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The Rev. Kurt Christenson, pastor

Bill Engel, piano

Jan Neuhaus, Cantor

Assisting Minister

Elizabeth Connolly, Paul Engel, Jan Neuhaus, & Billie Thompson, singers

Omari Abdul-Alim, violin

Brian Jensen, sound, video, & computer

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+SOLA GRATIA+

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

Amen.

GREETING

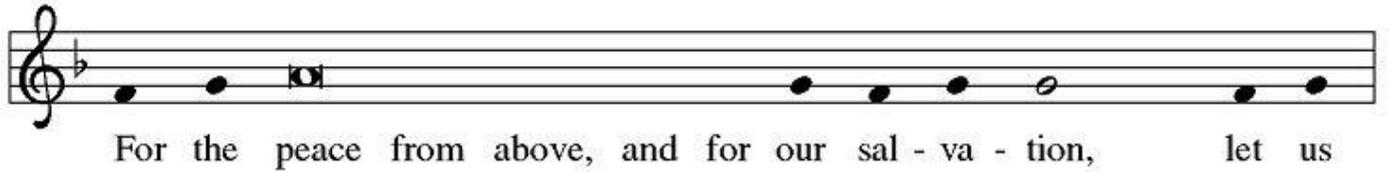
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



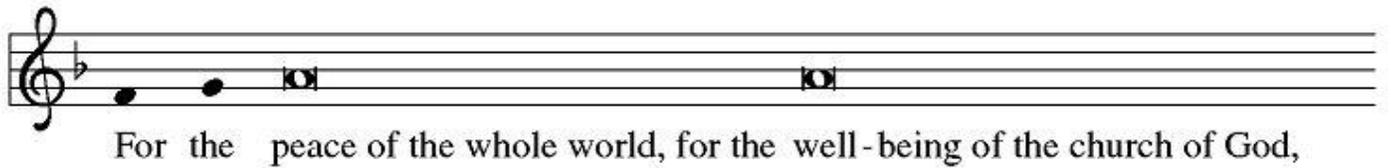
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



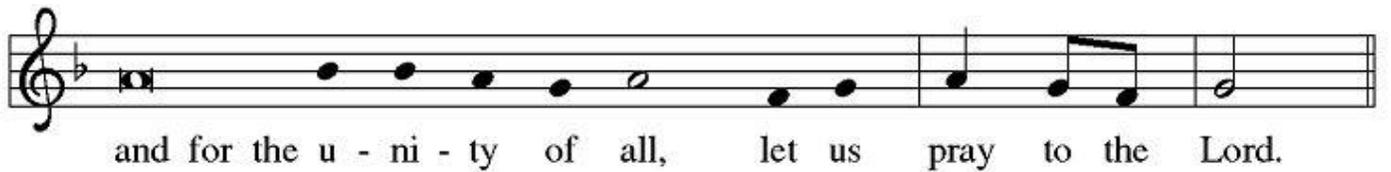
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



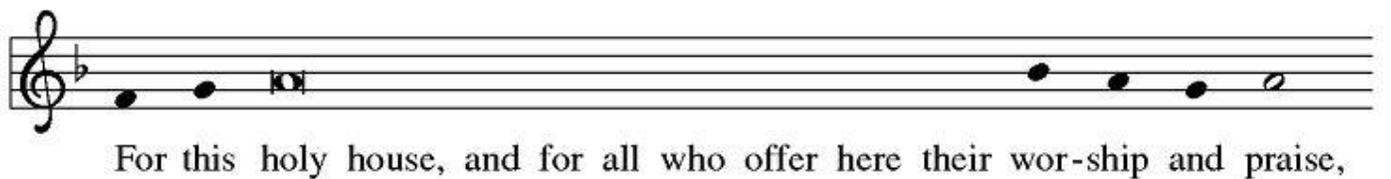
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



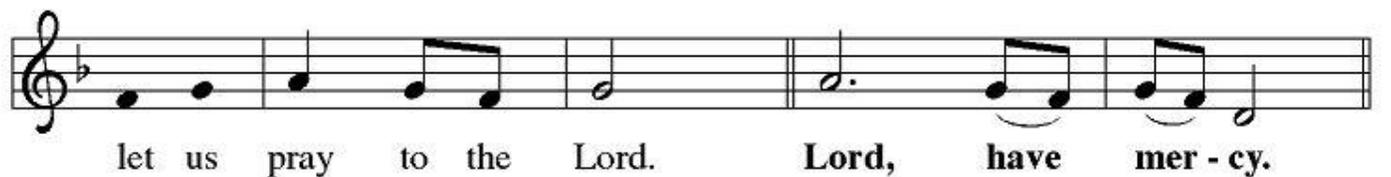
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



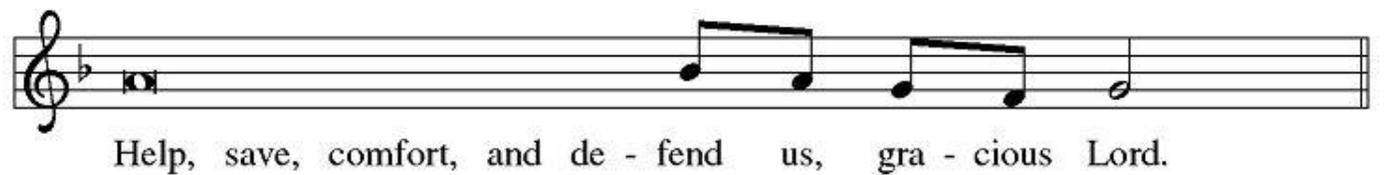
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

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. 1 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. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



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

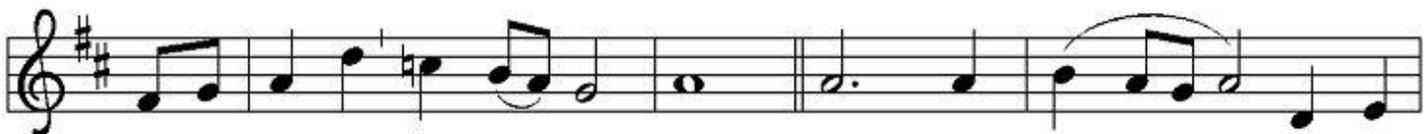


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Refrain

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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

+SOLA SCRIPTURA+

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 3:12-19

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 4

**congregation sings bold verses*



Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

**“You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?”**

Know that the Lord does wonders | for the faithful;
the Lord will hear me | when I call.

**Tremble, then, and | do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.**

Offer the appointed | sacrifices,
and put your trust | in the Lord.

**Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O Lord.**

You have put gladness | in my heart,
more than when grain and | wine abound.

**In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;
for you alone, O Lord, make me | rest secure.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1-7

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

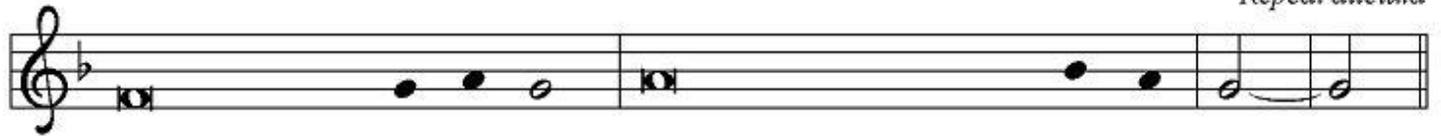


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

Glory to you, O Lord.

...

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Kurt

HYMN OF THE DAY

When Peace like a River



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

+SOLA FIDE+

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**after each petition:*

Hear us O God... **Your mercy is great.**

THE NICENE CREED

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.

OFFERING

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Pat Lindquist, Generosity

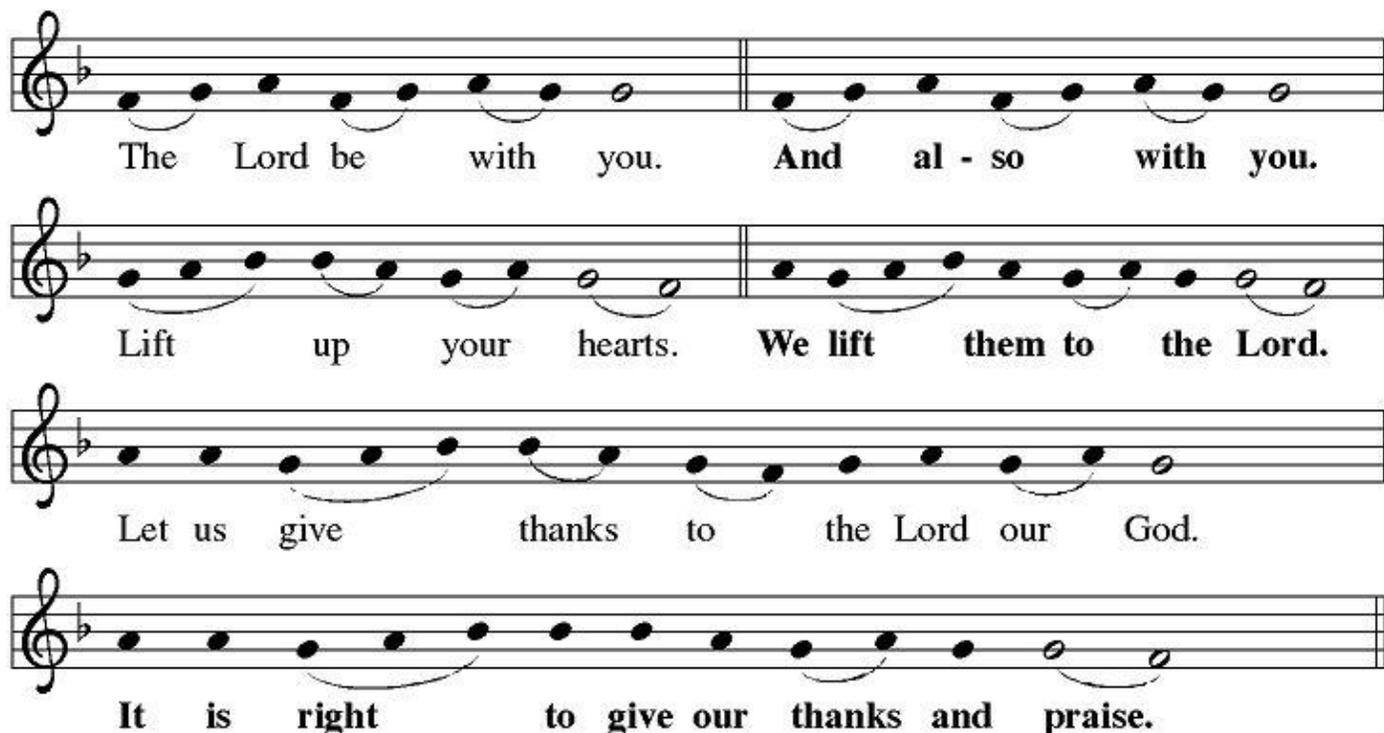
OFFERING PRAYER

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

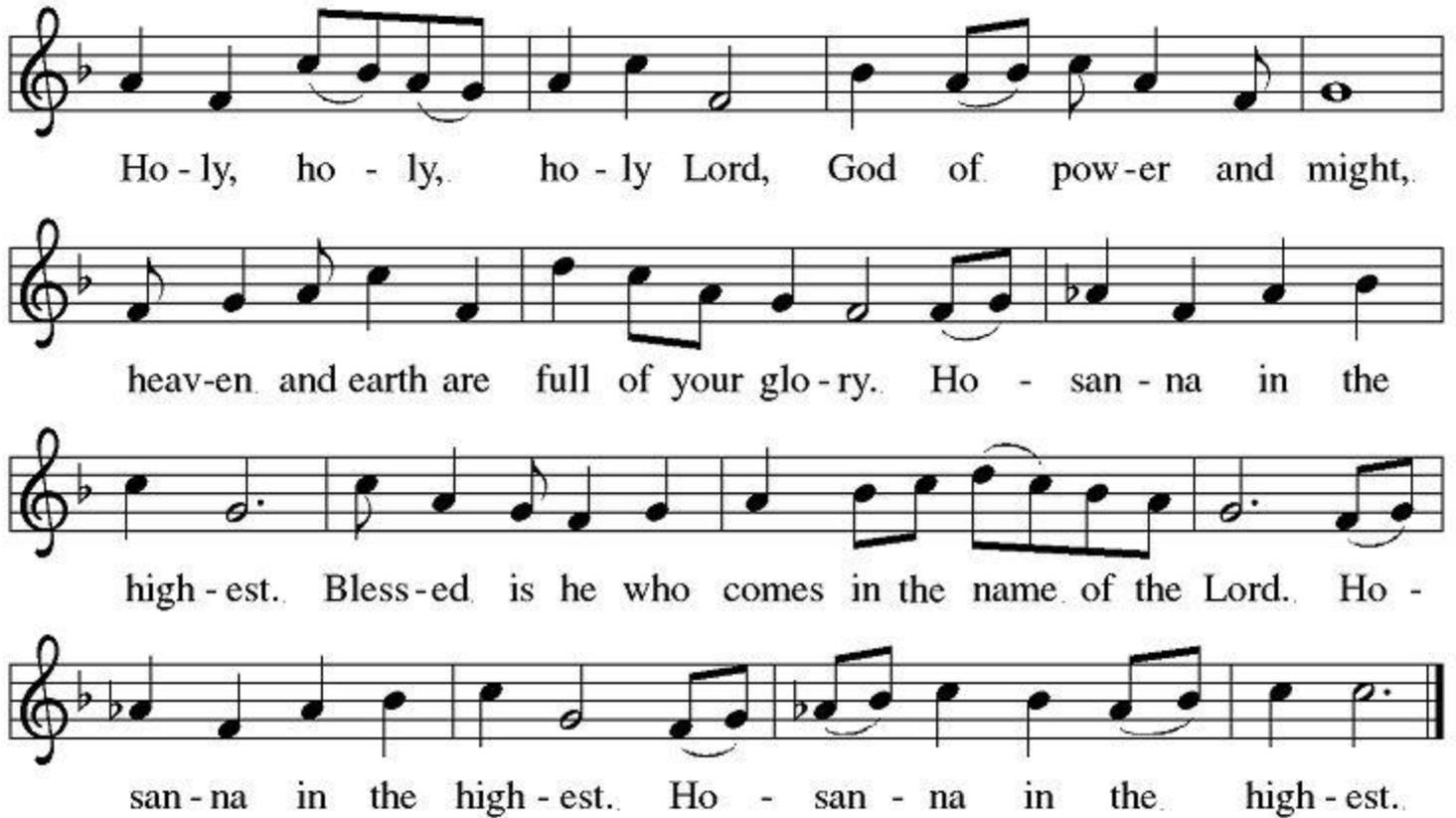
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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... and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn...

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**repeat after cantor:*



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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command... To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**repeat after cantor:*



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

**Until the COVID-free bells ring across the land we will continue to practice a conservative and cautious approach to communion. You are invited to come forward to a credence table, onto which will be placed the elements. The pastor will handle each host with tongs and after intinction will place it onto a piece of parchment. The Worship Assistant will then place it on the table for you. Please take it and receive the elements of grace; broken and shed for you. There are small black receptacles on either side of the chancel for you to deposit the paper.*

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

By Your Hand You Feed Your People



- 1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Risen Savior Jesus the Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

BENEDICTION

Amen.

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

We have eaten together with the risen Christ.

Go out then, as witnesses of these things.

Attend to your heart,
worship with integrity,

trust in the Lord.

Proclaim forgiveness and healing in his name to all.

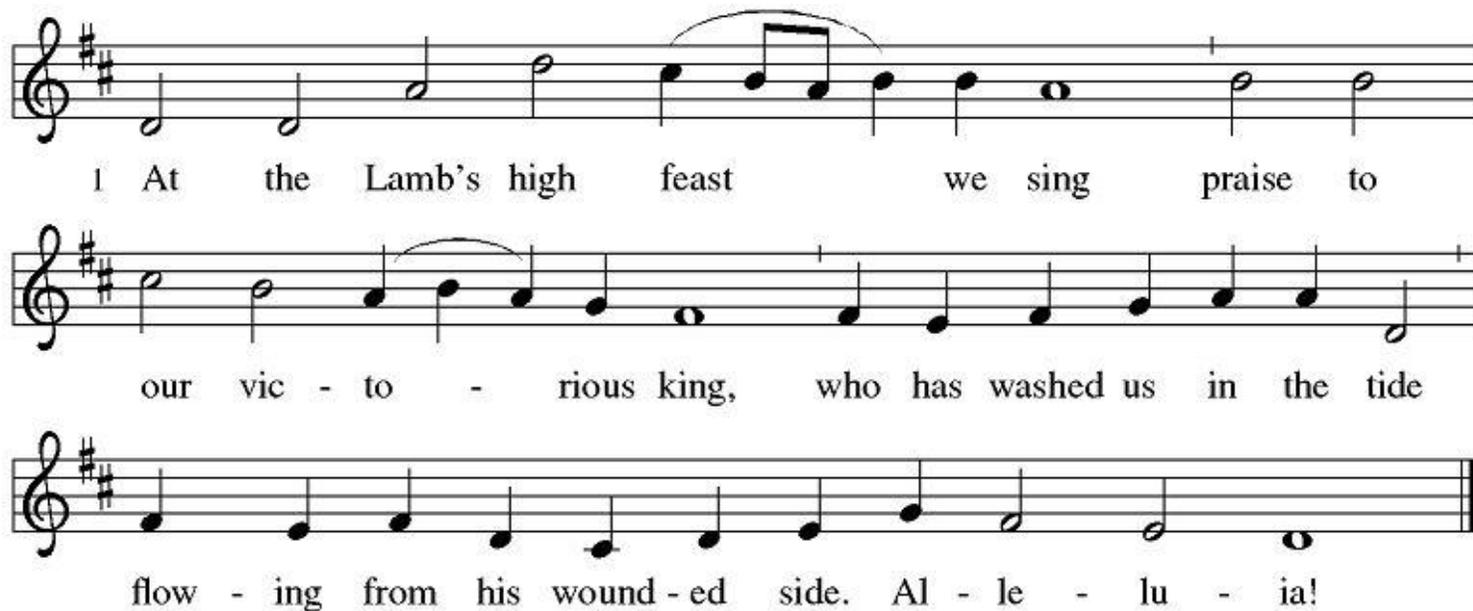
And may God raise you from death to life,
from brokenness to perfect health;

May Christ Jesus cast out your fear and doubt;

And may the Holy Spirit give your heart joy,
even as the bread and wine give your body life.

SENDING SONG

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in treble clef. The lyrics are: "1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!"

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.

Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

confession & forgiveness, prayer of the day, offering prayer, and dismissal

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kyrie, preface, eucharist, sanctus, agnus dei, nunc dimittis

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hymn of praise

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closing blessing

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