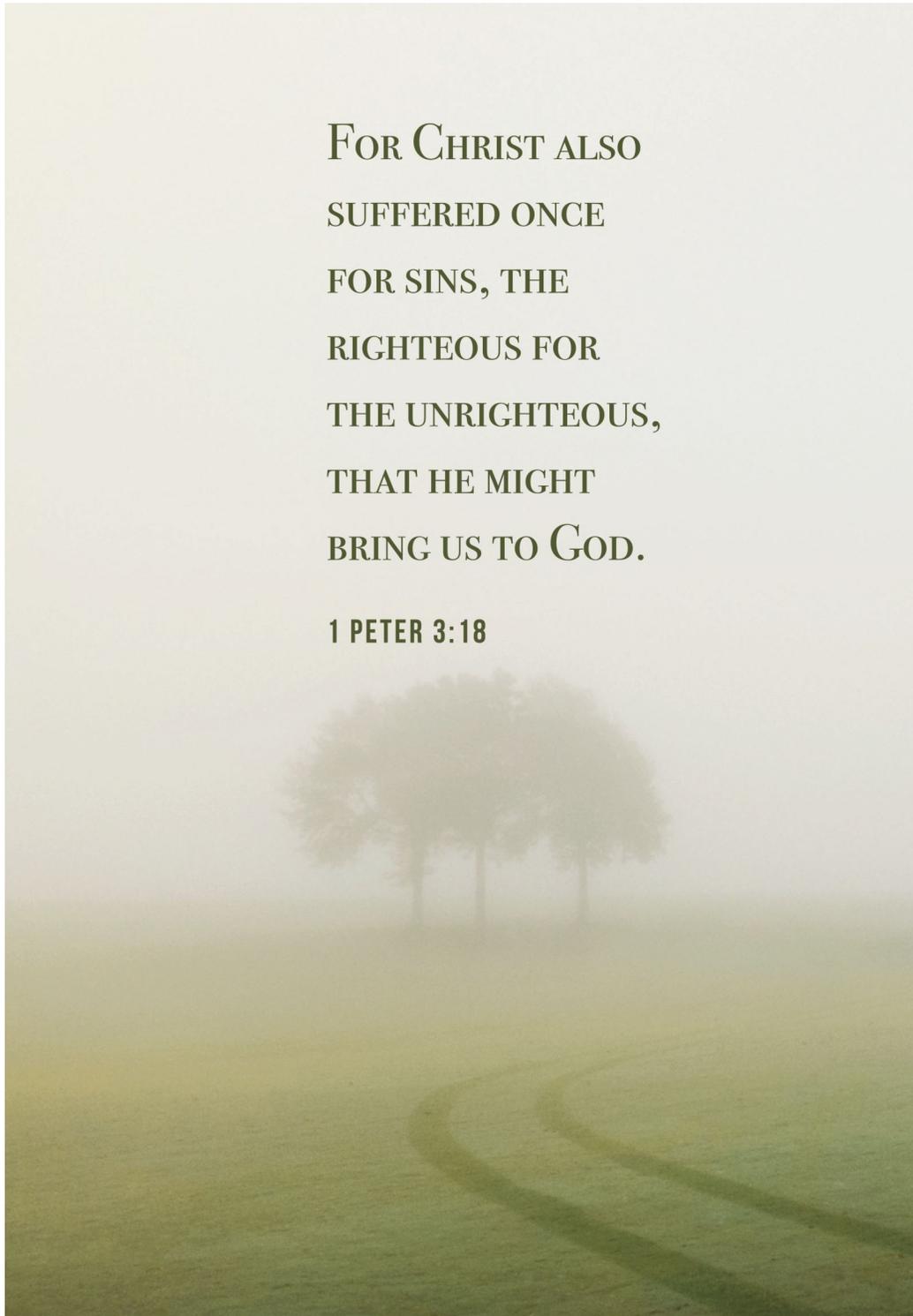


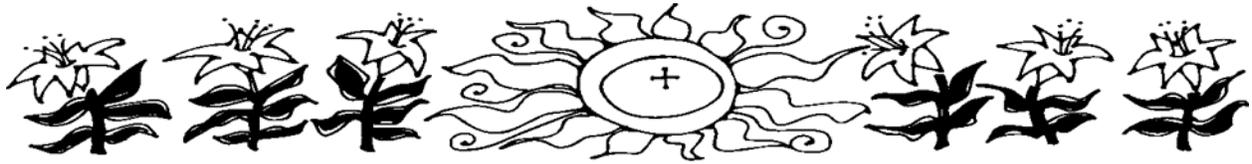
FOR CHRIST ALSO  
SUFFERED ONCE  
FOR SINS, THE  
RIGHTEOUS FOR  
THE UNRIGHTEOUS,  
THAT HE MIGHT  
BRING US TO GOD.

1 PETER 3:18



*Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
*Trumbauersville, PA*

*May 14, 2023*  
*9:00am*



## *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*May 14, 2023*

*9:00am*

\*Indicates when all who are able may stand

Introduction

*Jesus does not abandon his followers.*

*Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide  
with his disciples of every generation.*

*As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ  
dwells in us as the Spirit of truth.*

*We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering  
around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body  
of the risen Christ in the world.*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

When There's Love At Home

\*Thanksgiving for Baptism

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are welcomed, restored, and supported  
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,

holy and merciful, holy and mighty,  
you are the river of life,  
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.  
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,  
for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,  
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.  
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,  
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.  
Empower our witness to your resurrection.  
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

**P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water.  
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.  
Where despair prevails, grant hope.  
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.  
We ask this through Christ,  
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.**

**C: Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry  
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy  
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy  
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us  
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-  
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,  
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;  
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,  
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our  
thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788  
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

### \*Apostolic 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.**

### \*Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

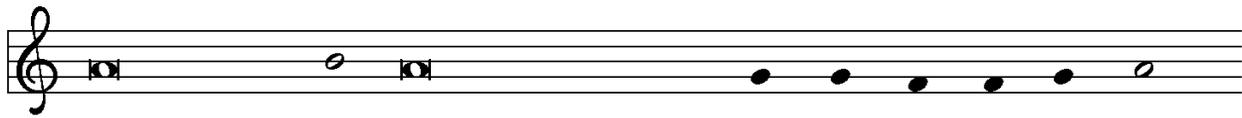
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

### \*Prayer of the Day

**P:** Almighty and ever-living God,  
you hold together all things in heaven and on earth.  
In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children,  
and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## The Liturgy of The Word

### First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

**L:** <sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed

he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

L: <sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

<sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.  
Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Acclamation

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

Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

<sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Rev. John Hansen



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

### \*The Apostles' Creed

**P:** Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith . . .

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

**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 into hell.  
 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.**

**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.  
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

L: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection,  
let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

L: God our faithful companion,  
you promise to never leave us  
and to send your Spirit to guide us in wisdom and truth.  
Send your people into the world to serve as mirrors  
that reflect and magnify your love.  
Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: All the earth sings praises to you.  
Grant your care to the creatures, plants, and places  
that are suffering, and equip us to respond to their song.  
Make us agents of restoration and refreshment  
for all your beloved creation.  
Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: You call all people of the world your children.  
Judge the nations justly, show mercy to all who are oppressed,  
and speak truth to power through your prophets.  
Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Nurturing Lord, you sent your Spirit to grant us peace.  
Make your presence known to those who feel abandoned  
or alone, and to all who are sick or grieving (especially).

Gary Atherholt

Ellen Brown

Kevin Fox

Evelyn Gerhart (Paul)

Vicky Griffin

All Military Personnel

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Annabelle Reith  
Larry Sweigart

Tom Karwowski  
Mary Roberts  
Mark Wilkins

Tyke Kratz  
Miriam Schaub

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: You hold us in your loving care.  
We pray for mothers and mother figures.  
Console all who long to be mothers,  
children estranged from their mothers,  
anyone grieving the death of a mother,  
and mothers who have lost a child.  
Support all for whom this day is difficult.  
Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: Almighty God, you give life and breath to all things.  
We give thanks for the apostle Matthias and all your saints.  
Sustain us by your love until we join the saints in glory.  
Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection,  
we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God;  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\*Sharing of the Peace of our Risen Christ

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Please share a safe & comfortable greeting with one another.*

Offering

*As the offering is brought forward, please remember  
there are a variety of ways to give to the church's ministry.*

*Mail or hand deliver your envelopes during office hours  
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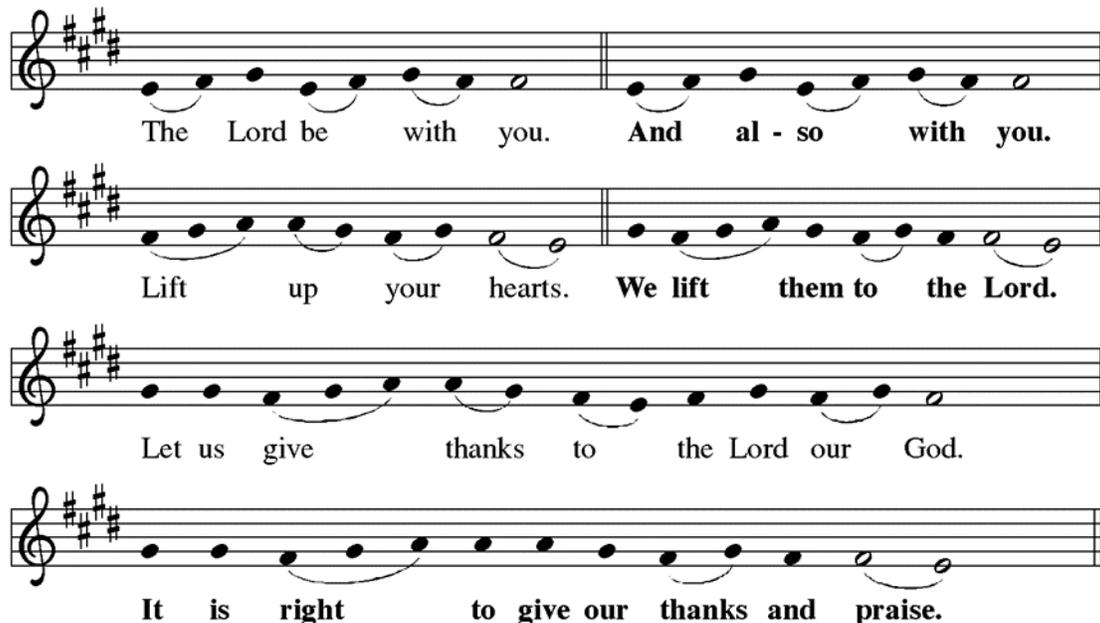
## \*Offering Prayer

P: Generous God,  
in this meal you offer your very self.  
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.  
In the breaking of this bread  
reveal to us the Risen One.  
In the pouring of this wine  
pour us out in service to the world;  
through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## The Liturgy of The Sacrament

### \*The Great Thanksgiving



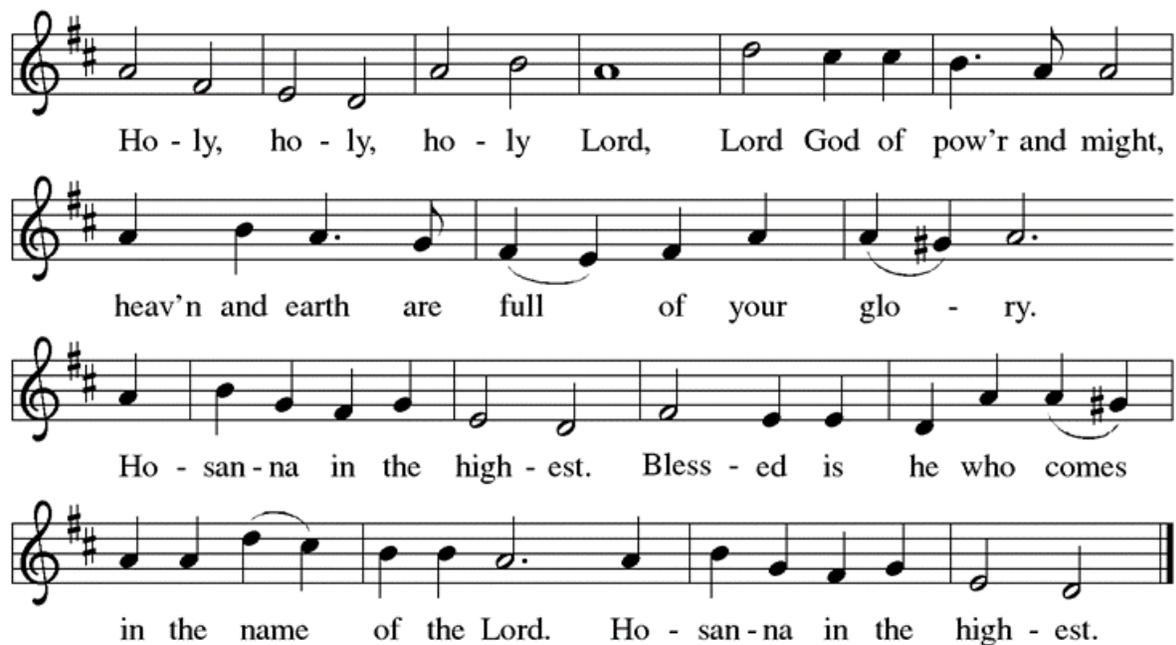
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### \*The Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter  
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,

with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

\*Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

\*The Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.*

*Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

*This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.  
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

\*Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

\*Invitation to Communion

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

\*The Agnus Dei

*Lamb of God*

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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, grant us peace.

Sharing of the Body & Blood of Christ

\*Communion Blessing

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

C: **Amen.**

\*Post Communion Prayer

P: Gracious God,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace,  
you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love  
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen.**

\*Benediction

P: The God of all,  
who raised ☩ Jesus from the dead,

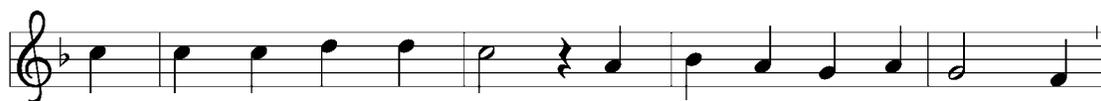
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.

**C: Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,  
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878  
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

\*Dismissal

**P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



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### **Our Mission:**

We gather to **WORSHIP** God,  
**EQUIP** people with a faith that works in everyday life,  
and to **SERVE & WELCOME** all with God's grace.

### **Notes on the Service**

*During the Prayers of the People* there will be a time for you to offer your prayers of intercession, thanksgiving, and praise either aloud or silently.

*Children's Activity Bags* are available from the ushers and may be left in the pews.

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