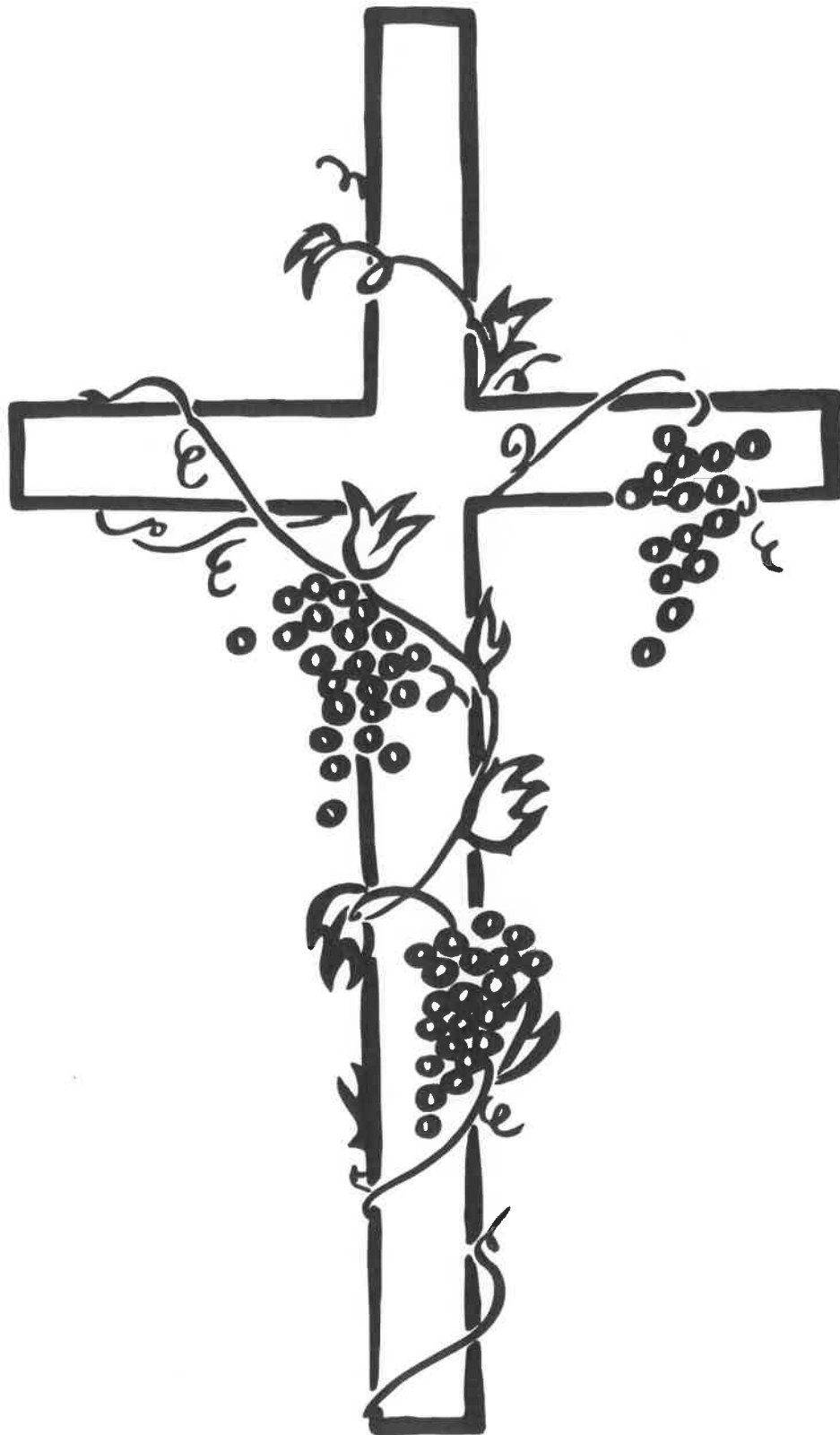


# Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday in Easter

April 28, 2024





**WELCOME** to Valley of Peace.  
We are glad you are here.

We give thanks to God for all people and want all people to feel comfortable participating in worship. If you need any assistance please let our Ushers know. We are happy to offer hearing assistance devices, move chairs to make worship feel more accessible for you, and offer any other support that would be meaningful for you in this space.

All ages are welcome to worship at Valley of Peace and we give thanks for the voices of our littlest ones. If you feel that your little one is wiggly, you are welcome to go with them to stretch their legs in the narthex where there is a small area with books and toys and you can hear the worship service. There are also bags available for you to put toys and books in and bring them into the sanctuary space.

And again, welcome to worship this day. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Interested in becoming a Member? Let Pastor Ashley know by April 24, 2024.

Our next New Member Class is: Sunday, May 5, 2024 after worship

### SENSORY ACTIVITIES AND SPACES AT VOP

Sensory integration is the process by which individuals receive information through our senses, (Vision, Hearing, Smell, Taste, Touch, Vestibular/Movement, and Proprioception/Body Position), organize this information, and use it to participate in activities.

Each person reacts to sensory information differently. People of all ages can have sensory issues that make it more difficult to participate depending on the environment. Sensory issues are very complex because a person's sensory system could be a mixture of over reactive, under reactive, or actively engaged.

After assessing need, Emilie Moravec has been working with a few community members to make our space more welcoming for those with sensory needs. The following items are now available at the Welcome Center for individuals with sensory needs:

- Ear defender headphones
- Earplugs
- Sunglasses
- Weighted lap pads
- Battery powered fans
- Fidget blanket

Please speak with a usher or volunteer at the Welcome Center to find these items. Additional fidget supplies are available near the "busy bag" tree in the narthex outside of the sanctuary. These sensory tools are intended to promote regulation, improve focus, increase participation, and make our space more accessible and welcoming to children, teens, and adults with sensory processing needs.

If you are in need of change of environment while at Valley of Peace, the following areas are available:

- Narthex- provides space for movement right outside of the sanctuary. The worship service can still be seen and heard.
- Fireside Room - Near the top of the staircase, on the same level as the sanctuary. This space provides comfortable seating where the worship service can still be heard.
- Youth Room - The Youth room is located on the lowest level of the church and will contain a "quiet corner" with soft lighting and no worship sounds.

Sources: Mailloux Z & Smith Roley S. Sensory Integration Development and Early Signs of Difficulties. July 2013

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church  
April 28, 2024  
10:15 am

GATHERING MUSIC

*When the Morning Comes*

Mary McDonald

WORDS OF WELCOME

+ Please  
stand in  
body or  
spirit.

We invite you  
to  
participate in  
worship by  
reading the  
**BOLD** print

PRELUDE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day the Lord has made;  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

We gather today to shout Alleluia!  
**Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.**

We shall live, witness, and recount the deeds of the God whose love endures forever.  
**Out of the doom of death and despair, victory comes and glory appears.**

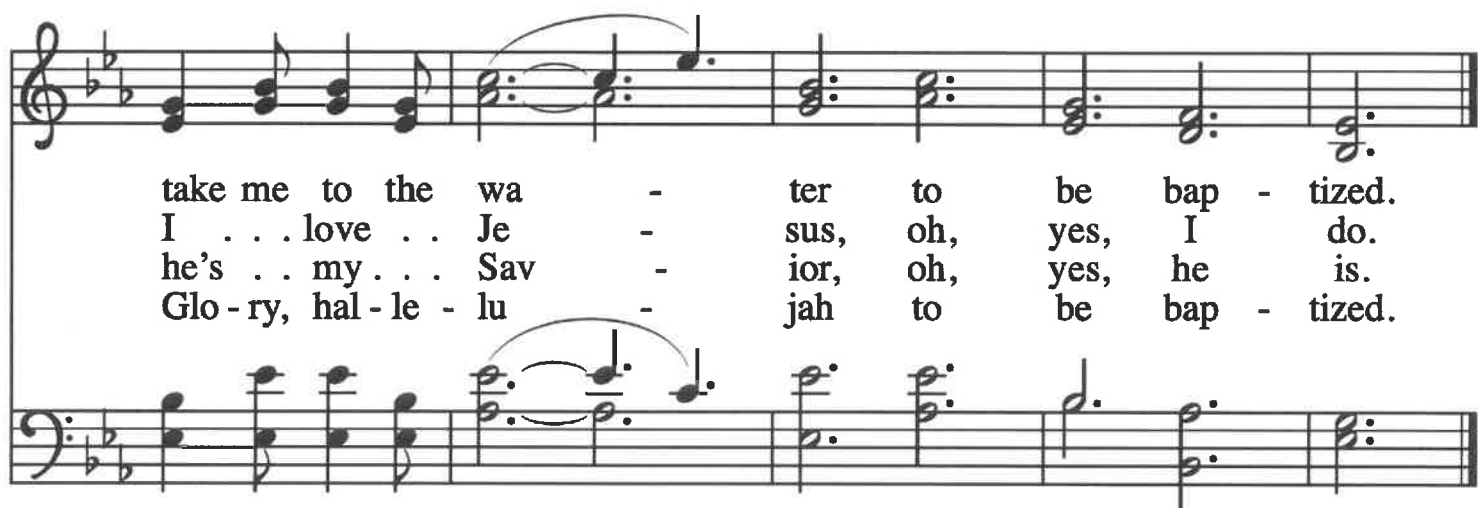
We gather today to shout Alleluia!  
**Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.**

+OPENING HYMN

*Take Me to the Water*



1 Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the wa - ter,  
2 I . . . love . . Je - sus, I . . . love . . Je - sus,  
3 He's . . my . . Sav - ior, he's . . my . . Sav - ior,  
4 Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah.



take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.  
I . . . love . . Je - sus, oh, yes, I do.  
he's . . my . . Sav - ior, oh, yes, he is.  
Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

+THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed by the holy Trinity, † one God,  
The wellspring of grace,  
Our Easter and our joy.  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!  
**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.  
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.  
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.  
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.  
Look, here is water!  
**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**  
At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.  
We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!  
**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

+GREETING

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

+KYRIE pg. 175

+CANTICLE OF PRAISE pg. 176

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

FAITH MOMENT: BIBLE MILESTONE

ANTHEM

*Be Thou My Vision*

Traditional

FIRST READING.....Acts 8:26-40

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING.....John 15:1-8

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

(following the reading)

This is the good News.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

All: vs. 1, 3 & 5; High Voices: vs. 2; Low Voices: vs. 4

+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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Response - A:* Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

+SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**



OFFERTORY

*This Little Light of Mine*

Traditional

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. 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, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

+THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.



Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**+LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*All are welcome to receive communion at Valley of Peace. We serve communion every Sunday by intinction.  
After the pastor speaks the words of distribution to online worshippers, the ushers will then invite worshippers physically  
present to receive communion.*

*If you are receiving communion by intinction, there will be bread and gluten-free wafers available. As you come  
forward to receive communion, a communion server will serve you your preference. Please take the bread or wafer and dip it  
into our preference of either wine or juice. The first chalice will contain wine and the second chalice will contain grape  
juice.*

*If you prefer to not receive communion by intinction there are pre-packaged communion kits with a gluten-free wafer and  
grape juice. You may pick this up on your way to communion.*

*If you prefer not to receive communion at all, please come forward with your hands across your chest and you will  
receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

pg. 182 *Lamb of God*  
#388 *Be Not Afraid*  
#359 *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

COMMUNION BLESSING

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer the shadows, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

+BLESSING

+SENDING HYMN

#881 *Let All Things Now Living*

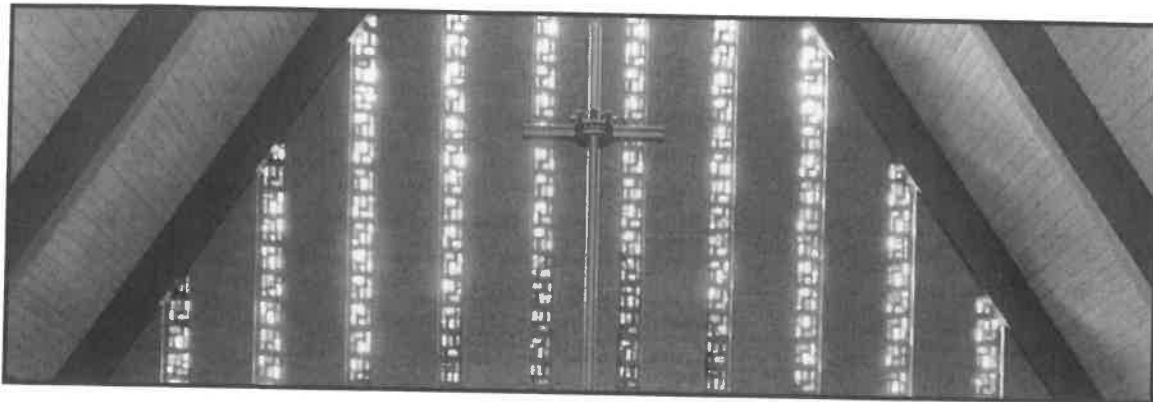
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

arr. Chris Rice



## In Worship Today

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Director of Music.....	Hsu-hui Wang
Opener/Closer.....	Joe Cherra
Greeters.....	Elaine & Marv Lofquist
Welcome Center.....	Margaret Wallace
Ushers.....	Abby Stetler, Matt Stetler, Kari Roll & Kelsey Pierson
Worship Assistant.....	Darcie Rodman
Reader.....	Paul Mikelson
Communion Servers.....	Anna Halvorson, Carolyn Rask, Pat Hepner & Dan Johnson
Faith Moment.....	Pace Warfield
Musicians.....	The Moravec Family
Tech.....	Ben Brandt
Altar Care.....	Claudia Arohson
Coffee Cart.....	Sally Daniels Herron

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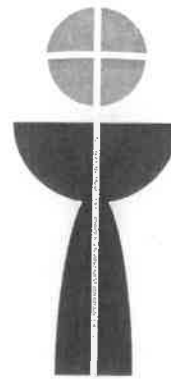
We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God and, by grace, is called a child of God, without exception and regardless of gender, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, age, station in life, or political affiliation.





# Holy Communion

## Setting Seven



SETTING SEVEN

### Gathering

*Confession and forgiveness (p. 94) or thanksgiving for baptism (p. 97) may begin the service.*

### Gathering Song

*One or more of the following may be sung: hymns, psalms; a Kyrie; a canticle of praise.*

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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

*A Kyrie may be sung by all.*

S 175

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad;      ten pie - dad      de no -  
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us;      O . . . Lord,      have . . .

so - tros.      Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -  
mer - cy.      Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad;      ten pie - dad      de no - so - tros.  
us;      O . . . Lord,      have . . mer - cy.

Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad;      ten pie - dad      de no -  
Christ, . . have mer - cy on us;      O . . . Christ,      have . .



so - tros.  
mer - cy.

Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -  
Christ, . . have mer - cy on



dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.

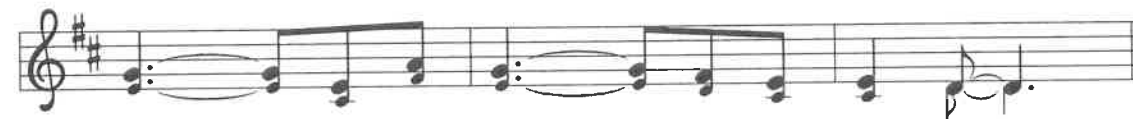


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Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .



so - tros.  
mer - cy.

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -  
Lord, . . have mer - cy on



dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

One of the following or another canticle of praise may be sung by all.

S 176



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.



*Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra a-que-llos que a-ma el Se - ñor.*  
 And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

**OR**



*Refrain*

S 177

*Ce - le - bre - mos la vic - to - ria de nues - tro*  
 Cel - e - brate the feast of vic - to - ry for our



*Dios. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.*  
 God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



*1 Dig - no es Cris - to, el Cor - de - ro in - mo - la - do, cu - ya*  
 1 Wor - thy is Christ, . . . the . . . Lamb who was slain, . . . whose . . .



*san - gre nos ha li - be - ra - do, pa - ra ser el pueb - lo de Dios.*  
 blood . . has set . . us free, . . . free to be the peo - ple of God.



*2 Po - der, ri - que - zas, sa - bi - du - rí - a y fuer - za,*  
 2 All pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom and strength and bless - ing,



*hon - ra ya - la - ban - za y glo - ria son de él.*  
 hon - or, thanks and praise and glo - ry to the Lamb.



*3 Can - te - mos con to - do el pueb - lo de Dios, y u -*  
 3 Re - joice, sing with all the peo - ple of God! Let us





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O Blessed Spring



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.

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 Music: Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950  
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BERGLUND  
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This Is the Spirit's Entry Now



1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,  
 2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;  
 3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day  
 4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



Text: Thomas E. Herbranson, b. 1933  
 Music: North American traditional; arr. hymnal version  
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LAND OF REST  
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*The presiding minister continues, using an appropriate form.*

*The thanksgiving may include this acclamation:*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*and may conclude: Amen.*

*The great thanksgiving concludes:*

**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.**

**OR**

**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

*The assembly may be seated. Music may accompany the communion and may begin with:*

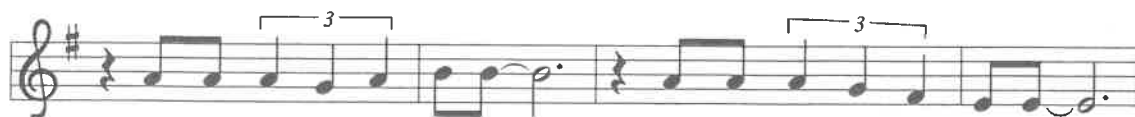
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Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .





*ten pie-dad de no - so - tros,  
have . . mer-cy up - on us,*

*ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
have . . mer - cy up - on us.*



*Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe - ca - do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .*



*da - nos tu paz,  
grant us your peace,*

*da - nos tu paz.  
grant us your peace.*

*After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands. "Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace" or another suitable song may be sung.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Response after the prayer: Amen.*

## **Sending**

### **Blessing**

*Response after the blessing: Amen.*

### **Sending Song**

*If "Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace" was not sung at the end of communion, it may be sung here, or another sending song may be sung.*

### **Dismissal**

*Response: Thanks be to God.*



# O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 O sons and daughters, let us sing  
with heav'nly hosts to Christ our king:  
today the grave has lost its sting!  
Alleluia!
  - 2 That Easter morn, at break of day,  
a faithful woman went her way  
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia!
  - 3 When Mary's heart was filled with gloom  
and she stood weeping near the tomb,  
a stranger spoke, she knew not whom.  
Alleluia!
  - 4 "Why do you weep?" his question came.  
"Whose is the body you would claim?"  
And then, at last, he spoke her name.  
Alleluia!
  - 5 No longer weeping, anguish-bent,  
but with rejoicing Mary went,  
by Christ as first apostle sent.  
Alleluia!
- Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Jean Tisserand, d. 1494, st. 1; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.;  
Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939, sts. 2-5  
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8 8 8 with alleluias

# Be Not Afraid

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Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community  
Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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BE NOT AFRAID  
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# 359

## Where Charity and Love Prevail

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt.  
 Music: attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760-1842  
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TWENTY-FOURTH  
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# 360

## Love Consecrates the Humblest Act

- 1 Love consecrates the humblest act  
 and haloes mercy's deeds;  
 it sheds a benediction sweet  
 and hallows human needs.
- 2 When in the shadow of the cross  
 Christ knelt and washed the feet  
 of his disciples, he gave us  
 a sign of love complete.
- 3 Love serves and willing stoops to serve;  
 what Christ in love so true  
 has freely done for one and all,  
 let us now gladly do!

Text: Silas B. McManus, 1845-1917

TWENTY-FOURTH  
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# Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
 2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.  
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

