

Come to Believe † Come to Belong
DAY OF PENTECOST
MAY 24, 2026

PRELUDE

Rob Aaron

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

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)

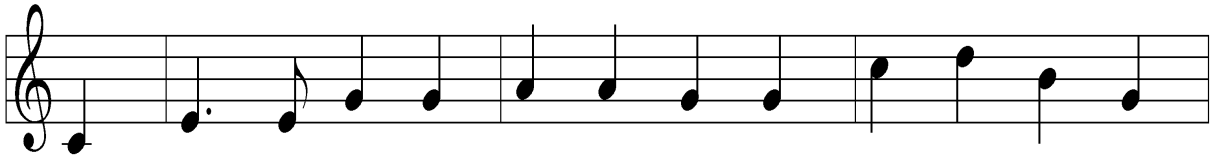
Most merciful God,

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.*

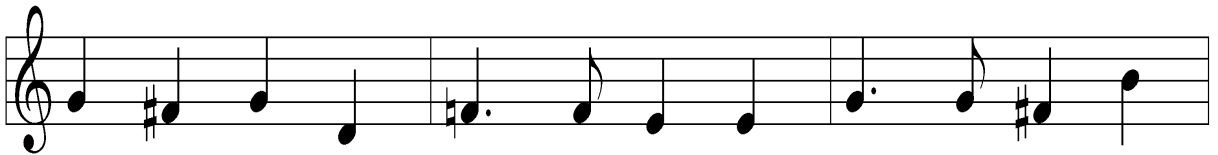
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the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

GATHERING SONG

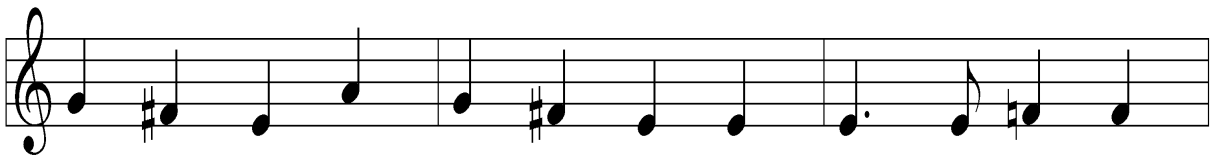
"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"



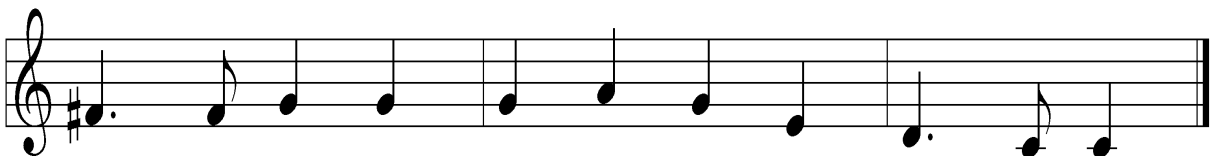
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

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 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

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. *Refrain*

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together....Come, **Holy Spirit**, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who, by the light of the Holy Spirit, instructs the hearts of the faithful, grant that by that same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations. Through Christ our Lord, *Amen*.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Veni Sancte Spiritus”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:24-30

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it

on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 104:24-34

²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are your works!

**In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

²⁵ Here is the sea, great and wide,
**which teems with creatures innumerable,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶ There go the ships, and Leviathan,
which you formed to play in it.

²⁷ **These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸ When you give it to them, they gather it up;
**when you open your hand, they are filled with
good things.**

²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
**when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**

³⁰ When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works,
³² who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!
³³ I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these people

are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷““And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 7:37-39

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 7th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord!

³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The gospel of the Lord.

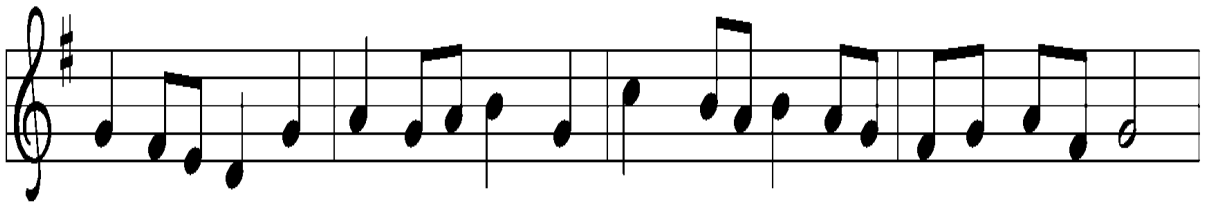
Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON

Pastor Gary Heltsley



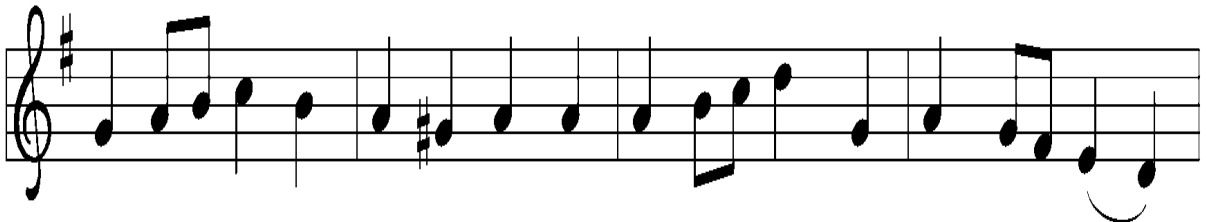
HYMN OF THE DAY *“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”*



- 1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er dwell-ing in the ho - liest realms of light;
- 2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er liv - ing as the church's ver - y life;
- 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er work-ing through the church's min - is - try;



Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through us in a cease - less strife;
quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
you we praise with end - less wor - ship for your gifts and fruits un - priced.
in com - mu - nion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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) In the power of the Spirit, let us pray to God the Father, that through his dear Son, he would accomplish his will for the Church, the world, and all people for whom we pray.

A brief silence

Abba, Father! For Jesus' sake, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we call you Father. Thank you for giving us the same Spirit that filled your beloved Son. Thank you for the gifts of that Spirit, given so we may bless and praise you, and proclaim your love to those who need it most.

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

Pour out your Spirit upon the Church. Kindle in us the flame of truth, holiness, faithfulness, and goodness. Make us steadfast in

suffering; faithful in witness; generous in service; and ardent in worship.

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

Renew the hearts, minds, worship, and life of this congregation. Make us kind and loving; joyful and kind; faithful and forgiving; generous and patient; humble and courageous. Help us to follow Jesus; and use us to draw others into his nearer presence.

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

Instruct the leaders of the nations in your ways, O Lord. Give them the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, and the knowledge and fear of you, so that they may have joy in your presence. Teach all of us the things that make for peace; and give us a spirit willing to use them.

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

On this Memorial Day weekend, we lovingly commend to your care all of our beloved dead, especially those who gave their life in service of their country. Keep their memories fresh and bright. And hasten the day when wars shall cease, evil is vanquished, every tear is wiped away, and you are truly all in all.

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

Bring healing and hope to everyone who has been afflicted by suffering, and who needs the grace of your life-giving Spirit. Especially we remember before you those we name aloud or silently in our hearts (*allow time for silent and spoken prayers*). Your Spirit brings renewed life to all creation. Grant that renewal to your servants, and to all who care for them.

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

Thank you, heavenly Father, for receiving our beloved dead into your arms. Thank you for the life, death and resurrection of your

dear Son, who has bestowed the Spirit of life upon all who trust in him. Breathe that Spirit into our lives, and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

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


P) Hear our prayers, O Father, for the sake of Jesus your Son; and by the power of your Holy Spirit, bring what is pleasing in your sight to fruition in our lives. *Amen.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Come Holy Spirit, Come”

 **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.**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

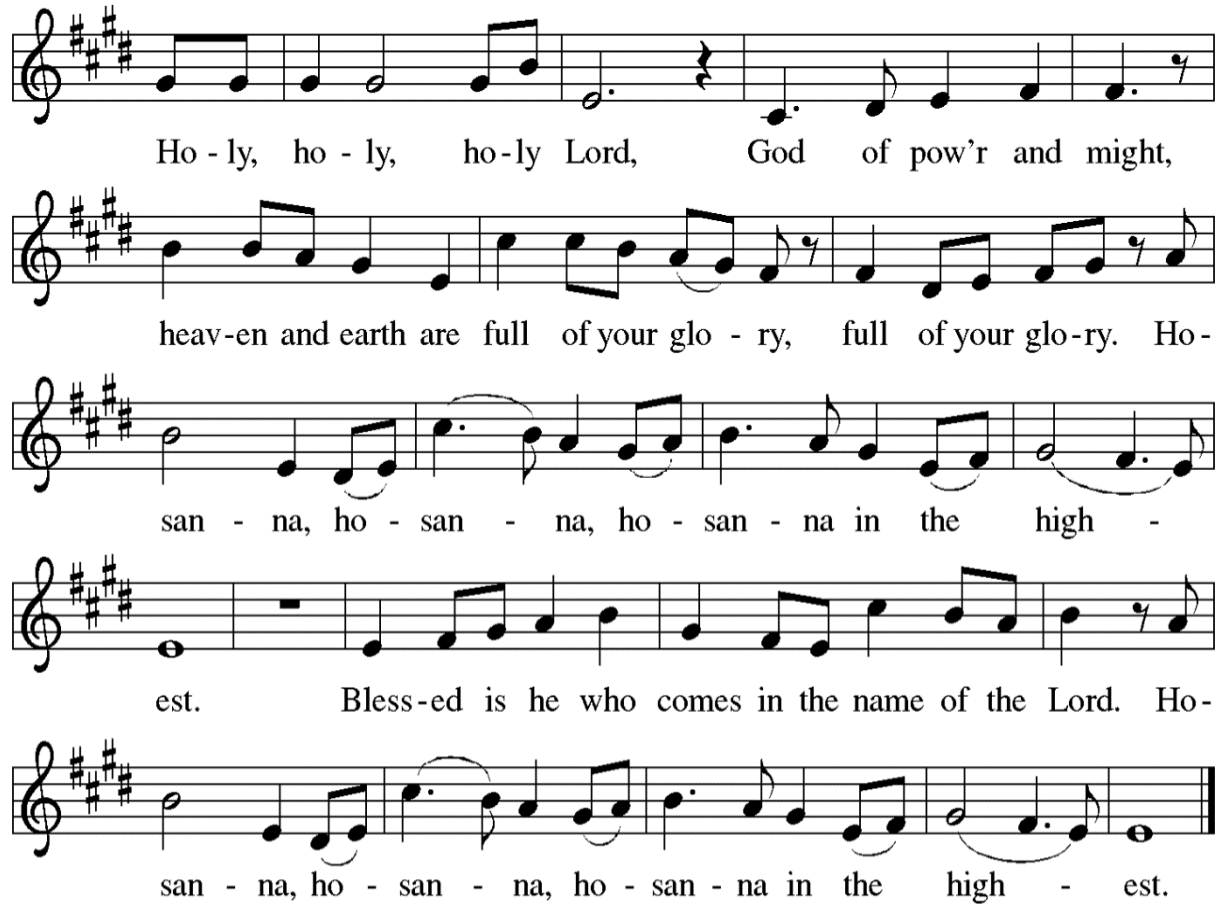
Lift up your hearts.

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 away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.*

"They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love"



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,



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, God's on-ly Son,



and we pray that all u-ni-ty may one day be re-stored:
and to-gether we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu-man dig-ni-ty and save hu-man pride:
and all praise to the Spir-it, who makes us one:

Refrain



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



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love. —

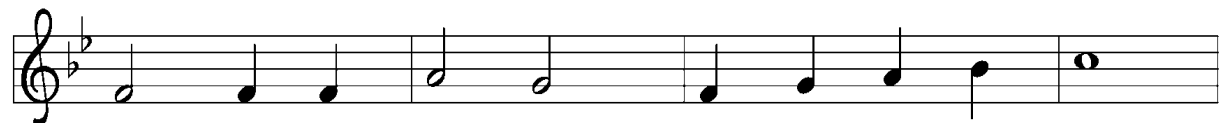
“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
4 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:
a thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat a - cross the wil - der - ness:
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

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.*

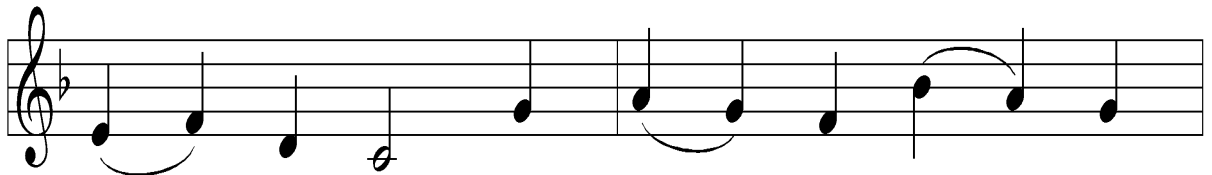
BLESSING

SENDING SONG

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - er'd us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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: Bruce & Sherry Martin

Ushers: Mick Baker & Connie Schmidt

Reader: Jay Wittreich

Sacristans: Shelley Marion & Char Pedersen

Communion Assistants: Virginia Eastman & Shari Stormo

Sunday School Teacher: Janice Schonberg

Sunday School Assistant: Catie Hughes

Barista: Michael Wright **Close Up:** Ronda Jensen

Altar Flowers: Barb Bralley

Last Week's Attendance: 104 **Last Week's Offering:** \$4,386.63

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 – Pancakes & Waffles.

Next Sunday, May 31st - Salads and Rolls Sunday (bring a salad and/or rolls).

Neighborhood Bible Study – will meet on **Tuesday, May 26th at Noon.** This will be the final gathering until Fall.

Dementia Support Group will meet on **Wed., May 27th at 10:00 am.** For more information, please contact Patty Rogers or call the church office.

Movie Night - You are invited to join Pastor Gary to view Season One of "*The Chosen*" on **Wed., May 27th at 6:00 pm.** This will help us to prepare for Season Six when it arrives. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall to watch Episode 4 and then have an informal discussion and time to share our thoughts. *All are welcome!*

Lap Quilts – All of you who may be interested in making lap quilts to distribute to people in hospitals and/or nursing homes please join us on **Thursday, May 28th at 10:00 am**. For more information, please contact Dixie Carver or Rosemary Wheaton or call the church office.

Men's Bible Study will meet on **Sat., May 30th at 8:00 am** as we continue our study of the book of Exodus.

Coming Soon: Women's Ministries - Ladies and **Gentlemen** of NBLCC, at our next gathering on **Friday, June 5th at 10:00 am** we will be Honoring the "Men in Our Church and in Our Lives". All of the men of our congregation are invited to join us. We will have devotions led by one of our men. We'll sing and have some fun, good food and fellowship.

At the end of the gathering, the women will reveal their Secret Sisters. We are looking forward to a morning of blessing that God has prepared for us. This will be our last gathering for the Summer, our next gathering will be on the **second Friday** in September when Ruth Fischer will have a presentation about Jewels of the Bible.

Landscape tools - When we moved out of the building during construction, many of you graciously volunteered to store our garden implements for us. Now that we have a beautiful new shed you are welcome to bring them back. *Thank you so very much.*

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 Friday.

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

READINGS FOR MAY 31, 2026

Genesis 1:1–2:4 ~ Psalm 8 ~ 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

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