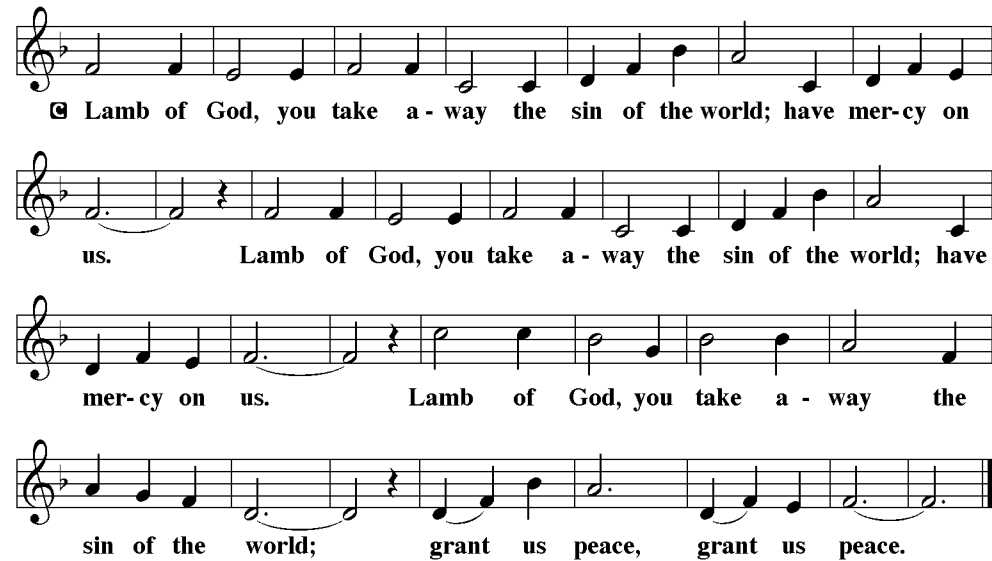


## COMMUNION HYMN



## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

## BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG *Bind Us Together* (WOV 748)

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**  
In the name of ☩ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless  
love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

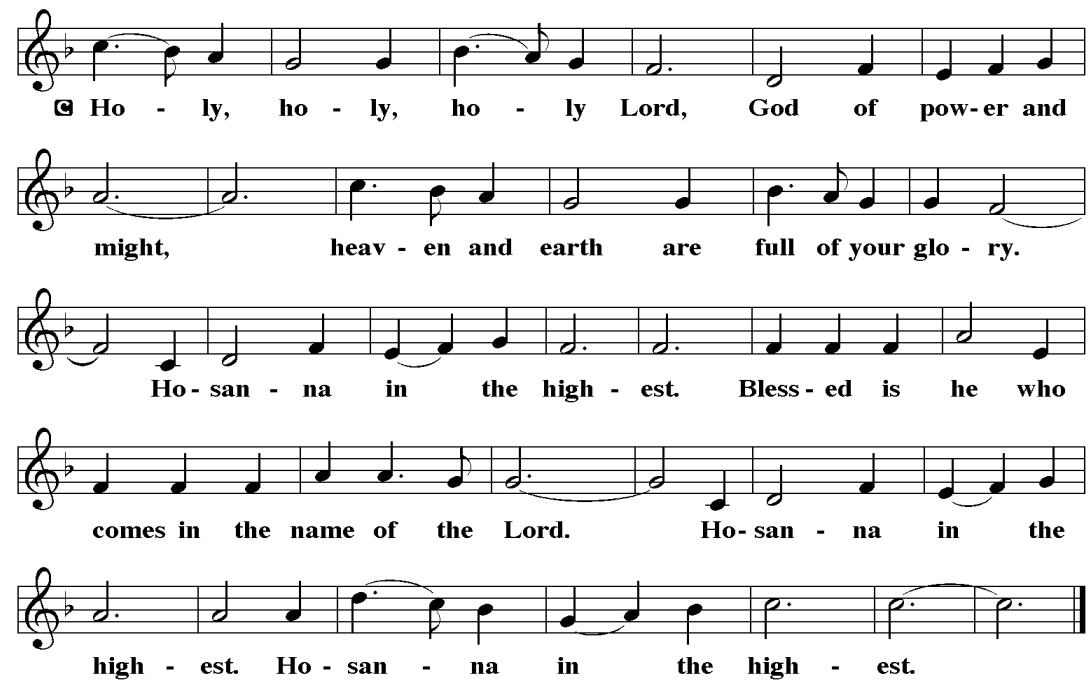
We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new  
path, rejoicing in the Spirit’s power.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and  
Risen One. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN *Now the Green Blade Rises* (ELW 379)

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

**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.**

**COMMUNION**  
Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we  
of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,  
you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.  
Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that  
we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

PREFACE

GREETING

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

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:  
Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Christ, have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:  
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

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HYMN OF PRAISE

  
☐ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
  
glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.  
  
☐ Lord God, heav- en - ly king, al- migh- ty God and Fa- ther, we  
  
wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
  
☐ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
  
glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.  
  
☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
  
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
  
right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.

Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness. Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For what else do the people of God pray?

We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love. Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you. Peace be with you.**

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to John , the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”  
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S / COMMUNITY TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - *THEY WILL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS* (INSERT)

**CREED**  
I believe in the God of Easter morning who awakes us from our darkest dreams and leads us into the light of a new day, who meets our pessimism with stunning hope of angelic proclamation. I believe in the God of Easter Day who beats us to the obstacles in our lives and empties the dark tomb for us; who appears in surprising ways when we least expect it; walking with us on our detours. I believe in the God of Easter evening who breaks into our closets and prisons, bringing peace and crushing our fear.  
I believe in the risen Lord who meets us with wounds on his hands and feet; who grants us his spirit, sending us out to bring Shalom to the world. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.  
Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

HYMN OF PRAISE CONTINUED...

Musical score for the hymn "They Will Know We Are Christians". The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of 10 staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God in the high - est; glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth. For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a- lone are the Lord, you a- lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir- it, in the glo- ry of God the Fa- ther, A - men. Glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God in the high - est; glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Let us pray.  
**O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18**

A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup> Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup> But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.” The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 148**

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights.  
<sup>2</sup> **Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.**  
<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.  
<sup>4</sup> **Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**  
<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD; for he commanded, and they were created.  
<sup>6</sup> **He made them stand fast forever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**  
<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;  
<sup>8</sup> **fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;**  
<sup>9</sup> mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

- <sup>10</sup> **wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;**  
<sup>11</sup> kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;  
<sup>12</sup> **young men and maidens, old and young together.**  
<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup> **He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6**

A reading from Revelation.

<sup>1</sup> I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;  
<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”  
<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”  
Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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