



+ Fifth Sunday of Easter
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+ Fifth Sunday of Easter Order for Worship

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our Baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ – our Way, our Truth, our Life.

- Masks are optional at St. Andrew when Covid-19 community level in Allegheny County is in the low and medium categories.
- Worship Services are live streamed to multiple online platforms. By attending worship, you agree that your image and voice may be broadcast.

Welcome to St. Andrew!

- *St. Andrew Lutheran congregation welcomes all who are seeking a place of healing and wholeness – a nurturing, faith-forming spiritual home. Our community embraces people of all ages, ethnicities, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, and family constellations. Come and See!*
- *Everyone is invited to make a nametag at the black bookcase in the back of the worship space if they would like. There are stickers indicating pronouns on the bookcase if you would like to include them on your name tag.*
- *Children are invited to attend Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity, during worship (after the Prayer of the Day). The group returns to the worship space for the liturgy of Holy Communion.*
- *Worship “toolkits” to help children engage with the service, along with “busy bags” for younger children, are available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children.*
- *Holy Communion is served with bread (gluten-free available) and wine or grape juice. The presiding minister will distribute the bread (host). Please consume this and then pick up an empty glass from the tray. The Communion Assistant will pour wine or grape juice into your glass. Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice. Feel free to kneel at the altar for prayer and reflection. As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty trays on either side of the center aisle.*
- *A restroom is available on the main level of the church, through the doors to the Social Hall and to the right in the main office.*

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Prelude

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Confession and Forgiveness

*Please rise as you are able.
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at Baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,
✝ one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us
and all of creation.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: To you, O God,

C: all hearts are open, to you all desires known.

We come to you, confessing our sins.

Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love.

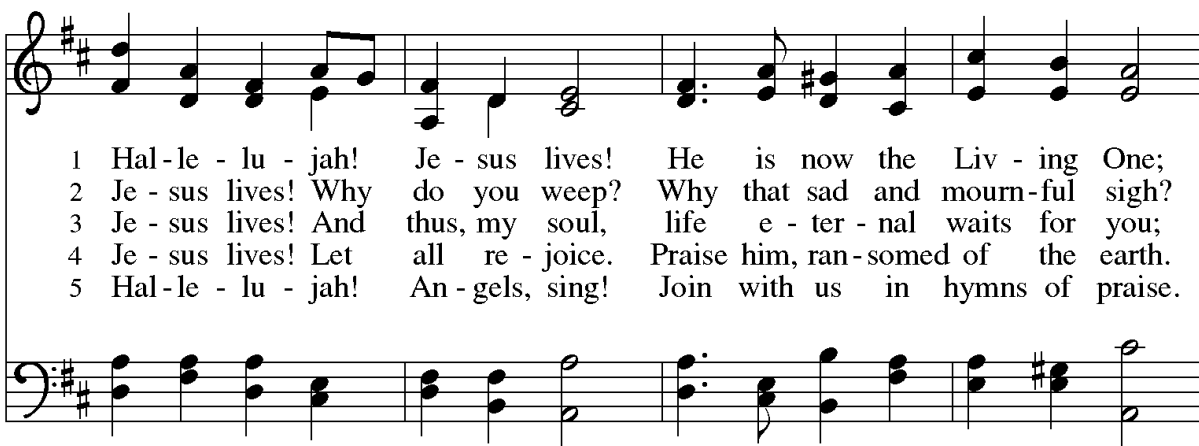
**Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth,
for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Amen.

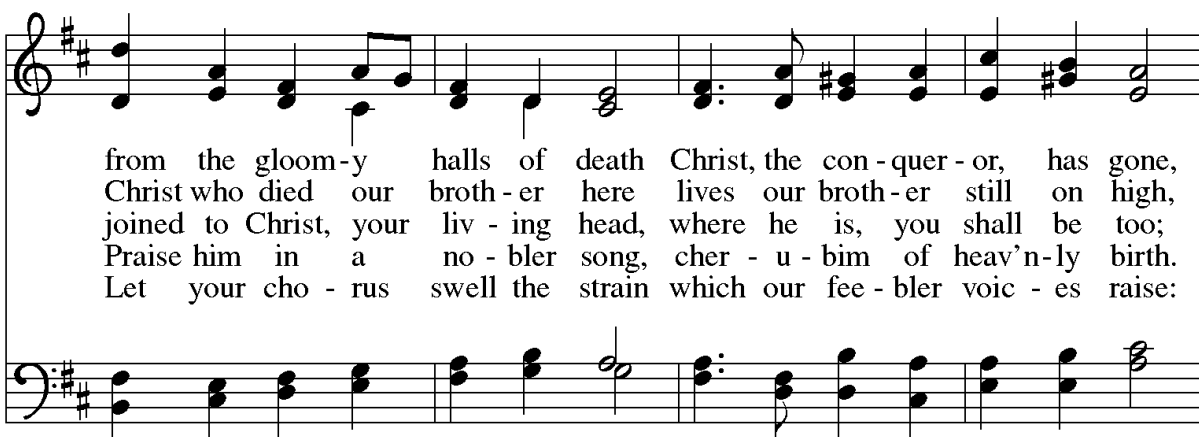
P: By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth,
and through the death and resurrection of ✝ Jesus Christ,
God forgives you all your sins.

The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life.

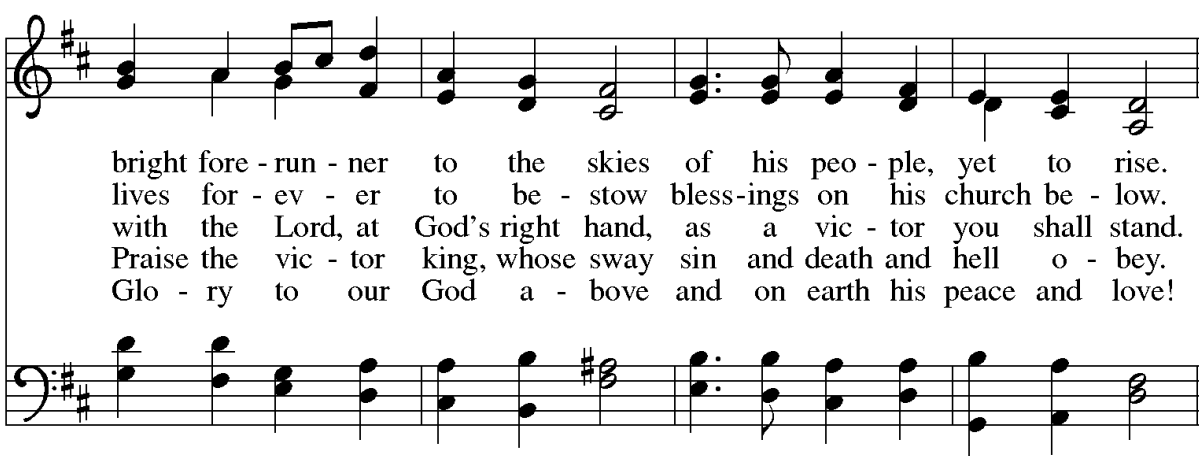
C: Amen.



1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn-ful sigh?
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran-somed of the earth.
5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,
Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,
joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.
Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless-ings on his church be - low.
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.
Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Now the Feast and Celebration

HS p. 4-5

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



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



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



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glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

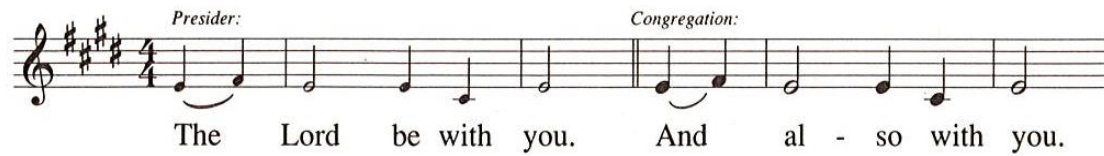


3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



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God; to make all things new.

Prayer of the Day



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

Please be seated.

*Children are invited to join the adult leaders at the door and move to the office for Little Church
– Big Faith. We ask that one additional adult from the congregation attend with the children.*

Word

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song

First Reading – Acts 7: 55-60

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Humanity standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

*The psalm will be sung by the cantor,
with the congregation invited to join in singing the verses in bold and the refrain.*

Psalm tone

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Psalm refrain



In - to your hands, O LORD, I com - mend my spir - it.

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¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be ¹put to shame;
deliver me ¹in your righteousness.

**²Incline your | ear to me;
make haste to de- | liver me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag¹ and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead¹ me and guide me.

**⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,
for you are my tow- | er of strength. R**

⁵Into your hands I com-¹ mend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD,¹ God of truth.

**¹⁵My times are [|] in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who [|] persecute me.**

¹⁶Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love.” **R**

Second Reading – 1 Peter 2: 19-25

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called you out of darkness into God’s marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

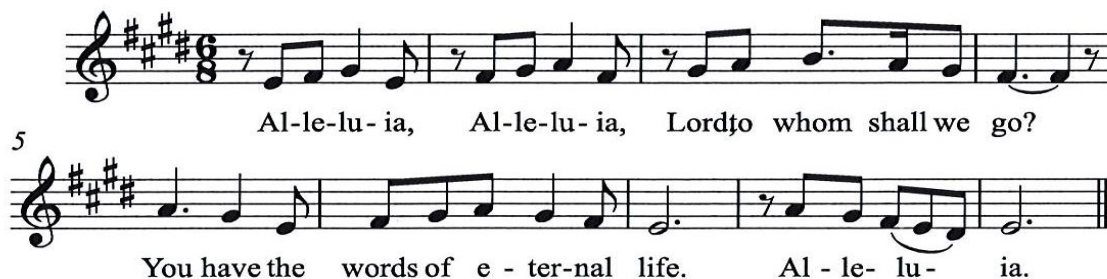
L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Marty Haugen



Gospel – John 14: 1-14

P: The holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the

way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

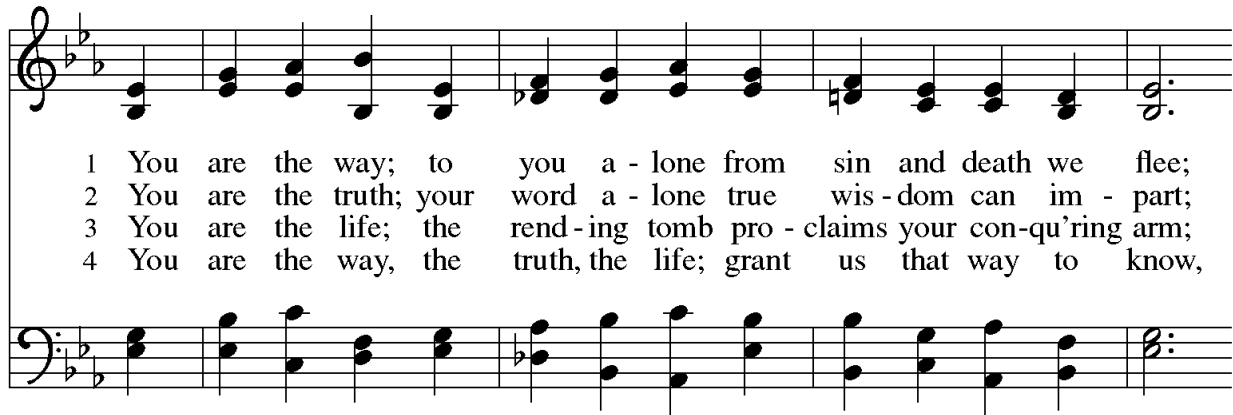
*A time of silence for prayer and reflection follows the sermon.
When the hymn of the day begins, please rise as you are able.*

Hymn of the Day

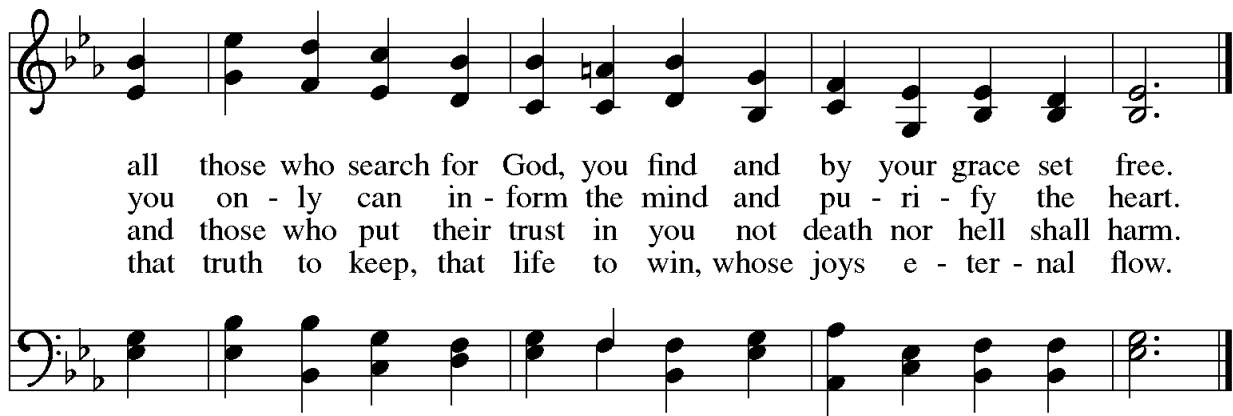
You Are the Way

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1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

Nicene Creed

**C: 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

Prayers of the People

P: United in the joy and hope of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world,
and all who are in need.

After each petition

P: Gracious God,

C: receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers

P: We lift these prayers to you O God, trusting in your abundant mercy,
through Jesus Christ our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The people may greet those around them with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words. Please be mindful that not everyone will be comfortable with sharing the peace, so please seek consent before shaking hands or hugging. Other possible ways to share the peace include a simple bow with the verbal greeting of peace, or simply a verbal expression of peace.

When the greetings of peace have concluded, please be seated.



Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering

*We offer ourselves, our gifts, and our faithful service to God.
As the offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need,
the table is set for Holy Communion.*

Music during the Offering

As the gifts are brought forward for presentation, please rise as you are able.

Offertory Song

As the Grains of Wheat

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As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

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may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God,

C: ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ,

give us glad and generous hearts,

ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Dialogue

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President: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with

President: you. *Congregation:* Lift up your hearts. We

President: lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

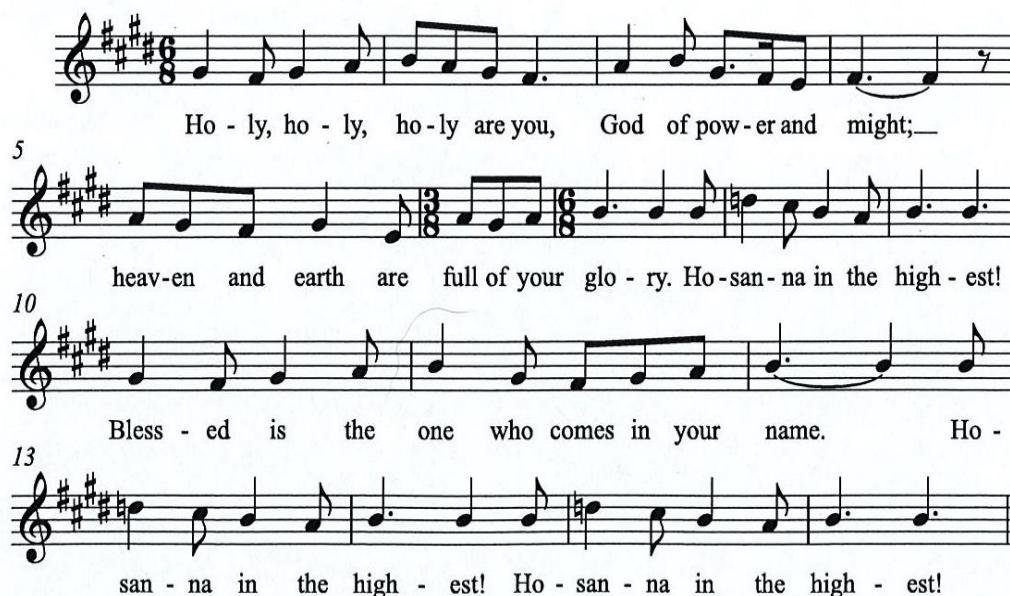
Preface *(Sung by the presiding minister)*

P: It is our duty and delight
that we should everywhere and always
offer thanks and praise to you, O God,
through Jesus Christ,
who by his death on the cross
and his glorious resurrection
broke the bonds of sin and death
and gave life to all creation.
And so with the church on earth,
all creation and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might;—

5 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

10 Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

13 san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Eucharistic Prayer

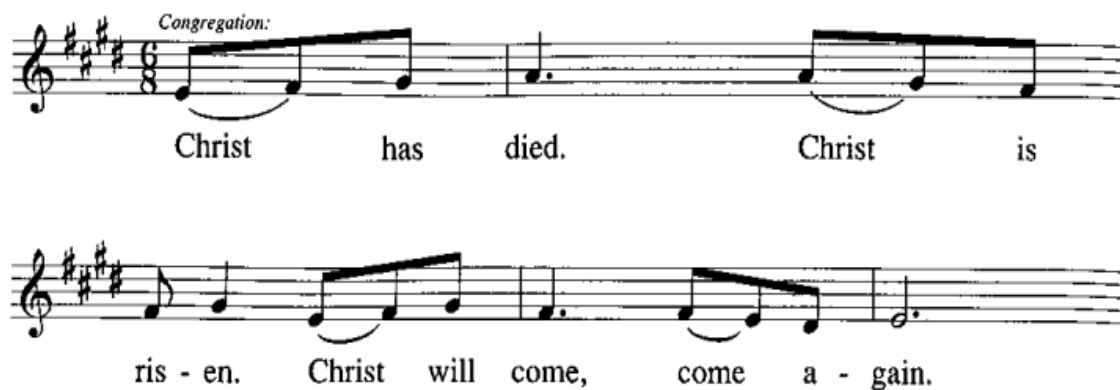
P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God, ...
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

(Presiding minister sings)

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

C:



Congregation:

Christ has died. Christ is

ris - en. Christ will come, come a - gain.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, ...
... and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
C:



Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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.

Fraction and Invitation

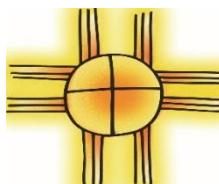
P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Come, share the feast.

Agnus Dei / Lamb of God

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Agnus Dei / Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
you are the bread of life for us all:

mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:

grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

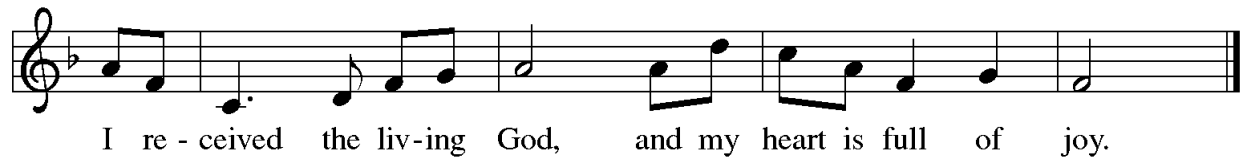
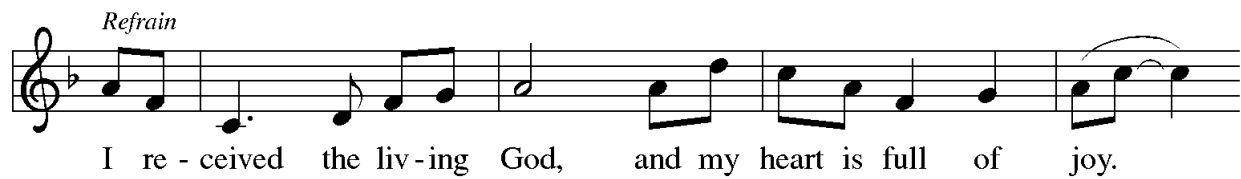
Holy Communion

- All who seek God and desire a deeper and stronger life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
- Worshipers from the pulpit side will proceed forward first, followed by the center section, and then the lectern side.
- Please inform an usher if you would like the ministers to bring Communion to you.
- Holy Communion will be served with bread and wine/grape juice.
- The presiding minister will first distribute the bread (host) to each communicant. Please indicate if you require a gluten-free host.
- Once you have consumed the bread, please pick up an empty glass from the tray next to the presiding minister. The Communion Assistant will pour wine from the chalice or grape juice from the cruet into your glass.
- Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice.
- Feel free to kneel at the altar rail for prayer after receiving the sacrament.
- As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty trays on either side of the center section.
- A blessing will be provided for anyone who does not yet receive the sacrament.
- All are invited to join in singing the hymns during Holy Communion.

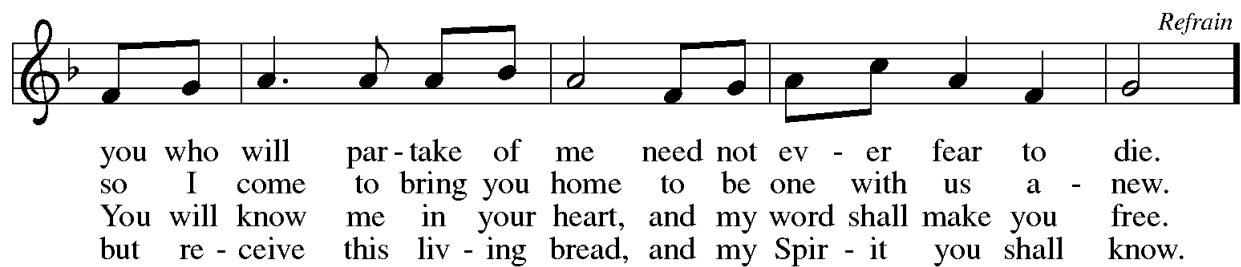
Hymns during Holy Communion

I Received the Living God

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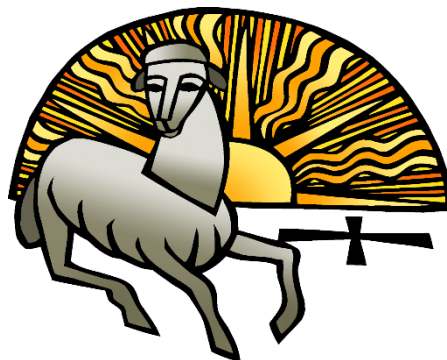


- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



Text: Anonymous

Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous



Hymns during Holy Communion

Come to the Table

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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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When all have returned to their places, please rise as you are able.

Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Prayer

P: Let us pray. Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection,
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of life to nourish your people.

Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,
that we may show your glory to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Announcements

Please rise as you are able.

Benediction

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and love the risen Christ.

Almighty God, holy One, ✙ holy Three,
bless you now and forever.

C:



Sending Hymn

I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

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Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

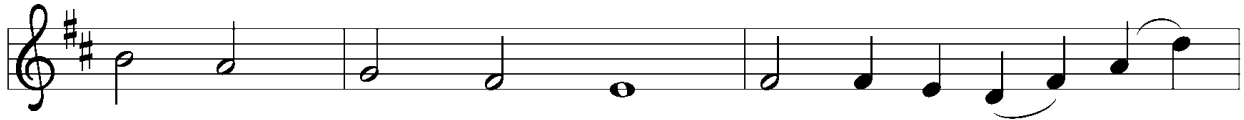
P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude



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!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

L: Lector

C: Congregation

ACS: All Creation Sings hymnal

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

HS: Hymnal Supplement

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St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements
May 7th, 2023

- **Happy Easter! Welcome to worship at St. Andrew on May 7th, 2023, the + Fifth Sunday of Easter, as we continue to celebrate Christ's Resurrection!** – We are so glad you are here to share in this festive season, and we offer a special welcome to all visitors and guests who are here for the first time! Masks are optional at St. Andrew when Allegheny County's Covid-19 community level is in the low and medium categories. Worship attendees are invited to make a name tag at the back of the worship space if you would like. There are worship "toolkits" to help children engage with worship and "busy bags" for younger children available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children. We pray that everyone has a blessed Easter season!
- **Returning to Monthly Reparations Offering Sunday, May 14th** – With the events of Palm Sunday and Holy Week, St. Andrew did not take its second collection for restorative justice/reparations on the first Sunday of April. With the first Sunday of May being Marathon Sunday, we will hold the May collection on Sunday, May 14th. We will then resume our regular schedule for this collection, on the first Sunday of each month, on Sunday, June 4th.
- **Seeking Help with Sunday Coffee Hour** – Many in the St. Andrew community enjoy the opportunity to gather for coffee, snacks and conversation after worship each week. We are looking for help with setup / preparation and cleanup each week and the whole process is pretty simple! If you would like to contribute, either for one time or on a rotating monthly schedule, please contact Pastor Ross Carmichael at PastorRCarmichael@gmail.com.
- **May Shelter Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry – Thursday, May 18th, 6:30 p.m.** – Each month, St. Andrew provides a dinner for the guests of the Shelter at East End Cooperative Ministry, 6140 Station St., 15206. We invite people to sign up to prepare or purchase a portion of the meal, and to bring it to EECM at 6:00 p.m. We also invite people of the congregation to come and help serve the meal at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-mayshelter1>.
- **St. Andrew Jail Ministry** – St. Andrew has had a long history of participation in the ministry program at the Allegheny County Jail. Until the program was put on hold at the beginning of the Covid pandemic, a group of volunteers from St. Andrew was leading a worship service at the jail on Sunday mornings, typically about one Sunday a month. The jail is hoping to resume this program soon. If any of the previous volunteers are still interested and available, please contact Lester Prince (lprince@comcast.net). New volunteers are also needed. The first step for new volunteers is to complete an online application, which can be accessed here: <https://www.foundationofhope.org/get-involved/volunteer-application/>. On the application form, indicate that the program that you are interested in volunteering with is "Chaplaincy Worship." Feel free to contact Lester Prince with any questions.