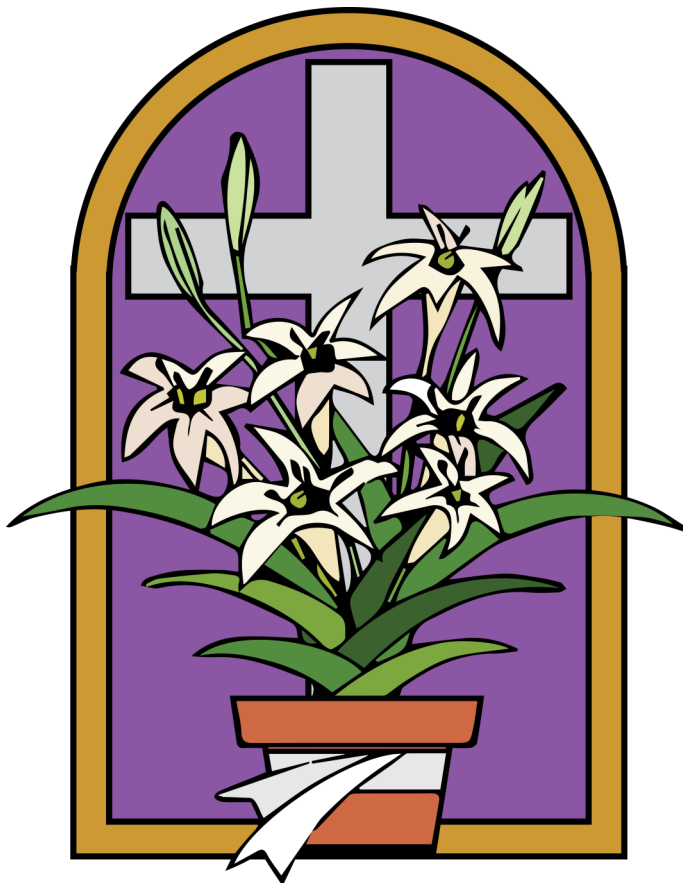


Fifth Sunday of Easter



May 18, 2025
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

*Before the service, speak to the Lord;
During the service, let the Lord speak to you;
After the service, speak to one another.*

Prelude

The people stand as they are able.

Entrance 182 "Christ is alive! Let Christians sing."

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

The complete text begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

The following acclamation is said three times.

Priest Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

All say this Hymn of Praise (9 a.m.)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

All sing this Hymn of Praise (11 a.m.)

"God's Paschal Lamb" (tune of "For All the Saints")



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

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The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated while lessons are read.

The Lessons

Acts 11:1-18

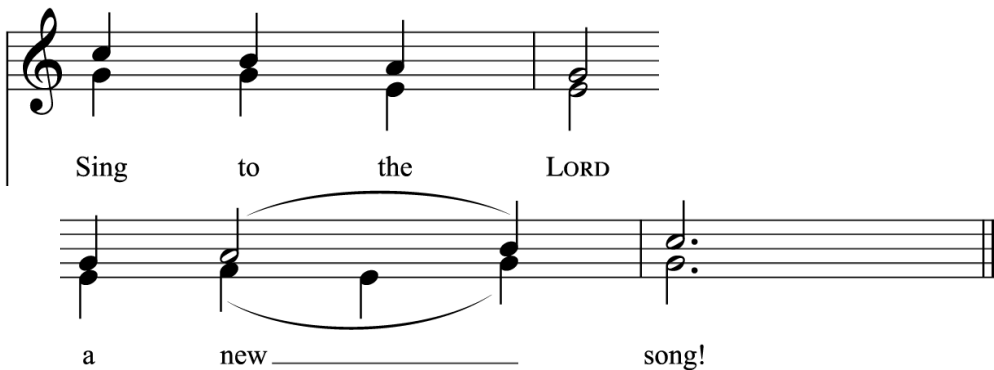
¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house.

¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and

saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Lector The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Psalm 148



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¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

²Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

³Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

Refrain

⁴Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

⁵Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

⁶He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Refrain

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, *
 you sea-monsters and all deeps;
⁸Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
 tempestuous wind, doing his will;
⁹Mountains and all hills, *
 fruit trees and all cedars;
¹⁰Wild beasts and all cattle, *
 creeping things and wingèd birds; **Refrain**
¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
 princes and all rulers of the world;
¹²Young men and maidens, *
 old and young together. **Refrain**
¹³Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
 for his Name only is exalted,
 his splendor is over earth and heaven.
¹⁴He has raised up strength for his people
 and praise for all his loyal servants, *
 the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
 Hallelujah! **Refrain**

Revelation 21:1-6

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence "They'll Know We Are Christians"

Unison Fm Cm7 Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

Bbm Fm

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, his on - ly Son.

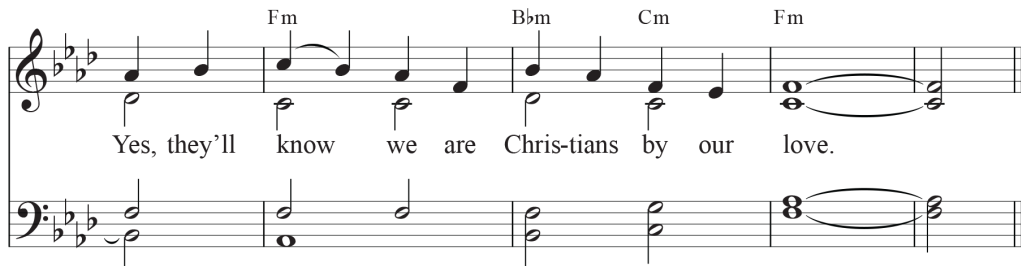
Bbm Fm

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

Refrain Db Ab Db Ab Fm Bbm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love.

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THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
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Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

Priest **The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.**

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 13:31-35

³¹[At the last supper, when Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Priest **The Gospel of the Lord.**

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Mark Rutenbar

The people stand as they are able.

The Prayers of the People

Caring God,

We thank you for your gifts in creation:

for our world

the heavens tell of your glory

for our land, its beauty, and its resources

for the rich heritage we enjoy.

We pray:

for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,
that we may use your gifts responsibly.

for those who work on the land and the sea, in city and in industry,
that all may enjoy the fruits of their labors and marvel at your creation.

for artists, scientists and visionaries,
that through their work we may see creation afresh.

Silence

We thank you for giving us life
for all who enrich our experience.

We pray:

for all who are deprived of fullness of life
for prisoners, refugees, the handicapped, and all who are sick,
especially Marley, Julian, Tim, Joan, Ruth, John, Reed, Audrey,
Lotte, Patti, Debbie, Carol, Betty, Lee, Ginny, Matthew, Bob, Jim,
Mike, Andrew, Carol, Phil, Jane, Michelle and Harry;
for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for
your church,
for all who seek to bring life to others.

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation.
Give us reverence for life in your world.

We thank you for your redeeming love;
may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.

Silence

God, Creator, bring us new life.
Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, strengthen and guide us.

God of peace, let us, your people, know that at the heart of turbulence there
is an inner calm that comes from faith in you.

Keep us from being content with things as they are, that from this central
peace there may come a creative compassion, a thirst for justice, and a
willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ. **Amen**

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

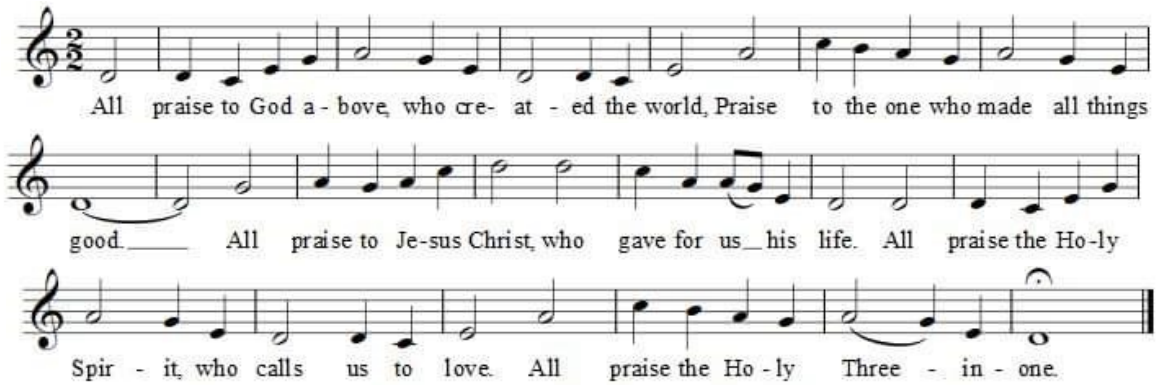
The People may then greet one another with a sign of peace.

The People may be seated for the offering.

Offertory

The People stand as the offering is brought forward.

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The Great Thanksgiving

The complete text begins on p. 361, BCP

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People (Spoken at 9 a.m.)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant and People (Sung at 11 a.m.)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n 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.

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The people stand or kneel.

Then the Priest continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Priest is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People



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

The Priest continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

The Priest continues through the Invocation, then says

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Priest and People

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bread is broken and silence is kept. Then may be said

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Invitation to Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Optional Prayer for those who cannot receive

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

The people may be seated.

Hymns During Communion

Hymn 655 "O Jesus, I have promised"



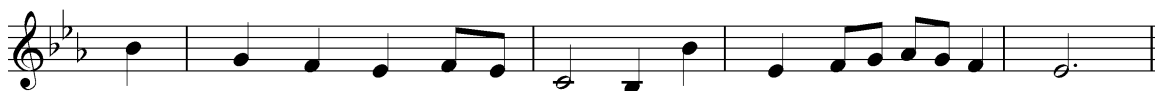
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end:
2 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee,



be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;



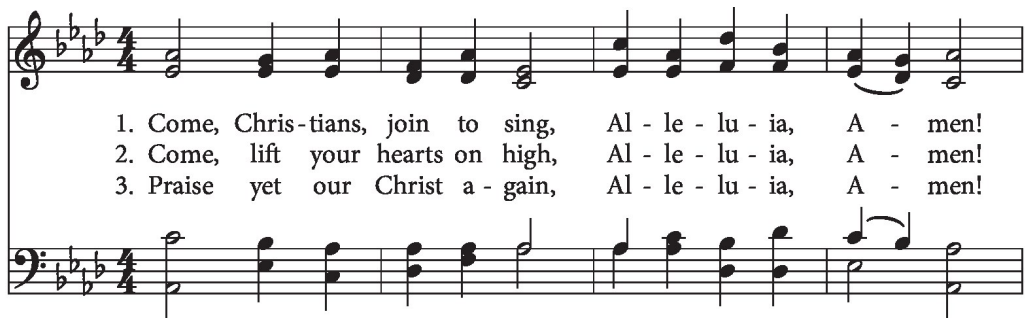
I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



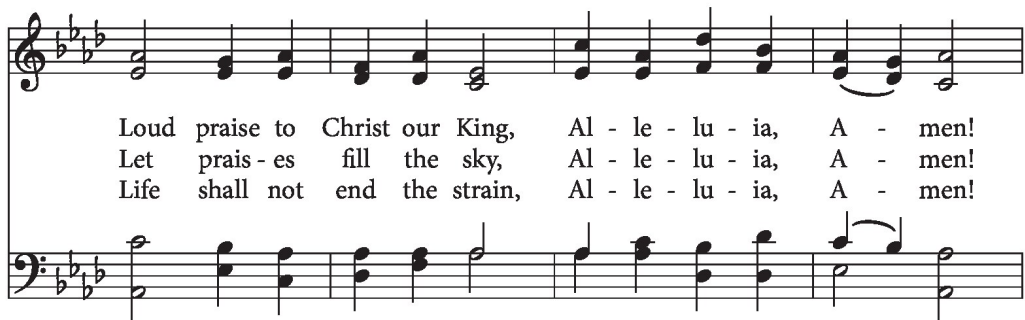
nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

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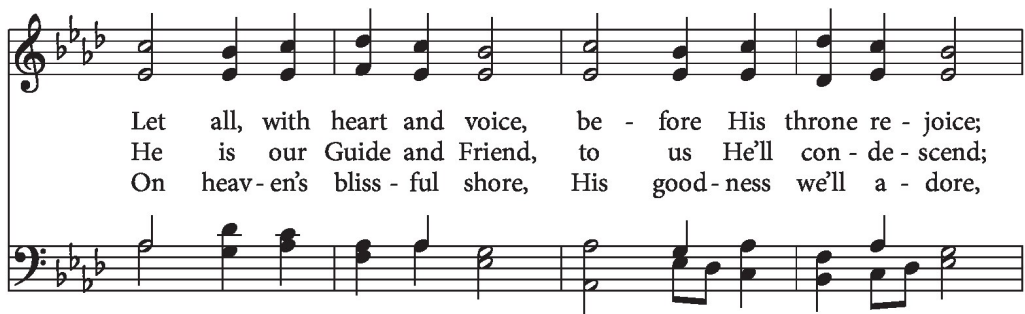
Hymn "Come, Christians Join to Sing"



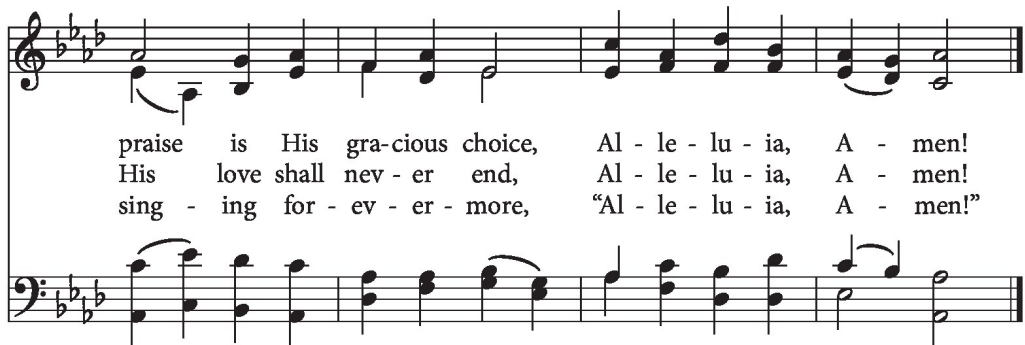
1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!



Loud praise to Christ our King, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
Life shall not end the strain, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice;
He is our Guide and Friend, to us He'll con - de - scend;
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore, His good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is His gra-cious choice, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
His love shall nev - er end, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!"

Hymn "Will you come and follow me"



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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The People stand as they are able.

After Communion, all say

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest bestows the blessing

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing “Soon and very soon”



- 1 Soon and ver - y soon
- 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
- 3 No more dy - in' there,
- 4 Soon and ver - y soon



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 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon

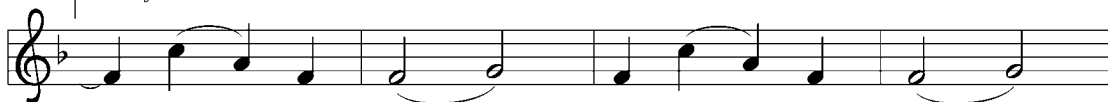


soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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The Deacon (or if no Deacon, the Priest) dismisses the People.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude

In Our Prayers

LARCC: Music Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church

For Healing & Convalescing: Marley Hamp, Julian Liske, Tim Fitzpatrick, Joan Campbell, Ruth Kapala, John Precord, Reed Hamp, Audrey Himes, Lotte Rosenberg, Patti Rockwell, Debbie Sanborn, Carol Hart, Betty Bartley, Lee Harris, Ginny French, Matthew Van Zetten, Bob Hanna, Jim Tanner, Mike Tanner, Andrew, Carol Putkamer, Phil, Jane McClain, Michelle and Harry.

Military: Ian Hamp, Ashley Alexander, Tyler Ferrier, Joshua Gapske, Isaac Graham, John Hartman

Birthdays: Norma Hanna (19), Terry Rosbeck (20), Michelle Rosbeck (21)

Cycles of Prayer: Diocesan: Camp Chickagami & Episcopal Youth Camp - For McKenzie Knill, Bill Fleener and all of the staff, volunteers and campers attending this season; Anglican: the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE TECW SPRING SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Brother Michael Whitman will lead the Spring Spiritual Retreat on **Thursday, May 22 from 10am to 12pm**. It will be a time to refresh and refuel after the Victorian Tea and other busy events. In the words of Brother Michael, "On May 22, we will again explore our inner world, seeking deeper honesty for our spiritual journey." This retreat requires no prior preparation or reading and all Trinity members and their friends are welcome to attend. You are asked to bring a journal/paper and a pen for the planned activity. Lunch will be provided following the event. Please reserve your spot by contacting Cheryl Bates: cherylabates64@gmail.com or 989-657-2939 by Monday, May 19.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Scholarship applications are now available in the church office. Please contact Peggy if you would like an application.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	9 & 11 AM 10 AM 11 AM 12:15 PM 4 PM	Holy Eucharist LDS Church - Lower Level Children's Sunday School Choir Practice Sunday Supper
Tuesday	1:30 PM 4:45 PM 5:30 PM 7 PM	Prayer Group Alpena Groove - Lower Level Fellowship Hall Reserved AA
Wednesday	12:05 PM 1 PM 7 PM	Holy Eucharist Bible Study AA
Thursday	10AM-1PM 1-3 PM 6 PM	TECW Retreat Cleaning Crew at Trinity (Please try to avoid planning activities during this time) Vestry
Friday	2-5 PM 5:30 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved AA



Future Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 25

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs

11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs

Sunday, June 1

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

Sunday, June 8

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs

11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Downs

Sunday, June 15

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

Sunday, June 22

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs

11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Downs

Sunday, June 29

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs

11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Downs

Wednesdays, May 21, 28 and June 4, 11, 18, 25

12:05 pm - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Bruce Michaud

1:00 pm - Bible Study/Rev. Bruce Michaud

VESTRY BRIEFS

March 27, 2025 ~ 6 p.m.

Present: Ellan Eagan (Senior Warden), Don Stockdale (Junior Warden), Bill Powell, Sonya Titus, Michelle Cornish, Peggy Tomaszewski, Cathy Meske, Deacon Dan Maxwell and Ted Rockwell (via Zoom). Members Absent: Sue Fitzpatrick, Sue Jackowiak, & Betty Westrope.

OPENING DEVOTIONS – Cathy led the Vestry in prayer.

CLERK’S REPORT: Minutes of prior Meeting(s), Cathy moved and Don seconded, motion passed.

FINANCE

Financial Reports: January/February 2025, Vestry reviewed the financial reports. Ted moved, Bill seconded, motion passed. The checking account contains too much money to not earn interest. The extra money is due to insurance money for the repair of the organ (\$223,000). The money will not be used until the project is complete. The church will have to make up the difference between the insurance money and the actual cost of the repair. The Vestry discussed finding the best rate for a money market or cd. Sonya made the motion, “to find the best rate for an insured account like a money market or a CD for the \$223,000” Cathy seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Parochial Report- present and reviewed by the Vestry and filed.

Vestry Briefs – Shelly Cornish – apologized for not getting all the Vestry Briefs to the congregation this past year. She asked the Vestry to help approve the minutes quickly so that she can write the Vestry Briefs for the congregation.

Safe Church Administrator- Cathy discussed the need to make sure that everyone who needs to be Safe Church trained is up to date. We need an administrator designated who would ensure that all member trainings are kept up to date. Ted volunteered to be the administrator (thank you!).

Executive Session

OLD BUSINESS - None

SENIOR WARDEN’S REPORT – Next month at the Vestry meeting, Bryan Strong will come to talk to the members at 5pm.

The Latter-Day Saints are back to using our parish for at least 3-4 months. They will be using the classrooms downstairs at 10am and it’s important that we are quiet if we pass through the downstairs while they are using it.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – Junior Warden – Don continues to be involved with the organ and the Vestry appreciates his work. He is working on ensuring that everything is put back together and is in working order. The new church sign is up and looks great. The other two parking lot signs are still being worked on. The Vestry discussed whether to have a landscaper do a spring cleanup or do a work bee. It was decided to have a work bee. Details about the work bee to be determined in the next few weeks.

MUSIC DIRECTOR REPORT – Kat Tomaszewski – Kat brought to the Vestry's attention the need for better lighting in the sanctuary. Replacement lightbulbs are needed that are brighter and LED. Kat did some research is recommending a bulb from Standard Electric. Other churches are using these bulbs, and they work well. It was decided that we allow the Jr Warden to do additional research and send the Vestry the cost of the project. Don will email the Vestry for a vote on the proposals.

During a recent funeral it became apparent that we do not have enough mic jacks. Kat is recommending to the Vestry that we update our sound system. She brought three different proposals to the Vestry. One for an update of the complete sound system in the sanctuary (extra mics, mics for the choir, etc.), an update of the sound system in the common room and the revamping of the live stream that would work with the proposed new audio for the sanctuary. Vestry appreciates her work and reviewed the proposal. The Vestry then discussed the need to review the Maintenance Projects List that the Don created back in September. We will discuss this at our next meeting.

Finally, Kat reported that there are many groups using the sanctuary for rehearsals and musical events at Trinity.

OTHER BUSINESS - None

CLOSING PRAYER(S) Dan led the Vestry in closing prayers.

Meeting ended at 8:00

Next Meeting: April 24 at 6 p.m.

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Welcome to Trinity, part of the Anglican Communion, and thus, both catholic and reformed — the *via media* or "middle way" between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism.

Trinity organized in 1864 and our Victorian Gothic building dates from 1883. As a "National Jubilee Center," we reach out to many in need, and as a venue for performing arts, we live out our identity as a "village church" in the English tradition.

In "Eucharistic hospitality," we invite all persons to the Lord's Table. Please join us there, and then, next door after the Service for refreshment and fellowship. We are delighted that you are here, and would be delighted to meet you.

The Vestry

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Susan Fitzpatrick, Treasurer

Michelle Cornish, Clerk

Sue Jackowiak Ted Rockwell

Cathy Meske Sonya Titus

Bill Powell Betty Westrope

