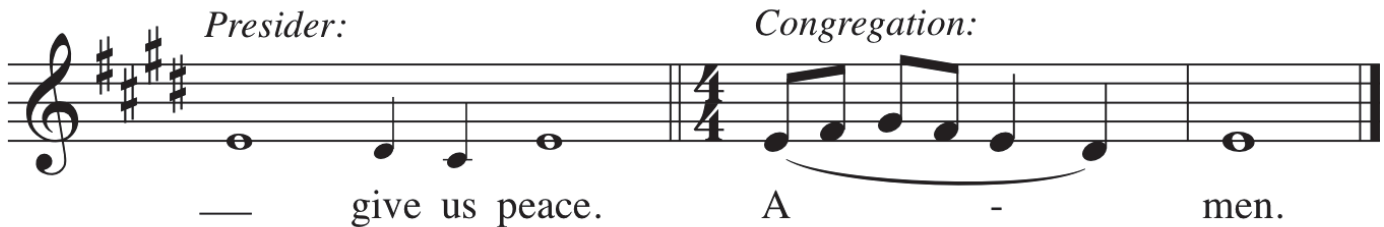


ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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◆ 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 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
- setting, Hal H. Hopson



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	Serving Sunday May 25	Serving Next Sunday June 1
Presiding Minister	Pastor John Guthridge	Pastor John Guthridge
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Assisting Minister	Darla Jensen	Mark Johnson
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Lector	Nancy Nygren	Terri Olsen
Greeters	Judy Bendtsen Linda Nilsen	Susie Aarstad Kathy Shoop
Ushers	Jason Tyler Nancy Nygren	Jon Aarstad Matt Benson
Altar Guild	Terri Olsen RuthAnne Pocock	RuthAnne Pocock Amber Erps
Fellowship Hosts	Jon & Susan Aarstad Kathy Shoop	Gailyn & Ron Ploeg Jolene Lomsdalen
Flowers	John & Candy Johnson	
Council Member of the Day	Judy Bendtsen	Judy Bendtsen

Scripture Readings for next Sunday, June 1, Ascension of our Lord, are:

Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53

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