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**Day of Pentecost**

Messiah Lutheran Church

Amherst, NH



## PRELUDE

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## WORDS OF WELCOME

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

One: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**All: Amen.**

One: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

One: Gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us.  
We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.  
The cravings at war within us  
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first  
we make distinctions among ourselves.  
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.  
In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.  
Draw near to us with grace in time of need,  
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

One: God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.  
By grace you have been saved.  
In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ,  
the source of eternal healing,  
your sins are forgiven.

**All: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

ELW 627 O Day Full of Grace

1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the  
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the  
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new  
 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for

earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may  
 earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -  
 cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the  
 life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be  
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -

be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
 lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all  
 stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
 lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the  
 glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will

now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
 mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.  
 gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
 mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.  
 join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

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One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

## KYRIE

*Assistant:* In peace, in peace,

### Refrain

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have  
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*to Verses*

Detailed description: The musical notation is on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The Assistant's part (measures 1-4) is marked with a fermata over the first measure. The Congregation's part (measures 5-8) begins with a fermata over the first measure. The lyrics are: "Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy." The word "mer" is hyphenated across two notes. The piece ends with a double bar line and the instruction "to Verses".

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*

God. A - men.

Detailed description: The Assistant's part (measures 1-4) is on a single staff in G major and 2/4 time. The lyrics are: "Help, save and de - fend us, O". The word "de" is hyphenated across two notes. The Congregation's part (measures 5-8) is on a single staff in G major and 2/4 time. The lyrics are: "God. A - men." The word "A" is hyphenated across two notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

# GLORY TO GOD

Refrain (may be sung continuously):

*Congregation:*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 1:

*(Refrain begins)*



You are God; we praise you. You are



Lord; we ac - claim you. You are God e - ter - nal;



all cre - a - tion wor - ships you.

Refrain

*Congregation:*




Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and




peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 2:


*(Refrain begins)*



All the an - gels in the heav - ens chant your




praise in end - less song! Ho - ly, ho - ly,




ho - ly, God of pow - er and might. *To refrain*

Refrain

*Congregation:*




Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and




peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 3:

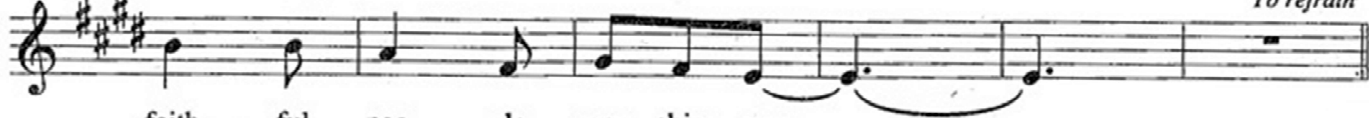
*(Refrain begins)*



The a - pos - tles all praise you. All the



proph - ets ac - claim you. All the mar - tyrs and your



faith - ful peo - ple wor - ship you. *To refrain*

Refrain

*Congregation:*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 4:

*(Refrain begins)*

God, Cre - a - tor, we praise you.  
Je - sus the Christ, we a - dore you. Spir - it of the  
Liv - ing God, we wor - ship you. *To refrain*

Refrain

*Congregation:*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



## FIRST LESSON, NRSVUE

One: A reading from the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of Numbers:

<sup>24</sup> Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup> Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup> Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup> And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup> And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" <sup>29</sup> But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" <sup>30</sup> And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b (sung)

MLC Psalm tone  
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MLC Psalm Tone IV



- 24 How manifold are your | works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your  
creatures.
- 25 **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,  
living things both | small and great.**
- 26 There go the ships | to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.
- 27 **All of them | look to you  
to give them their food | in due season.**
- 28 You give it to them; they | gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.
- 29 **When you hide your face, | they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**
- 30 You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;  
and so you renew the face | of the earth.
- 31 **May the glory of the Lord en- | dure forever;  
O Lord, rejoice in | all your works.**
- 32 You look at the earth | and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.
- 33 **I will sing to the Lord as long | as I live;  
I will praise my God while I | have my being.**
- 34 May these words of | mine please God.  
I will rejoice | in the Lord.
- 35b **Bless the Lord, | O my soul.  
Hal- | lelujah!**

## SECOND LESSON, NRSVUE

One: A reading from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Acts:

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL VERSE

*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!

*Repeat optional*

One: The Holy Gospel according to John the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

One: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

*Refrain*

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing;  
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

*Refrain*

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## **CREED**

One: Together we confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**All: 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,  
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.**

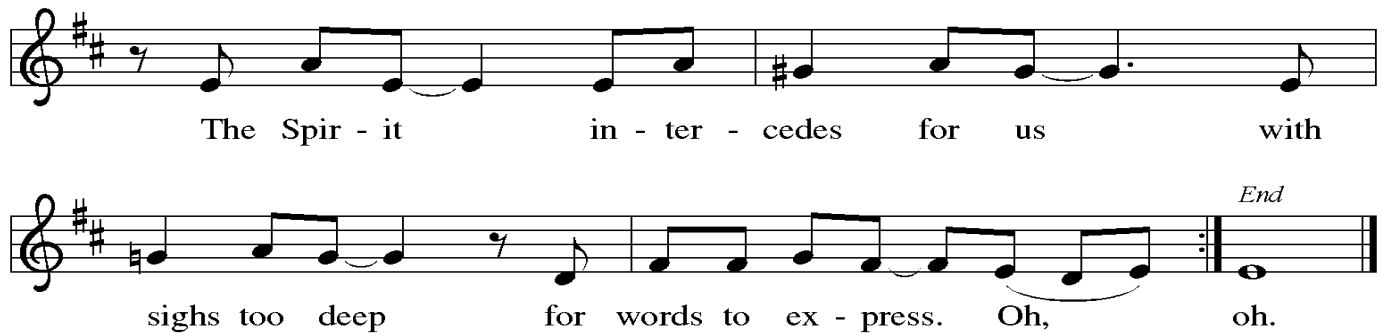
## PRAYERS

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.*

O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue.

...Come Holy Spirit... (sung refrain)



The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with  
sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

*End*

The image shows two lines of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line contains the melody for the words "The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with". The second line contains the melody for "sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh." and ends with a double bar line and the word "End".

You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made.

... Come Holy Spirit... (sung refrain)

You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country.

...Come Holy Spirit... (sung refrain)

You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name (*especially*) Ed Costa, Norm and Polly Cote, Deloris Jay, Carol Clark, Elia Herlinda Soteldo Cuica, Kayann Laughlin, Timothy Alexander, The Wurst Family, Shelly Stama, Eric Ball, Marc Bouchard, Jeffery Lindenberg, Jim Bellig, Diane Hazel, Phil Stinnett, Susan Poutre, Krista Seckinger, Carly King, Christine Covell, the Demello family, John Minnick, Barbara Scholz, Phil Nurmi, Pamela English, John and Lynn, Angela Hester, Parker Watkins, Jean, Quinnley Mae Turner, and Murphy.

...Come Holy Spirit... (sung refrain)

You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place such as ELCA World Hunger and our local food pantries including Share, bless the efforts of AMMPARO, the ELCA congregations of the New Hampshire conference, Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran Disaster Response, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire, Border Servant Corps, His mansion.

...Come Holy Spirit... (sung refrain)

You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises.

...Come Holy Spirit... (sung refrain)

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith (*especially scientists Nicolaus Copernicus and Leonard Euler*) whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives.

...Come Holy Spirit... (sung refrain)

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...

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

# AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

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.

## Verses

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  
*to Refrain*  
may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

One: Let us pray:

Merciful God,

**All: everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**



It is our duty and delight, that we should everywhere and always offer thanks praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ and the Spirit whom you poured out upon the Church and your people: and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Congregation:*

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!

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 1

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Presider, and the second and third staves are for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come, come a - gain. Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come, come a - gain."

*Presider:*  
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will

*Congregation:*  
come, come a - gain. Christ has died. Christ is

ris - en. Christ will come, come a - gain.

You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God, creator of heaven and earth; everything, everywhere is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for the promise you gave to our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, that through their descendants you would bless the whole family on earth.

We give you thanks for the steadfast love you showed to their offspring: You delivered them from Egypt, bound yourself to them in covenant, sent them liberators and prophets, brought them home from exile.

When the time have fully come, you kept your promise by sending Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice and peace. He was obedient to death, even death on a cross.

We remember how on the night of his betrayal 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.

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.

Remembering his command that we love one another, his life and death, and his glorious resurrection and ascension we pray for his coming again even as we cry:

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 2

*Presider:*  
A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A -

*Congregation:*  
men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord  
Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Presider, the second for the Congregation, and the third is a continuation of the Congregation's part. The lyrics are: "A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A -" for the Presider; "men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus." for the Congregation.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation. Empower us by that same Spirit, to love and forgive that our lives may anticipate that day when you will make all things new.

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 3

*Presider:*  
A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A -

*Congregation:*  
men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly  
Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Presider, the second for the Congregation, and the third is a continuation of the Congregation's part. The lyrics are: "A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A -" for the Presider; "men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it." for the Congregation.

Gather our prayers with those of the apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the faithful who have gone before us, and unite them with the unceasing prayer of the One who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ.

## THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

*Congregation:*

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 6/8 time. It consists of four lines of music. The lyrics are: 'Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, O God, now and for ev - er. A men.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end of the fourth line.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the  
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is  
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.  
A men.

One: Together we pray the prayer our Lord taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as 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.**

# LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*      *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God,      you take a - way the sin of the  
 \* you break the chains of ha - tred and  
 you are the way of jus - tice and  
 you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*

world:      have mer - cy on us,      mer - cy on us,  
 fear:  
 peace:  
 love:

*Final time Cong. or assistant:*

mer - cy on us.      Lamb of God,      you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of the world:      grant us peace,

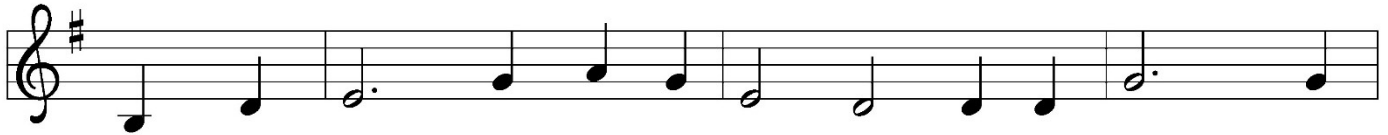
grant us peace,      grant us peace.

*\*At the repeat, one or more of these verses may be sung, or one of the seasonal verses which follow.*

*Pentecost:*      You pour your Holy Spirit on us:

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 470 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

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*After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words:*

*Presider:* May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and for ever.

*Congregation:* Amen.

## THANKS BE TO YOU

*Congregation:*



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -  
mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for  
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

One: Most gracious and generous God, you open your hand and feed those who hunger. Grant us faith to trust your wise providing, courage to share our bread, and grace to pour out our lives in service to others as Christ poured himself out to us.

All: Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

One: Receive a blessing from the Lord:

May God bless us and keep us.

May God's face shine on us and be gracious

May God look on us with favor and ✠ give us peace.

All: **Amen.**

## SENDING

ACS 980

Come, Holy Spirit, Descend

\*Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, de - scend on us, de -

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the top staff.

scend on us. We gath - er here in Je - sus'

The second system of music continues the melody from the first system. It features a long note in the top staff that spans across the measure, indicating a sustained sound. The lyrics continue below the top staff.

name. (hm)

The third system of music concludes the piece. It features a final cadence with a double bar line. The lyrics 'name.' and '(hm)' are written below the top staff. There are decorative symbols (circles with dots) above and below the staves.

### *\*Additional verses ad lib:*

Come, Breath of heaven, . . .

Come, Word of mercy, . . .

Come, Fire of judgment, . . .

Come, great Creator, . . .

Come to unite us, . . .

Come to disturb us, . . .

Come to inspire us, . . .

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: BREATH OF HEAVEN, John L. Bell

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## DISMISSAL

One: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

**Jon Abrams**

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Dakota Road Music provided the prayer response. ("The Spirit Intercedes for Us")

### **Announcements:**

**We will be collecting food for SHARE** the items for **May**: Canned Ham, Canned Meats/tuna/chicken, Mac and Cheese, Pasta (all sorts), Progresso, and Chunky Soups

**Special Offering:** Our focus for April-June will be ELCA World Hunger. We can take advantage of matching our money through a \$50K match available now through Pentecost, May 24.

**Our next Family Promise Meal is Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**

**As part of our ongoing BHAG efforts**, we serve a meal at Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire. We plan on serving [Italian Sausage Bake](#), vegetable of your choice, and ice cream dessert for the residents at the former Infant Jesus School on 3 Crown Street in Nashua. *You can participate by:*

- **Baking and bringing food to church by Monday, June 1st at 4:00 pm.** Sign-up in the Narthex and you can find the recipe in the Narthex.
- **Heat and serve the meal (4:45 - 7:15 pm).** We are looking for 3-5 people to come to Nashua to the Infant Jesus School.

**Please plan to pick up a letter** addressed to you / your family at church this Sunday, **May 24**, detailing a meeting at church on **June 7th**. We will be having discussion, prayer and thinking through next steps of our Funding Forward efforts. We hope and pray you will be able to join us in person. If not, we will have Zoom access as well. If you don't pick up the letter we will mail it to you first class. Please be on the lookout for this letter at church or in your mailbox.

**Jon and Karl would like to** convene a group of people to work through the liturgies that will be happening while Karl is out on sabbatical (both familiar from the **Green Book** (LBW) days and still part of the **Cranberry Hymnal** (ELW) days). The idea is that we would gather **May 27th** at 7:30 and walk through the service (in terms of who does what where and sing the music together). The hope is that as many of you as could would come and join us. It would be great to bolster our numbers of assisting ministers in general and particularly for the upcoming sabbatical (July 1 - October 5).

**We have been invited** to participate in Church of Our Saviour's commemoration of Juneteenth on **June 20th at 5:00 PM**. There will be readings, prayer and songs. It will be held in the sanctuary at COOS. There will be food served after the service. If you would like to be part of the combined choir as part of this event please talk to Karl or Jon for further details.

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