



May 12 2024
Seventh Sunday Of Easter
Zoom Edition
Holy Communion



Inviting All to Thrive in God's Love and Grace

* Indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Come, quench your thirst in the love of God.

We come, hungering for a place in which we can be gently nourished.

Be like trees planted by the streams of living water, ready to receive God's
nourishment.

Strengthen us, O God, to receive your blessed peace.

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Amen.



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."

*Easter Dialogue

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!

He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection! Alleluia!

Rejoice then, even in your distress.

We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

God has claimed us as God's own.

God has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

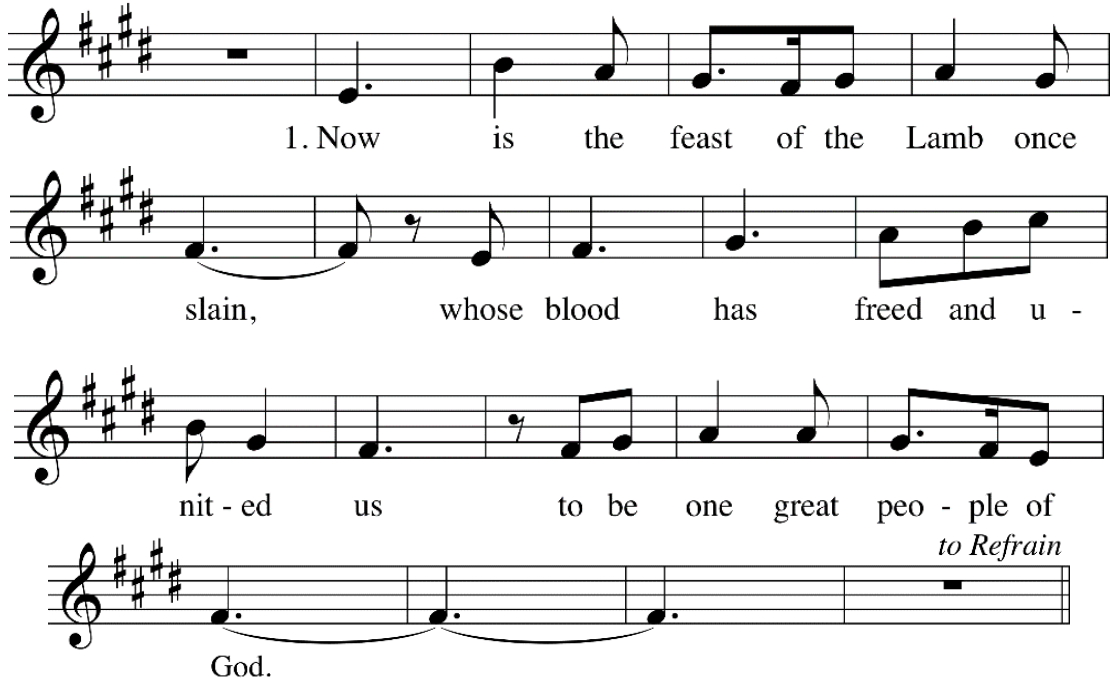
*Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain

Congregation:

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!

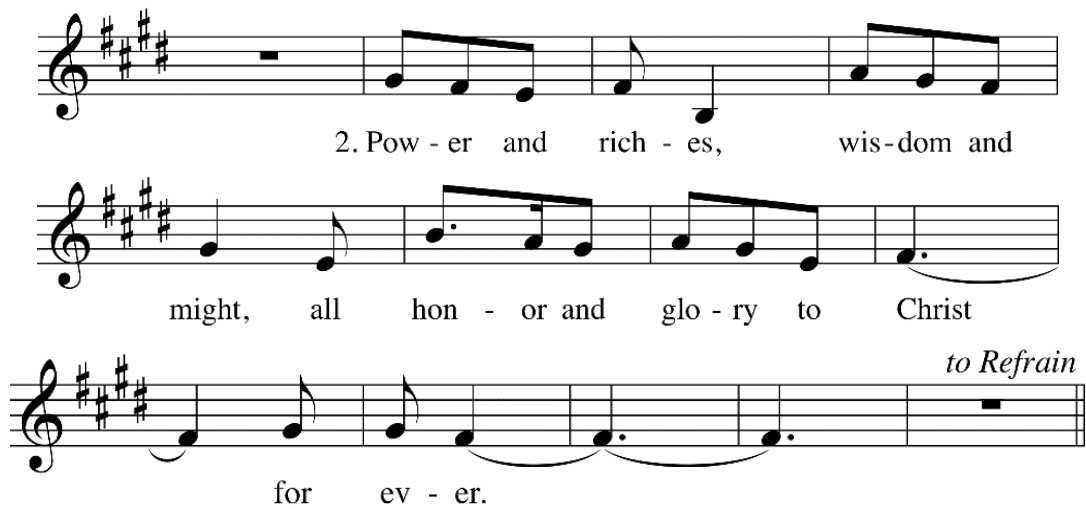
Verse 1



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.

to Refrain

Verse 2



2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er.

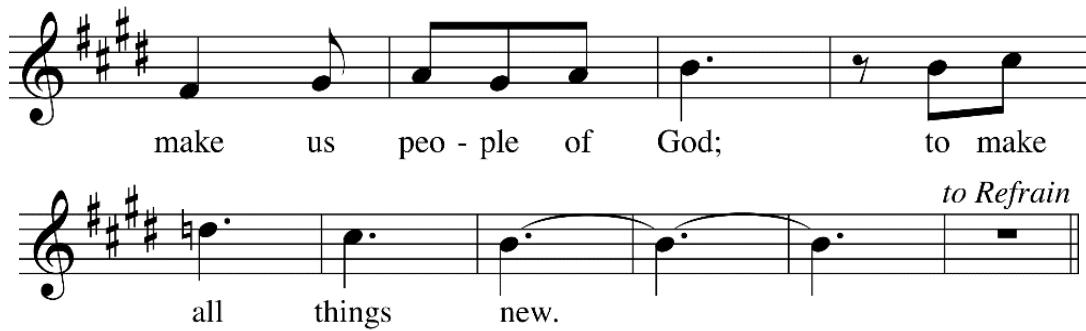
to Refrain

Verse 3

Congregation:



3. For God has come to dwell with us, to



Let us pray.

Gracious and glorious God,

you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song

First Reading:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with
leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading:

1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the
testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of
God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made
him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son.

¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have
life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you
may know that you have eternal life.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

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



***Gospel:**

John 17: 6-19

The Holy Gospel according to John, the Seventeenth Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] 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. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Rev. Kelsey Fauser

Sermon

Rev. Karley Fauser

***Hymn of the Day: ELW 655**

Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant-ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Holy Baptism of Johnathan Thomas Nudell and Hank Christiansen Blessing for the Siblings

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, family, and parents gather with Pastor Kelsey at the font.

What an exciting day! With Mother's Day, Baptism Sunday, and pictures being taken, it is a vibrant day in the church.

It is especially exciting for those who are surrounding the font this morning, for J.T. and Hank, their families and loved ones.

It's especially exciting for their siblings as well.

And what a joy it is to be Mackenzie, Audrey, and Annabelle this morning as they get to witness their brothers baptism.

This is also no easy task. To be a sibling to a newly baptized sibling brings about challenges and joys; challenges to remind them what following Christ means, joy to celebrate the love wrapped around us always.

It also means you, Mackenzie, Audrey, and Annabelle, are a foundation for your brother. You are the ones to be there for them, to love them, and to pray with them.

So I ask each of you, if you are willing to accept this call to be a support for your brother? If you are say together, we do.

*Mackenzie, Audrey, and Annabelle respond: **We do.***

Thanks be to God for you and your love for your brothers!

Marking you with a sign of the cross, may this be a reminder of all you have promised today and that each of you are a beloved Child of God.

*Pastor Kelsey marks Mackenzie, Audrey, and Annabelle with a sign of the cross and says: **God is with you. Go and serve God.***

Presentation

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:

I/we present Johnathan Thomas for baptism.

I/we present Hank Christiansen for baptism

Pastor Kelsey addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you, Parents and Sponsors of JT, desire to have him baptized into Christ?

*Response: **We do.***

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you, Parents of Hank, desire to have him baptized into Christ?

*Response: **We do.***

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that your children may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response: **We do.***

Pastor Kelsey addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture JT and Hank in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response: **We do.***

Pastor Kelsey addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support JT and Hank, and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

We do.

Congregation stands

Profession of Faith

I ask all of us together to profess our faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

Pastor Kelsey addresses the assembly:

Water is poured into the font during the thanksgiving. At the font, Pastor Kelsey begins the thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

Baptism

Pastor Kelsey baptizes JT and Hank. Water is poured on the candidate's head, as Pastor Kelsey says:

Jonathan, (J.T.), I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hank, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Together, we proclaim:

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!

Pastor Kelsey continues:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God,
that through water and the Holy Spirit
you give your sons new birth,
cleansing them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

Sustain J.T. and Hank with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Pastor Kelsey marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the child being baptized.
J.T., child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
Amen.

Pastor Kelsey marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the child being baptized.
Hank, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

A lighted candle is given to a sponsor of a each child as these or similar words are spoken:

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. The Assistant minister leads the assembly in the welcome.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.
**We welcome you JT and Hank into the body of Christ
and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word
to all the world.**

All those gathered at the font will follow Pastor Kelsey in walking around the sanctuary and being welcomed by the congregation.

***Prayers of Intercession & Sharing of Peace**

God of grace. **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor concludes after the Saints are read:

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a peace sign with your neighbor.

MEAL

God Feeds Us with the Presence of Jesus Christ

Music at the Offering

*Offertory



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.

1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

to Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*Offering Prayer

Let us Pray,

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score consists of five lines of music. The first line ends with a double bar line. The second line has a 3/8 time signature change. The third line has a 6/8 time signature change. The fourth line has a 6/8 time signature change. The fifth line ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ,
who joins us together as a community of broken but hopeful believers:
loving what he loved
living what he taught, and
striving to be his faithful servants
in our time and place.

In this meal we remember Jesus, his promises,
and the price he paid for who he was, what he said, and what he did.

On the night before Jesus died,
he took a loaf of bread,
gave thanks, broke it, and said,
“Take and eat, whenever you do this, remember me.”
After supper, Jesus took the cup, and poured, saying,
“This is the new covenant, remember me.”

We do remember.

We remember his life of love, his friendship, his teaching, his dying, and his rising to
life again.

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith



Holy Mystery, God the Spirit,
we call on you to transform these familiar things,
as you continually transform the world around us.

Bless this bread and this cup,
the wheat and the grape,
the farmer and the harvest,
the seed and the sower.

So that in the sharing of these simple elements in community,
we may taste and see your goodness.

In collective longing for a taste of your Kingdom on earth,
we join together in echoing the prayer of Jesus:

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.

***Invitation to Communion**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Lamb of God



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn 1: ELW 595

Jesus Loves Me

Communion Hymn 2: ACS 980

Come, Holy Spirit, Descend

***Table Blessing & Post-Communion Prayer**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ that you have received, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray:

Shepherding God,
**you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

SENDING

God Blesses Us and Sends Us in Mission to the World

Prayer for Mother's Day

As we have gathered on this Mother's Day, we take a moment to honor the diverse and multifaceted experiences of motherhood. We come together in celebration and reflection, in awe and appreciation, for the sacred and transformative journey motherhood is. We offer this prayer for all mother's to receive.

Loving and Caring God,

We pray for all mothers, regardless of their age, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability.

We pray for those who are pregnant; those who are waiting with joyful expectation, and those filled with uncertainty and fear; for those whose pregnancies are high-risk, and whose lives are in danger in the birthing process.

We pray for all who long to be parents. For those unable to become parents because of finances, health, or infertility. Join their cries with those of Sarah and Abraham, Hannah and Elkahan, Elizabeth and Zecharias, that they are reminded Your love abounds in the midst of deep sorrow and grief.

We pray for mothers who are raising their children alone, for mothers who are balancing work and family. For mothers in careers that separate them from their loved ones.

We pray for those who are mothers, either by birth, by adoption, foster care, marriage or legal guardianship. We pray that they may be supported by the people in their lives and we thank you for their courage to become mothers.

We cry out and pray for the mother's who have lost children, either in utero, through sickness, war and violence, or through tragic accidents. Comfort them with Your everlasting presence and assurance of your unbreakable love for them.

We pray for mothers who are incarcerated; mothers who are separated from their children this day.

We pray for those for whom this is a day of mourning and sadness. For those who have lost mothers and other important women in their lives, that they may be comforted with the peace that passes all understanding.

We pray for those who are transitioning, those who are seeking to understand who God has created them to be in their bodies, minds, and spirits. May they be protected from danger during this time and guided by those who love and support them.

We give you thanks for all the mothers of our lives. Grandmothers, aunts, sisters, daughters, life-partners, and friends. We pray for a world where all mothers are valued, supported, and empowered.

On this Mother's Day, we celebrate the diversity of motherhood and thank you for all the mothers of our lives.

We take this moment now, to speak the name of the mothers of our lives aloud:

Thank you, Lord, for the names that have been lifted to you, whether Saint or still here with us, they are a gift.

We pray this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Resurrected King. Amen.

Blessing

Let us go forth in the world, giving thanks that we have come.

Let us go forth renewed in spirit, knowing that we belong to God.

And, let us go forth as witnesses, carrying the love of † Jesus Christ to all.

Amen.



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude