

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the
world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of all,
who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.
Amen.

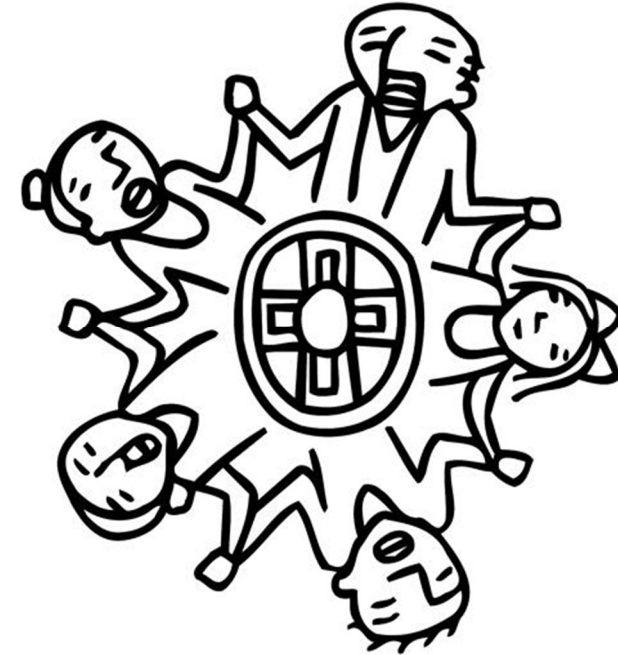
SENDING HYMN *What a Friend We Have in Jesus (ELW 742)*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
We will with the help of the Spirit.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN *We Are Called* (ELW 720)

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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Amen.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen**

COMMUNION HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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, 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

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of
vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14 A reading from Acts.

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

¹Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.

²Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens;

OFFERING

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.

Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;
Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;
It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,
where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;
where there is dark - ness, on - ly light;
in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.

3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so
much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be
un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be
loved as to love with all my soul.

ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new employment, and accompany us in our prayers during these times. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For what else do the people of God pray?

O God, your promise of eternal life is certain and sure. Inspire us by the steadfast faith of those who have gone before us, so that we may be confident in the assurances you give. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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

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

YAHWEH is his name, rejoice before him!

⁵Father of orphans, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation!

⁶**God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸**the earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

⁹You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; you refreshed the land when it was weary.

¹⁰**Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

³⁴**He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**

³⁵Ascribe power to God; his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

³⁵**How wonderful is God in his holy places, the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from 1 Peter.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.

¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – ANGUS DEI (song from Easter service)

Alleluia, Alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia, Alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia, Holy, Holy, are, you Lord God, Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb
You are Holy, Holy, are you Lord God, Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb, Amen

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17 chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

COMMUNITY/CHILDREN’S TIME & SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Although I Speak with Angel’s Tongue* (ELW 644)

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

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, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire
musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather, nurture plants and
animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you have made.
Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your justice is exercised in society by those in authority. Instill in political leaders,
business leaders, school administrators, and all who care for others a desire for peace and
equity. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe
the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and
their families, and heal the sick. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.