



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 3, 2026

PRELUDE

Rob Aaron

“Come to believe, Come to belong, Come to receive, the promise of God”

P) Alleluia! Christ is risen! C) He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another. *(Silence for self-reflection)*

Most merciful God...We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. *Amen.*

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*

GATHERING SONG

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; let us all in
 all thy life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re -
 spot - less let us be; let us see thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 thee in - her - it; let us find thy prom - ised rest.
 turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee!



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un -
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in



bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

REETING

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 ELEISON *(Lord, have mercy)*

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features two parts: a Leader part and an Assembly part. The Leader part begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The Assembly part begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have For the reign of God, and for mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord. For your Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your".

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

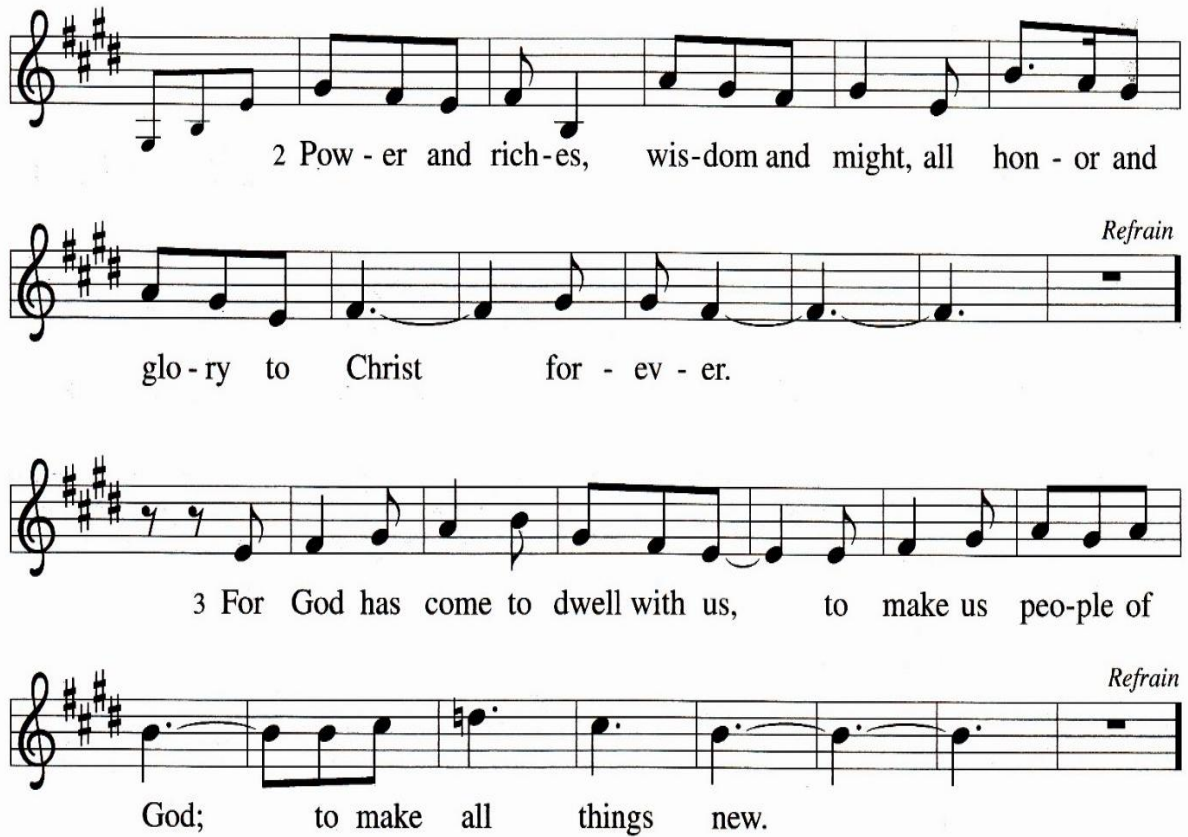
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of
God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together...**Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

“In Christ Alone”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

¹ In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame;

in your righteousness deliver me!

² Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily!

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!

³ For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;

⁴ you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,

for you are my refuge.

⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

¹⁵ My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

¹⁶ Make your face shine on your servant;

save me in your steadfast love!

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

chosen
1 PETER 2:9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Thy Word”



Refrain:

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still You're there right beside me.

And nothing will I fear, as long as You are near.

Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*

GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord!

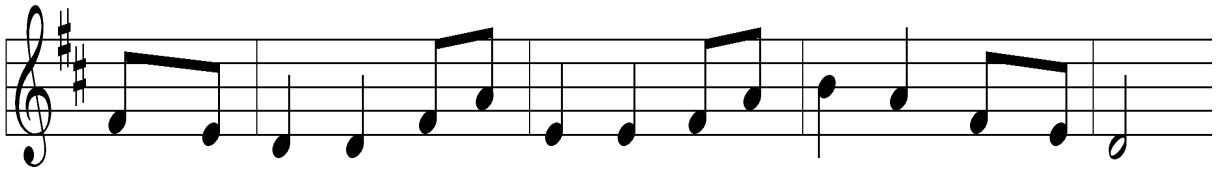
¹“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.
²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.”
⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

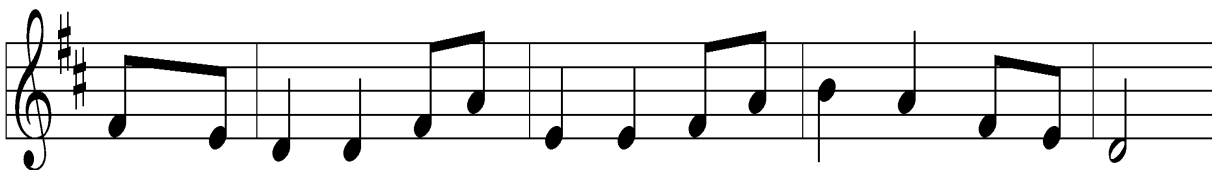
¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*



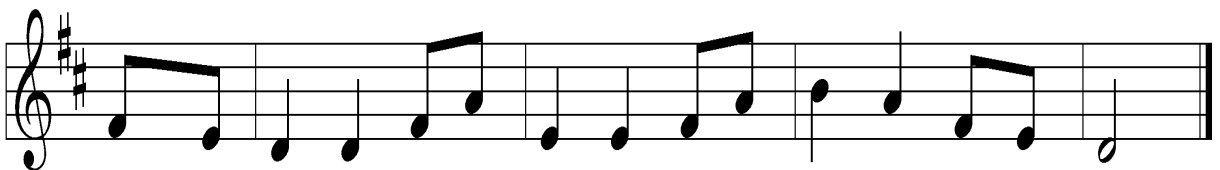
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer, hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

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 into hell.

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.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P) Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence

Heavenly Father, through the power of Christ's resurrection you adopt all who believe in Him. Receive us as your newborn children and nourish our faith through the pure spiritual milk of your Word, that we may dwell in your presence forever.

Lord, in Your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Lord God, you have promised to build up your Church to be a holy priesthood, that your people might offer spiritual sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving acceptable to you. Bless your Church, and bring all Christians together. Bless all pastors who

proclaim Christ to us. Bless church workers and those preparing for full-time church vocations, that we may be supplied with faithful leaders and servants of your Word.

Lord, in Your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, build up the households of your people, that your holy children, welcomed in Baptism, may grow in your grace and share together in your forgiveness and life.

Lord, in Your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Holy God, your power brought all things into being and still preserves what you have made. Bless all elected and appointed civil servants. Lead them to honor you and your purpose, establishing order and justice, encouraging virtue, and protecting all life. Give them wisdom and moderation to lead for the well-being of the nation.

Lord, in Your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Merciful heavenly Father, for the sake of your dear Son, grant healing, comfort, deliverance and peace to those in need. Bless the sick, the sorrowing, the anxious, the fearful, the homebound, the homeless, the dying and all who have requested our prayers, especially those we name aloud or silently in our hearts (*allow time for silent and spoken prayers*). At the last, give them entrance into Your heavenly kingdom.

Lord, in Your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

P) We praise and magnify you, dear Jesus. Accept our prayers and lay them at the feet of your Father, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns gloriously as our Lord and our God, now and forever. *Amen.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING



OFFERTORY *Doxology*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together

**Loving God, we give you thanks for the generous gifts you
have first given us. May that which we offer to you, come
joyfully from our hearts and be pleasing in your sight.
*Amen.***

Is anyone among
you in *Trouble?*
Let them pray.
Is anyone
Happy? Let them
sing songs of praise.

-James 5:13

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

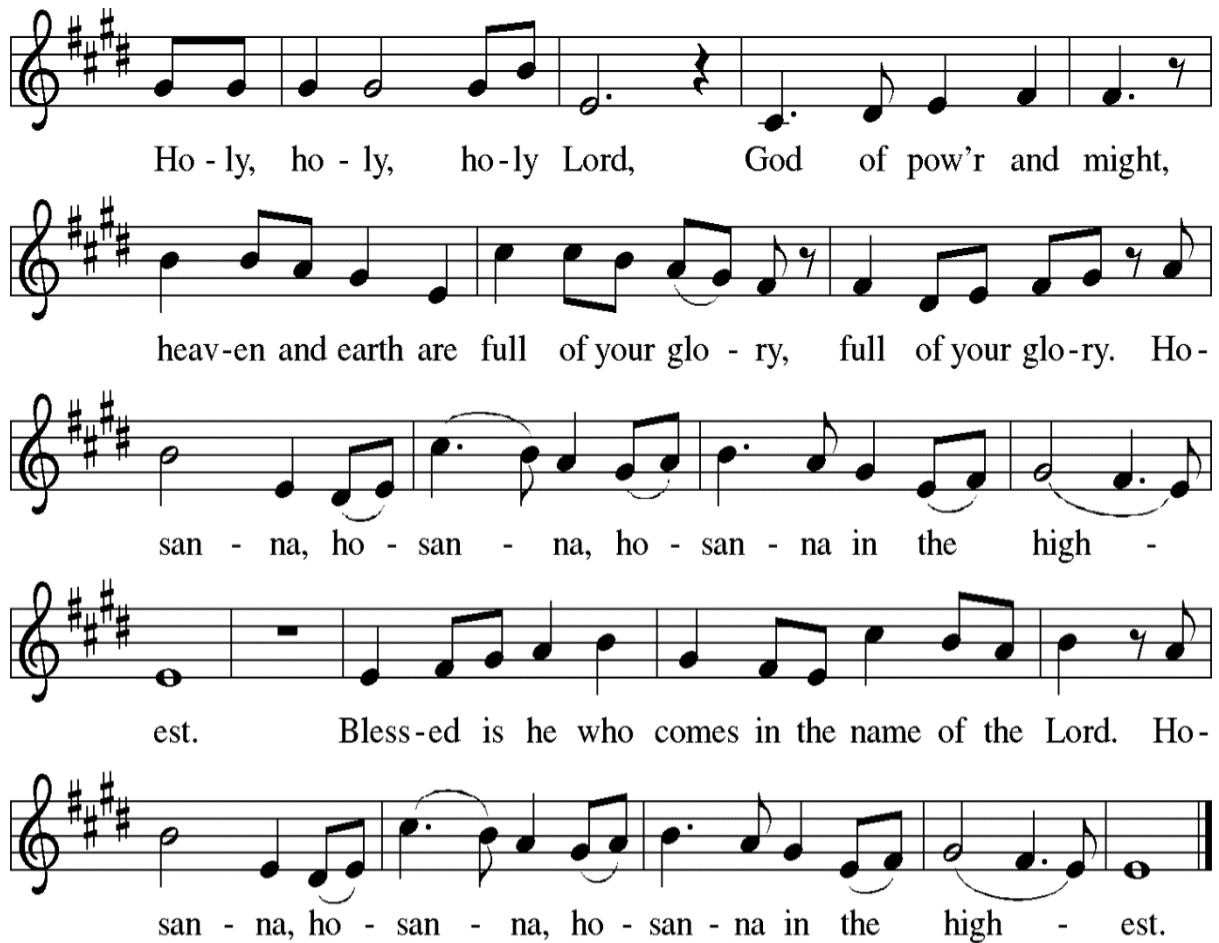
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION



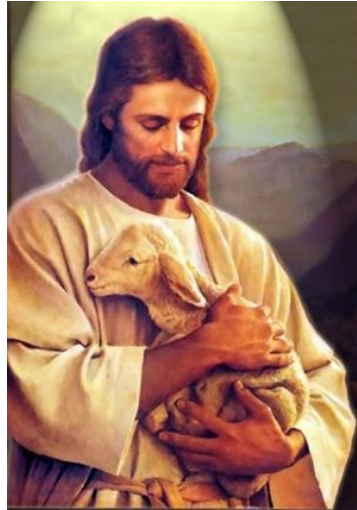
THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung)*

*Our Father, which 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil.*

*For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen*

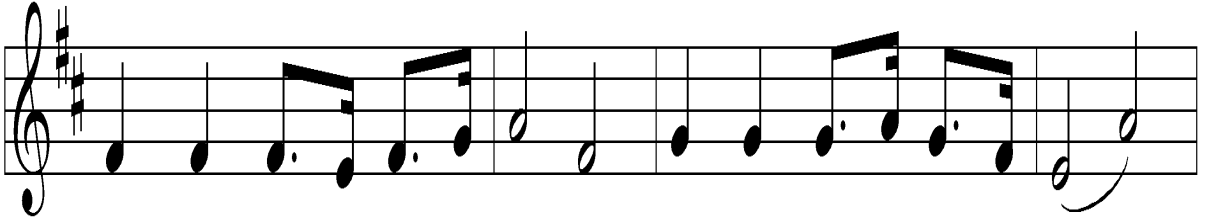
INVITATION TO COMMUNION – We believe and teach that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine/juice, which are his body and blood. All who trust in Christ are welcome at the Lord’s Table (*the red liquid is wine; the white liquid is grape juice*).



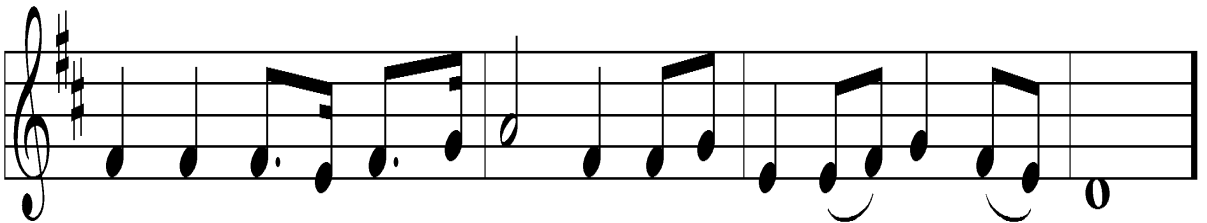
“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

"Shall We Gather at the River"



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

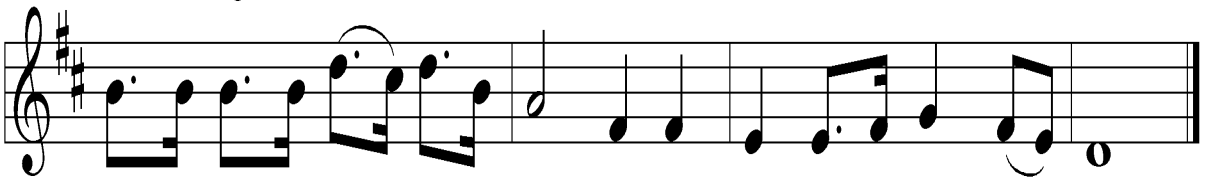


with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

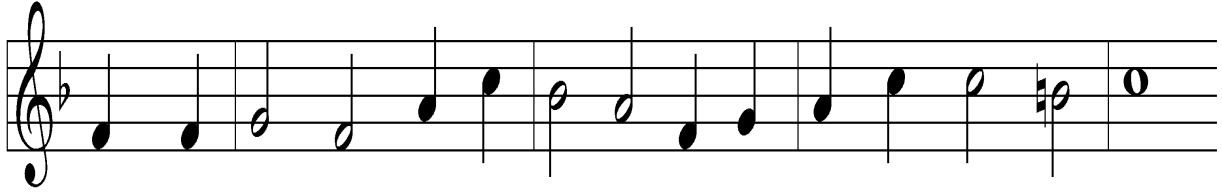


Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

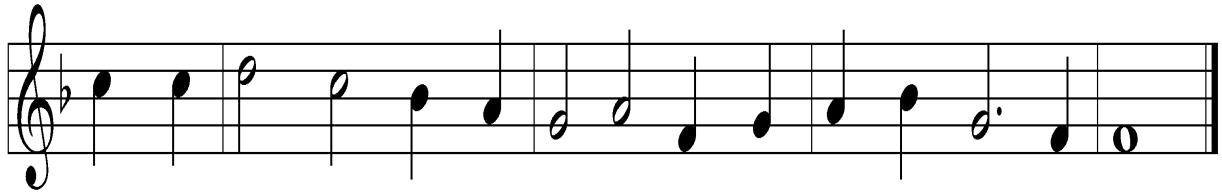


gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

“For the Bread which You have Broken”



1 For the bread which you have bro-ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you seat-ed at our Fa - ther's board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward,



for the words which you have spo-ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

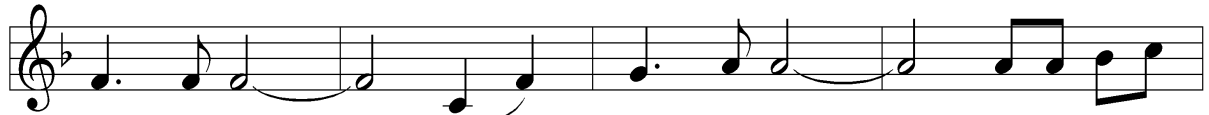
“I Love You, Lord” (2x)



I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to



wor - ship you; O my soul, re - jice. Take



joy, my king, in what you hear; may it be a



sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

"Father, I Adore You"

1* 2

1 Fa - ther,
2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be -
3 Spir - it,

3

fore you; how I love you.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in His grace. *Amen.*

PRAYER

Let us pray together... **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you, and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen***

BLESSING

*The Lord bless you
and keep you;
The Lord make His face
shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His
countenance upon you,
And give you peace."*

Numbers 6:24-26

SENDING SONG

"We Praise You, O God"



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Rob Aaron – piano ~ Nancy Martin - choir
Pr. Gary Heltsley – presiding

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters: Sue Nichols & Janet Wright **Ushers:** Jim & Arlene Burton

Reader: Sandi Fleury

Sacristans: Diane Heltsley & Shelley Marion

Communion Assistants: Cathy Moen & Janet Wright

Sunday School Teacher: Mary Severeid

Sunday School Assistant: Connie Schmidt

Barista: Michael Wright **Close Up:** Rosemary Wheaton

Altar Flowers: Charlotte Pedersen

Last Week's Attendance: 94 **Last Week's Offering:** \$2,565.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good morning and welcome to *NORTH BAY LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH!* We hope you find inspiration and fellowship in our worship service. If you are a visitor, please feel free to fill out an attendance card located in the slot in front of you and drop it in the offering plate. We also invite you to stay for fellowship following our service.

We are glad that you're here!

Fellowship Time Today – Birthday Cake

Sunday, May 10th - North Bay will provide mini quiches, fruit and pastries in honor of Mother's Day.

Neighborhood Bible Study will meet on **Tuesday, May 5th at 12:45 pm.** For more information, please contact Sue Nichols or call the church office.

Dementia Support Group will meet on **Wed., May 6th at 10:00 am.** For more information, please contact Patty Rogers or call the church office.

“The Ten Commandments” Viewing - You are invited to join Pastor Gary to view part three of the classic movie *“The Ten Commandments”* on **Wednesday, May 6th at 6:00 pm**. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall and then have an informal discussion and time to share our thoughts. *All are welcome!*

Men’s Bible Study will meet on **Sat., May 9th at 8:00 am** as we continue our study of the book of Exodus.

2026 Church Directory - For the month of May, there will be a copy on the table outside of the sanctuary of the current information we have on file for the directory. Please review your information in it for accuracy; if there is a change, error or addition, please note on the *“2026 Directory Information”* form provided. If you have never been in the directory and would like to be included, please complete and sign the form. *Thanks!*

Pastor Gary will be in the office Tues. through Thurs. from 9:30 am until noon. **Office Hours** this week are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – Tuesday through Thursday.

Prayers – Please email or call the church with your prayer requests, or if you need pastoral care.

READINGS FOR MAY 10, 2026

Acts 17:22-31 ~ Psalm 66:8-20 ~ 1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

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