

# WORSHIP BULLETIN

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024~ 8:30 & 11:00  
Christ the King Lutheran Church

*This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.*



### WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHRIST THE KING CHURCH!

We are delighted to have you join us in worshipping God and the life Christ makes possible for us through his life. Our God is the best gift giver of all as we receive the gift of Christ who lives with us and walks with us and knows us.

The following is to give a little guidance to help you navigate. If you have questions please ask your neighbor, they may be able to help or point you to someone who can assist you.

**Face Coverings:** You are welcome to wear face coverings, but you may also notice that some are no longer choosing face coverings. Please take that into consideration as to how you participate in worship. Remember that we come to worship from different levels of potential exposure to illness.

**AudioFetch:** For those who need additional help hearing the service use AudioFetch. To use the system, download the AudioFetch app through the GooglePlay store or the Apple App store on any smart phone or tablet. Join the CTK Wifi with the password heisrisen325! You can send the sound signal directly to any Bluetooth device (like many hearing aids) or through any other system your device can connect with.

**Holy Communion:** Communion may be received while remaining at your seat with the pre-filled communion cups. Collect a cup off a tray on the usher's table at the beginning of worship. Prefilled grape juice with wafer and wine with wafer are available. Please request gluten free/ grape juice

prefilled from Pastor Connie or Richard Tiegs, as we store this in a different area so as not to confuse or get mixed up with the other options.

Communion may be received by circling around the altar. Follow the usher's directions. Pastor Connie will distribute the bread and gluten free wafers. If you desire gluten free wafer indicate by placing your hand palm down and then turn your palm to receive the wafer.

The communion assistant will offer the tray of individual cups. Please select the nearest cup. Grape juice is in the center ring of the tray. An acolyte will collect your empty cup.

Communion will be in one direction, always beginning in the back of the most south section (piano/organ side) and returning to your seat through the north aisle. An usher will indicate when to move forward for communion.

You may request communion to be brought to you by asking the pastor.

**Offering:** We will pass the offering plate but if you prefer you may place your offering in the wooden plate on the Ushers table. See the back of the bulletin or our web page for electronic giving options.

**Communion Card:** Please fill out a communion card or scan QR code on back page or usher's table.

## PRELUDE

### \*GATHERING

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*\* Please stand as you are able*

### \*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*The assembly stands and faces the baptismal font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism..*

†††

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!  
**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**  
Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.  
**We give you thanks, O God,**  
**for in the beginning**  
**your voice thundered over the deep**  
**and water became the essence of life.**  
**Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.**  
**The ark carried your creation through the**  
**flood into a new day.**  
**Miriam led the dancing as your people passed**  
**through the sea into freedom's land.**  
**In a desert pool the Ethiopian official**  
**entered your boundless baptismal life.**

Look, here is water!  
**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son  
was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates  
of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.  
**We rejoice with glad hearts,**  
**giving all honor and praise to you,**  
**through the risen Christ,**  
**our source of living water,**  
**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**  
**now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!  
**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

GATHERING SONG:

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.  
 Music: HYPHYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

## GREETING

*We greet each other in the name of the triune God.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

*A prayer for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



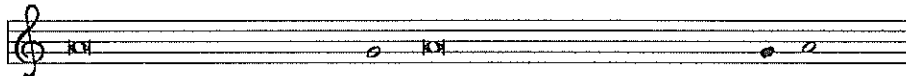
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



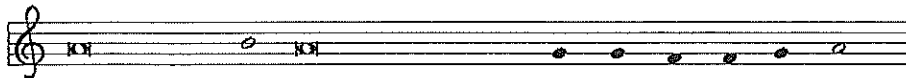
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



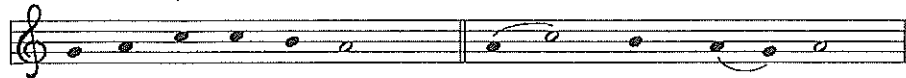
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



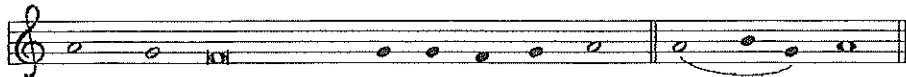
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*A Song of praise to God's glory revealed in Jesus Christ.*

## *Refrain*



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



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

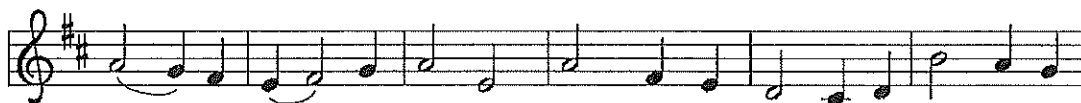
## *Refrain*



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

## *Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day is a summary prayer and typically gathers the assembly around a key emphasis of the day or season and may anticipate the scripture readings that follow.

## WORD

*God speaks to us in a scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

*While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

**FIRST READING:** *Acts 10:44-48*

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*We respond to the narrative of the Gentiles receiving the Holy Spirit by singing Psalm 98. Also appointed for Christmas Day, Psalm 98 is an exuberant hymn in which we, with "all the ends of the earth," praise the victory of Christ's resurrection.*

**PSALM:** *Psalm 98 (sung antiphonally)*



<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, you have made | known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

<sup>4</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;  
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. **R**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD | with the harp,  
with the harp and the | voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound | of the horn  
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,  
the world and those who | dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers | clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge the earth.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness  
and the peo- | ples with equity. **R**

*God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.*

**SECOND READING:** *1 John 5:1-6*

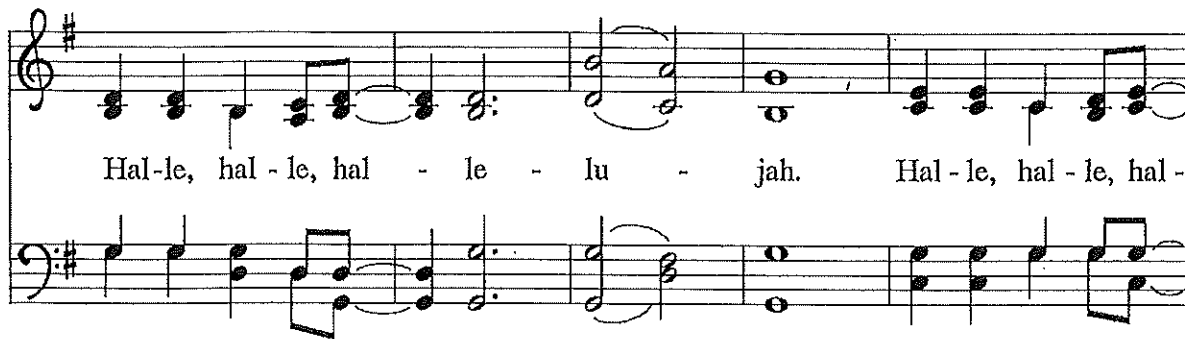
<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

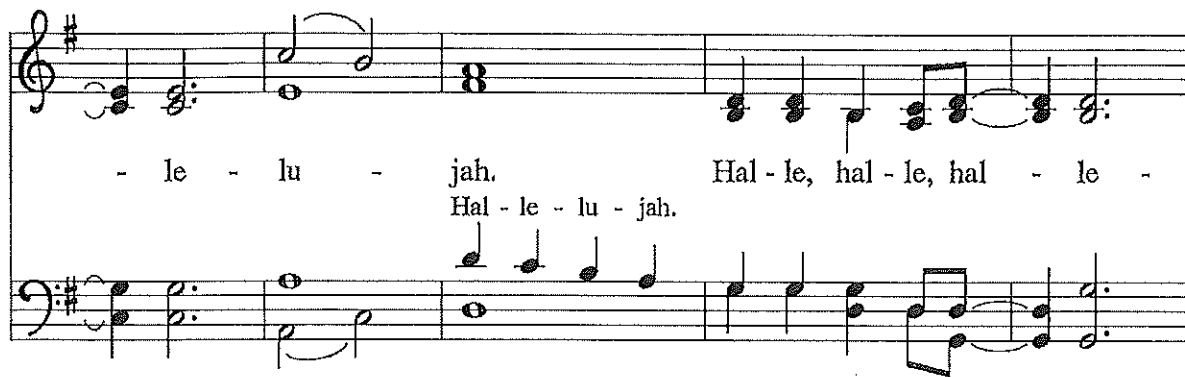
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

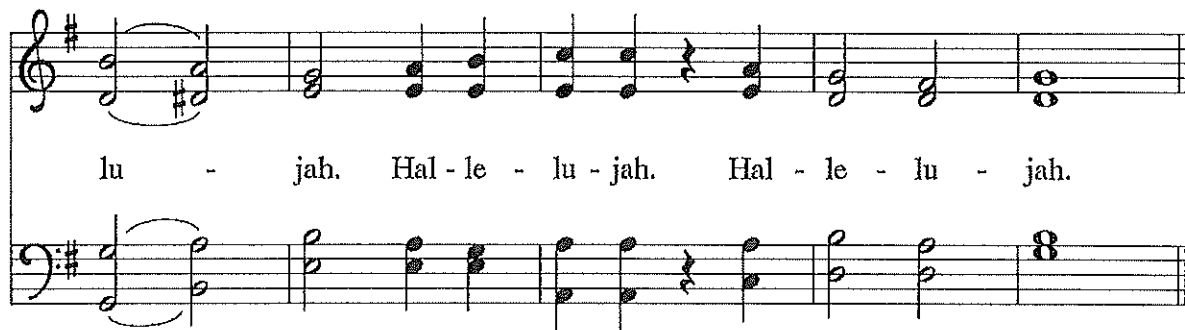
*We acclaim the living Word, Jesus Christ, present in the gospel reading.*



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -



- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.



lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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*On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.*

The holy gospel according to John the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL:** *John 15:9-17*

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

*Assembly is seated after the reading*

**THE SERMON**

*Preaching brings God’s word of law and gospel into our time and place to awaken and nourish faith.*

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

ELW #358

God's word is further proclaimed as we sing.

1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for  
 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and  
 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us  
 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and  
 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your

love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,  
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,  
 as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,  
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,  
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty

though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our  
 by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems  
 but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your  
 and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -  
 to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that

heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.  
 close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.  
 mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.  
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.  
 faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: RYBURN, Norman Cocker, 1889-1953

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## NICENE CREED

*We confess our faith with the whole church.*

**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.**

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*...after each petition....*

**God of grace,  
hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

*The minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

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

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

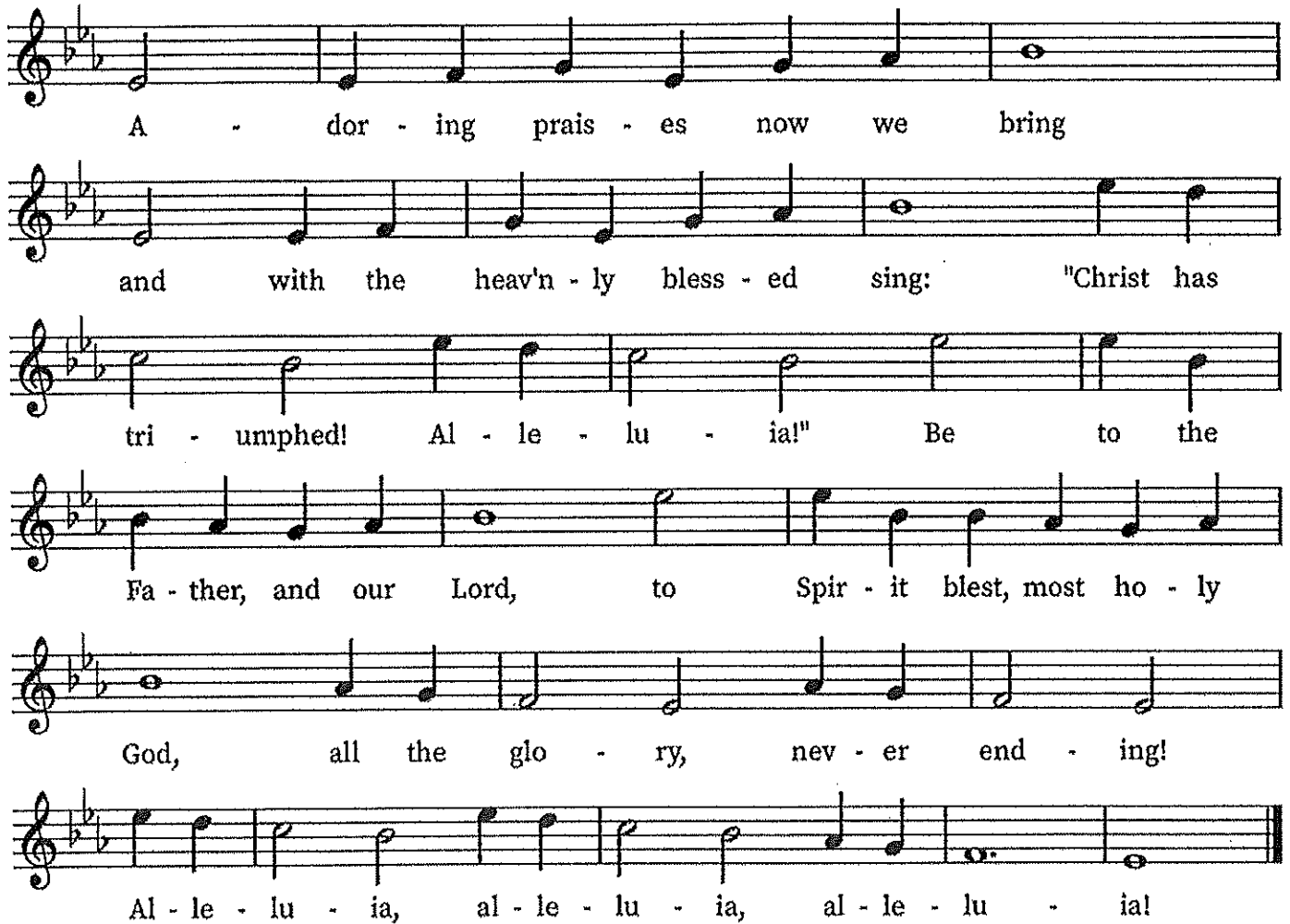
**MEAL**

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

The OFFERING is brought forward.

*A collection of material goods for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, is a sign of the giving our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts. The table is set with bread and wine.*

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE** Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (vs. 4) ELW #367



A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring  
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the  
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly  
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Let us pray.

**Risen One,**

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here

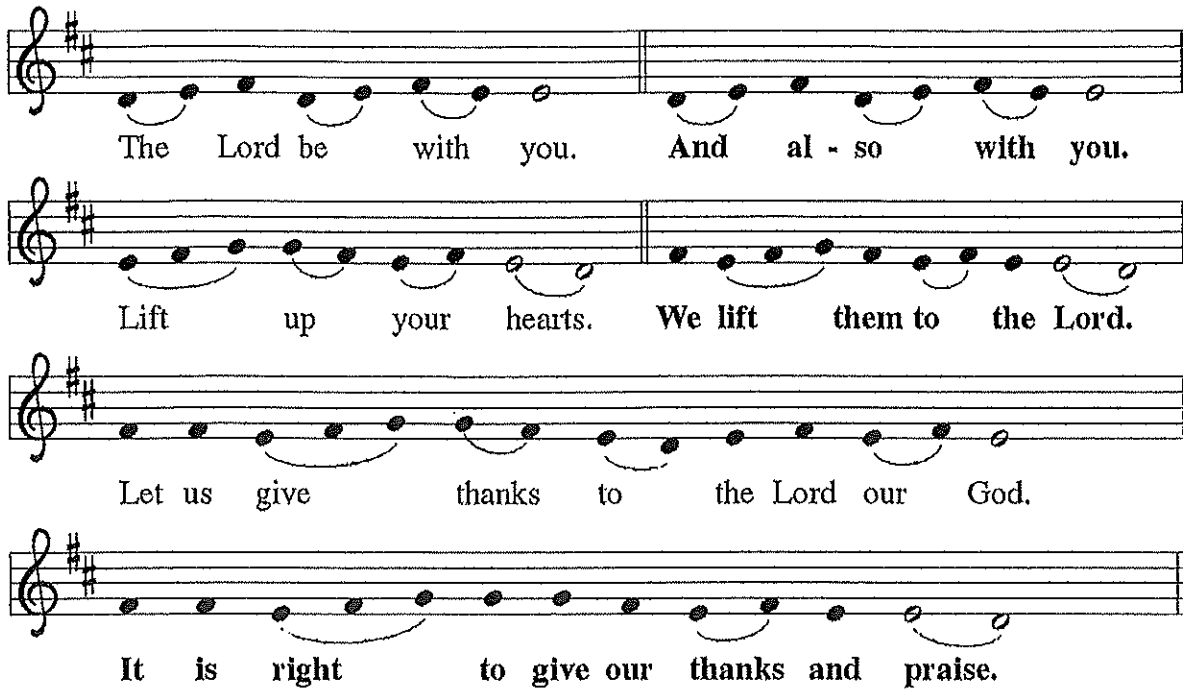
be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



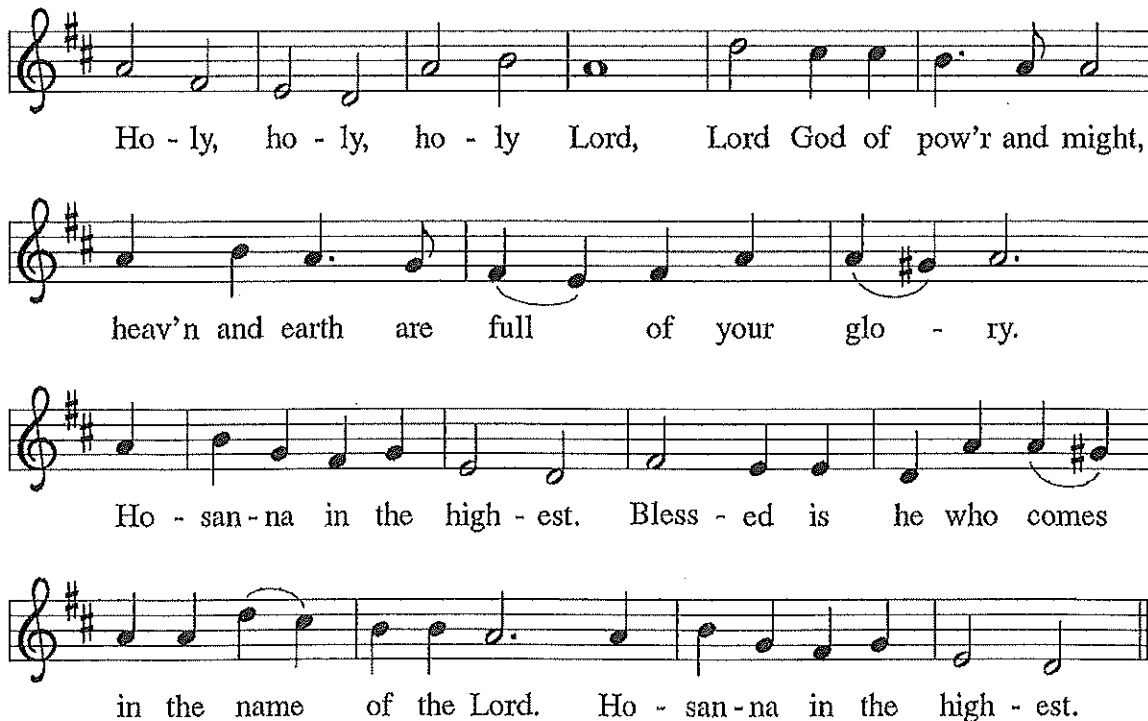
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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 thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day, the assembly responds:*



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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God,  
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,  
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,  
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.  
We give you thanks for Jesus  
who, living among us,  
healed the sick, fed the hungry,  
and with a love stronger than death,  
gave his life for others.

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.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore,  
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this dying world.  
Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death to life,  
that we may live as your chosen ones,  
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church, both now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

## COMMUNION

*In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. We sing as the bread is broken and as the meal is shared. We ask God to send us in witness to the world.*

*Those who choose to commune by prefilled cups will commune first together. While Lamb of God is sung, servers will prepare for distribution. When servers are in position come forward for communion. See page 1 for detailed instructions.*

## LAMB OF GOD

## Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus



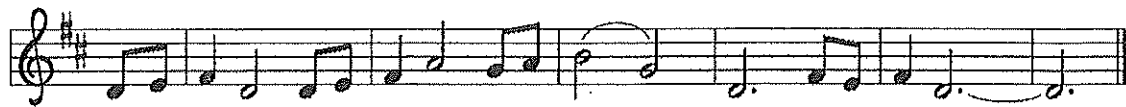
Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



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



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

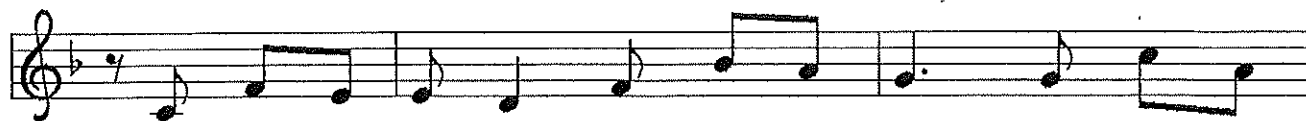


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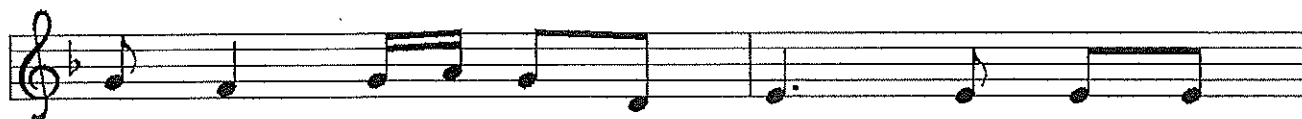
COMMUNION HYMN:

Soli Deo Gloria

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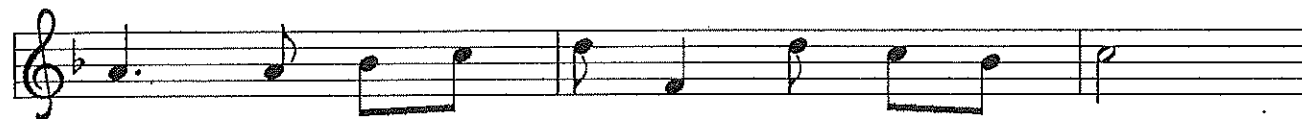
1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -  
 2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and  
 3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and  
 4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and  
 5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and



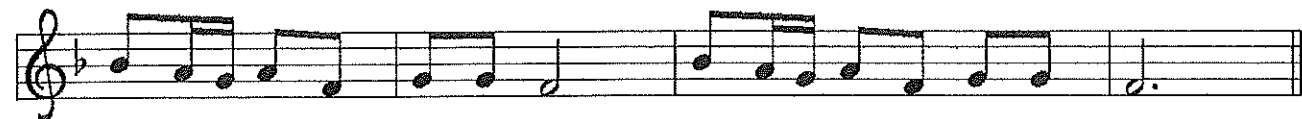
rounds us our whole life through. You are the  
 wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it  
 voic - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of  
 wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate  
 gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry



free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -  
 choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y  
 Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic  
 love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and  
 cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:  
 fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:  
 phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:  
 space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:  
 sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:



So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: SOLI DEO GLORIA, Marty Haugen

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**\*TABLE BLESSING**

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise* Service Music #207



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



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



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



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

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927  
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**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.**

**Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

**SENDING**

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

**BLESSING** *With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ's body in the world.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

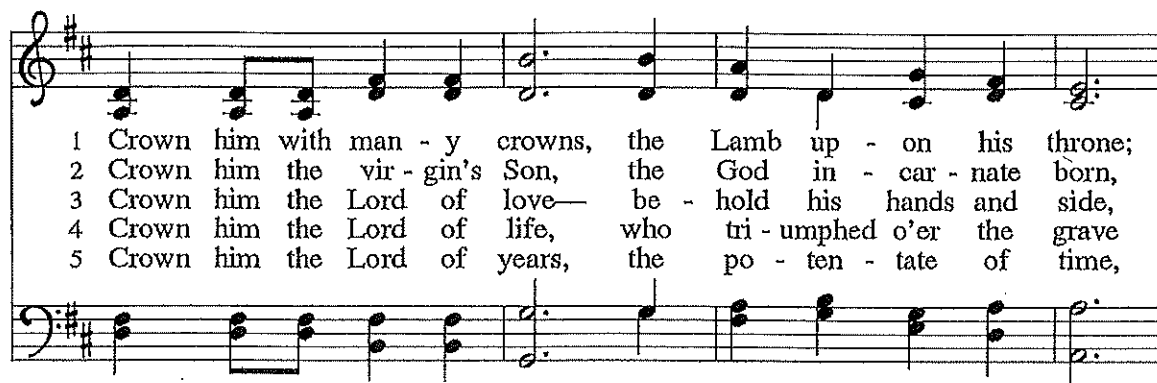
The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
† bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

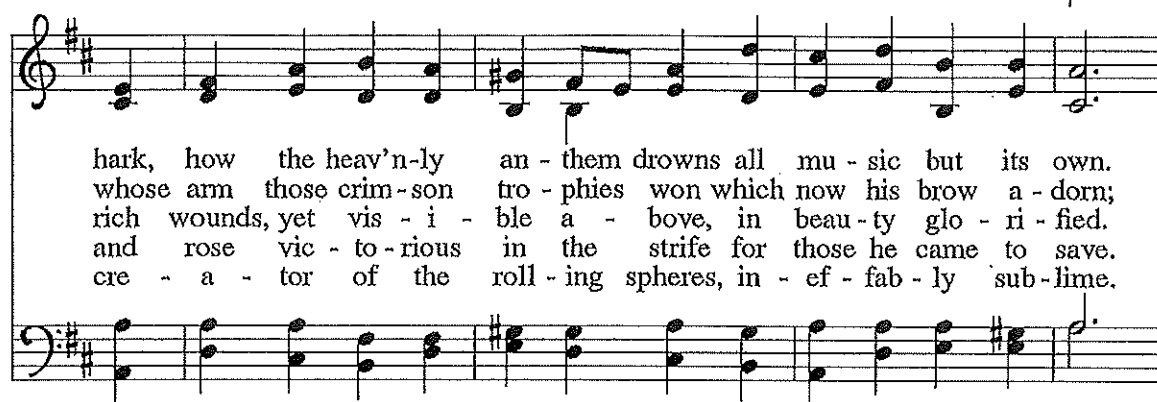
## SENDING SONG:

## Crown Him Many Crowns

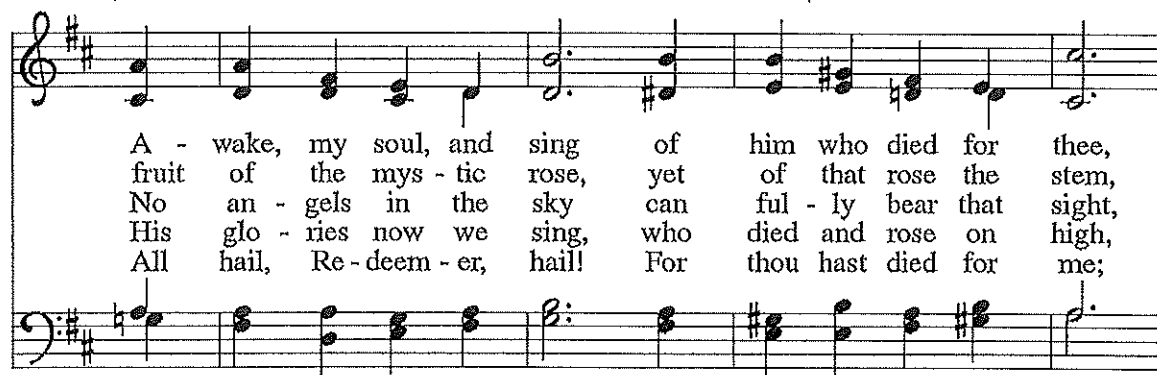
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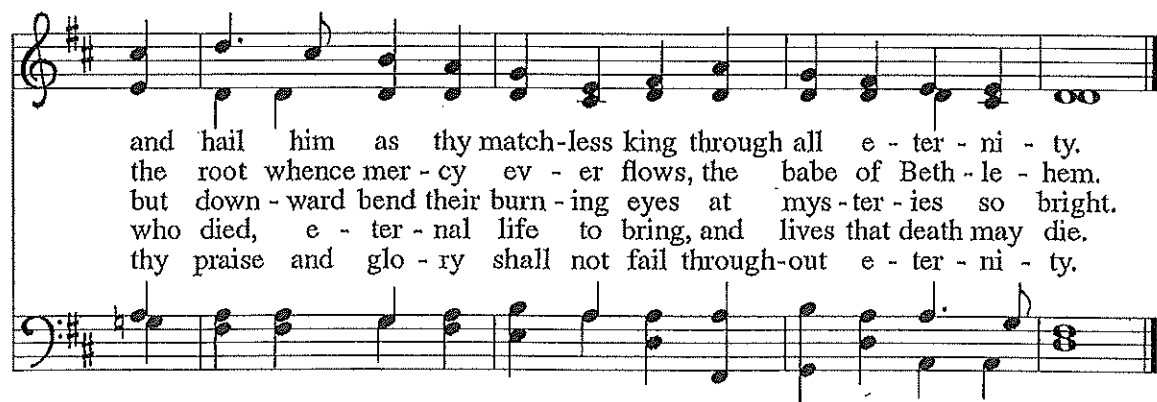
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave,  
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4  
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

## PRAYER REQUESTS

You are invited to write your prayer requests in the Prayer Register located in the narthex.

## ASSISTING IN MINISTRY

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Lectors: 8:30: Deb Heath

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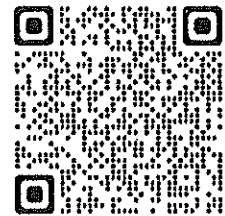
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## WAYS TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING:

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Communion cards may be filled out in paper or electronically with QR code. When you fill this out you can request to receive more information about the activities of the ministries of this church through our weekly newsletter, "Mini Bits".

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## THE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE OF DISCIPLE-FRIENDS

Friend requests are a common feature of Facebook and similar digital platforms. When it comes to social media, “friends” are just a click away. But there is no automatic guarantee of accountability, warmth, relationship, or true belonging in a virtual community. In stark contrast, Jesus invites the disciples to become part of a community where selfless, sacrificial, unconditional *agape* love is the core criterion. The kingdom, or “kin-dom,” of God is present wherever God’s people are affirmed as children of God and siblings in Christ. But Jesus gives his disciples an additional identity: that of “friends.”

In the new status Jesus confers on his disciples, the single most important criterion is love, including the readiness to lay down one’s life for another. Jesus has just taught this lesson by example when he washed the feet of his disciples, including Judas Iscariot. The new commandment to love one another as Jesus loved us summarizes the whole of the gospel mandate. It is not an easy commandment by any human standards, but it is possible because Jesus himself showed us the way and forgives us when we fall short. The status of “disciple-friends” is not a request for the church, but a faith mandate.

How can we live as disciple-friends of Jesus in this world? When we believe, trust, obey, and follow the word, and the new commandment Jesus gave his disciples, a real new community is born. When we learn to embrace the other—those who are marginalized and “othered”—we partner with God in enabling the image of God to blossom to its fullest.

## COMMEMORATIONS

**Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, died around 1416**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2024**

When she was about thirty years old, Julian (or Juliana) reported visions that she later compiled into a book, *Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love*, now a classic of medieval mysticism. The visions declared that love was the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love.

**Victor the Moor, martyr, died 303 (TFF)**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2024**

Also known as Victor Maurus, this native of the northwest African nation of Mauritania was a soldier in the Roman Praetorian Guard. Under the persecution of Maximian, Victor died for his faith at Milan.

**Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, died 1760**

**Thursday, May 9, 2024**

When he was 22, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on Zinzendorf’s land. He agreed, and eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these missions, and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.

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