

Fourth Sunday of Easter



May 11, 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


Entrance 522 "Glorious things of thee are spoken"

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal staff with four parts and a piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, the second system covers the next two lines, and the third system covers the final two lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal parts.

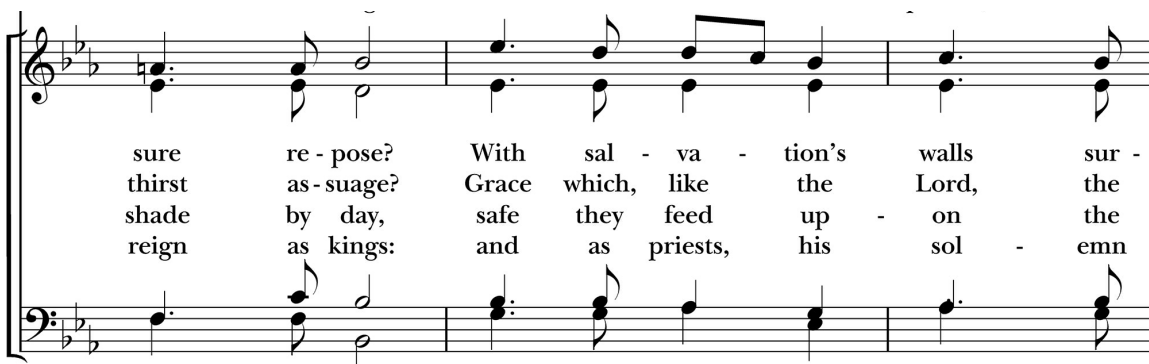
1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

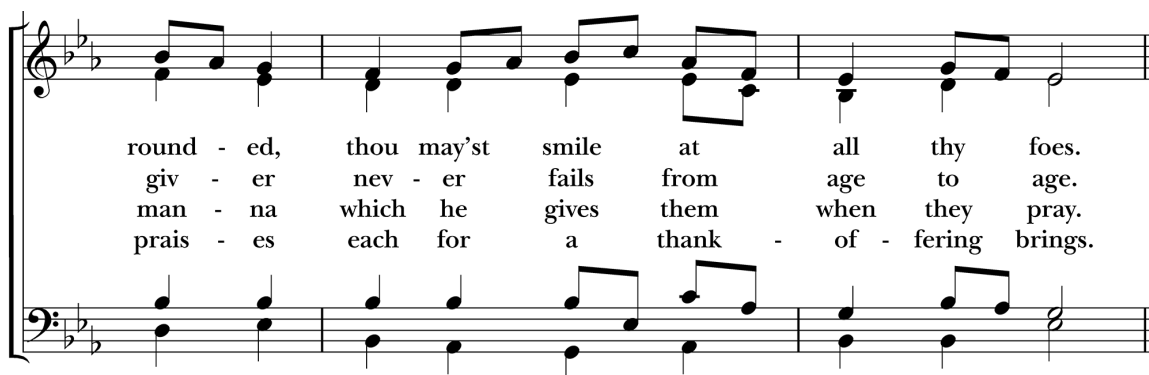
bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.



on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to



sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
 thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn



round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt. Music: *Austria*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1807); desc. Michael Y. Young, (b. 1939).
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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!**

The Celebrant then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence 620 "Jerusalem, my happy home"

The musical score is written for a choir in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a basso continuo line (bass clef). The lyrics are arranged in five parts, with the first part of each system containing five lines of text. The music features a variety of note values, including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and ties. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's
5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
2 still re - joice in that most hap - py place.
3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

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

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

John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. J. Thomas Downs

Holy Baptism Presenation and Examination of the Candidates (11 am)

The Celebrant says

The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Candidates are presented by their Sponsors who say

Sponsor(s) I present Israel Macaiha Mazikeen Wilder to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer **I do.**

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **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.**

<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.

The Clergy and People process to the Baptismal font.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the people

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

<i>Leader</i>	Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Open her hearts to your grace and truth.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Celebrant then says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Israel Macaiha Mazikeen Wilder, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed for all the candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one

Israel Macaiha Mazikeen Wilder, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then says

Let us welcome the newly baptized
Israel Macaiha Mazikeen Wilder

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

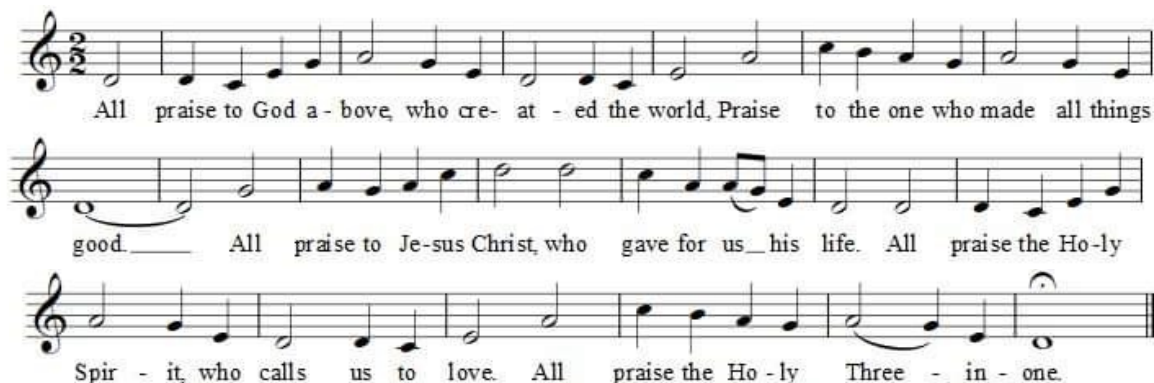
People **And also with you.**

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

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

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.)

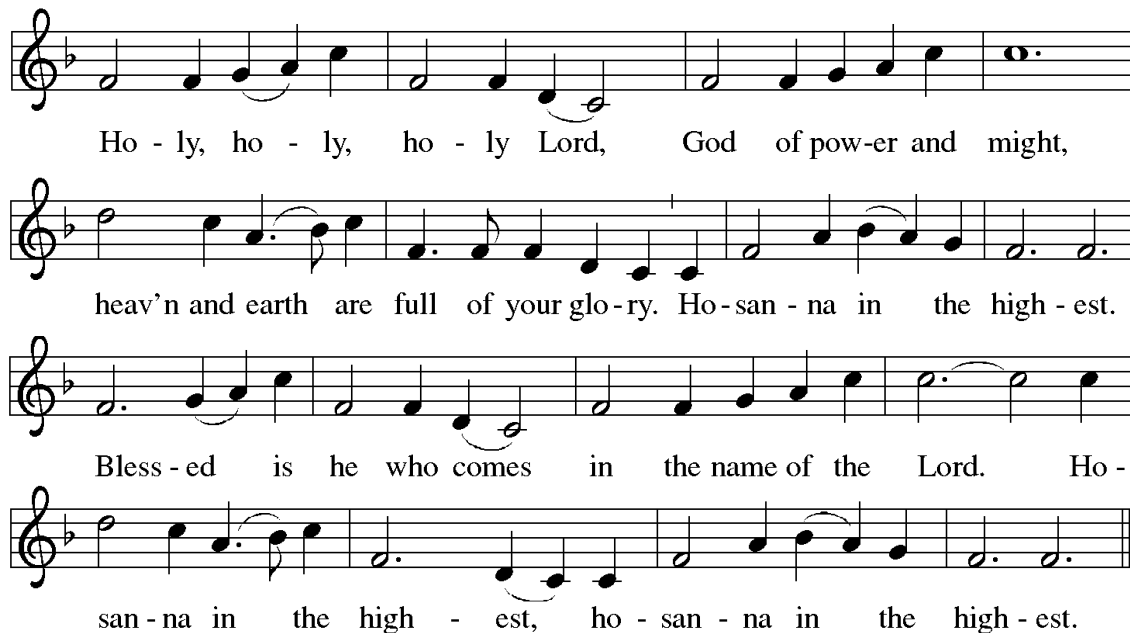
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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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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



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.



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

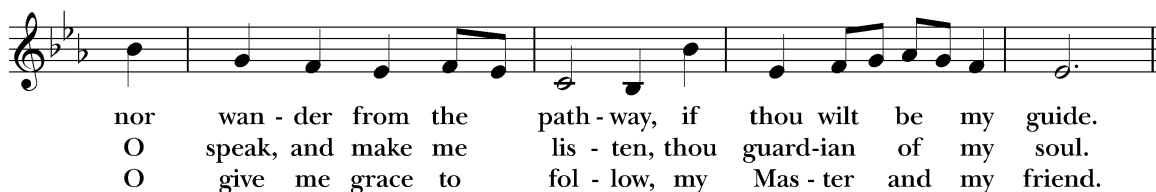
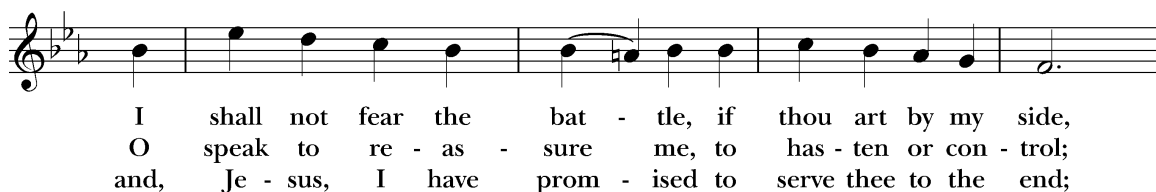
Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself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

Hymns During Communion

Hymn 655 "O Jesus, I have promised"

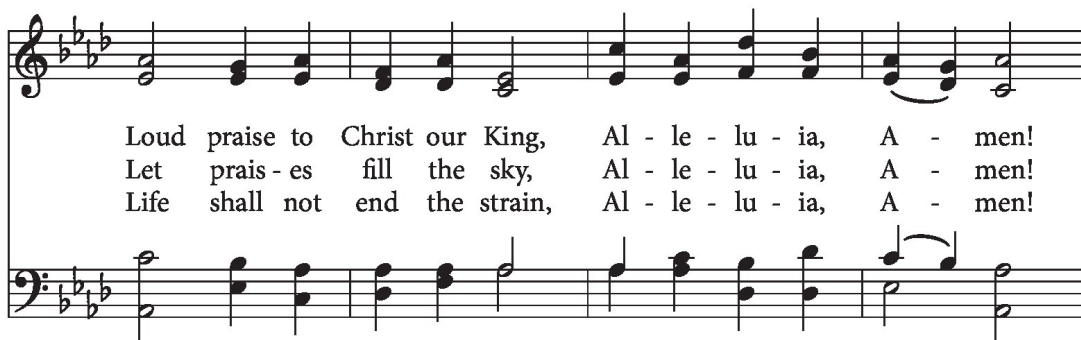
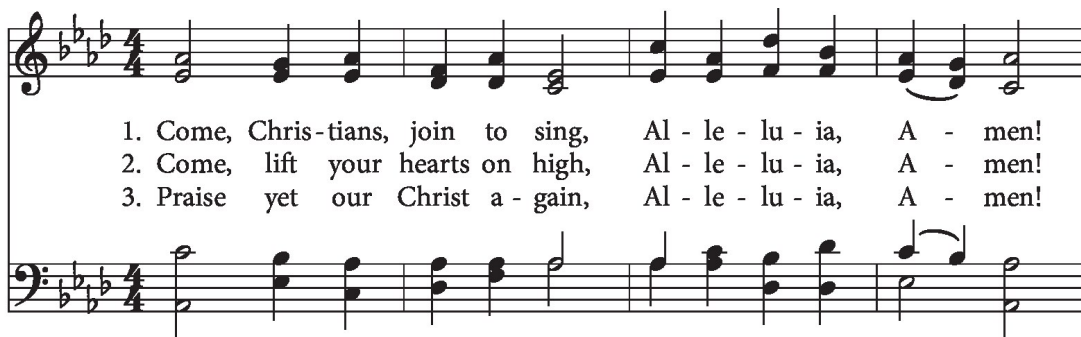


1 O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end:
2 O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,
3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee,



Words: John E. Bode; Music: adapt. David Evans.

Hymn "Come, Christians Join to Sing"



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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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 544 "Jesus shall reign"

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains five lines of lyrics, and the second system contains five lines of lyrics. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The piece concludes with a final cadence in the Soprano and Alto parts.

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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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: Environmental Sensitivity at St. Paul 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.

Birthdays: Dawn Cousins (11), Bronwyn Woolman (12), Pam Woida (13), Sue Jackowiak (15)

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

Cycles of Prayer: Diocesan: St. Paul's, Harsens Island, St. John's, Grand Haven, and The Order of Naucratus; Anglican: the Nippon Sei Ko Kai

VICTORIAN TEA

It's almost TEA TIME!! Victorian Tea time that is -- scheduled for Saturday, May 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. Plans are afoot and, of course, we have lots of opportunities for you to help make the Tea a joyful experience.

First, **the Tea Cozy Shop downstairs needs lots of donations from you**, from Aprons to Christian Books, to jewelry, to gardening tools etc. One year we had new bird houses to sell. Let your imagination roam free and drop your items on the hutch in the lower level just pass Peggy's office.

And. . . **we are going to need lots and lots of cookies, tarts, scones, chocolate pretzels, small cakes, etc., etc. on May 15 or 16.** This may be a good time to bake and freeze so you can contribute more!! Remember these treats need to be teeny, tiny treats, so our guests can sample lots of different things.

If you would like to get more involved in the day, call Sonya Titus at 989-354-6031 and your help with setting up, preparing trays of "goodies" , serving, welcoming guests, will be greatly appreciated (and it is fun working with fellow members of Trinity!!) A particular day to mark on your calendar: making teeny, tiny sandwiches May 16 at 9 a.m. This is a 'sitting down' work day so there is a place for everyone to contribute!!

Here's to another good year!



Future Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 18

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

Sunday, May 25

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs

11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Downs

Wednesdays, May 14, 21, 28 and June 4, 11, 18, 25

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

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

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: cherylabbates64@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
Fellowship Hall/Kitchen Reserved All Week for Tea		
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	9-11 AM	Cleaning Crew at Trinity (Please try to avoid planning activities during this time)
Friday	5:30 PM	AA

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

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