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## **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 3, 2026**

**10 AM**



As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's Gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds, we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

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## Welcome to worship!

PRELUDE

*Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil*

*Ronald A. Nelson*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

***Please stand and face the baptismal font  
near the entrance of the church.***

***All may make the sign of the cross as Pastor begins:***

P. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P. Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**C. Amen.**

P. Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

***Water is poured into the font as Pastor continues.***

P. Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation:  
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that  
nourish us. Blessed are you.

**C. You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P. Jesus Christ,

you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you  
for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**C. You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P. Holy Spirit,

you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down  
barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**C. You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P. Holy One,

we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us  
a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever.

**C. Amen.**



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set heart and will on  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n - ly



still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;  
 bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song  
 Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -  
 grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives  
 Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
 ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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## GREETING

P. Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

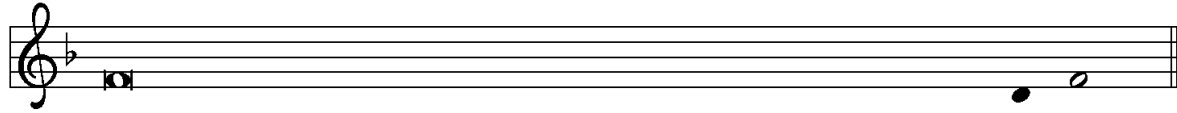
C. The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia

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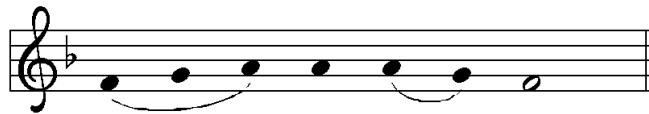
*LBW, Setting 1*



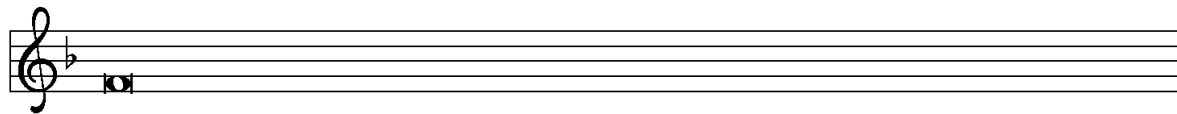
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



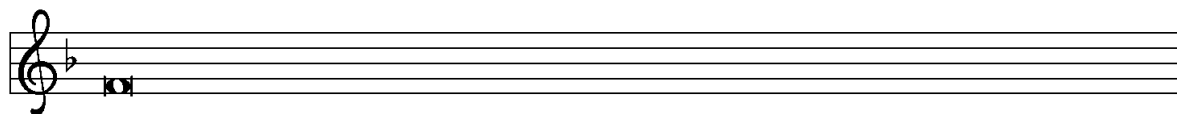
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



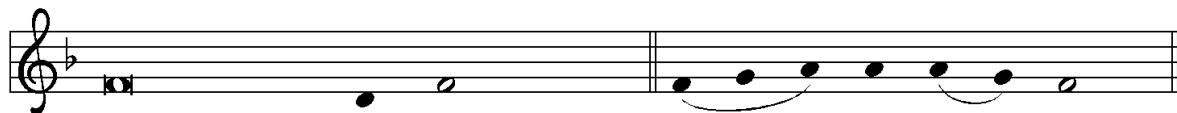
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



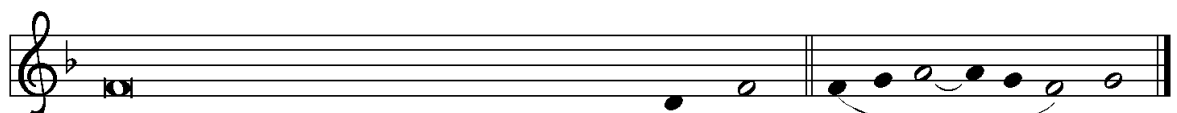
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



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

HYMN OF PRAISE: *This Is the Feast of Victory*

LBW, Setting 1

*Refrain*

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

al - le - lu - ia, 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.

*Refrain*

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

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

*Refrain*

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

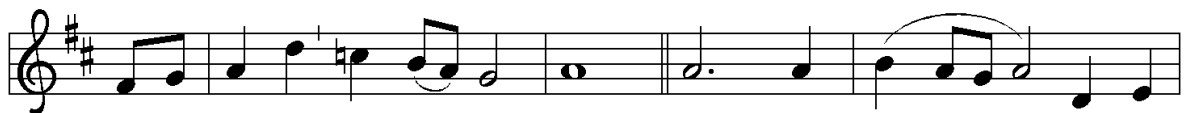


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. The Lord be with you.

C. **And also with you.**

P. Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. **Amen.**

**Please be seated.**

**FIRST READING Acts 7:55-60**

*Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.*

A. A reading from Acts, the seventh chapter.

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

A. The Word of God. The Word of life.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16**

**READ RESPONSIVELY**

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>**Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>**My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love."

**SECOND READING      1 Peter 2:2-10**

*Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.*

A. A reading from First Peter, the second chapter.

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

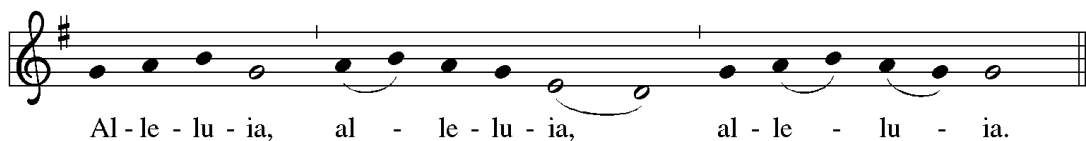
A. The Word of God. The Word of life.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

***Please stand.***

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**WOV 611a**



*Cantor's Verse:* I am the way, the truth, and the life.\*  
No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)

***All repeat the Alleluias.***

**GOSPEL John 14:1-14**

*On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.*

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

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

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

***All repeat the Alleluias.***

***Please be seated.***

**SERMON**

***Pastor Niederer***

***Silence for Meditation***

**Please stand.**

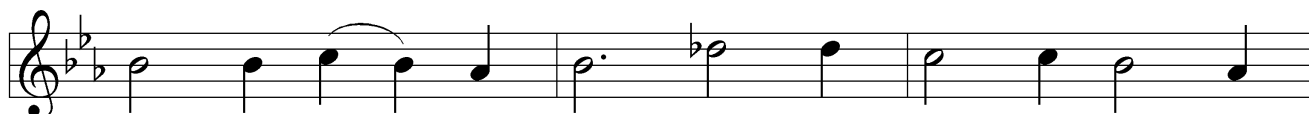
**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Come, My Way My Truth, My Life**

**LBW 513**



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 con - quers death.  
length; such a strength as makes his guest.  
part; such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1593–1633

Music: THE CALL, R. Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958





## **NICENE CREED**

A. Let us confess our faith with Christians throughout the world by using the Nicene Creed.

**C. 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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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 INTERCESSION

*Zulema Suarez*

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

### ***A brief silence.***

God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. We pray for our congregation and partners in ministry here in Teaneck, in the Meadowlands Cluster, the Northern Mission District, the New Jersey Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the wider Christian community, our friends from the Light & Peace Mission in Haiti, Global Refuge, and people of faith everywhere as they live out their callings to serve. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick, including those we pray for in silence and aloud (*pause*). Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P. God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C. Amen.

**PEACE**     ***Stay at your seat as you share a sign of peace.***

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

C. **And also with you.**

**Please be seated.**

**OFFERING**      *Please place your offering in the plate located on the table at the back of the sanctuary before or after Worship.*

*The offering & Communion elements are presented to the altar.*

**Please stand.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**                      ***You Are the Way, the Truth, the Life***                      **LBW 464**



1 You are the way; through you a - lone can we the Fa - ther find;  
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



in you, O Christ, has God re - vealed his heart, his will, his mind!  
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.  
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*; Edinburgh, 1615

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A. Let us pray.

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more.

Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus.

C. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

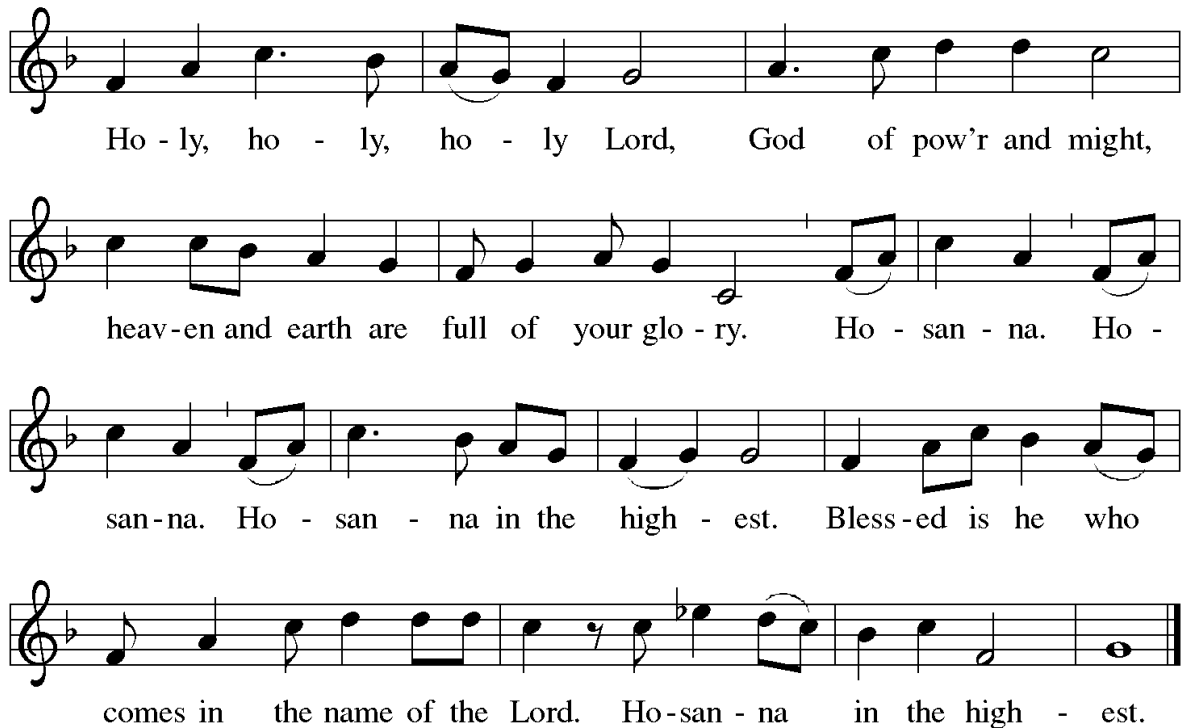
**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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 who is the 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:

## SANCTUS

*LBW, Setting 1*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

*Please kneel or be seated.*

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P. Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, blessed, and 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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.

**C. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C. Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

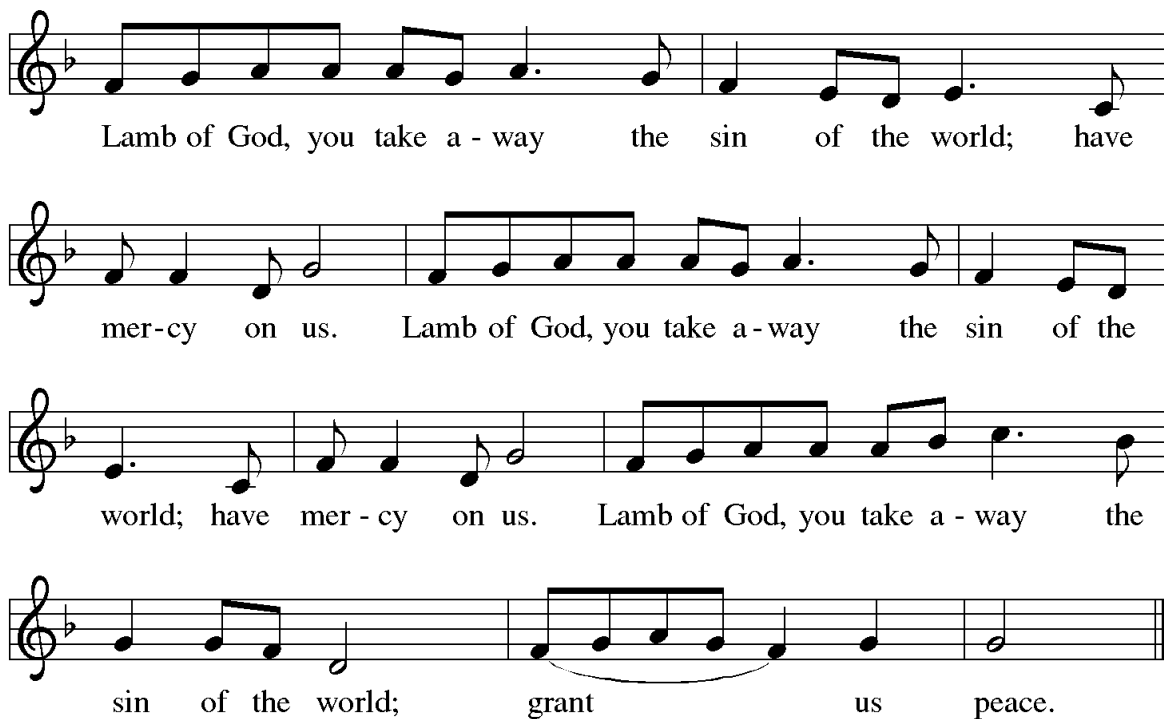
**C. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
Now and forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Come to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord.  
Come to the table where all are welcome.

## AGNUS DEI

*LBW, Setting 1*



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.



## CONTINUOUS COMMUNION

**Please come forward for Communion, beginning with those in the back pews, from alternating sides, leaving adequate space between you and the person in front of you. Masking is optional but recommended as you come forward to receive the wafer & cup until you step away from the communion tray.**

**A tray with individual cups is located in front of each pew section.**

**The center contains purple grape juice.**

**White wine is in the remainder of the tray.**

**After use, please deposit cup in receptacle at the end of pew section.**

Baptized Christians who recognize the presence of Christ in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life, are welcome to receive communion. If you have not yet been baptized or have never before received Holy Communion, you may come forward to receive a blessing. Fold your arms across your chest to let the Pastor know you wish to receive a blessing.

**Please stand.**

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:

P. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C. Amen.

### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 204



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



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



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.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A. Let us pray:

Holy One,

through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C. Amen.

## BLESSING

P. God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus, who is the Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Holy Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand.*

## SENDING HYMN

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*

*LBW 144*



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; bring flow'rs of  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -



tri - umph of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
song to strew his way; let all the world re - joice and say:  
life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
day with one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpus, c. 1570–1615

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## DISMISSAL

A. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A. Go in peace. Tell what God has done. Alleluia!

**C. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

*Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen*

*Ronald A. Nelson*

## OUR SPECIAL THANKS TODAY TO

Donna Maxwell, Greeter

Jack Martinez, Crucifer

Brendan Wilder, Liturgist & Reader

Zulema Suarez, Prayers of Intercession

Lynn Buckingham & Sue Papera, Altar Guild



## Following Mass Today

In the Memorial Room

## Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>



**1:30 PM At Grace; in Memorial Room**



**via zoom**

**Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at Noon**

**“Resurrection Life”**

*Connection link will be emailed*

### **PRAYERS**

**Joan Costello** (Jackie’s mother-in-law & Kaitlin’s & Lindsay’s grandmother); **Dale Lambson, and Family**; **Darla Lambson** (leukemia); **Brad Gohmann** (cancer); **Zulema Suarez** (elbow surgery); Zulema’s family and friends: **Katie** (for improving health) and **Surella Borowski**; **Marc & Bella Yaffe** and **Leslyn Cooke**; **Susan Bethke** (Lynn’s cousin undergoing chemo and other treatment for a brain tumor); **Marion Soohoo** (Will’s Mother-in-law recovering from surgery); Sue Papera’s friends and family: **Arlene Rizzo** (cancer) and Arlene’s family; **Liza & Baby daughter Prizky** (health concerns); **Chris Palmer** (health concerns); **Caleb** (mental health issues); **Jenny L.** (health issues); **Carol Mulvaney** (breast cancer); **Michael Mulvaney** (prostate cancer); **Edward Foley** (back surgery); **Janet Thalmann**; **Paul Thalmann**; **Beverly Philip** (severe dementia), **Kathy O’Brien**, **Bert Maltz** (health concerns), **Michele Rusciano**; **Al & Mark Crovatto**; **Anita Bontekoe** (health concerns), **Hana Kim** (health concerns); **Ben Bontekoe** (health concerns); **Fred Lewis** (health concerns); **Mary Ellen’s family and friends**: **Susan Beever**; **Dominick Capalba** (6 year old with brain cancer); **Patty Fitzgerald** (terminal lung cancer); Kay Roseen’s family: **Jessica and Casey O’Neil** (Kay Roseen’s daughter and son-in-law who work for the State Department); **Marcia & Chuck Hendron** (Kay’s parents – memory care); **John Steffen** (Lorli’s brother with health concerns); **Tammy** (Lorli’s niece with an immune disorder); **Gisela N.** (Lorli’s friend with bladder cancer); **Erika Ilgenfritz** (health concerns); **James Ilgenfritz** (Erika’s son); **Chris Niederer** (Pastor’s son with immune system disorder); **Eric Niederer** (Pastor’s son with a chronic condition); **Nancy Barbee** (Pastor’s friend with lung cancer); **Dennis Keohane** (Catherine’s uncle); **Willi Harper’s Aunt Kelly** (health concerns); **Donna Maxwell** (recovering from hip surgery); **Jim and James Mingo**, **Kristen Zelinski**, and **Jimmy Jamieson** (Donna M’s Family Members); **Rick Gentile Storero** (health concerns); (baby) **Chris** (Ruth DiCicco’s daughter) & **Bob Wheeler**; **Jeanne H.** (Lorli’s sister with health issues); **Krystyna Kirsch**; **Alison (Ali) Krasnow & Family**; Christians under persecution and all experiencing violence, captivity, injustices, and war; organizations and individuals who are providing resources, care, and relief for those in need: front line workers, medical researchers, health care workers, and firefighters; and all affected by natural disasters and wildfires.

**Peter McCann**, former Council President and church leader, has entered the church triumphant. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord. Let your perpetual light shine upon him. We give thanks for his life among us during our pilgrimage on earth. Sincere sympathy and prayers are offered to his family and friends.

**Let Lynn or Pastor know of any changes needed in the prayer list.**



## **COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK**

### **Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387**

**Monday, May 4, 2026**

Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.

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

**Friday, May 8, 2026**

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)**

**Friday, May 8, 2026**

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**

**Saturday, May 9, 2026**

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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