Resurrection Lutheran Church

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People of Resurrection, Ministers of God



INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

God our comforter:

- like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
- We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
- We turn our faces away
 - from injustice and oppression.
- We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
- Free us from our sin, gracious God.
- Listen when we call out to you for help.
- Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

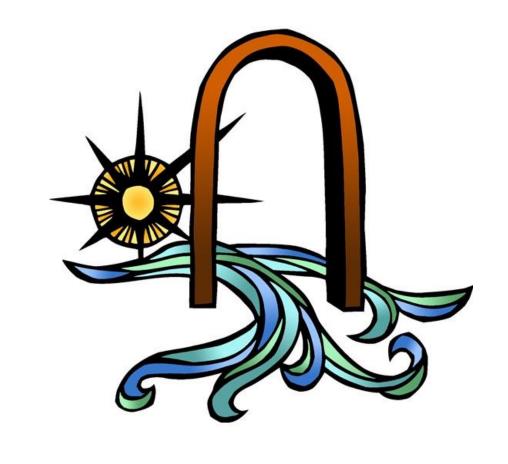
All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus,

God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.



GATHERING HYMN: Let the Whole Creation Cry



- 1 Let the whole cre a tion cry, "Glo ry to the Lord on high!"
- 2 Ser-vants striv-ing for the Lord, proph-ets burn-ing with the word,
- 3 Men and wom en, young and old, raise the an them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!" those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song. and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love; Pow'rs of knowl-edge and of law, to the glo-rious cir-cle draw; from the north to south-ern pole let the might-y cho-rus roll:



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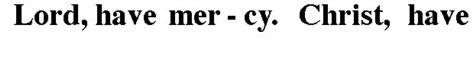
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

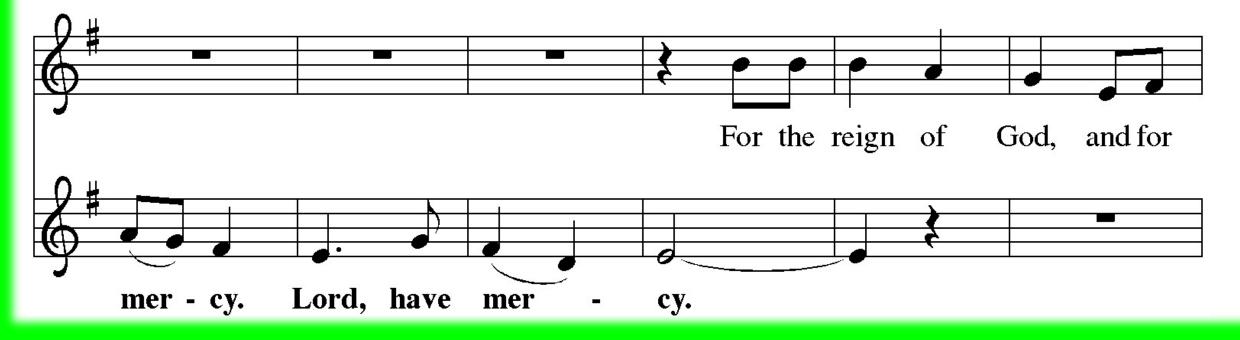
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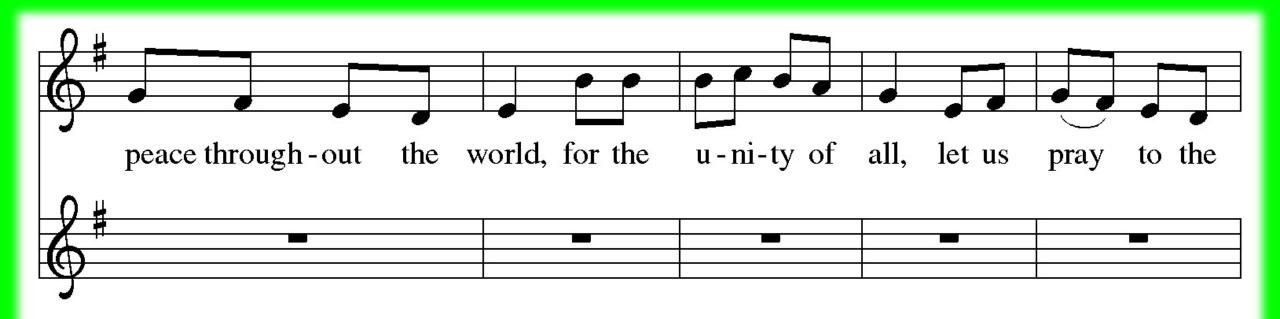


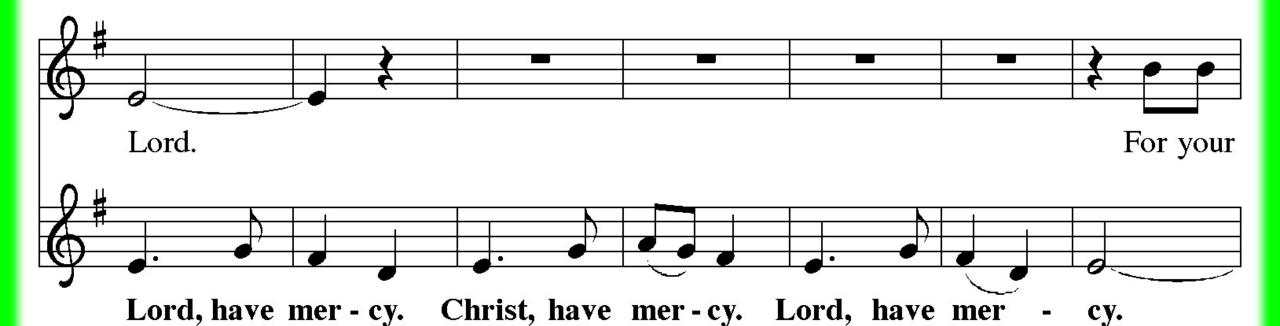
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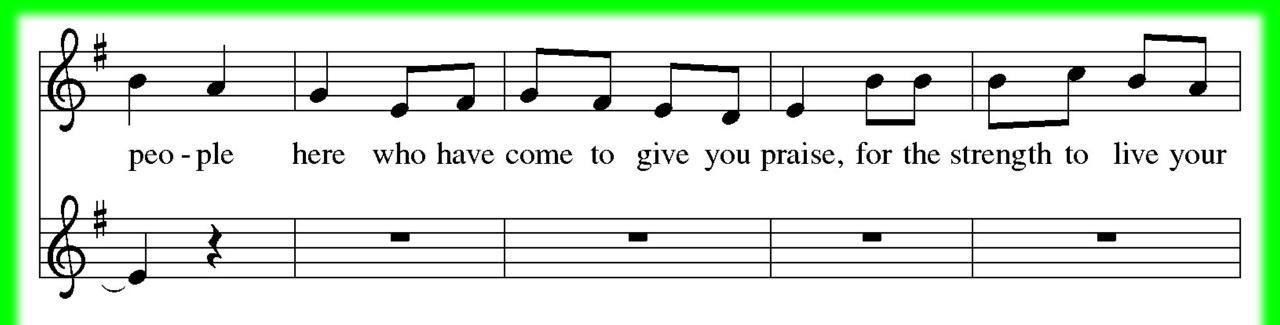


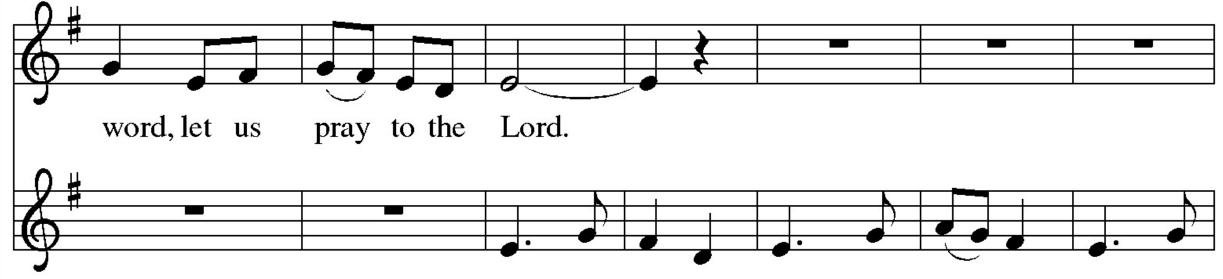




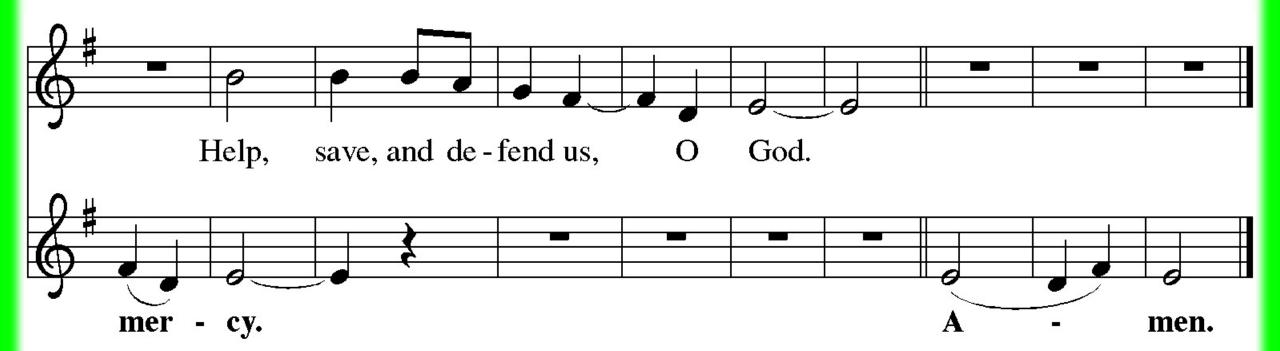




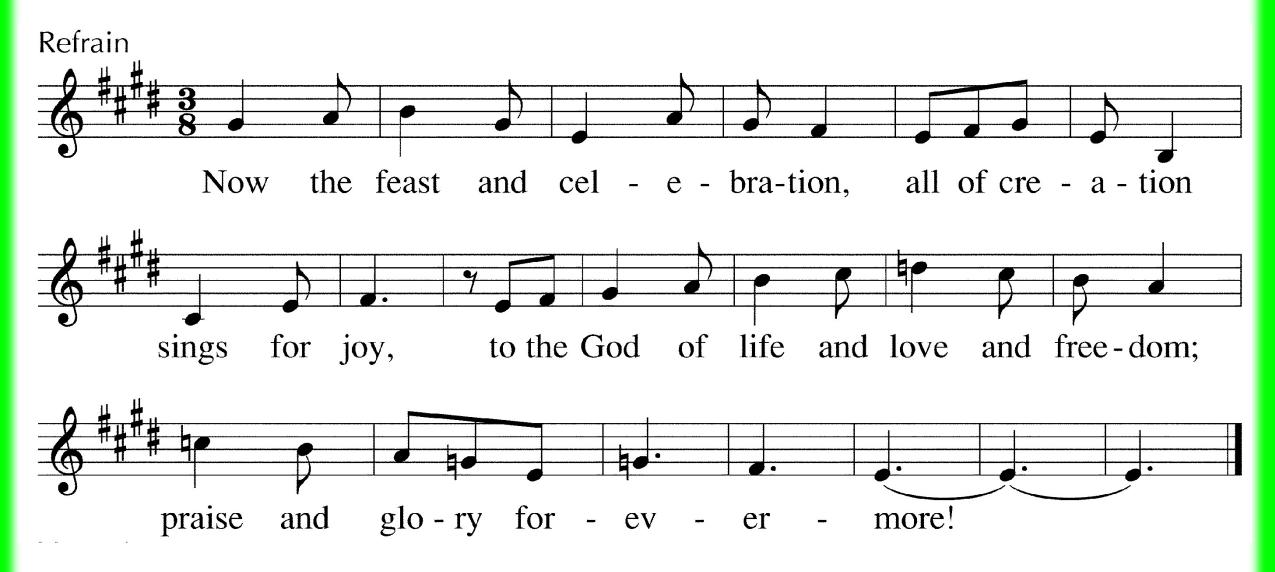


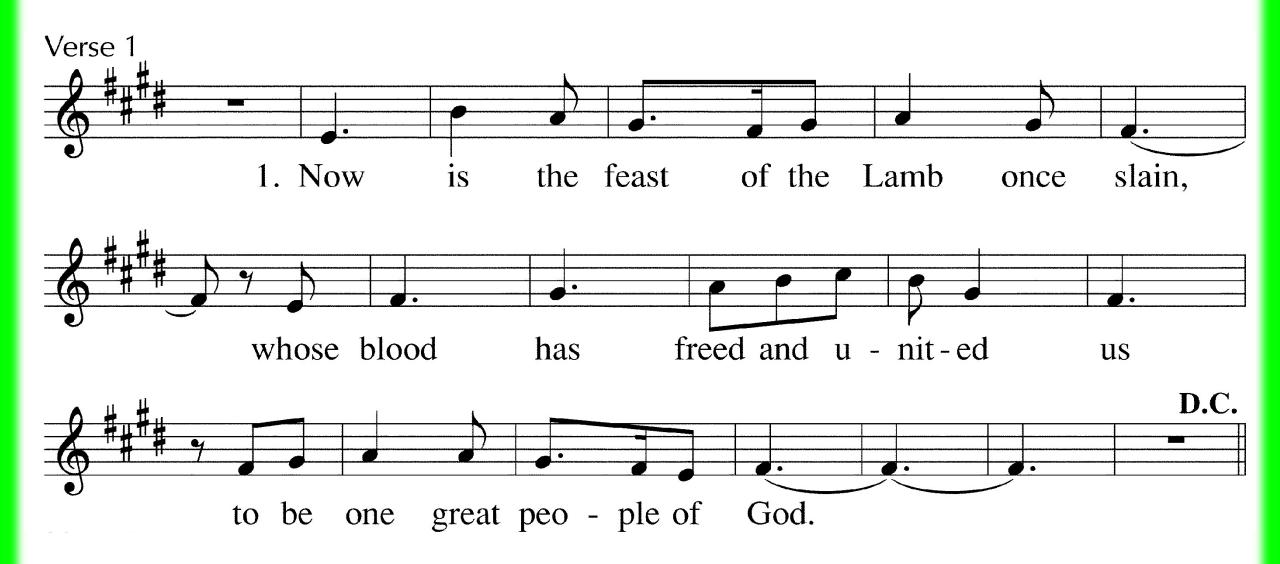


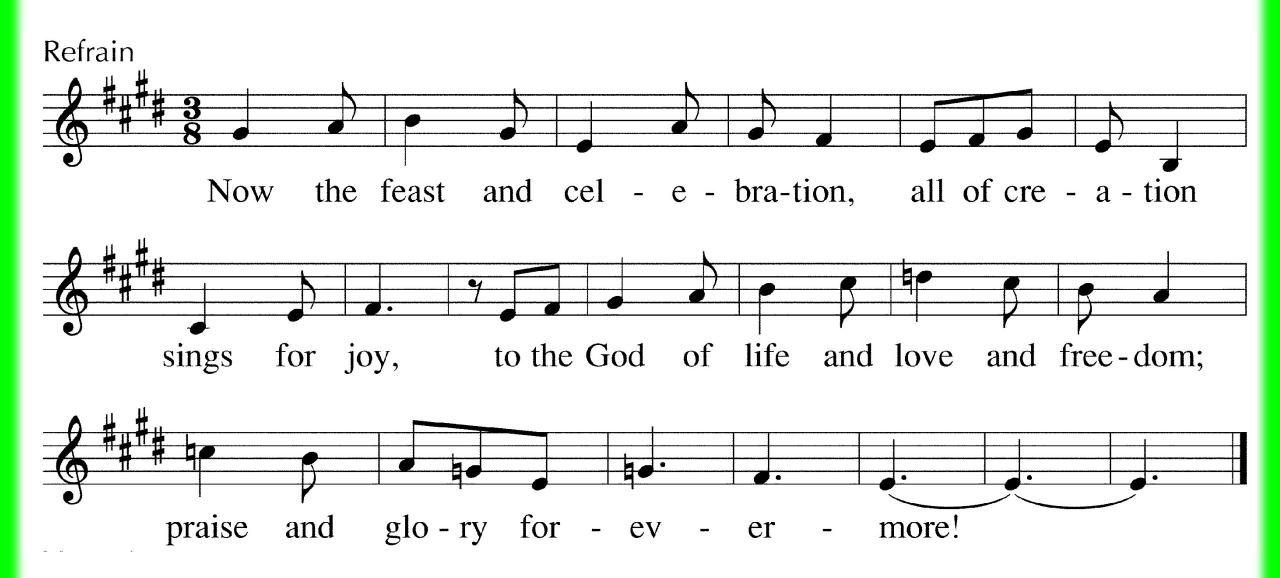
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HYMN OF PRAISE





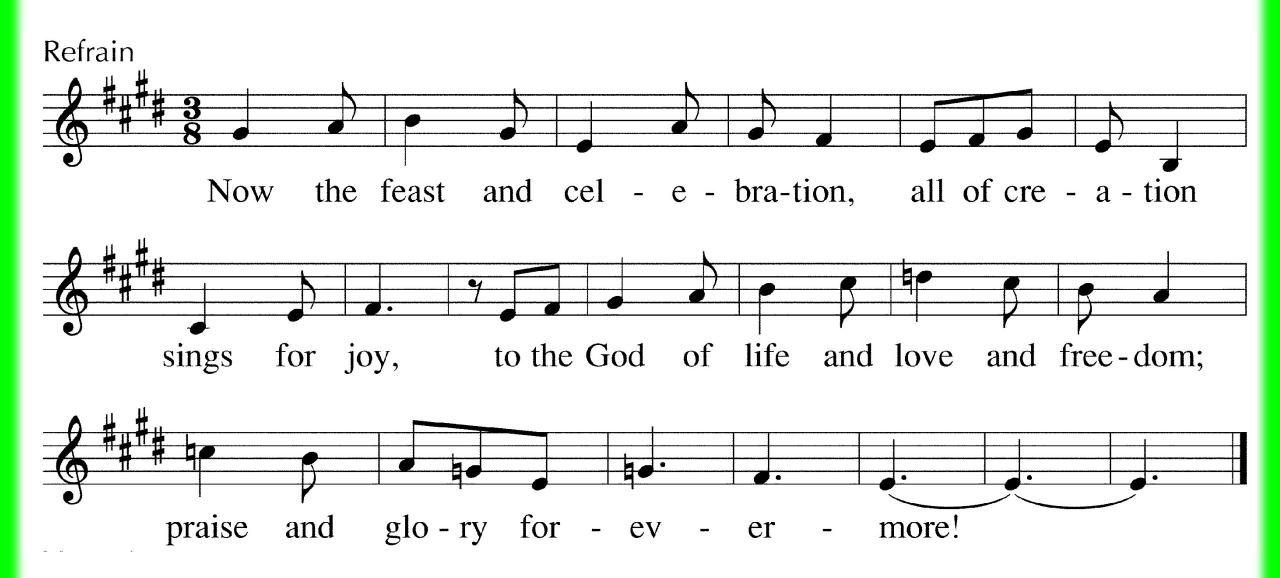


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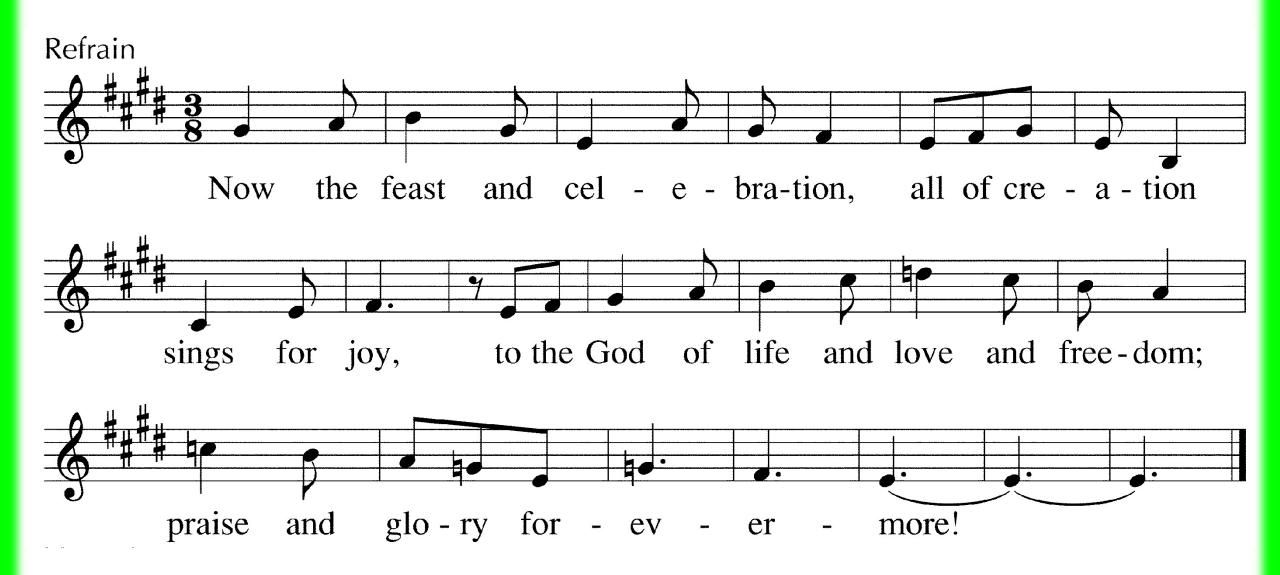


2. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon-or and





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

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.



FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

A reading from Genesis.

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." 19So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 8

You crown us with glory and honor. (Ps. 8:5)

10 Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

2you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses, ⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

- ⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:
- ⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
- ⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
- ⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! **R**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

A reading from Hebrews.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

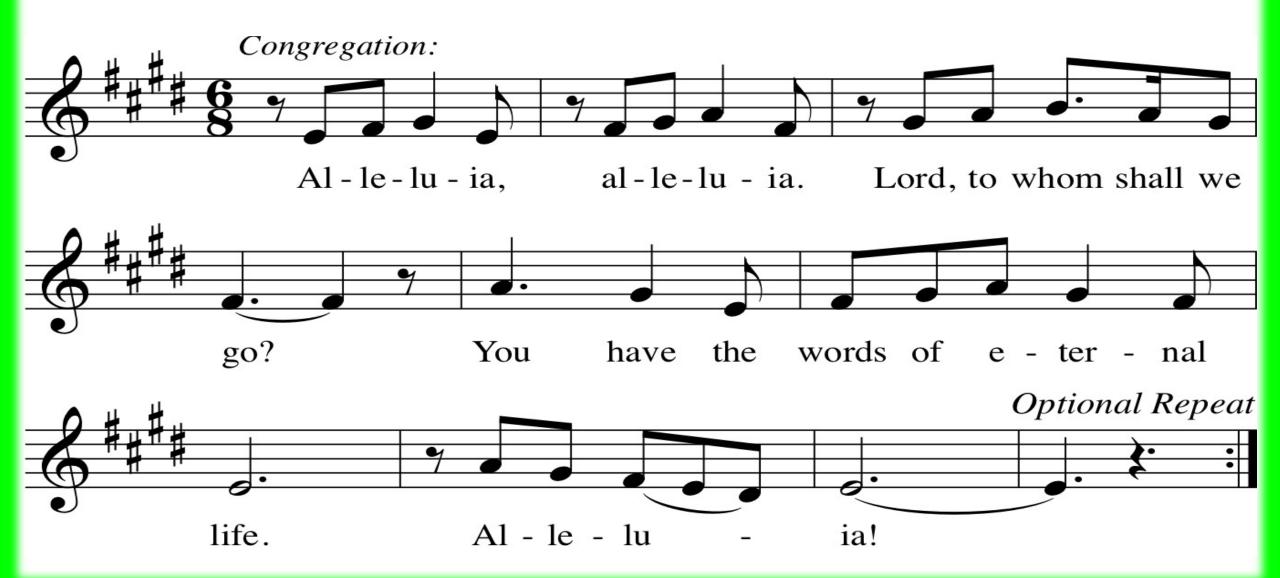
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CHILDREN'S TIME / REFLECTION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. 40Whoever is not against us is for us. 41For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

42"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. 43 If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell

⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Karen Perkins





HYMN OF THE DAY: If You But Trust in God to Guide You



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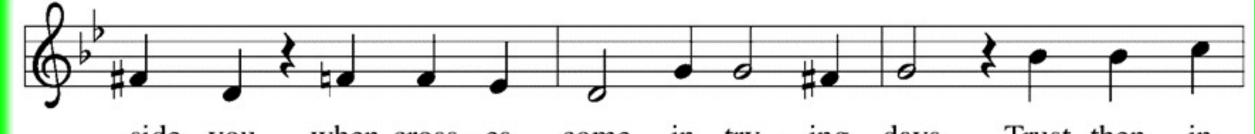
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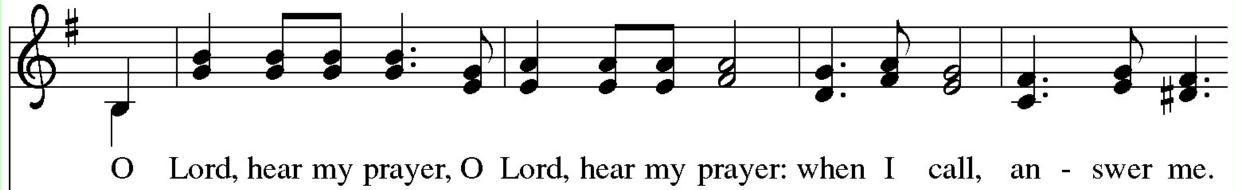
APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYER REFRAIN



or The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.







PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. Holy One, you have raised up faithful leaders throughout history. Empower those discerning a call to ministry and all seminarians, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Alaska Synod Bishop Shelly Wickstrom, Bishop Terry Brandt of our sister synod; the Alaska Southeast Cluster, Pastor Karen Perkins, and Thornton Memorial Lutheran Church, Wales, that they continue to be formed for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You have established a diverse and beautiful creation.
Revive declining species and preserve endangered lands. Cultivate in us a sense of wonder for the world you created. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You desire for us not to be alone and to live in community with one another. Strengthen relationships between nations and peoples, that we celebrate and support one human family. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You share in our experiences and struggles. Bless all who live with any mental or physical disability. Inspire creative communities, spaces, and environments that are accessible and hospitable. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You have established and nurtured relationships that extend beyond those gathered here today. Bless members who can no longer travel to worship with us and remind us of their continued role in this community of faith. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For what else do the people of God pray?

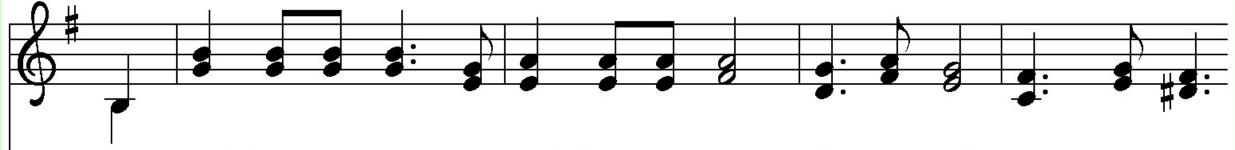
You promise eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the people of faith who have gone before us. Strengthen our trust we have in you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FINAL PRAYER REFRAIN



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me. or The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.





SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you.

Peace be with you.



MEAL

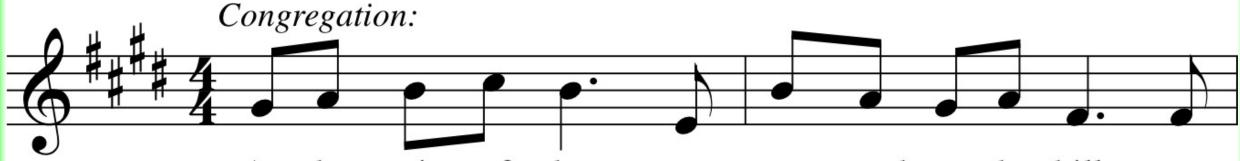
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING



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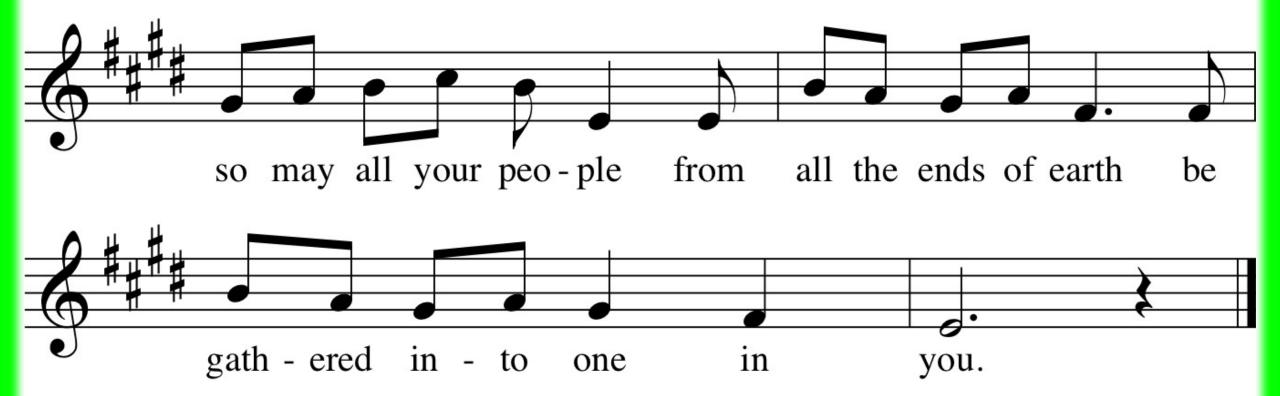
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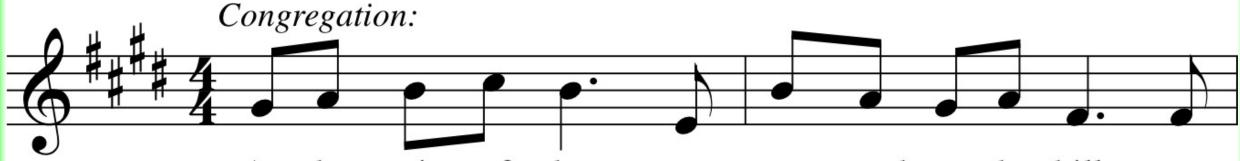




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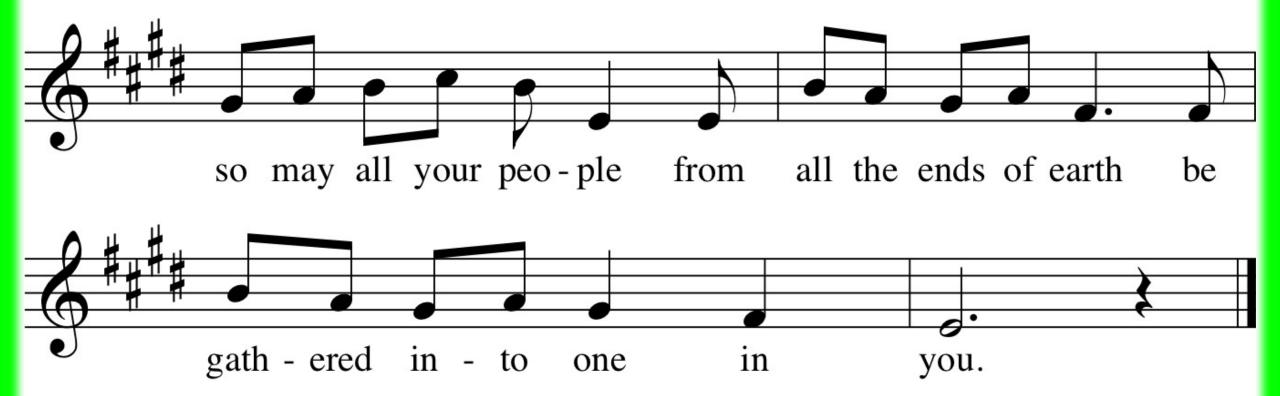
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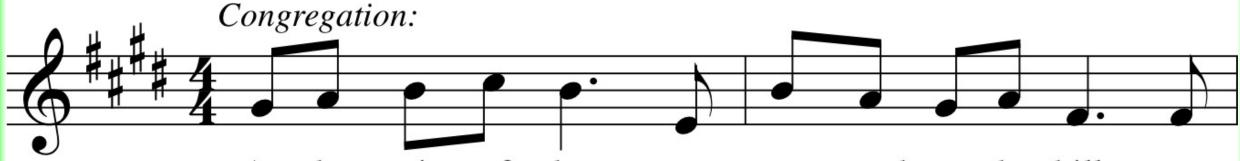


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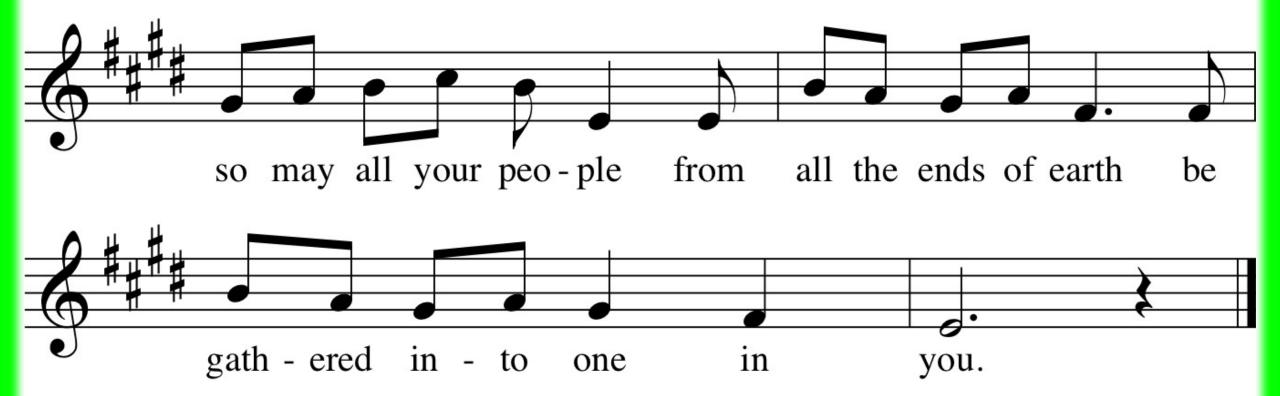
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OFFERING PRAYER

Amen.

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.

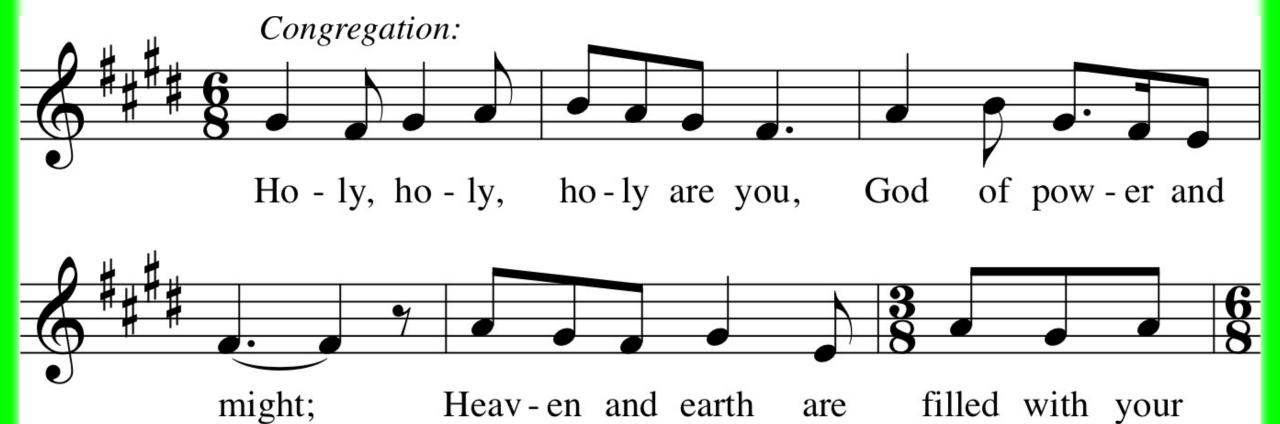
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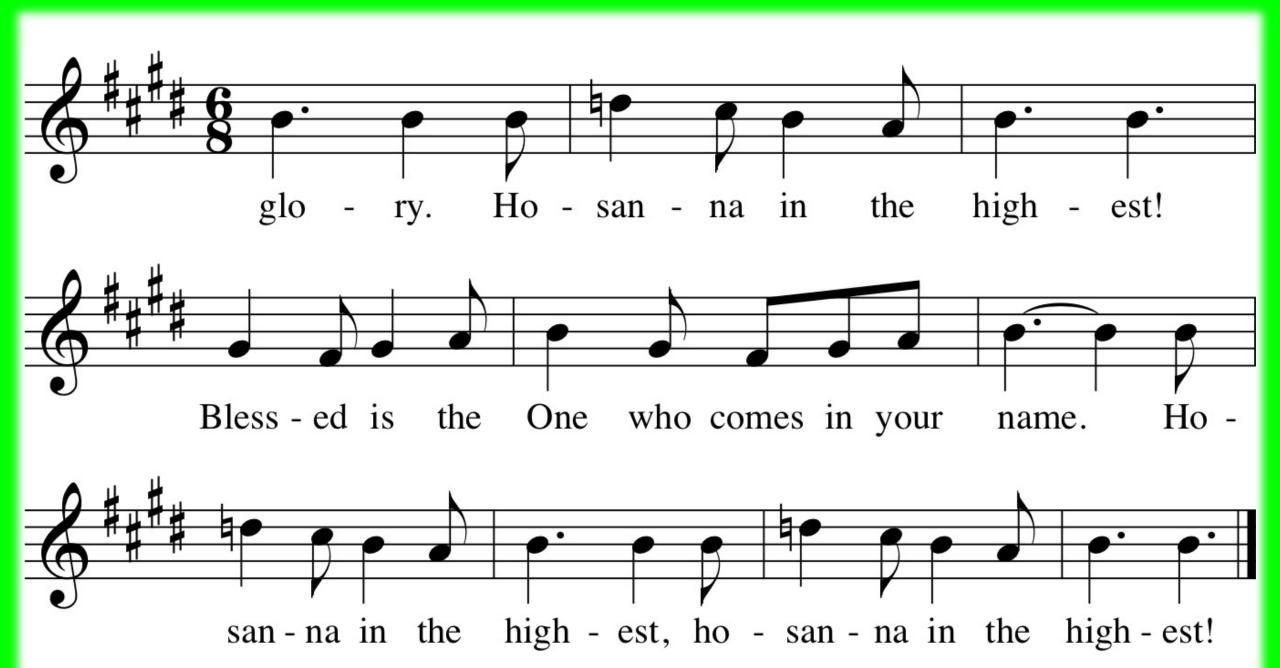
PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy God,
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals,
the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to the communion table! God is the host and God's love extends to all people. During this period of social distancing due to the COVID-19, not all in our community are ready to be present at Resurrection. Nevertheless, there **are** ways for you to participate! We celebrate this holy meal as the community of peace, love and mercy.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.



COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb of God



Lamb of God,

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world:

have mer - cy on us,

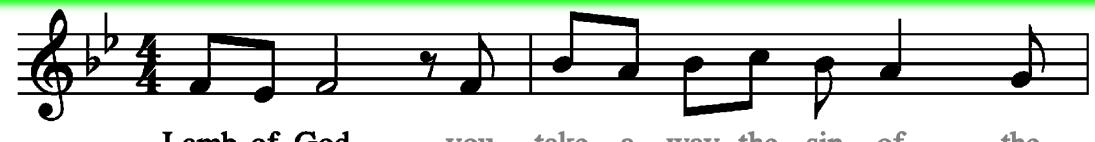
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fear:

peace:

love.





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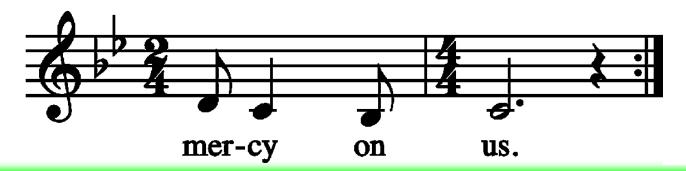
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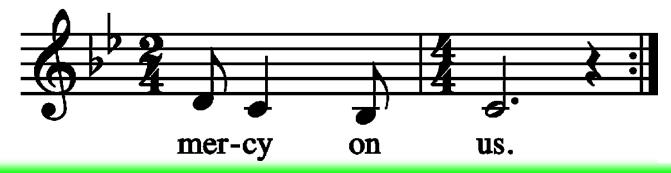
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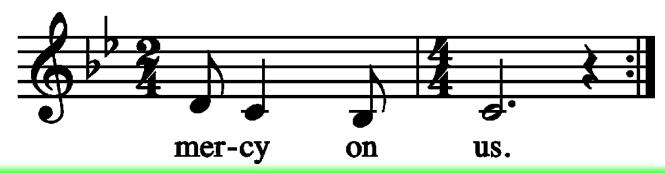
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fear:

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COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

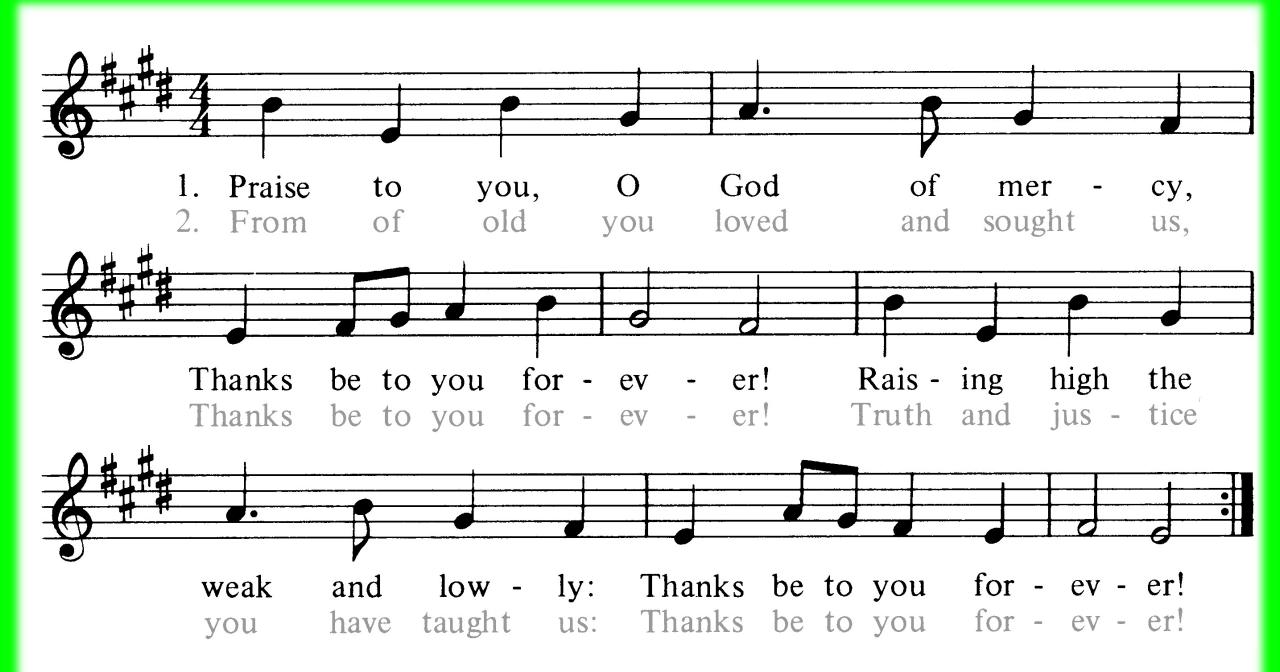
Amen.

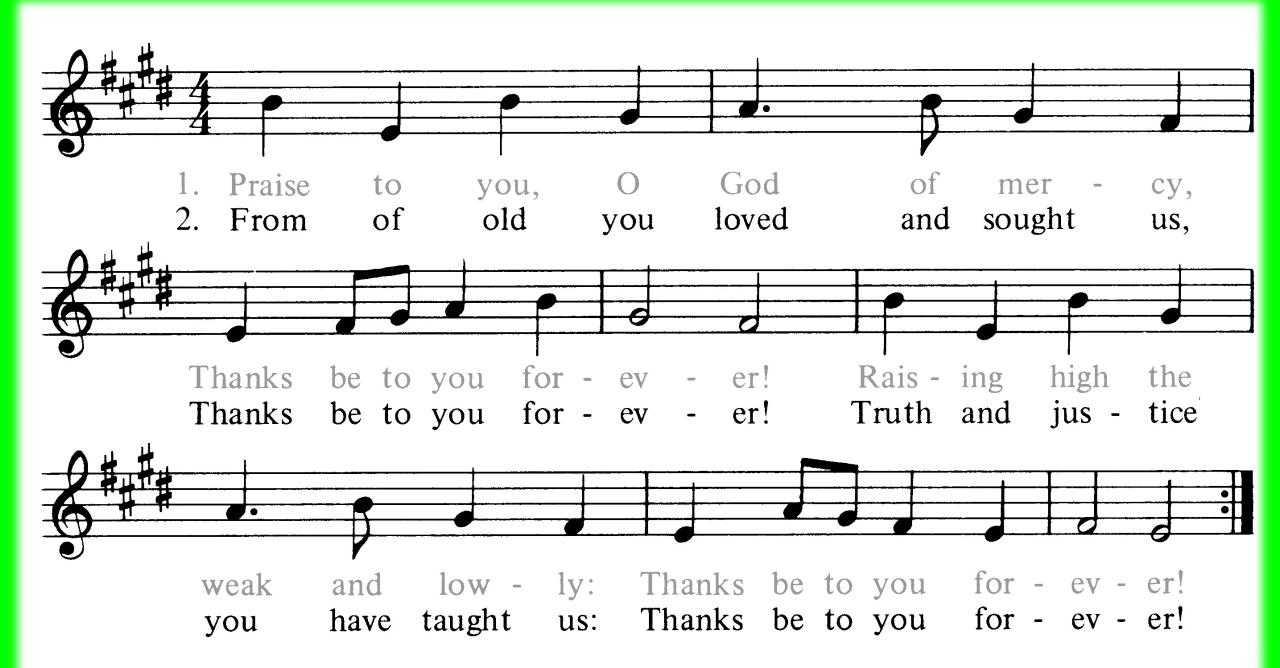
POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

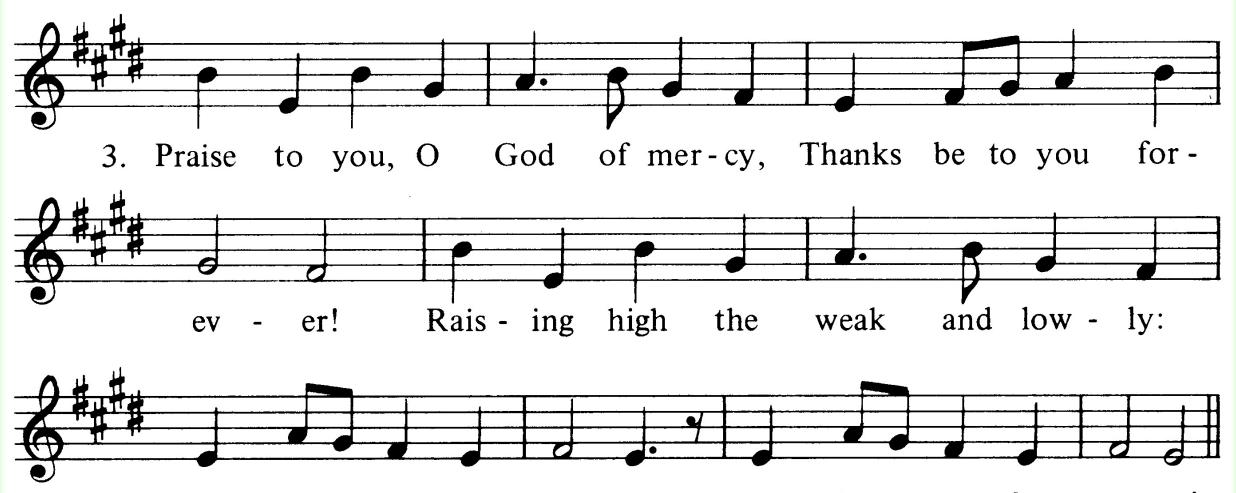


SONG AFTER COMMUNION









Thanks be to you for - ev - er, Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of life,

in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.

Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

MISSION STATEMENT

Let us announce together:

The mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church is to promote spiritual growth in Christ and service to all people.

BLESSING

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, + one God,
bless you now and forever.

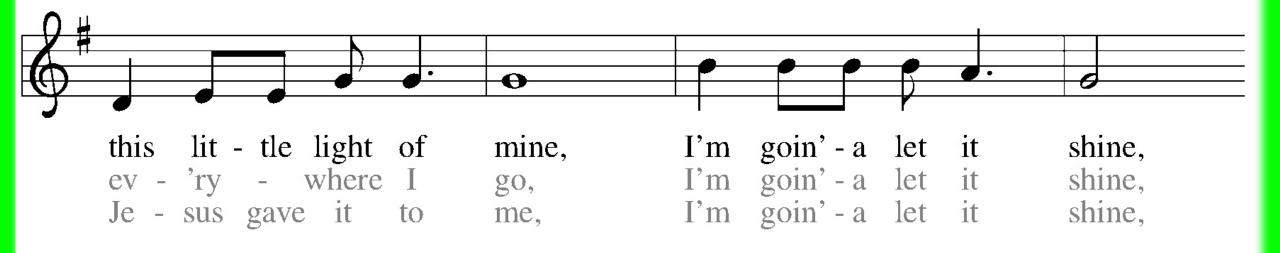
Amen.



SENDING HYMN: This Little Light of Mine



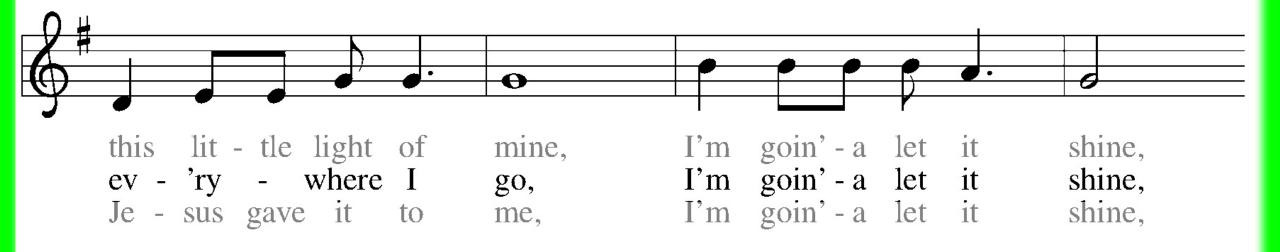




















SENDING

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

