



Lift up  
the light  
of your face  
upon us,  
O Lord!

Psalm 4:6

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 14, 2024**

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## Prelude

*P/L) Pastor/Lector C) Congregation*

*We Stand*

### ***Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness***

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

**C) Amen.**

P) 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.

**C) Amen**

P) 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. **1 John:8-9**

*~ Silence is kept for reflection ~*

P) Most merciful God,

**C) 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.**

P) Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son 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 to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

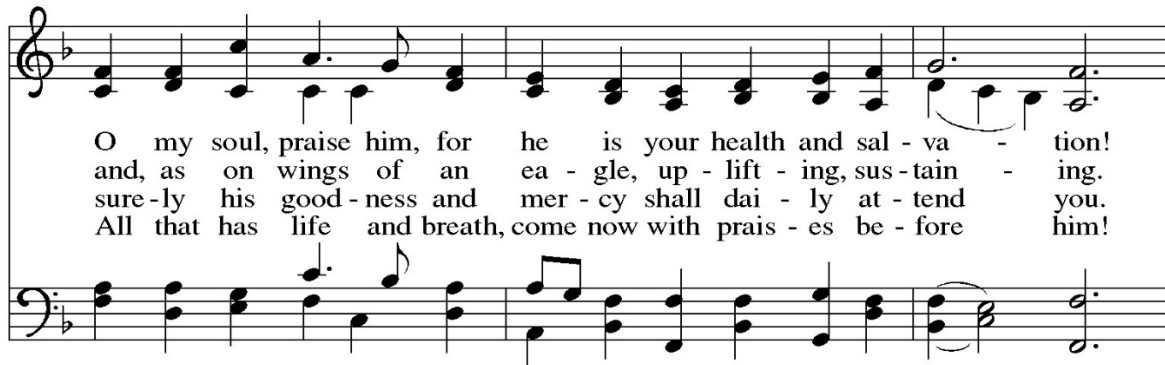
**C) Amen**

## Entrance Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

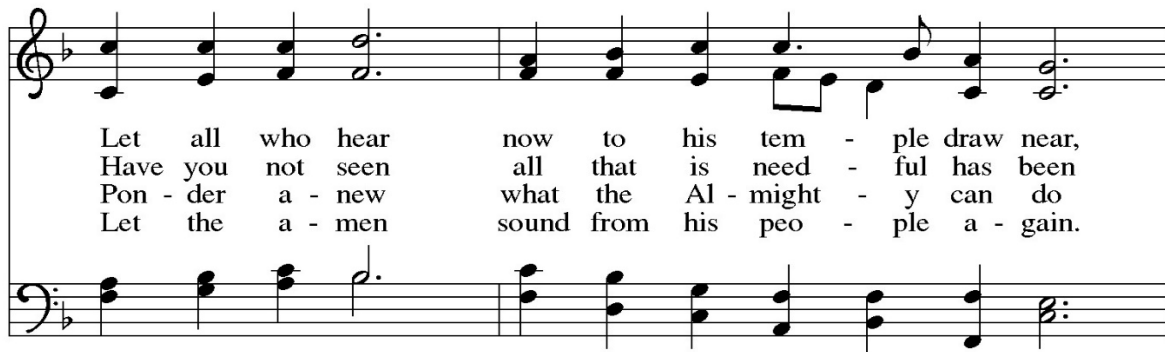
### Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

## Apostolic Greeting

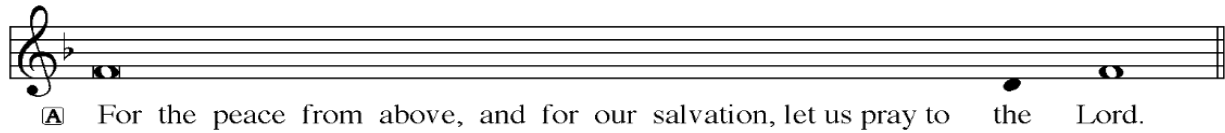
P) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **2 Corinthians 13:13**

C) **And also with you.**

### Kyrie



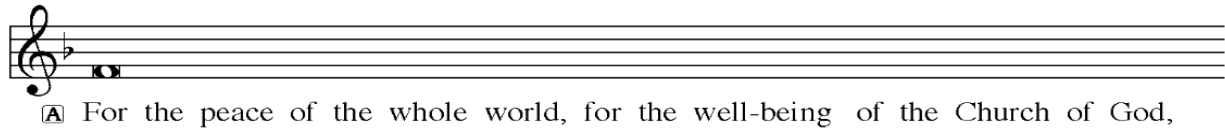
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



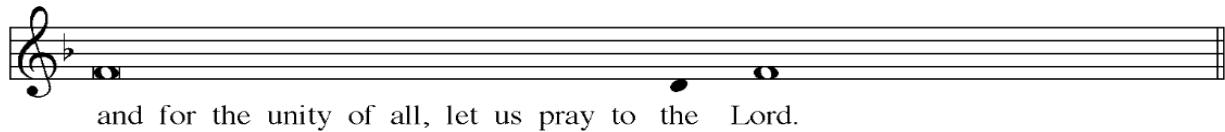
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



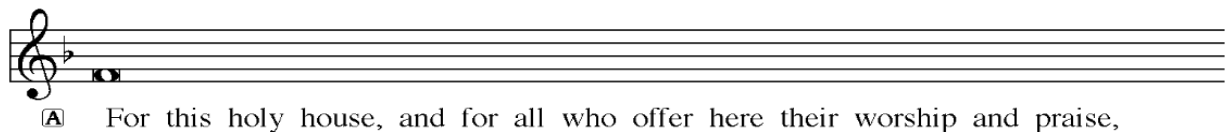
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



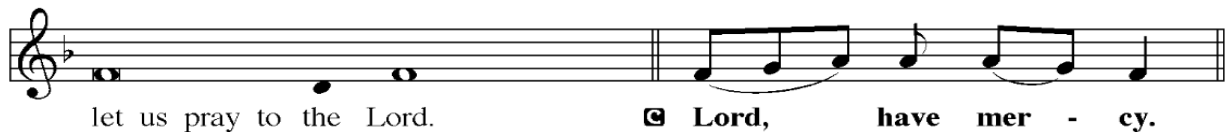
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



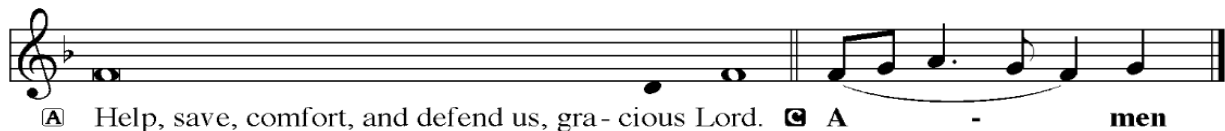
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

### Hymn of Praise

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P) The Lord be with you.

C) **And also with you.**

P) O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C) **Amen.**

*We Sit*

**First Lesson: : Acts 3:11-21** <sup>11</sup>While {the lame man who had been healed} clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name — by faith in his name — has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. <sup>17</sup>And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

L) The Word of the Lord.                      C) **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 4 is sung.**

- <sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;\***  
**you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me**  
**and | hear my prayer.**
- <sup>2</sup> "You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;\***  
**how long will you worship dumb idols and run af- | ter false**  
**gods?"**
- <sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord does wonders | for the faithful;\***  
**when I call upon the Lord, | he will hear me.**
- <sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and | do not sin;\***  
**speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.**
- <sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed | sacrifices\***  
**and put your trust | in the Lord.**
- <sup>6</sup> Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see | better times!"\***  
**Lift up the light of your countenance upon | us, O Lord.**

7 **You have put gladness | in my heart,\***  
**more than when grain and wine and | oil increase.**  
 8 **I lie down in peace; at once I | fall asleep;\***  
**for only you, Lord, make me | dwell in safety.**

**Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7** <sup>1</sup> See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. <sup>4</sup> Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

L) The Word of Lord.

**C) Thanks be to God**

*We stand*

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.

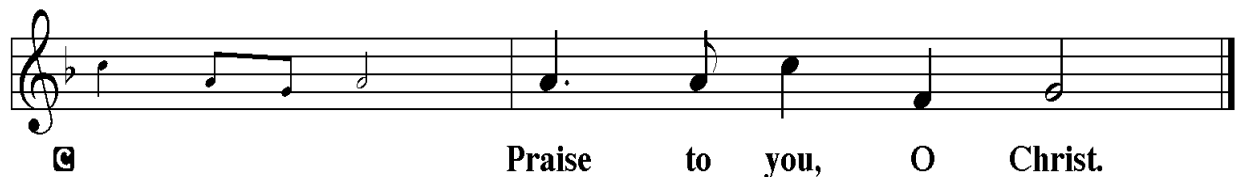
P) The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.



**The Gospel: Luke 24:36-49** <sup>36</sup>As {the disciples} were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P) The Gospel of the Lord



*We sit*

**Sermon**

Pastor White

*We Stand*

**Hymn of the Day: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”(Stanzas 1-4)**

## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

P) Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

*We sit*

## **The Prayers**

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

*After each portion of the prayers:*

P) Lord, in your mercy, C) **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P) Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P) The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C) And also with you.

Anthem - “”

**Offering:** Please leave your offering in the plates near the exit as you depart. You may also mail in your offering or just simply put it in the church mailbox.

**We Stand**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

P) Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## HOLY COMMUNION

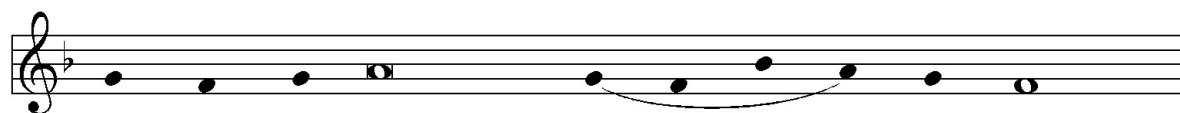
### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.



☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.



☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

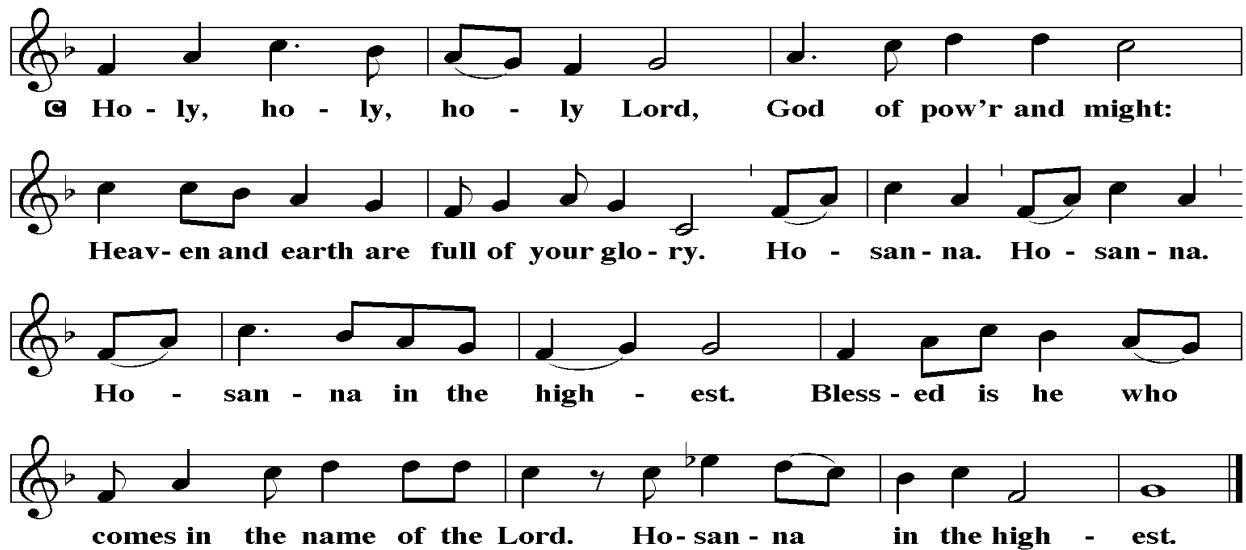


☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### THE PREFACE

The Pastor

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, Oh Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name 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. 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 in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

P) Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
 Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
 You have filled all creation with light and life;  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations.  
 You rescued Israel, your chosen people.  
 Through the prophets you renewed your promise;  
 and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,  
 who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom  
 and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.  
 In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.  
 Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.  
 For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
 we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C) Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

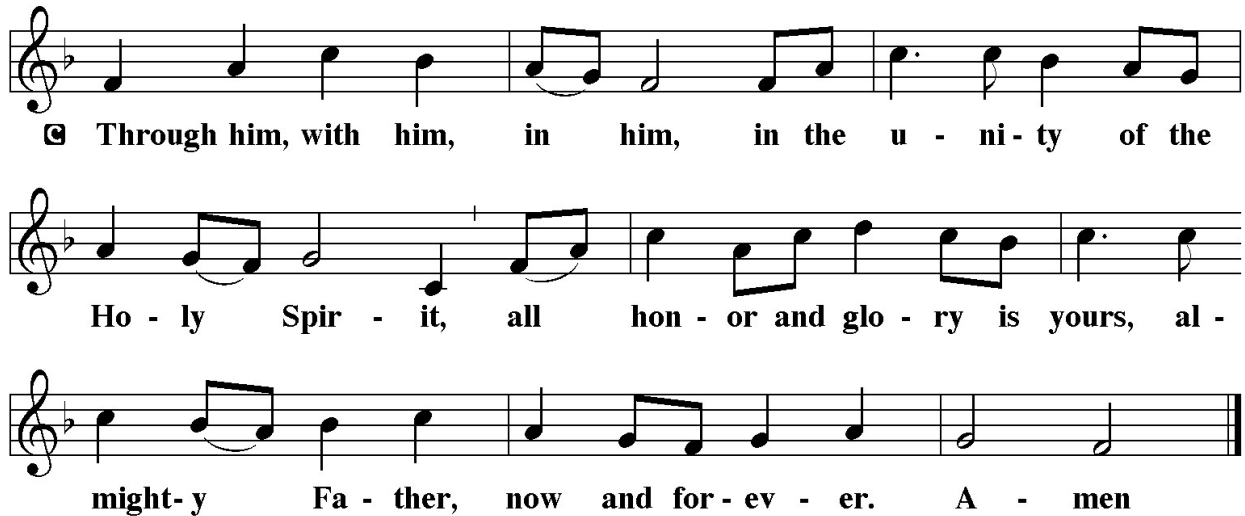
Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C) Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,  
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C) Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



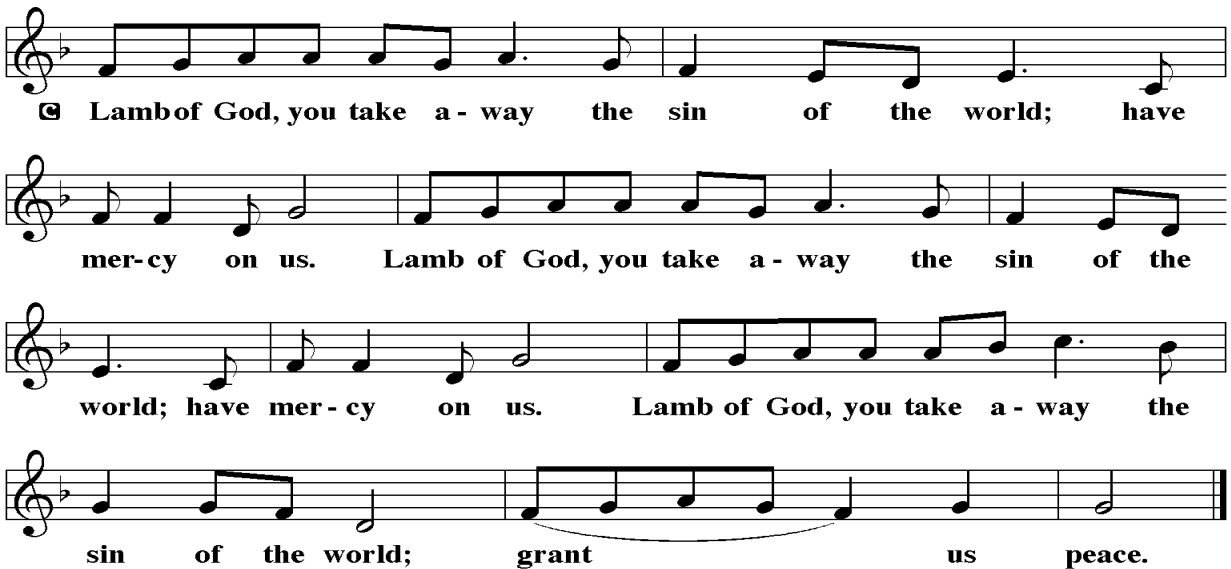
Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -  
might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men



## The Lord's Prayer

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

Please Sit



☐ 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.







**Communion Hymn:**

“Change My Heart Oh God”

## **Change My Heart Oh God**

### **Chorus**

Change my heart oh God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart oh God  
May I be like You

### **Verse**

You are the potter  
I am the clay  
Mold me and make me  
This is what I pray

*Please Stand*

### **Post Communion Blessing**

P) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C) Amen**

### **The Post Communion Cantic**



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer

**C) Almighty God, You gave your Son as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to His; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## The Blessing

Pastor

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

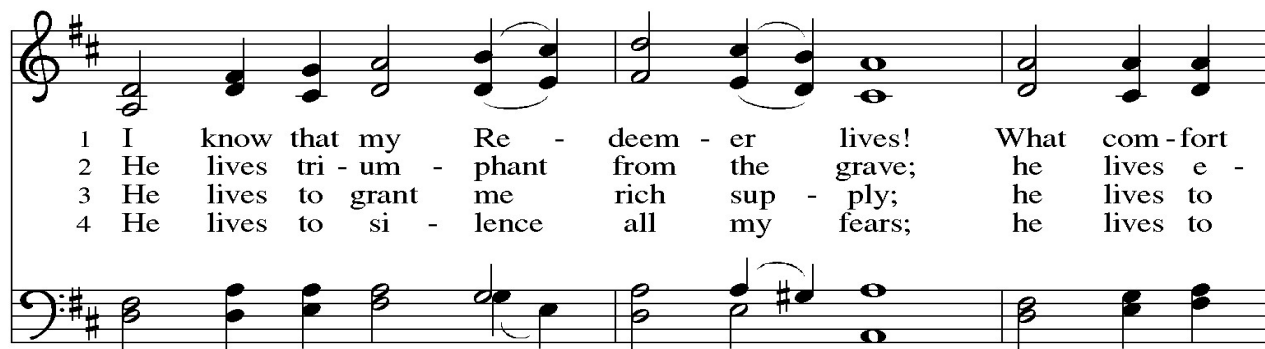
**Numbers 6: 24-26**

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

**C) Amen**

**Recessional Hymn: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" ( Stanzas 1-4, and 8)**

**I Know That My Redeemer Lives!**



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;  
 he lives to plead for me above;  
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
 he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
 he lives my mansion to prepare;  
 he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
 he lives and loves me to the end;  
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
 what joy this blest assurance gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

## Dismissal

P) Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C) **Thanks be to God.**

### **Disciples Serving Today**

Pastor: Pastor The Rev. Dr. Bill White                      Organist: Darin Kennedy  
Parish Administrator: Susan Free                      Crucifer: Frank Childress  
Lector: Susan Free                      Communion Assistant: Randy Tedder  
Altar Guild: Roger and Ann Bejcek  
Video Team: Bill Muffley, Rosie Muffley, Cecil Talbot, Alonzo Burger, Randy Tedder

**Serving Next Week:** Crucifer: Frank Childress

Lector: Teri Roberts                      Communion Assistant: Teri Roberts

**Lessons for Next Week:** Acts 3:11-21; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36-49

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### **“Journey with Jesus”**

WINGS is having a mission project for Western Carolinas Chapter Iredell County Walk to End Alzheimer’s. It is called “Journey with Jesus to Ascension-40 Days – 40 Cans.” The challenge is for St. John’s to fill 40 cans with coins by the end of 40 Days that Jesus journeyed from Easter to Ascension. Beginning on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, fill your cans with coins and return them on Ascension Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. In 2023, 1 in 3 senior citizens dies with Alzheimer’s or other dementia related illness. Every dollar raised benefits those affected in our community. You can help by participating in the challenge! Contact Brenda Dunn(9704-871-7871) for more information.

If you would like to be a member of St. John’s, please fill out a white card found on the back of the pew and put it in an offering plate.

*Go in Peace*

## **Caring Ministries Prayer Concerns**

### **Members:**

Leatha Lanford –recovery from surgery  
Karen Stutz – multiple health concerns  
Ray Rabe - multiple health concerns  
Anita Johnson – multiple health concerns  
Bob Deal – recuperating from surgery

### **Family and Friends:**

Rob Doucette – (Son of Bob and Barbara Doucette) battling cancer  
Manuel Kennedy – multiple health concerns  
Leslie Rabe – battling cancer  
Mark Cronquist – (Marianne Wiegman’s friend) multiple health concerns  
Ryan Powell – (Marianne Wiegman’s grandson) who is going through a difficult time  
Otis Ledbetter - (brother-in-law of Leatha Lanford) Heart issues  
Patty Ledbetter - (sister of Leatha Lanford) Breast and Liver Cancer  
Jackie Hyams - (daughter of Judy Cline) Multiple health concerns  
Edna Nicholas – (sister of Rosie Muffley) recuperating from a stroke  
Nicholas DiFalco Sr. – (father of Nicholas DiFalco) Multiple Health concerns  
Rose Free – (Granddaughter of Susan Free) concussion and nose problem from a fall

### **Homebound:**

Carolyn Shaner – Peachtree Memory Care  
Lyle Proksch – Peachtree Memory Care  
Lois Watts – Maple Leaf  
Sue Plyler – Home

### **April Birthdays**

April 12 Caleb Hager	April 15 Tracy Ryan
April 15 George Simon	April 17 Frances Coffey
April 22 Carolyn Barnes	April 29 Kim Koehler

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**SATURDAY – April 27<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am to 2:30 pm.**

The next step in our **Call Process** is to have a **Congregational Workshop** to engage the congregation in biblical study and reflection upon the nature of the call of God; to invite congregational leaders and members to evaluate past relationships between pastors and the congregation; to consider leadership and how leadership functions within the congregation; to reflect on how conflict and tension are handled in the congregation; to encourage the congregation to consider the four Core Values of the NALC and how they are lived out within the congregation; to invite the congregation to be involved in the NALC’s Life-to-Life Discipleship Initiative; to enlist all members of the congregation in providing input into several aspects of the congregational profile.

The workshop is forward-looking, resulting in a number of helpful action-oriented steps to assist the congregation in preparing for the next pastor/congregation partnership.

**Your presence and participation is extremely important!**

## Calendar

### Special Weekly

**Sunday School** is Sunday at 9:15 am. - “The Parables of Jesus”

**Worship** is Sunday at 10:30 am.

**Young Life** is Monday at 7:00 am.

**Coffee Fellowship** is Tuesday at Greenbrier 9:00 am.

**Choir** practice is Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

### Monthly

**Men's Fellowship** is the First Tuesday at 6:00pm, May 7, 2024. The men will meet at Applebee's. Applebee's is at 1115 Glenway Drive, Statesville.

**Council** is the Second Monday at 6:30 pm. The Council will meet on May 13, 2024.

**Women in God's Service (WINGS)** WINGS We will meet on Tuesday, May 14th at 10:00 am in the Luther Class.

**Fun and Fellowship** is every other month. May 14, 2024 is the next time we gather for Fun and Fellowship.

### Missional Ministries

**1st Sunday** Each month we collect for our **Disaster Response Warehouse**. This month we are collecting **Backpacks**. Place your gifts in the Flood Buckets in the Narthex.

**2nd Sunday** Each month we collect Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal for **ICM(Iredell Christian Ministries)**. Place your donations in the red wagon in the front of the church.

**3rd Sunday** Each month we collect for our "**Baby Pack**" ministry. We need: new sleepers, hats, bibs, burp cloths, wash cloths, receiving blanket, and a small toy or rattle for newborn/infant sizes. Use the back entrance and leave your gifts in the crib at the bottom of the steps.

**4th Sunday** Each month we collect for the **WINGS MISSION PROJECT**.

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**We are thankful and blessed that you chose to worship with us this morning.**