

April 27 & 28, 2024 † Fifth Sunday of Easter

***KING OF KINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH***  
***WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION***



*"I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
Those who abide in  
me bear much fruit."*

John 15: 5

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# King of Kings Lutheran Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 AT 5:00 P.M.  
SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M.

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# Welcome to Worship!



## PROTOCOLS FOR WORSHIP AND OTHER INDOOR GATHERINGS AT KING OF KINGS *REVISED AS OF July 29, 2023*

*These protocols are subject to change at any time based on information received from Bishop Egensteiner, the Orange County Health Department, the Governor of New York, and the CDC.*

Wearing of masks inside the church is optional. Anyone who chooses to wear a mask may do so without judgment. Masks and hand sanitizer are available from the Greeter.

Write or highlight your name (recorded for service attendance) at the lectern in the entryway.

Take a bulletin. You may place an offering in the offering plate in the entry area.

All pews are open for sitting.

The service is livestreamed and begins when the organist / pianist starts the prelude; please cease conversing and listen silently to prepare yourself for worship (your conversation may be heard on the livestream).

Worshippers are welcome to speak responses and sing hymns and liturgical music.

When sharing the peace, offer a smile or a hand signal, but do not touch.

PROTOCOL FOR COMMUNION: When the pastor invites you, EITHER --

1. Remain in the pew and tell the usher you want to commune in your pew; the pastor and the assistant will bring you the elements. Place the empty cup or container in the pew receptacle.  
OR --

2. Come forward via the middle aisle at the direction of the usher, move to the right or the left of the altar rail, kneel or stand, and receive a wafer from the pastor; if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or pre-packaged elements, please tell the pastor. Take a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray held by the communion assistant. Return to your pew by the side aisles, and dispose of the empty cup or container in the receptacle at the side of the chancel or in the pew.

Please refrain from talking during the postlude so it is not heard on the livestream. Please have your post-worship discussions outside the Sanctuary.

## ***WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOUSE***

### ***INTRODUCTION***

*This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.*

### ***PRELUDES, GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS***

*Please stand as you are able.*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### ***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM***

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
By whose word we are born anew,  
from whose hands we are given new life.

**C** **Amen.**



**P** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as we are created anew. 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 cleanse us, 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.

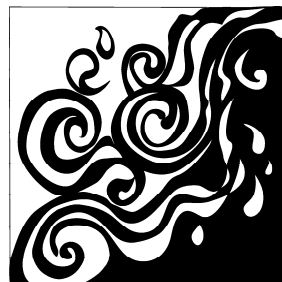
**C** **Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.**

**Empower our witness to your resurrection.**

**Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain, Wheat that in  
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain, Think - ing that  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain, He that for  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain, Your touch can

dark earth man - y days has lain; Love lives a - gain, that  
 he would nev - er wake a - gain, Laid in the earth like  
 three days in the grave had lain; Raised from the dead, my  
 call us back to life a - gain, Fields of our hearts that

with the dead has been;  
 grain that sleeps un - seen; Love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.  
 liv - ing Lord is seen;  
 dead and bare have been;

**EASTER ACCLAMATION**

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- L Christ is the vine, we are the branches.  
 Abide in him as he abides in us.  
 Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine,  
 neither can we unless we abide in Christ.
- P Rejoice, for Christ is risen!
- C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



*HYMN OF PRAISE*

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

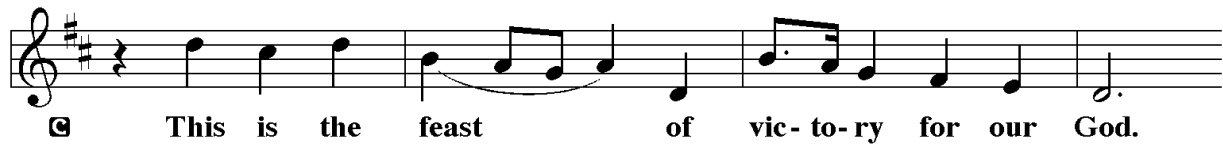
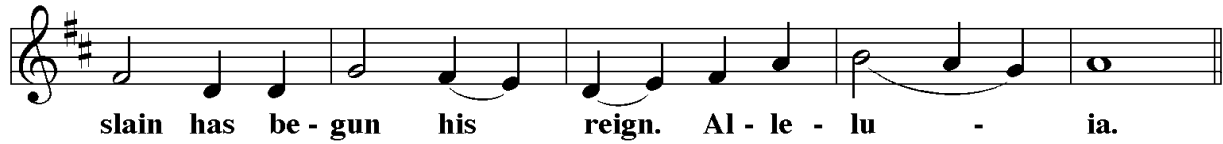
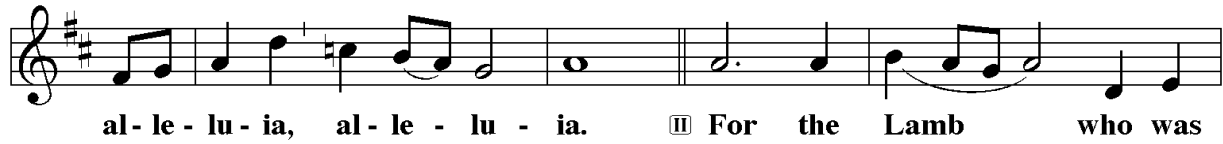
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al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

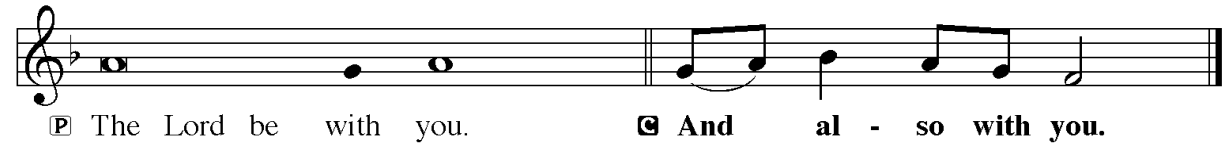
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**



**P** Let us pray.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** Amen.

*Sit*



**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**FIRST LESSON: Acts 8: 26–40**

*Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.*

**L** The First Lesson is from the 8th chapter of Acts.



An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L The Word of the Risen Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***PSALM: Psalm 22: 25-31***

L Please join in Psalm 22, reading the verses printed in bold.

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**

**Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs to the LORD,**

**who rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,**

**whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn,

saying to them, “The LORD has acted!”



**SECOND LESSON: 1 John 4: 7-21**

*We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.*

L The Second Lesson is from the 4th chapter of the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

L The Word of the Risen Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**



*Stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN

**Left Side: Alle-lu-ia!**

*(hold for four extra beats)*

**Right Side: Alleluia, Christ is risen!**

*(hold for four extra beats)*

**HOLY GOSPEL: John 15: 1-8**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.*

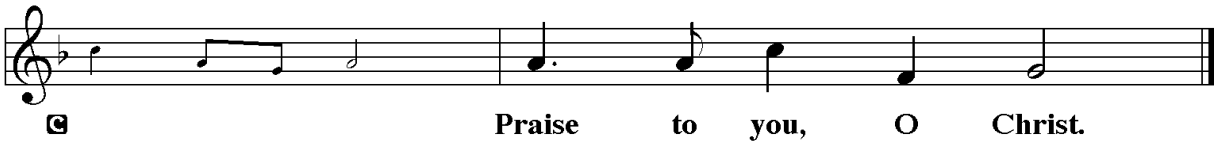
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.





[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

P This is the Word of the Lord for you and me this day.



**GOSPEL RESPONSE**

*Repeat the Gospel Acclamation on page 8.)*

**FED BY GOD, NOURISHED BY CHRIST**

Imagine a nursing baby at its mother’s breast—what a blissful picture of love, joy, peace, and contentment! This image can help us understand who we are as God’s beloved children and how tenderly God cares for us. God’s grace is unconditional, just as a mother’s milk flows to an infant without anything to do with deserving. In today’s gospel reading, the vine-and-branches metaphor is another image of how intimately connected Jesus is with us and how crucial it is that we, the branches, hold on to him as our vine.

“Apart from me,” says Jesus, “you can do nothing.” Apart from its vine, a branch can do nothing—cannot live long, cannot produce grapes, cannot nourish people and animals. Apart from its mother or another devoted caregiver, a newborn can do nothing—cannot feed itself, cannot become or stay healthy, cannot grow and bear the fruit of life and love for others. Apart from God’s love and care, which Christians know in Jesus, the whole web of humanity fails to thrive.

A nursing mother sets her face and does whatever is needed—two or three times a night at first, even through mastitis, weariness, and boredom—to feed and impart life to her little one. Jesus’ face is set toward the cross as he shares farewell counsel with his disciples. He, too, is ready and determined to do whatever it takes—even dying on a cross—to sustain the vineyard-world with abundant life.

The imagery of vine and branches, juxtaposed with that of God breastfeeding her babies, comes alive when we celebrate the eucharist. At the table, Jesus feeds us with his own body and blood, pouring life and nourishment into us. We are called to abide in him forever—an invitation to grace-filled, permanent relationship. In Jesus the true vine, we his branches enjoy a continual flow of grace, mercy, and love. In turn, we are energized to bear the fruit of his love, joy, and peace for the world.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON FOR ALL AGES**

**HIS BANNER OVER ME IS LOVE** (with hand motions)



1. He welcomes me to his banqueting table... His banner over me is Love.

**He welcomes me to his banqueting table . . . His banner over me is Love;  
He welcomes me to his banqueting table . . . His banner over me is Love;  
His banner over me is Love.**



2. He is the Vine and we are the branches... His banner over me is Love.

**He is the vine and we are the branches . . . His banner over me is Love;  
He is the vine and we are the branches . . . His banner over me is Love;  
His banner over me is Love.**



3. He is the Shepherd and we are the sheep... His banner over me is Love. BAA!

**He is the Shepherd and we are the sheep... His banner over me is Love . . . BAA!  
He is the Shepherd and we are the sheep... His banner over me is Love . . . BAA!  
His banner over me is Love. . . BAA!**



4. There's one way to peace through the power of the cross... His banner over me is Love.

**There's one way to peace through the power of the cross... His banner over me is Love;  
There's one way to peace through the power of the cross... His banner over me is Love;  
His banner over me is Love.**

*Sit*

**SERMON**

*The Sermon is followed by silence for reflection.*

*Stand*



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us  
 2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain  
 3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their  
 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our  
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to  
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing  
 heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will  
 last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take  
 this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.  
 rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.  
 move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.  
 wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.  
 vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

<b><u>Serving Saturday, April 27 at 5:00 pm</u></b>	
<b>Greeter</b>	Mariann Grassel
<b>Announcements</b>	Miriam Rolf
<b>Acolyte / Crucifer</b>	Judy Lorkowski
<b>Communion Asst</b>	Megan Tennermann
<b>Lector</b>	Miriam Rolf
<b>Usher</b>	Mariann Grassel
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mariann Grassel, Jim Meaney
<b><u>Serving Sunday, April 28 at 11:00 am</u></b>	
<b>Greeter</b>	Valerie Farrell
<b>Announcements</b>	Marcia Rant
<b>Acolyte / Crucifer</b>	Position Available
<b>Communion Asst</b>	Jeanne Roper
<b>Lector</b>	Position Available
<b>Usher</b>	Ed O'Connor
<b>Counters</b>	Ed O'Connor, John Roper
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mariann Grassel, Jim Meaney

## *NICENE CREED*

**C** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



## *PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*

**P** Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church,  
the world, and all those in need of good news.

*Silence*

After each prayer petition:

**L** God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**



**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## *WE SHARE IN GOD'S MEAL*

### *GREETING OF PEACE*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**



*The pastor and congregation may greet one another sharing a physically-distanced sign of peace.*

**PEACE HYMN**

**SWEET PEACE**

Peace, peace, sweet peace! Won - der - ful gift from a - bove!(a - bove!)

*cres.*

Oh, won - der - ful, won - der - ful peace! Sweet peace, the gift of God's love!

**SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

You may share an offering for the work of God through King of Kings in a variety of ways, either weekly or monthly or periodically. You may place cash or a check in the offering plate. You may use an envelope from the rack on the table in the narthex or request a set of personalized envelopes. If you use a check or identify yourself on an envelope, you will receive quarterly summaries of your giving. You may also mail in a contribution or give on-line through your bank or give by using the e-giving link on the [kofk.com](http://kofk.com) website or the "Vanco" app on your smartphone (see ORB bits for more information).



**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 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.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

- L Let us pray.  
Risen One,
- C 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**

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.



P 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:

**H**o - 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 one who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy, living, and loving God,  
 we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
 We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,  
 for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,  
 and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.  
 We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry,  
 and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 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.

Again, 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.



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P Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this dying world.  
Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death to life,  
that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

### ***THE LORD'S PRAYER***

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
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**



### ***INVITATION TO COMMUNION***

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.  
C **Thanks be to God.**



*Sit*

### ***WE SHARE IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE BODY OF CHRIST***

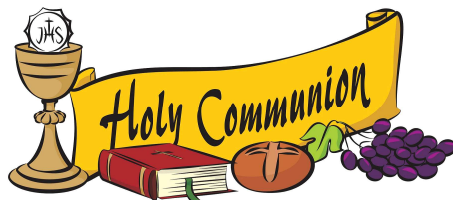
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*PROTOCOL FOR COMMUNION: When the pastor invites you, EITHER --*

*1. Remain in the pew and tell the usher you want to commune in your pew; the pastor and the assistant will bring you the elements. Place the empty cup or container in the pew receptacle. OR --*

*2. Come forward via the middle aisle at the direction of the usher, move to the right or the left of the altar rail, kneel or stand, and receive a wafer from the pastor; if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or pre-packaged elements, please tell the pastor. Children who are not prepared for communion or any who do not want to receive the elements may come forward for a blessing. Take a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray held by the communion assistant. Return to your pew by the side aisles, and dispose of the empty cup or container in the receptacle at the side of the chancel or in the pew.*

*Please be assured that no matter your preferences, Jesus comes to you in this meal.*



**LAMB OF GOD**

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.

**BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN**

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*Refrain*

Bread of life from heav - en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,  
 we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
- 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this

thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be  
 hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the  
 self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is  
 home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly -  
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with

*Refrain*

sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.  
 liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.  
 food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.  
 One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.  
 ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

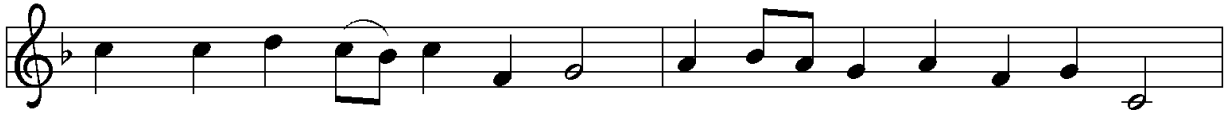
*Stand*

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

**C** **Amen.**



***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE***



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER***

**L** 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.

**C** **Amen.**



*Silence*

***WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD***

***BLESSING***

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**P** The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

**C** **Amen.**





1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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**DISMISSAL**

L Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
L Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



**POSTLUDE**

**Preparing for Next Week**

**Monday** (Catherine of Siena, theologian, died 1380) Psalm 80.  
**Tuesday** James 3: 17-18.  
**Wednesday** (Philip and James, Apostles) Isaiah 65: 17-25.  
**Thursday** (Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 373) Psalm 98.  
**Friday** Acts 10: 34-43. **Saturday** (Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387) Deuteronomy 32: 44-47.  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 10: 44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17.

*This weekend's servers are listed at the bottom of page 11.*

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