

Gathering

PRELUDE—Ensemble

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

What treasure do we have in these waters?

What difference does it make to be baptized into Christ?

Jesus is like water: always seeking the lowest point.

To be baptized is to be changed—once for all and again every new day—into people who go down to the bottom instead of trying to climb to the top.

This is the path of healing and transformation.

We know it when rock bottom becomes our new foundation.

“The view from the top of anything is distorted by misperception, illusions, fear of falling, and a radical disconnection from the heart.”

From below, I see clearly—reality, resilience, healing, who I really am, who God really is.

Jesus calls us to be where he is—near the poor, the sinner, the suffering, and the enemy. That’s not just to help them, but to let them help us in ways we never knew we needed.

Baptism is this call in our lives.

Baptism gives us this Spirit to go into the depths and not to stay just on the surface of things. Down into grief. Down into love. Letting go. Unlearning. Baptism shows us who we’ve always been and who we will always be—a beloved child of an endlessly strong and wise Mother, an endlessly gentle and loving Father.

Baptism brings us back home.

When we are at home in God, we don’t even need to be afraid of what we have done or what others have done to us. Need, desire, doubt, resistance, rebellion are no threat either. We can include them. We can include everyone and every thing and exclude nothing and no one.

Because God wastes nothing, not even sin. Because in Christ, all things hold together.

This is the treasure in these waters. This and every other promise of goodness, mercy, and life.

You are baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We are baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ,

and with Christ and all creation, we will forever fall into love and rise to new life. Amen.



M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
 Re - jice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.



A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 and in its con - quest his might did show.
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain



Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won."
Refrain

5 Christ has arisen to set us free.
Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.
Refrain

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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.

TEXAS KYRIE

REFRAIN

Lord have mer-cy_____ Christ have mer-cy_____

C: Lord have mer-cy_____ Christ have mer-cy_____

L: We pray for peace from a - bove We pray for our sal va - tion.

to REFRAIN

We pray for peace in the world, We pray for well-ness in your

church, We pray for the u - ni - ty of all.

to REFRAIN

L: We pray for this ho - ly place. We pray for all who ga - ther here.

to CHORUS

L: Oh Lord help us, save us, Oh Lord com - fort and de - fend us.

to AMEN

AMEN

L: A - men_____ A - men_____

C: A - men_____ A - men_____

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GLORY IN THE HIGHEST

Piano

Glo - ry in the high - est, Glo - ry be
 Glo - ry in the high - est, and peace to all the earth.
 Sha - per of the U - ni - verse Sha - per of the U - ni - verse
 Je - sus Christ the Lamb of God Je - sus Christ the Lamb of God
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, source of life, Ho - ly Spi - rit, source of life,
 thanks and praise we sing thanks and praise we sing
 wash our sins a - way you wash our sins a - way
 bur - ning wild and free
 Lo - ving fa - ther, ca - ring mo - ther Lo - ving fa - ther, ca - ring mo - ther
 At your ta - ble all are wel come. At your ta - ble all are wel come.
 You are God the three - in - one You are God the three - in - one
 Hold us in your wings
 Hear us as we pray.
 such a my - ste - ry.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let's pray.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

A reading from Acts.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Sheep May Safely Graze
Adult Handbells

J.S. Bach/arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

PSALM: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

A reading from 1st John.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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GOSPEL VERSE



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

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

The gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

... the gospel of the Lord. **Glory to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

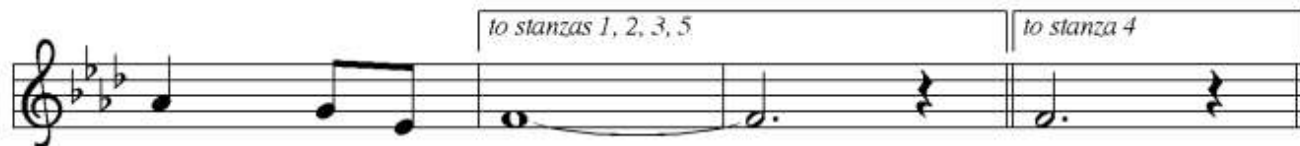
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Refrain

All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from



death in - to life. life.

Leader or All



1 God is my shep-herd, so noth - ing shall I want, I
 2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you
 3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I



rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I
 lead me by path-ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my
 fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your



walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.
 spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.
 rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

Refrain



4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of



ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Refrain



5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;



I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

Final refrain



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Psalm 23

Music: SHEPHERD ME, Marty Haugen

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meal

OFFERING WITH OFFERTORY ELW 481 *Come to the Table*



Come to the ta - ble of mer-cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

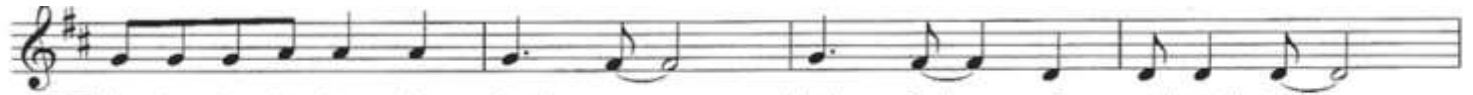
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



[C] Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord _____ Lord God of pow'r and might.



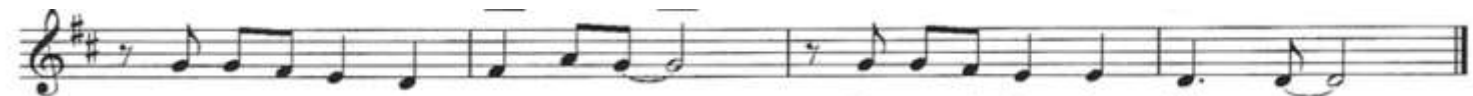
Hea - ven and earth are full _____ full of your glo - ry _____



Ho - sa - nah in the high _____ est _____ Ho - sa - nah in the high - est _____



Bles - sed is _____ he who comes _____ in the name _____ of the Lord _____



Ho - sa - nah in the high _____ est _____ Ho - sa - nah in the high - est _____

...with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

...into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

...with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

...we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God you take a - way_ the sin of the world,
Have mer - cy, mer - cy on_ us Lamb of
God you take a - way_ the sin of the world,
Oh grant us peace, Lamb of_ God

COMMUNION SONGS

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Sending

BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION

BLESSING



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE—Ensemble

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LARGE PRINT COMMUNION SONGS

COMMUNION SONG ELW 466

In the Singing



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Refrain
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



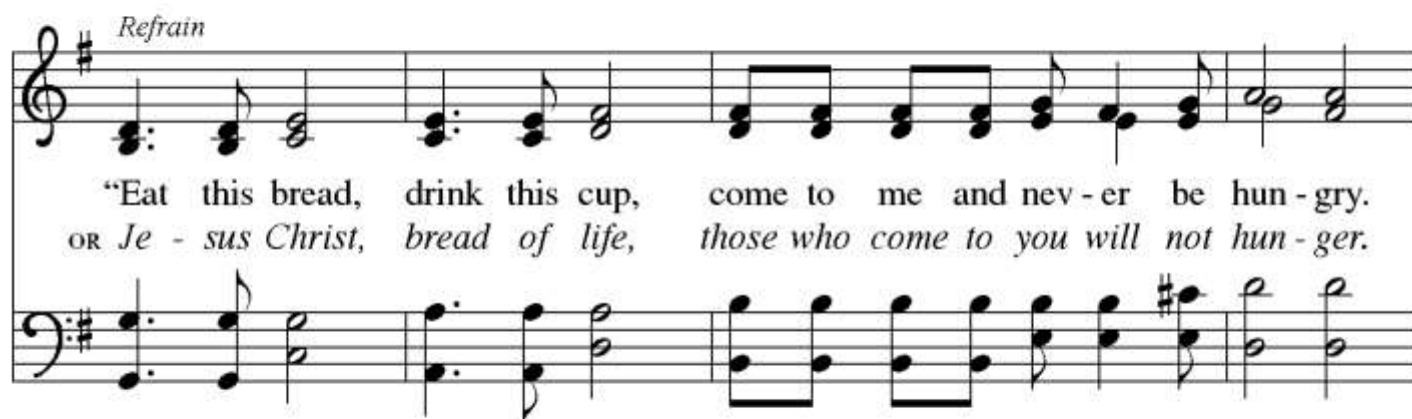
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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



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



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



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

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever

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