

# Sundays of Easter and Day of Pentecost

## Messiah Lutheran Church



**PRELUDE**      **Spirit of Gentleness**  
                    **Jon Abrams**

**WELCOME**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*The congregation stands and faces the font*

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

**All:            Amen.**

One:            Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
                    we are welcomed, restored, and supported  
                    as citizens of the new creation.  
                    Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.  
                    Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty,  
                    you are the river of life,  
                    you are the everlasting wellspring.  
                    In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
                    and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.  
                    In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
                    and in them we are born anew.

*water is poured into the font*

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

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

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

**All:            Amen.**

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.

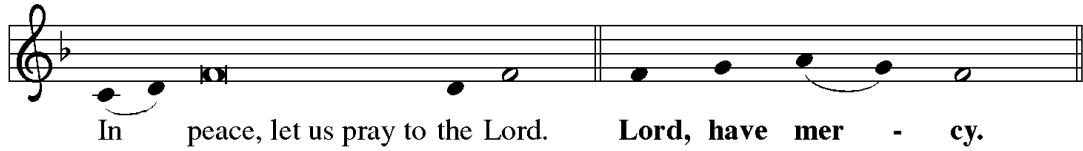
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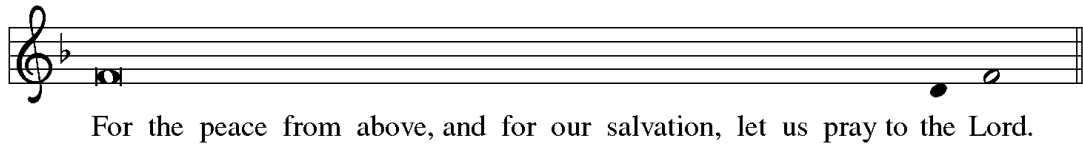
One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

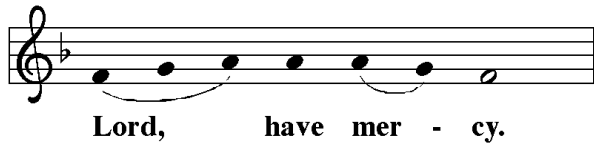
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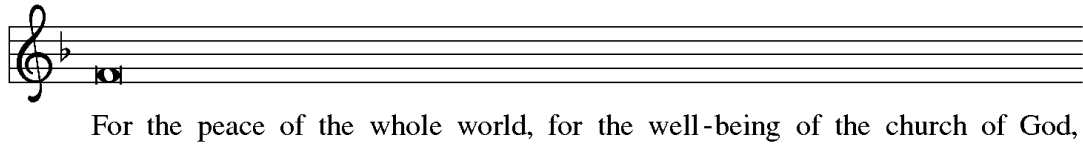
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



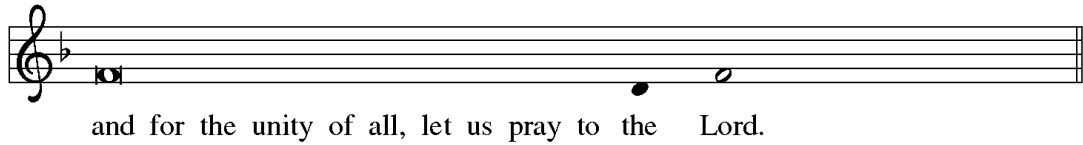
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



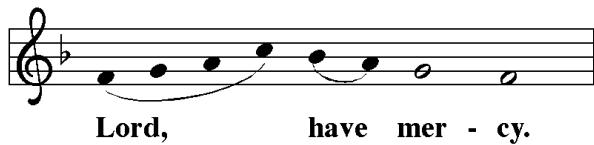
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



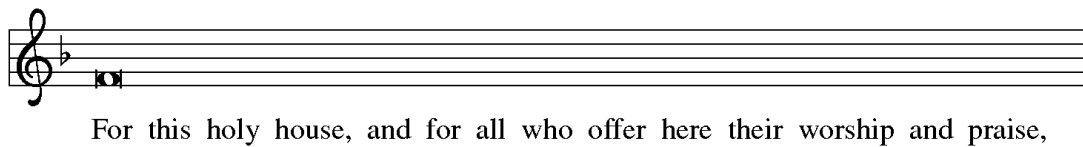
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



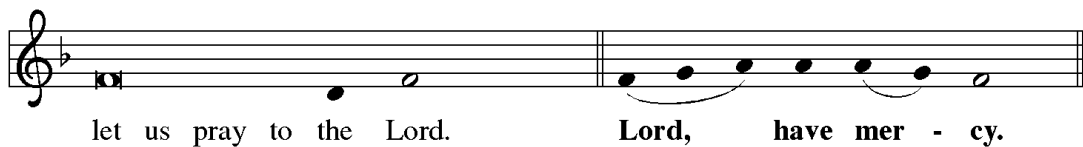
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



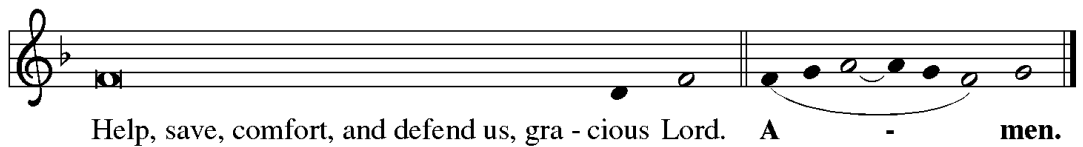
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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.**

# THIS IS THE FEAST


*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

One: Let us pray... *a brief silence*

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **All: Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

One: A reading from Acts the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter:

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>22</sup>You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — <sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,  
 for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
 moreover my flesh will live in hope.  
<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

<sup>29</sup>Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

<sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

One:           Word of God, word of life.       **All: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALMODY (spoken or chanted Psalm 16)**

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**<sup>2</sup>All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**<sup>4</sup>I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

**<sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

**<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the | path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- |  
evermore.

## SECOND LESSON

One: A reading from 1 Peter 1<sup>st</sup> chapter:

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

One: Word of God, word of life. **All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL VERSE

please rise for the gospel acclamation

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





## NICENE 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 and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray:

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need especially for those who hunger and thirst in any way...

*A brief silence.*

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you.

One: Lord in your mercy... **All: hear our prayer.**

Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. Renew the face of the earth.

One: Lord in your mercy... **All: hear our prayer.**

Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. Please shelter Maribel, Monse and Santiago and all who are pursuing safety and shelter.

One: Lord in your mercy... **All: hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort (*especially*) Al DeMello, Claudette Briere, Christine Glass, Dave Covell, DelRe family, Ed Costa, George Waghorn, Jeanette Renna, Kate, Kim and Steve Kasmar, Krista Seckinger, Norm and Polly Cote, Rita, and all students preparing for graduation and wherever their lives will go next.

One: Lord in your mercy... **All: hear our prayer.**

Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community (*especially*) AMMPARO, the ELCA congregations of the New Hampshire conference, Habitat for Humanity, Share, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire, Benji's Closet and others. Nourish us so we can nourish our neighbors and help us be open and gracious towards new partnership opportunities in Southern New Hampshire.

One: Lord in your mercy... **All: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you (*especially*). As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. There is no greater love than when one lays down their life for a friend. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more.

One: Lord in your mercy... **All: hear our prayer.**

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

## PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

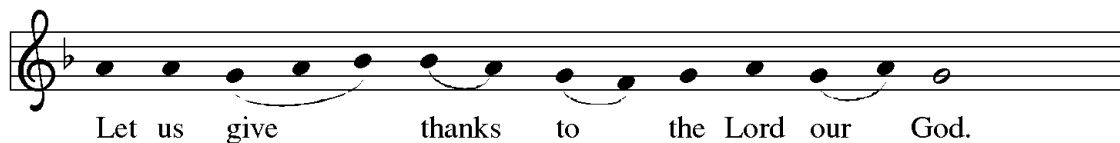
## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

### OFFERING PRAYER

One: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

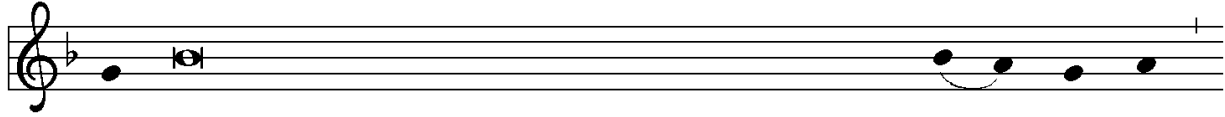
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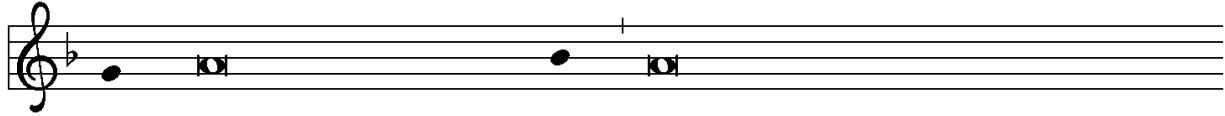
For Sundays of Easter



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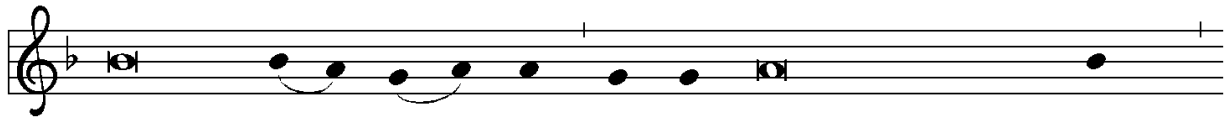
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection



of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself



to take a - way our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,



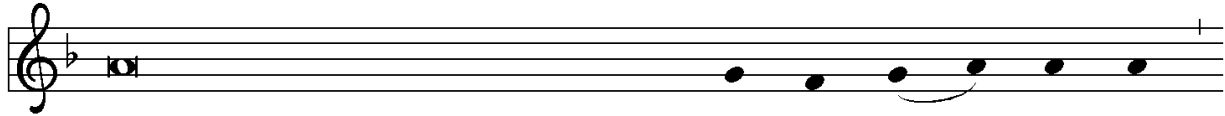
and in ris - ing has brought us to e - ter - nal life.



And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the



res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,



and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,

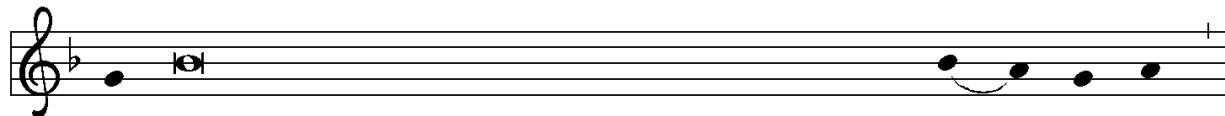


we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

For Pentecost Day



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



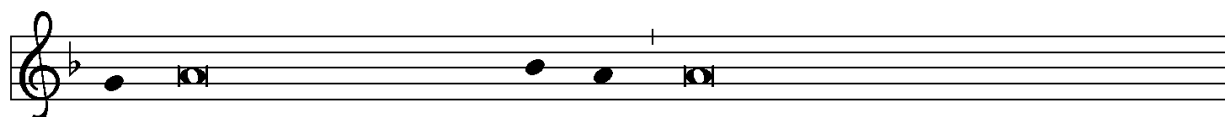
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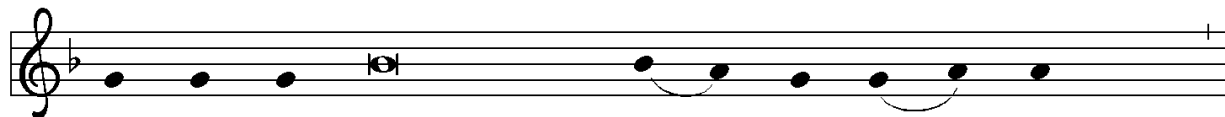
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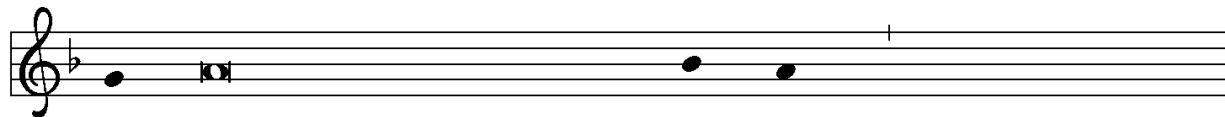
you pour out the fire of your Spir - it, uniting in one body people of ev'ry



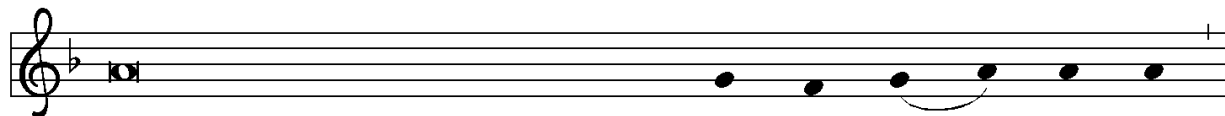
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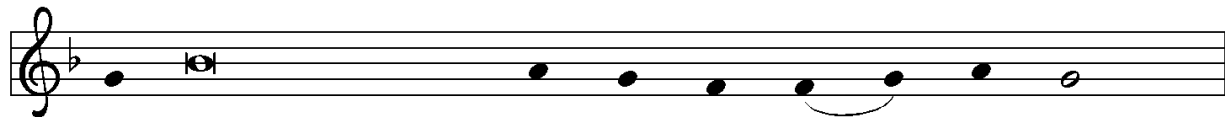
and all the witnesses of the res - ur - rec - tion



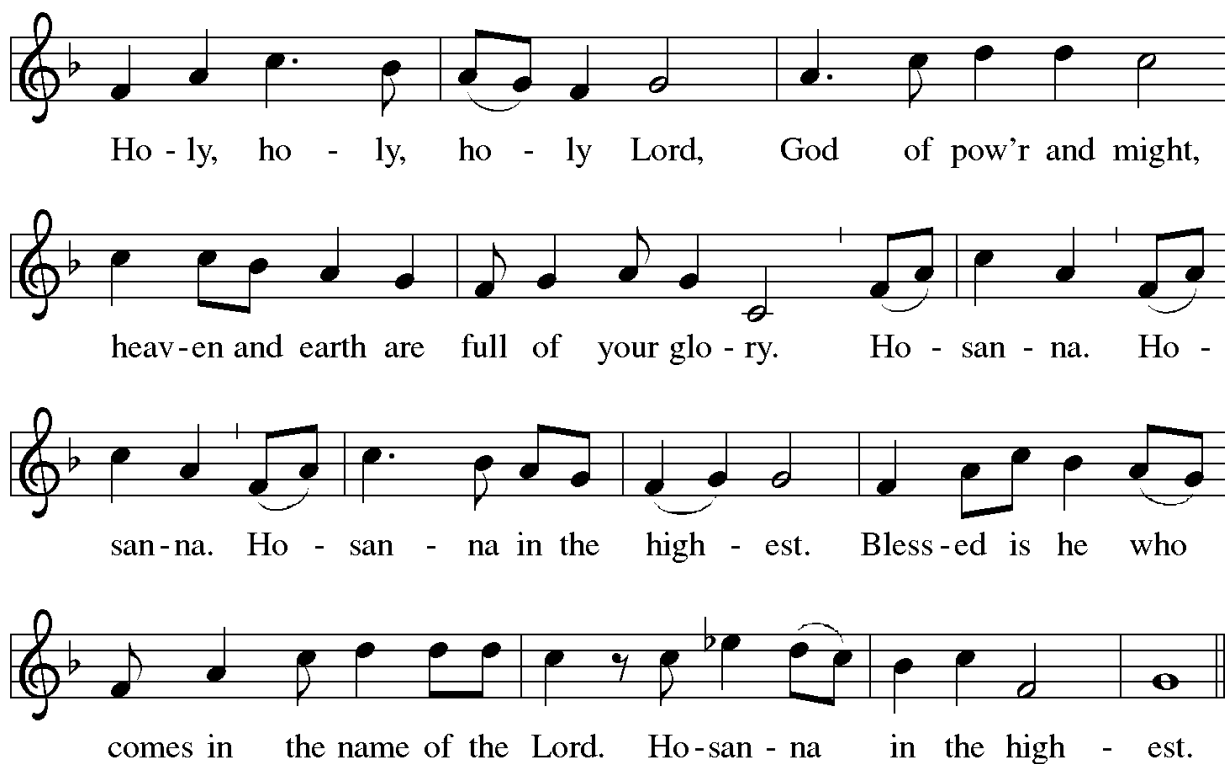
with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,



and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:



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.

One: 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, 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.

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

**All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

One: 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.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit.**

One: 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.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit.**

One: 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.

**All: Amen.**

One: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**All: 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.**

One: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready

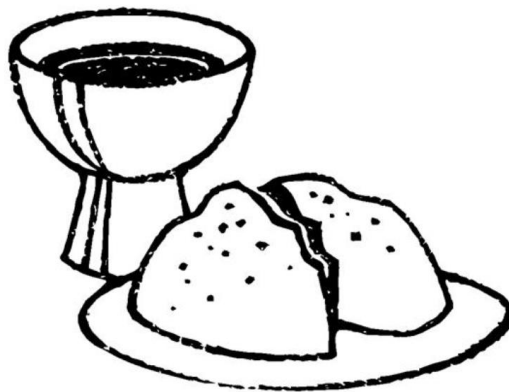
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All who wish to receive Holy Communion are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come up the center aisle and receive the bread (if you need gluten-free please let the server know).

The proceed to the assisting minister who will serve the wine or grape juice (wine is in the outer rings on the tray and grape juice is in the inner rings).

If you do not wish to receive Communion but would rather receive a blessing please indicate that to the server.

As you return to your seat on the side aisle please put the used cup in the basket.



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.



Words and Music by  
Daniel Iverson

♩ = 80 CHORUS

F B♭<sup>6</sup> D/A Gm F/C C<sup>7</sup> F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

5 B♭<sup>6</sup> D/A Gm F/C B♭/C C<sup>7</sup> F B♭

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Melt me,

10 F G<sup>7</sup>/F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup>

mold me, fill me, use me.

13 F B♭<sup>6</sup> D/A Gm F/C B♭/C C<sup>7</sup> F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

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**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

One: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and ✠ keep you in his grace.

All: Amen

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray, we thank you God that you make us into that which we eat—the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. Use us to be his hands and feet in this world that you so loved.

**All: Amen.**

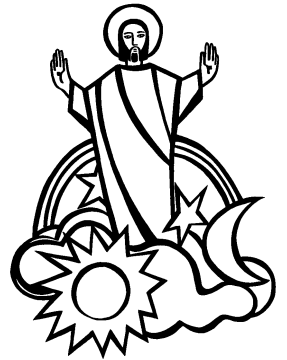
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

One: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **All: Amen.**

One: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

One: The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever. **All: Amen.**



*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*

One: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE O Day Full of Grace**

**Jon Abrams**

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