



May 7, 2023

5th Sunday of Easter



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Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 50 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion and commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;
however please know a nursery space is available for
parents who need to tend to their little ones**

Introduction

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.

Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All Amen.

P Let us come into the light,
the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection

God of grace and glory,

All you have brought us through the night of sin
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.

Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.

Make us alive in Christ, O God.

Make us new as you make all things new.

**Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace,
and restore us to living in your holiness,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!

The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds,
washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen,
casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride.

Jesus Christ loves you and ✝ frees you from your sins by his blood.
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

All Amen.

Opening Song

The Heart Of Worship

Words and Music by
Matt Redman



1 When the mu - sic _____ fades, _____ all is stripped a - way, _____
2 King of end - less _____ worth, _____ no one could ex - press _____



_____ and I sim - ply _____ come; _____ Long - ing just to _____ bring _____
_____ how much You de - serve. _____ Though I'm weak and _____ poor, _____



_____ some - thing that's of worth _____ that will bless Your _____ heart. _____
_____ all I have is Yours, _____ ev - 'ry sin - gle _____ breath. _____



I'll bring You more than a song, _____ for a song in it - self _____



is not what You have re - quired. _____ You search much deep - er with - in _____



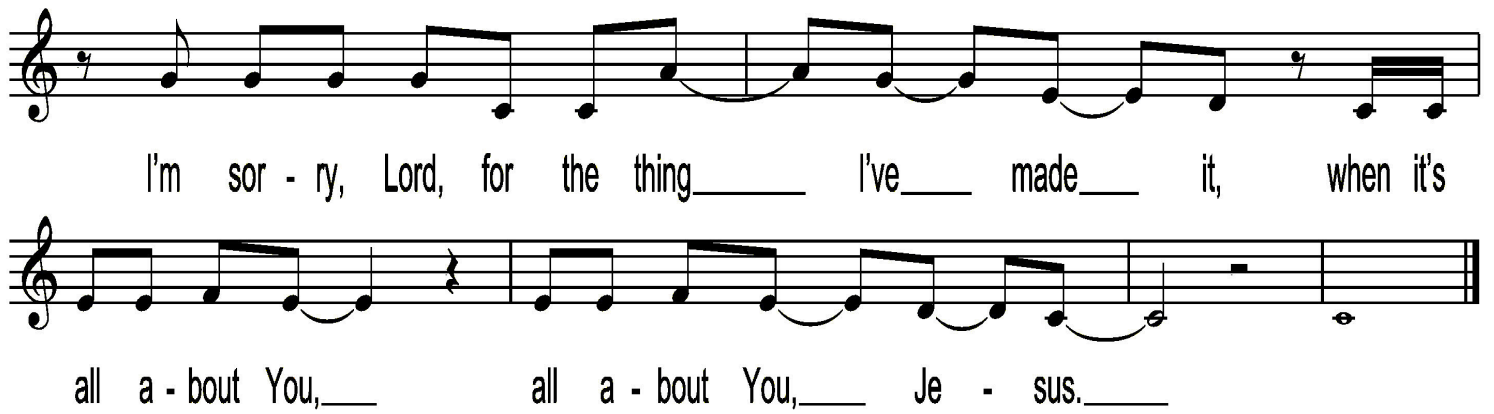
_____ through the way things ap - pear; _____ You're look - ing in - to my heart. _____



I'm com - ing back to the heart _____ of _____ wor - ship, and it's _____



all a - bout You, _____ all a - bout You, _____ Je - sus. _____



I'm sor - ry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, when it's
all a - bout You, all a - bout You, Je - sus.

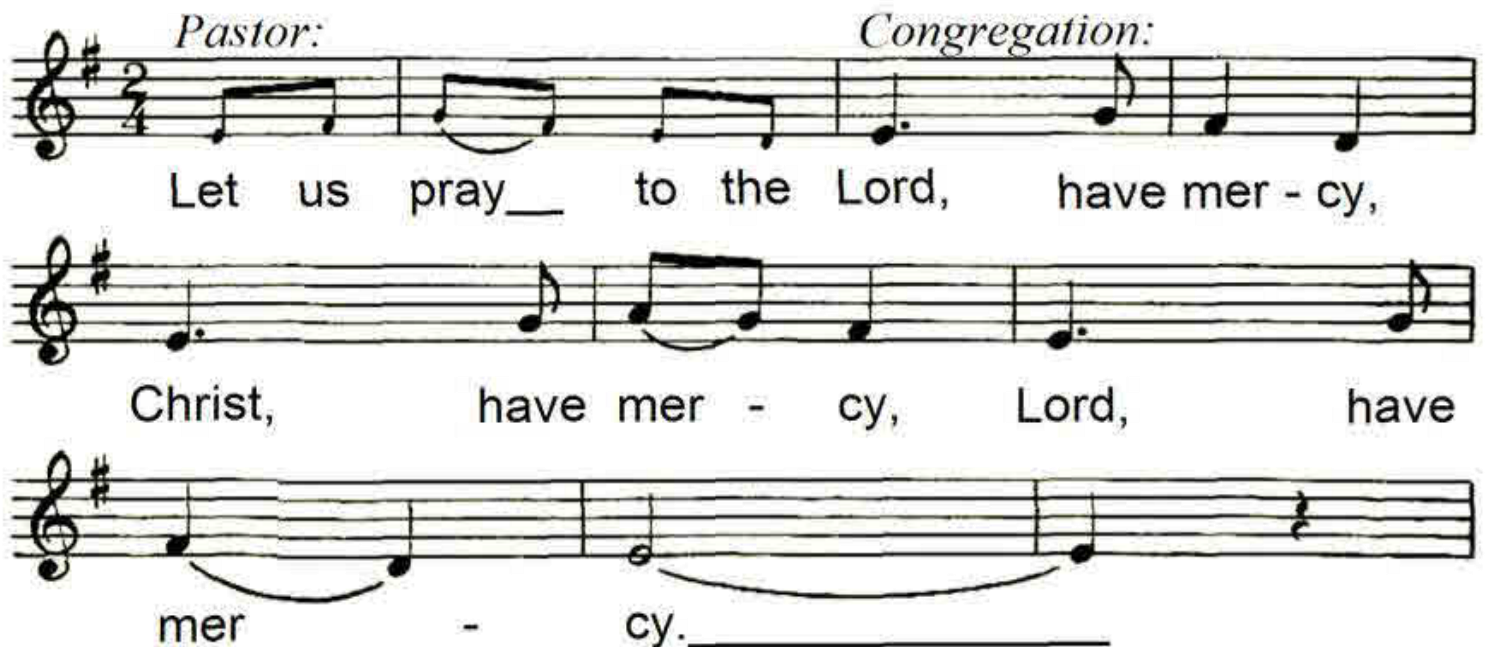
Greeting

You may be Seated

P The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love and wisdom of God,
and the light and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

P In peace, in peace,



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

P For the reign of God and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all...(Refrain)

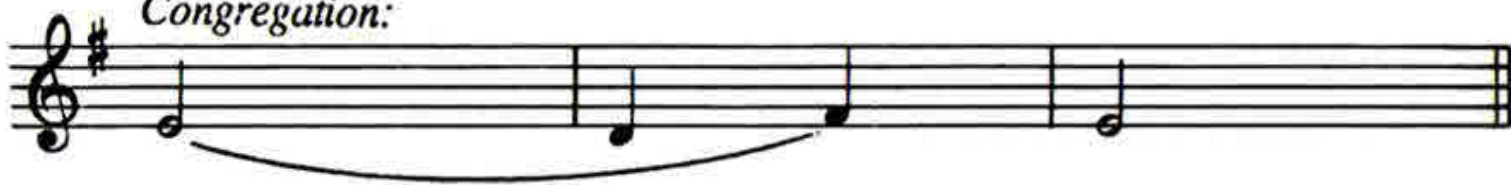
P For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word...(Refrain)

Pastor:



Help, save and de - fend us, _____ O God.

Congregation:



A - - - men.

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

Refrain

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new.

Refrain

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Greeting

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Prayer for This Day

P Let us pray:
 Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

All 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. Amen.

A Reading from 1st Peter, the 2nd chapter

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.

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

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like 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. ⁶For 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.”

⁷To 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,”

⁸and

“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.

⁹But 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.

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

1 Peter 2:2-10

L Word of God, Word of Hope!

All Thanks be to God!

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 31

Please join in a responsive reading of the Psalm. Leader will read the light print while the congregation responds with the bold.

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

²**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

³Be 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.

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

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

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

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.

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!

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

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

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.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In 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? ³And 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. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus 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’? ¹⁰Do 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. ¹¹Believe 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. ¹²Very 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. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

John 14:1-14

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

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Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

Once Again Words and Music by
Matt Redman



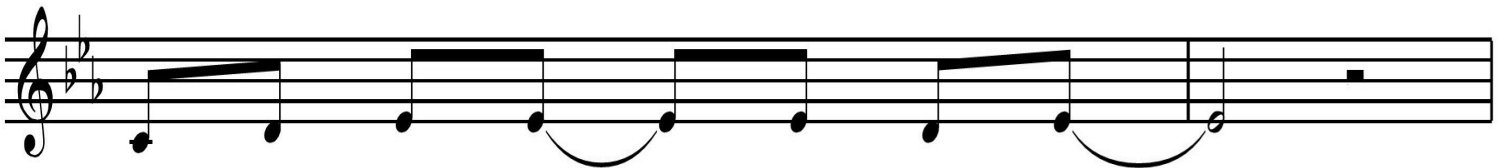
1,2. Je - sus Christ, _____ I think up - on Your sac - ri - fice;
3 Now You are _____ ex - alt - ed to the high - est place,



You be - came noth - ing, _____ poured out to death. _____
King of the heav - ens, where one day I'll bow. _____



Man - y times _____ I've won - dered at Your gift of life, and
But, for now, _____ I mar - vel at this sav - ing grace, and



I'm in that place _____ once a - gain. _____
I'm full of praise _____ once a - gain. _____



I'm in that place _____ once a - gain. _____
I'm full of praise _____ once a - gain. _____



Once a - gain I look up - on the cross where You died.____ I'm



hum - bled by Your mer - cy and I'm bro - ken in - side.____

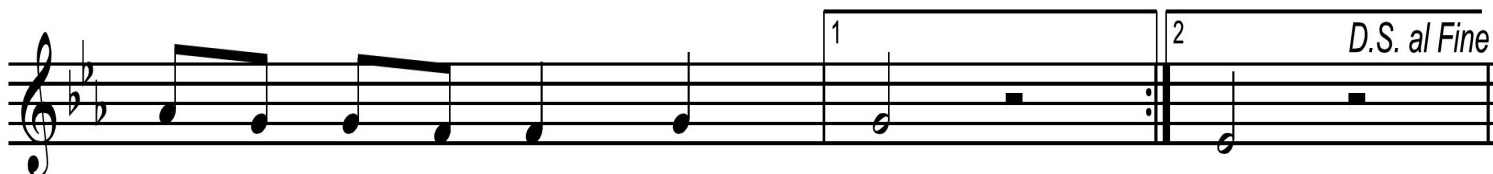


Fine

Once a-gain I thank You, once a-gain I pour out my life.____



Thank You for the cross. Thank You for the cross.



Thank You for the cross, my Friend. Friend.

The Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

Prayers of The People

L United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church,
 the world, and all in need.



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Passing of the Peace

P Christ become peace with you.

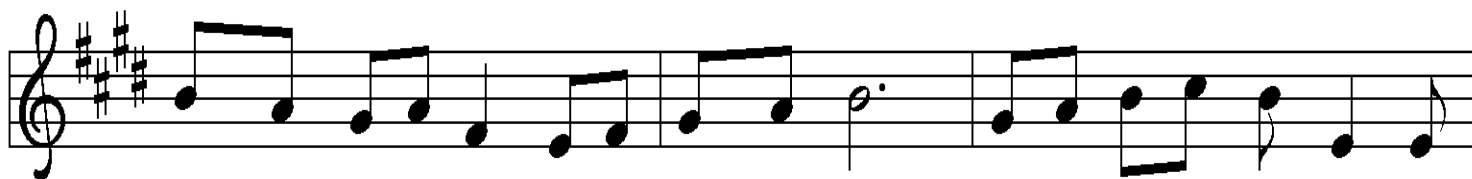
All And also with you.

Offertory

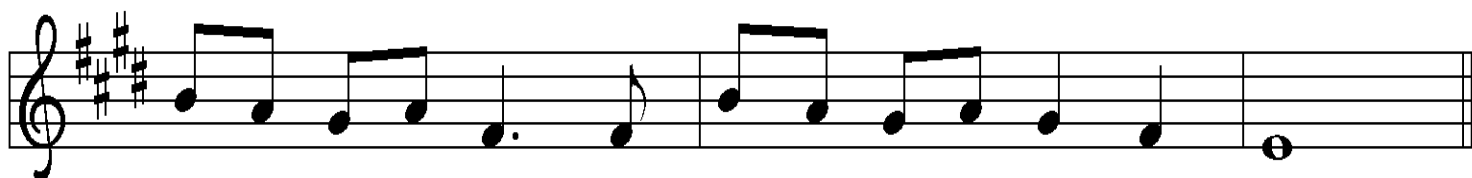
Please stand in body or spirit.



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.

Offertory Prayer

P Generous God,
ruler of heaven and earth.

All Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need. Amen.

You may be Seated

Holy Communion

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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 God thanks and praise." The roles are: *Presider:* (first two staves), *Congregation:* (third staff), *Presider:* (fourth staff), and *Congregation:* (fifth and sixth staves).

Presider: The Lord be with you. And also with
Congregation:
you. Lift up your hearts. We
Presider: lift them to the Lord. Let us give
Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

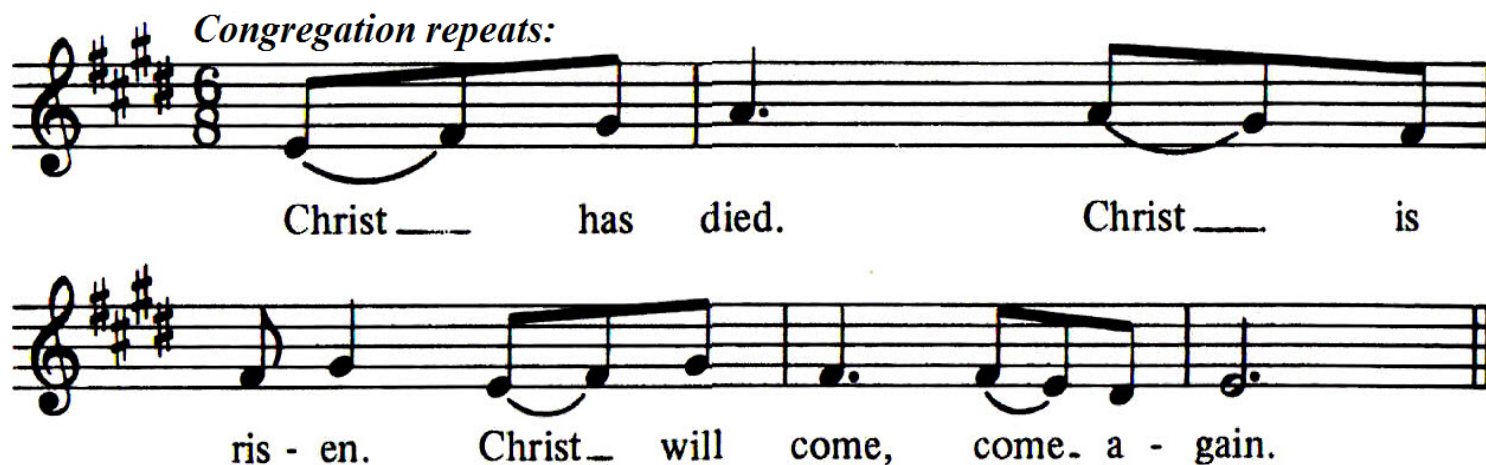
P It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.

P 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.

Presider: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

Congregation repeats:



Christ ___ has died. Christ ___ is
ris - en. Christ ___ will come, come. a - gain.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for 'Christ ___ has died. Christ ___ is' and the second staff contains the melody for 'ris - en. Christ ___ will come, come. a - gain.' The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words underlined.

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

Presider: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Congregation repeats:



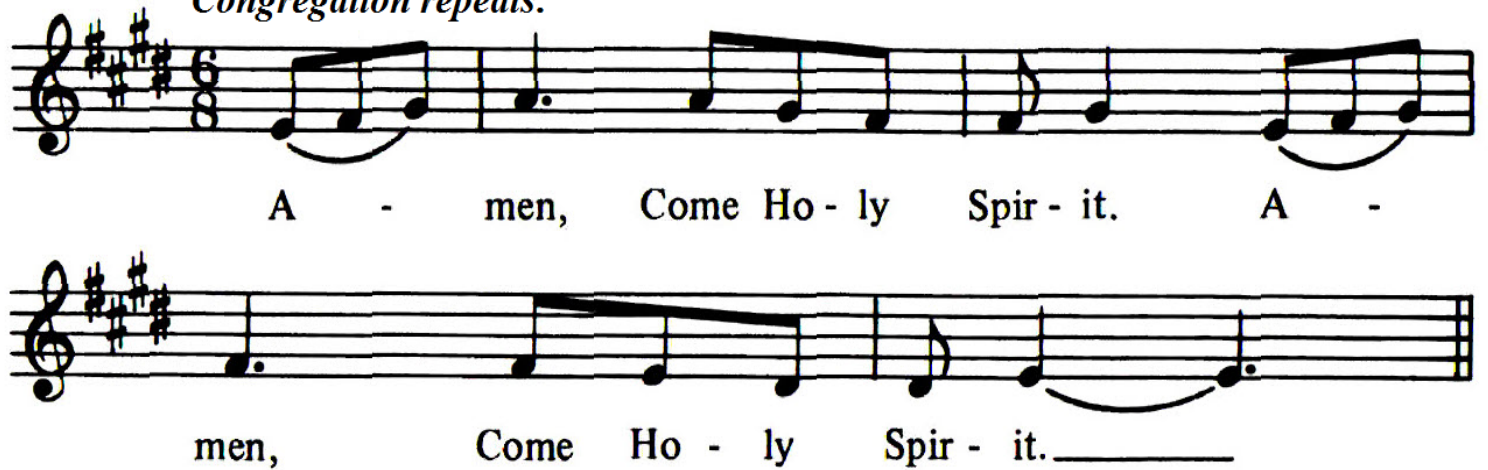
A - men, Come_ Lord Je - sus; A -
men, Come ___ Lord Je - sus. _____

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P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.

Presider: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

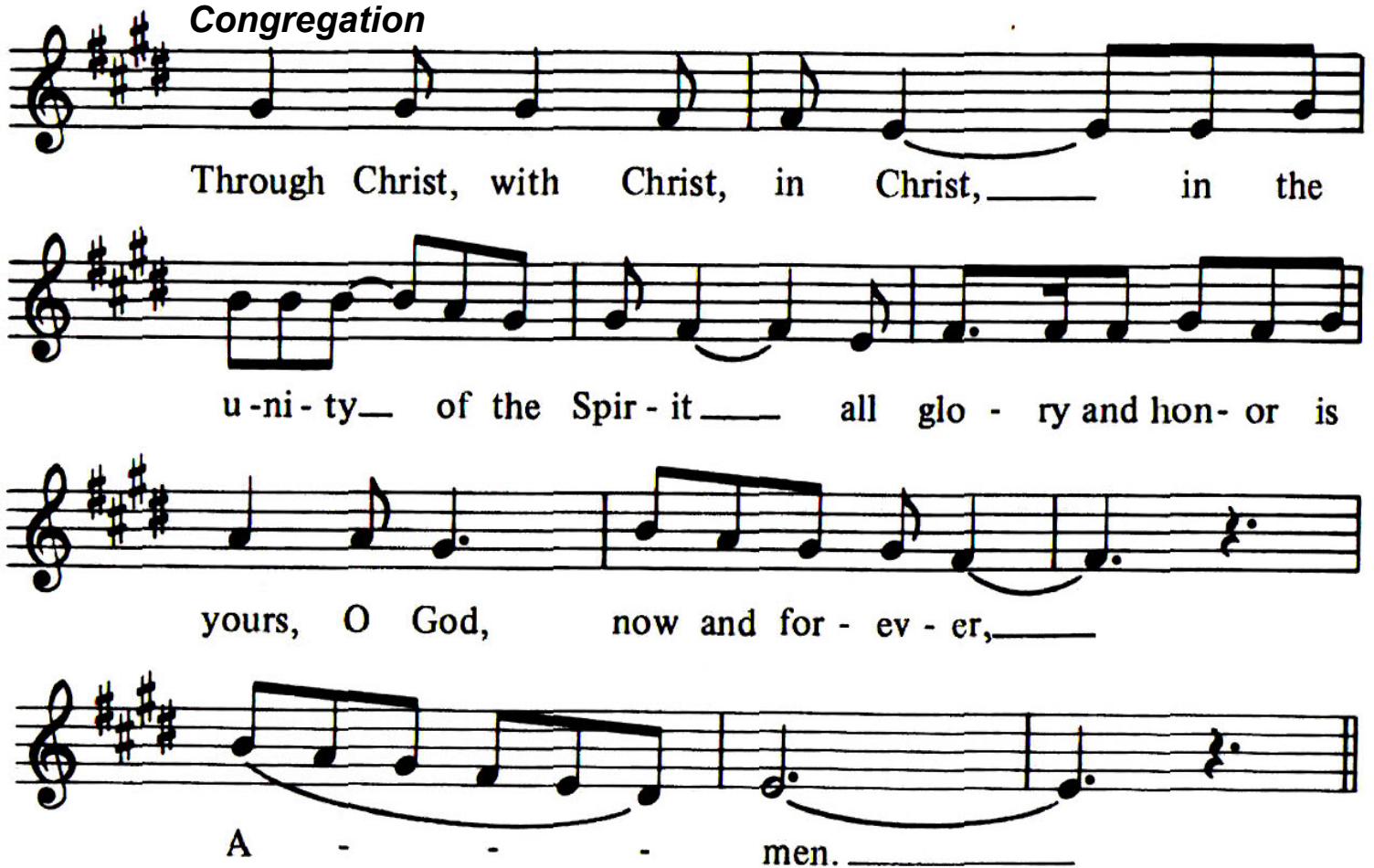
Congregation repeats:



A - men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. A -
men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. _____

P This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

Congregation



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 Lord's Prayer

P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

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.

The Invitation

P Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,
offers everyone a place of welcome at His table of grace.
Come to the feast.

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

shed for you and
for all people
for the forgiveness of sin



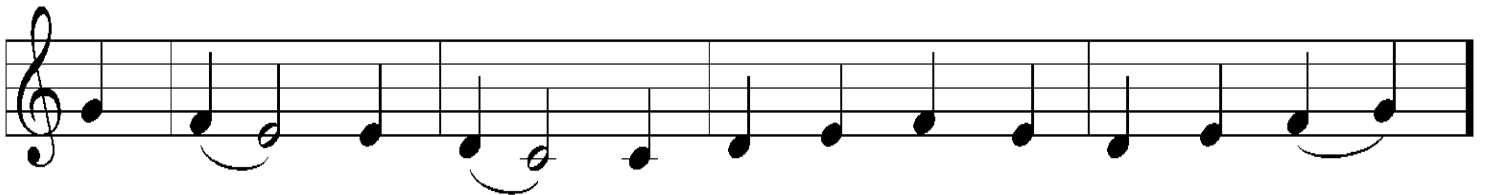
All are Welcome!

Communion Songs

The Lamb

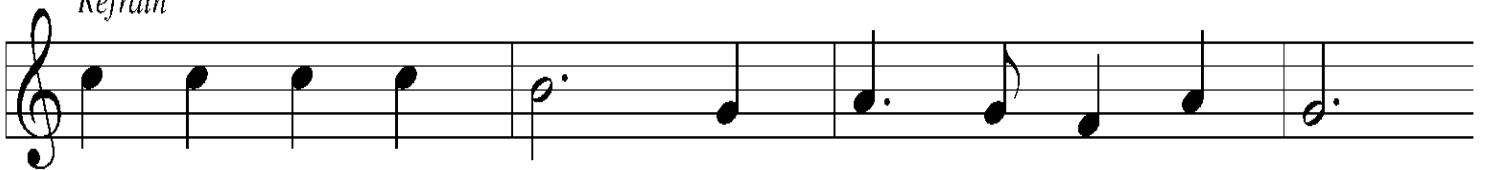


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, one per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, as way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill.
4 He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, he rose, my heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.

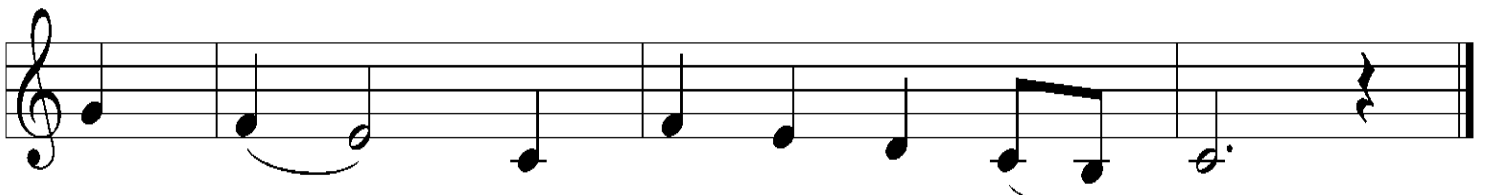


Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
So still, his will on our be - half the Law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, he gives me his own righ - teous - ness.
His song pro - long till ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!



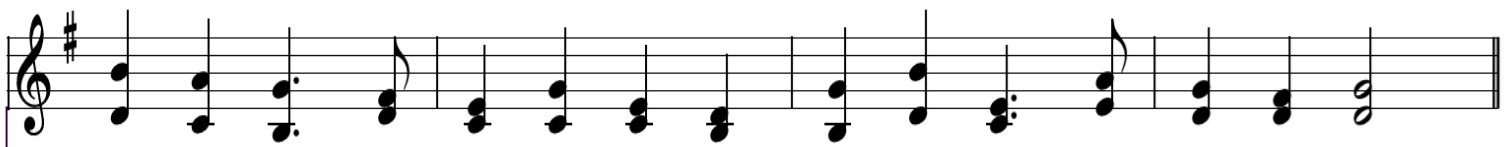
The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne!

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

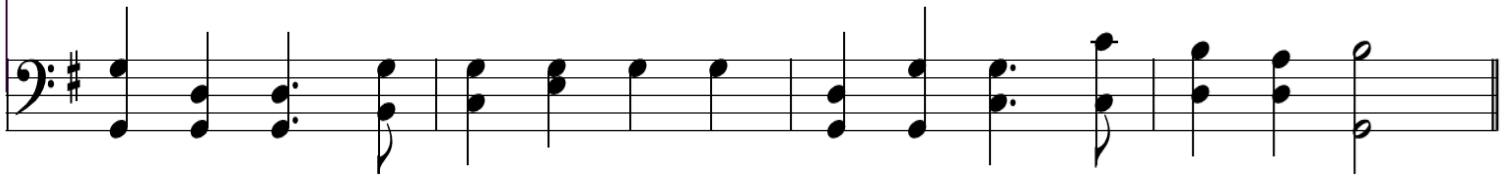
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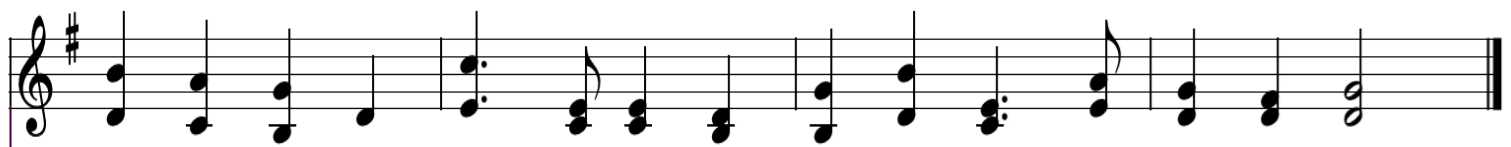
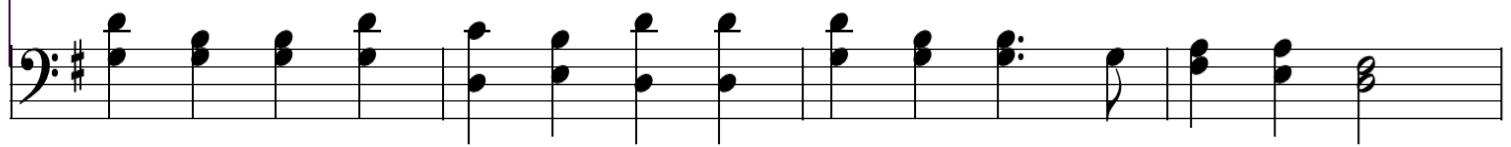
1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take Him at His Word;
2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust His cleans-ing blood;



Just to rest up - on His prom - ise, just to know: "Thus saith the Lord."
Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!



Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!



Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All 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!

Please be seated for Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

(Leaders sing each line, the congregation repeats.)

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make His face to shine on you.
And be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift His countenance on you.
May the Lord lift His countenance on you.
May He keep you in perfect peace.

Dismissal

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

With the joy of new life in Christ Jesus,

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has forgiven you.” *Ephesians 4:23*

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God.

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The Way

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Readings for next Sunday,
May 14th

First Reading:

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm:

Psalm 66:8-20

Second Reading:

1 Peter 3:13-22

Gospel:

John 14:15-21

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