



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2026

Jesus of Nazareth is portrayed in today's gospel praying for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that our Lord had with his Father. Made one in Holy Baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

Prelude

Praeludium in G Minor

Vincent Lübeck
(1656-1740)

ENTRANCE RITE

Hymn

God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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Easter Acclamation & Apostolic Greeting

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

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



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: 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.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

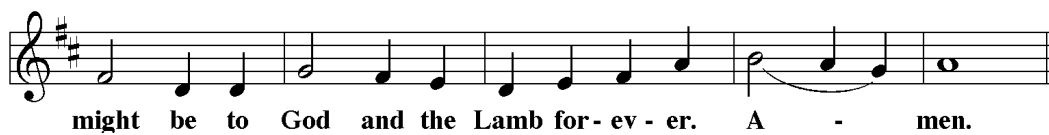
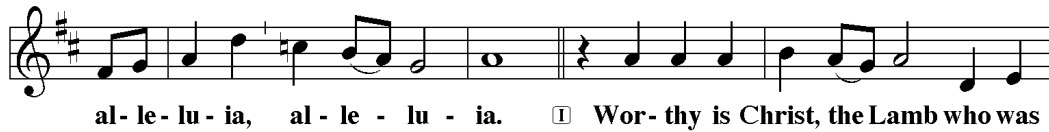


☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Hymn of Praise



☩ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☩ For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 ☩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al- so with you.

P: Let us pray.

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson - Acts 1:6–14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the threshold of his ascension.

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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

(sung in unison)

This is a psalm of praise to the mighty God who has brought the people out of Egypt and saved Israel from her enemies. God reigns on high.

**Let God arise, and let his ene- | mies 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 pres- | ence of God.**
**³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God;*
let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.**
**⁴Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides up- | on the heavens;*
YAHWEH is his name, re- | joice before him!**
**⁵Father of orphans, defend- | er of widows,*
God in his holy | habitation!**
**⁶God 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 be- | fore your people,*
when you marched | through the wilderness,
⁸the 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.**
**¹⁰Your people found their | home in it;*
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for the poor.**
**³³Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the earth;*
sing praises | to the LORD.**
**³⁴He rides in the heavens, the | ancient heavens;*
he sends forth his voice, his | mighty voice.**
**³⁵Ascribe pow- | er to God;*
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is | in the skies.**
**³⁶How wonderful is God in his | holy places,*
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! | Blessed be God!**

Second Lesson - 1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11

Our faith in the Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others, because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

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. ⁶Humble 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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse

(The congregation sings the refrain **(R)** as indicated.)

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.

Holy Gospel - John 17:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus of Nazareth prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

After 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. ⁶I 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Roberts

silence for reflection



Hymn of the Day

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

Apostles' Creed

P: Using the words of our ancestors in the faith as expressed in the Apostles' Creed, we proclaim the triune God whom we believe:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

The Prayers

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: O God, your people sing praises throughout the Church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire musicians, deacons, pastors, bishops, and all the baptized to proclaim the gospel of Jesus the Christ. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your creative power fills the universe. May favorable weather nurture plants and animals and protect us from natural disasters. Guide us to care for all you have made. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

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

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Help us soothe the anxious; protect widows, widowers, and orphans; comfort those living with memory loss and their families; and, provide healing care to the sick. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: 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,

C: receive our prayer.

A: 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,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

LITURGY OF THE MEAL

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Offering

Offertory Anthem

O Death, Where Is Thy Sting

John Stainer
(1840-1901)

O Death, where is thy sting? O Grave, where is thy victory?

Thanks be to God, Hallelujah, thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Offertory



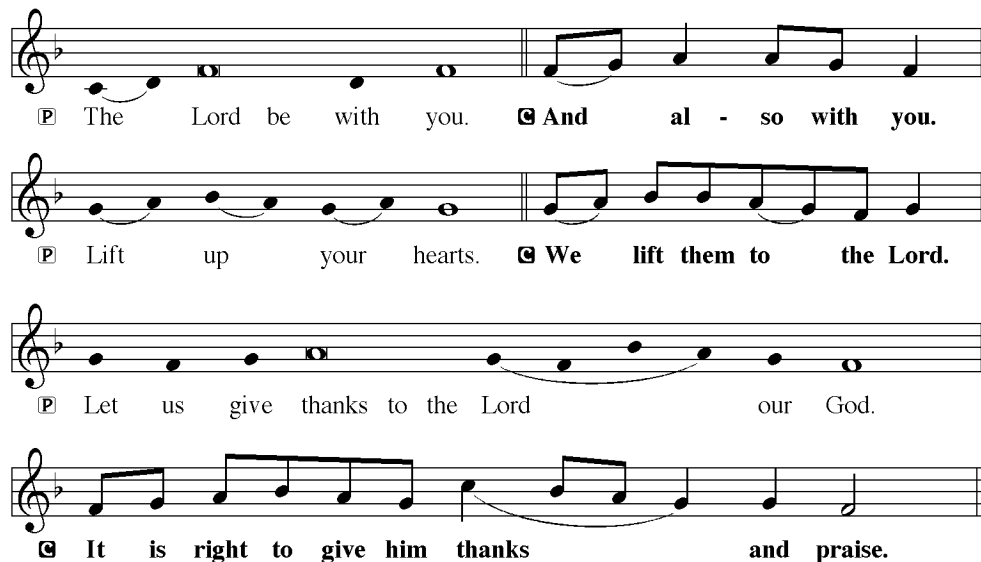
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your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

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

ALL: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

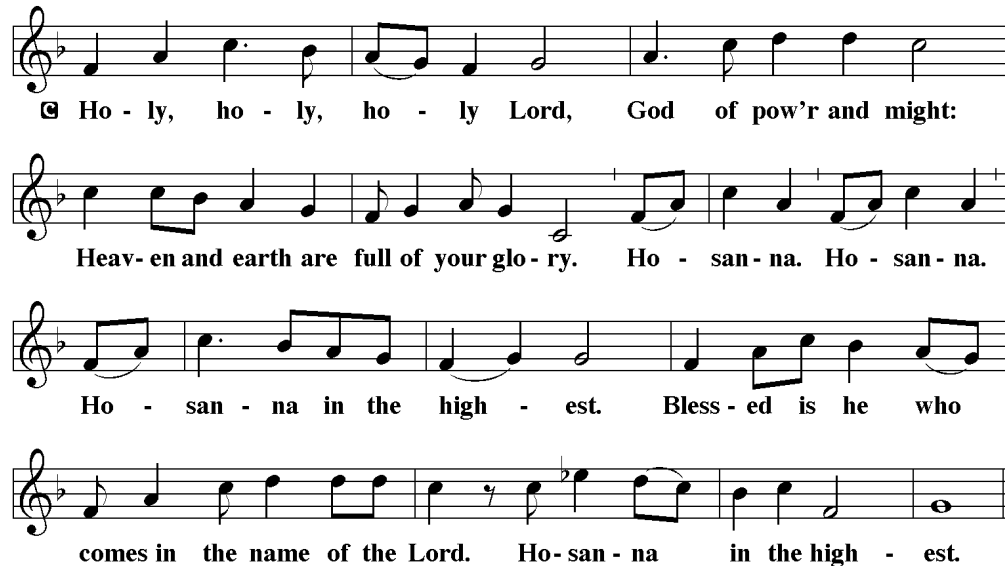
Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus



☩ 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.

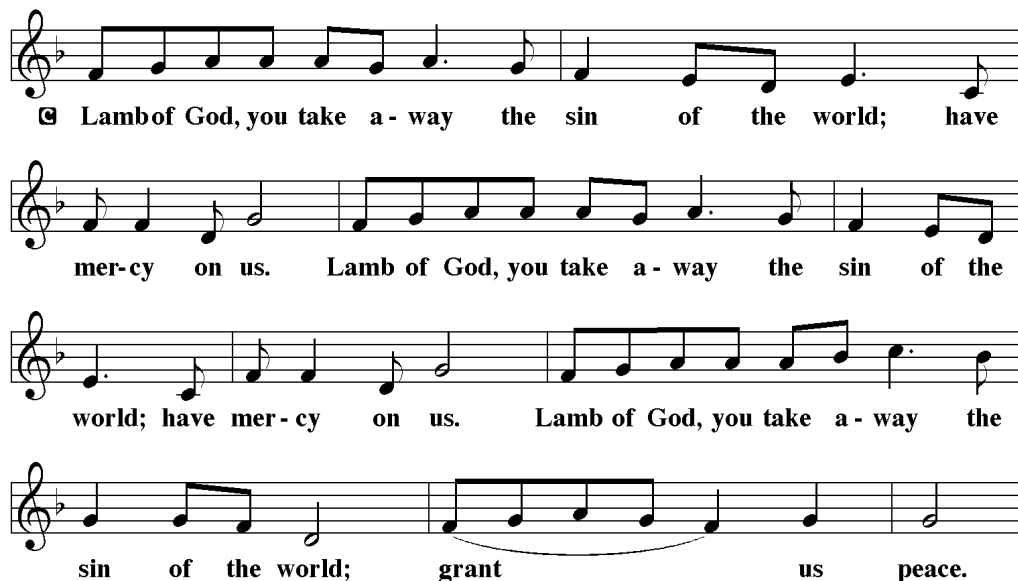
Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**C: 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 with our Risen Lord

Agnus Dei



☩ 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.

Hymns

Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray that we may
2 The chas - tened peace of sin for - giv'n, the fil - ial
3 Our trem - bling hearts cleave to thy word. All thou hast
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, u - nit - ed
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: oh, keep us



feast on thee to - day; be - neath these forms of bread and
joy of heirs of heav'n, grant as we share this won - drous
said thou dost af - ford; all that thou art we here re -
by our life in thee, thy love pro - claim till thou shalt
stead - fast to that day, that each may be thy wel - comed



wine en - rich us with thy grace di - vine.
food, thy bod - y bro - ken and thy blood.
ceive, and all we are to thee we give.
come to bring thy scat - tered loved ones home.
guest when thou shalt spread thy heav'n - ly feast.

Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844–1932
Music: GRACE CHURCH, Ignaz J. Pleyel, 1757–1831

In Christ There Is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ - ly souls are one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

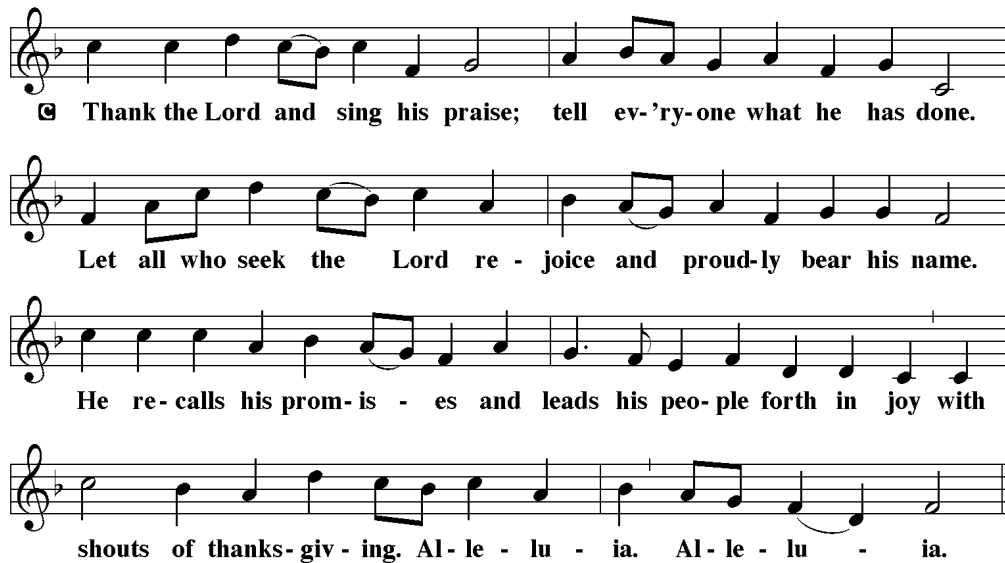
Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941
Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

Post-Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen

Post-Communion Canticle



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

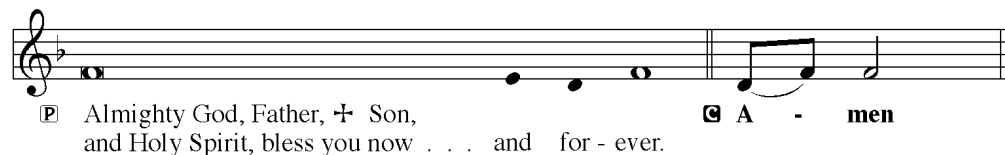
Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Benediction



☞ Almighty God, Father, † Son,
and Holy Spirit, bless you now . . . and for - ever. ☞ A - men

Hymn

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.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.
Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958
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Dismissal

A: Our service now begins. Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Praeludium in F Major

Vincent Lübeck



*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Margie Lippard
in honor of Joanne and Bill Greene.*

*The candles are given to the glory of God by Ann Kreft
in memory of Roger Kreft.*

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, May 17	8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Church School
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube
	5:00 p.m.	Holy Trinity Youth (all ages)
Monday, May 18	9:00 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
	9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
Wednesday, May 20	12:10 p.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 21	9:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
	11:00 a.m.	Sermon Discussion Group
Friday, May 22	9:00 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
	9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
Sunday, May 24	8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube

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