



**+ Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
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## + Fifth Sunday in Lent Order for Worship

*In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead.  
The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones.  
To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of  
resurrection. In Baptism we die with Christ, so that we might also be raised with him to new life.  
At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized  
as we remember God's unfailing promise in our Baptism.*

### Welcome to St. Andrew!

- St. Andrew welcomes all who are seeking a place of healing, wholeness, and acceptance in a nurturing and faith-forming spiritual home. We are striving toward racial equity worldwide and we seek to honor the lived experience of all individuals regardless of background. Our community embraces people of all ages, ethnicities, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, and family constellations. Come and See!
- Worship Services are live-streamed to multiple online platforms. By attending worship, you agree that your image and voice may be broadcast.
- Everyone is invited to make a name tag 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.
- A nursery is available through the doors at the left side of the sanctuary and across from the doorway to the Social Hall. Look for a purple-colored room.
- 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 section.
- 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.

### Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

A: Assisting Minister

L: Lector

**C: Congregation**

**ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal**

**ACS: All Creation Sings hymnal**

## Musical Offering

*Each week, different people from the congregation make an offering of pre-service music, with singing or instrumentation, to help the assembly focus and pray in preparation for worship.*

## Welcome

### Prelude

*O Holy Spirit, Enter In*

arr. Shaw

## Gathering

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

*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.*

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt  
and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:  
Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:  
Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign,  
and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,  
**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,  
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For disregarding voices from the margins,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:  
Gracious God,  
**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

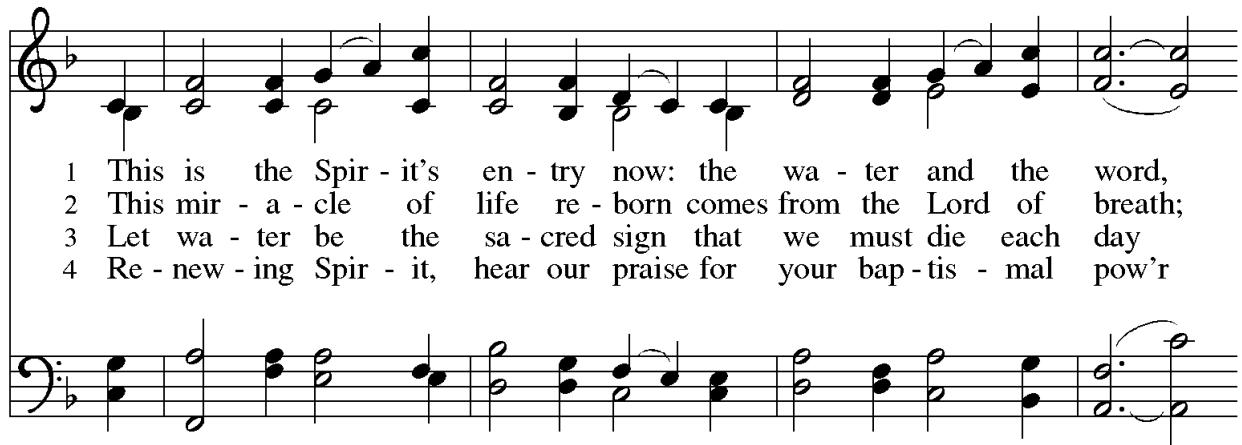
P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:  
Gracious God,  
**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.  
Through faith, the free gift of God,  
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.  
In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you,  
pours love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.  
**C: Amen.**

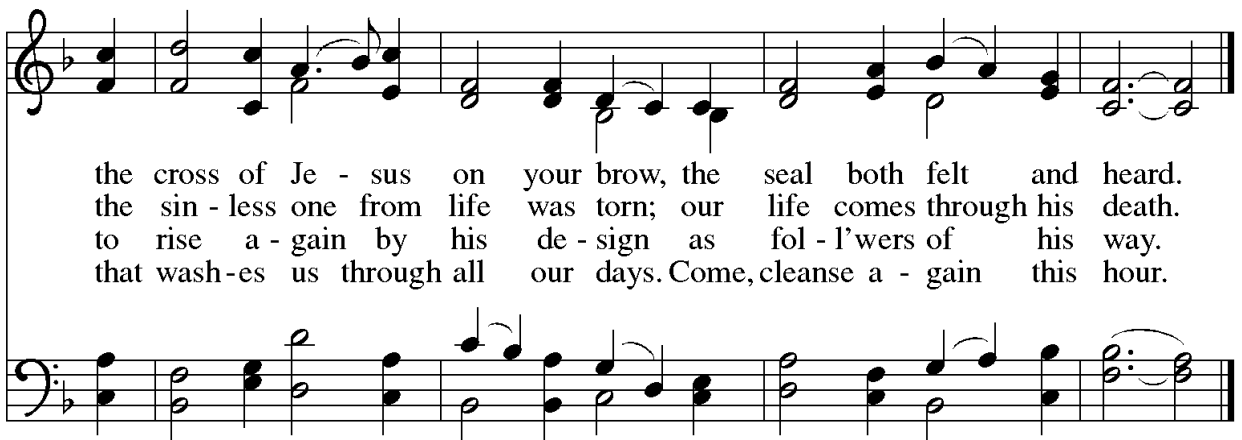
**Gathering Hymn**

**This Is the Spirit's Entry Now**

*ELW 448*



1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,  
2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;  
3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day  
4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.  
the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.  
to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.  
that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

## 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.**

## Kyrie

*ELW* p. 193-194



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



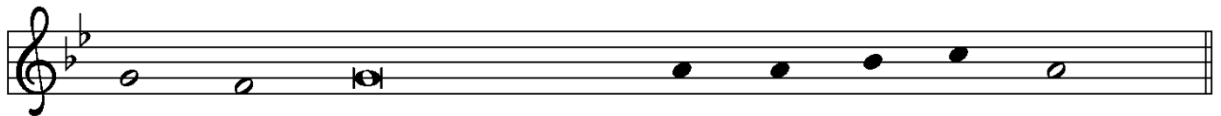
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



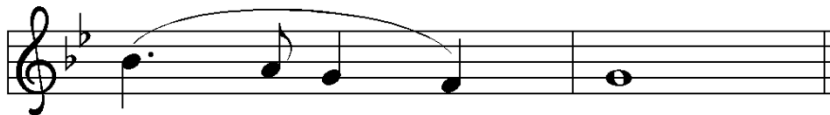
praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

## Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death.

Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who 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 leader(s) at the side door for Little Church – Big Faith.  
We ask that an additional adult from the congregation attend with the children.*

## Word

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

### First Reading – Ezekiel 37: 1-14

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the LORD came upon me, and the Lord brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> The Lord led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> The Lord said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O LORD God, you know.” <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then the Lord said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the LORD God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as the Lord commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup> Then the Lord said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the LORD God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

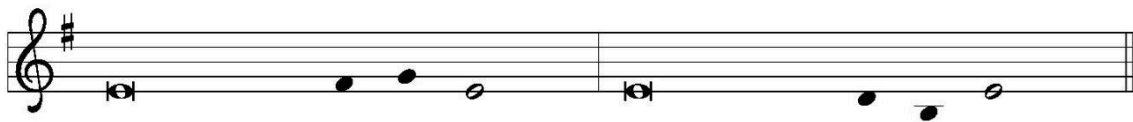
L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 130

*The psalm will be sung responsively, led by the cantor, with the congregation singing the verses in bold type and joining in the refrain.*

*Psalm Tone*



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*Psalm Refrain*



Psalm 130:5

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<sup>1</sup> Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup> **O LORD, | hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.**

<sup>3</sup> If you were to keep watch | over sins,

O LORD, | who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> **Yet with you | is forgiveness,**

**in order that you | may be feared. R**

<sup>5</sup> I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits;

in your word | is my hope.

<sup>6</sup> **My soul waits for the LORD more than those who keep watch | for the morning,**  
**more than those who keep watch | for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is | steadfast love;  
with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.

<sup>8</sup> **For the LORD shall | redeem Israel**  
**from | all their sins. R**

## Second Reading – Romans 6: 8-11

<sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through God's Spirit that dwells in you.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise as you are able.*



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

### Gospel – John 11: 1-45

P: The holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

<sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them.” <sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

<sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

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.*



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive  
 2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning  
 3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing  
 4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the



Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the  
 tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to  
 fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as  
 End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -



worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all  
 dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing  
 kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y  
 form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise



time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor  
 down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise  
 days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from  
 love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -



brings all things to be and brings all things to death.  
 in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.  
 fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.  
 ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: COE FEN, Kenneth Naylor, 1931–1991

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## **Apostles' Creed**

**C: 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.**

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\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## **Prayers of the People**

A: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence,  
let us pray for the world and its needs.

*After each petition*

A: Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers*

P: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**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.*

*There are laminated giving cards in the pew racks that feature a QR code for anyone who would like to give online. Those who give using the QR code, as well as those who give regularly online or through their bank are encouraged to place the laminated card in the plate as an expression of your offering.*

## Offertory Music

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

arr. Keveren

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

## Offertory Song

## Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 186



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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## Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

God our provider,

**C: You have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.**

**Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

## Dialogue

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P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

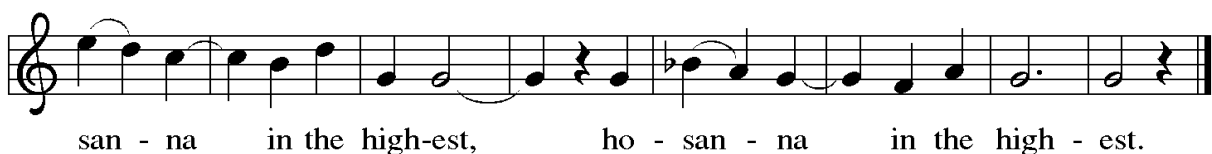
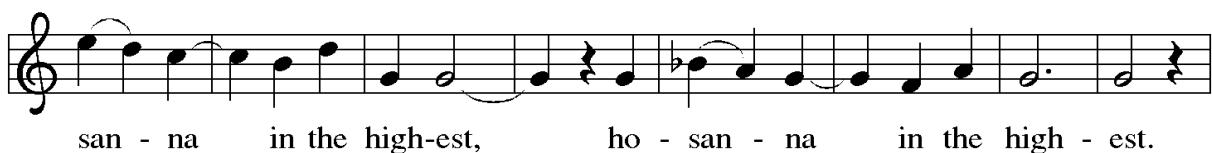
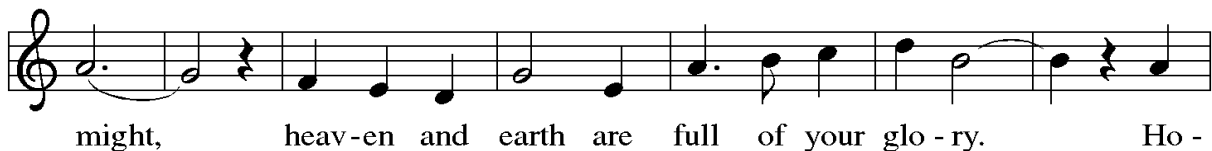
**Preface** (*Spoken by the presiding minister*)

P: 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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of Baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
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:

**Sanctus**

*ELW p. 200*



## **Eucharistic Prayer**

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe ...  
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: O God of resurrection and new life ...  
... Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread ...  
... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places ...  
... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **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

### *Agnus Dei / Lamb of God*

*ELW p. 201*

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the". The second staff contains: "world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you". The third staff contains: "take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.". The fourth staff contains: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the". The fifth staff contains: "world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The score ends with a double bar line.

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, 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.*
- *Worshippers 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 (amber) or grape juice (purple).*
- *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 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 rail for prayer after receiving the sacrament.
- As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty tray on the 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

### Christ, the Life of All the Living

ELW 339



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
 2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,  
 3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:  
 e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
 for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
 for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
 thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
 for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

# Hymns during Holy Communion


## I Am the Bread of Life

ELW 485

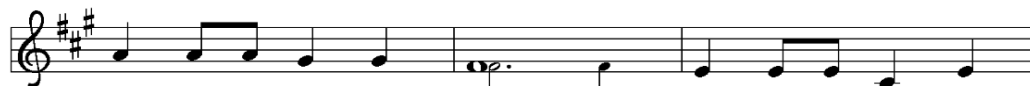
Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
3 "Un - less . . . . . you . . . . . eat of the  
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . . . .  
5 Yes, Lord, . . . . . I be - lieve that . . . . .



come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -  
flesh for the life of the world, . . . . . and if you  
flesh of the Son of Man . . . . . and . . . . .  
I . . . . . am the life. . . . . If you be -  
you . . . . . are the Christ, . . . . . the . . . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
eat . . . . . of this bread, you shall . . . live for -  
drink . . . . . of his blood, and drink . . . . . of his  
lieve . . . . . in . . . . . me, e - ven . . . though you  
Son . . . . . of . . . . . God, who . . . . . have . . . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
ev - er, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."  
die, . . . . . . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
come in - to . . . . . the . . . . . world. . . . .

Refrain  
All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."



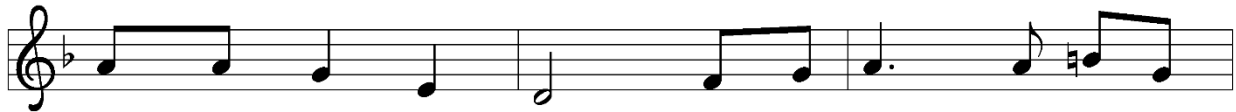
# Hymns during Holy Communion

## Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

ELW 334



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your  
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed  
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of  
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you  
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the  
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.  
bod - y of our Lord.  
riv - er, you the sea.

### *Lent 5*

God of all our fear and sorrow,  
God who lives beyond our death,  
hold us close through each tomorrow,  
love as near as every breath.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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Hymns during Holy Communion

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

ELW 333

*Refrain - All*

Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a  
 wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a  
 wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

*Leader or All*

1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a  
 2 When Je - sus was on earth, . . . . . the . .  
 3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .

mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -  
 flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -  
 whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

*Refrain*

- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.  
 - ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.  
 - to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: WEARY LAND, African American spiritual

*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**

A: Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:

God, who calls all things into existence,

Jesus Christ, who redeems us,

and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,

✠ bless you and keep you, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

*Following page*

## **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Serve those in need.

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **Postlude**



1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,  
 2 O God, who calls your peo - ple out to ven - ture and to dare,  
 3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:  
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:  
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.  
 when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,  
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.  
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.  
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: NOEL, English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900

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**St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements**  
**March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

- **Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew on the Fifth Sunday in Lent** – We are thankful you are here, and we offer a special welcome to all visitors and guests who are here for the first time! A nursery is available through the door to the left of the worship space and across the social hall (look for a purple room). Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity for children up to sixth grade, will take place after the prayer of the day. There are also 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.

All are invited to stay for coffee and other drinks, food, and conversation in the social hall (through the side door at the left of the worship space) after the service.

- **Holy Week Worship Schedule** – Holy Week invites us into the experience of and reflection on the story at the heart of our faith: the Passion, death, and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. This year's services are listed below.

o Palm – Passion Sunday	March 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.
o Triduum – Maundy Thursday	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 p.m.
o Triduum – Good Friday	April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 p.m.
o Triduum – The Vigil of Easter	April 4 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.
o Easter Sunday	April 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.

Worship for Palm Sunday – Sunday of the Passion, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday will be streamed via St. Andrew's regular channels, Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube – we encourage everyone to come in person to the Easter Vigil service on Saturday!

- **Growing in Faith Together, Today after Worship** – This gathering is intended for people who are relatively new to St. Andrew, whether you are preparing to join the congregation by transfer or Affirmation of Baptism, or would just like to meet more people and learn about the congregation. Jeff Denlinger and Kelly Spaninger will serve as facilitators and will be happy to answer any questions.
- **Produce Distribution Supplemental Food of the Month** – St. Andrew is collecting supplemental food each month to accompany our produce distribution. For March, we ask for donations of rice. There are collection boxes at the back of the worship space and in the social hall.
- **Produce Distribution, First and Third Tuesday Each Month, April 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** – St. Andrew partners with Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank to serve as a distribution site for fresh produce on the first and third Tuesday of every month. We invite people of the congregation to help with the distribution from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and/or to help with unloading and setup during the day between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- **Bible Book Club, Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** – Bible Book Club meets weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate. The group is reading *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, which can be found here: [Entering the Passion of Jesus](#). You can join the Zoom call here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83196175976?pwd=ejdPOUYrTk4xVFdsdlhHUVJ1L3k2Zz09>
- **Hearts and Hands - Blanket Tying, Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** – Join us as we reboot our Hearts and Hands ministry to include Tied Blankets as well as knitted and crocheted items. Tying Blankets is something everyone can do! You can also bring your knitting needles, crochet hooks or even quilting items. If you want to learn to crochet, someone can also help you get started. Blankets will be provided to Proud Haven and Humane Animal Rescue. We also hope to rebuild our prayer shawl supplies with knitted items, crocheted items and blankets. Bring a Lunch (and something to share if you like) and join us!
- **Alternatives to Violence Project Workshops, April 14<sup>th</sup>, May 16<sup>th</sup>, and May 23<sup>th</sup>** – To learn more about the Alternatives to Violence Project, follow the link here: <https://friendspeaceteams.org/cultures-justice-peace/>. Below are the details for their upcoming workshops in Pittsburgh. "Choosing Integrity Over Influence" will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Saint Maurice RC Church Campus, 2001 Ardmore Blvd. Pittsburgh, PA 15221. It will be open to all ages.

Please register using this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSenWSjN487ufRn8K6W6CTi1Nsn7IU3JZSOt234oddOsyXMI4g/viewform>. On May 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., AVP will be hosting

two basic workshops at St Andrews Lutheran Church, 304 Morewood Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. These will be open to teens and adults. Please register using this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjPOKcnyONx26wqTHzyby9YMi7BYHrUUfUha3PoxXpC50XNw/viewform>.

- **Pittsburgh PRIDE Choir’s Spring Cabaret Concert, April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.** – The Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh PRIDE Choir, Pittsburgh's esteemed LGBTQIA+ choir, acknowledges and thanks you for your unwavering support and advocacy on behalf of our local LGBTQIA+ community. Your contributions, whether through business ownership, direct support, or quality of life initiatives, are invaluable. The Spring Season approaches rapidly and they would be privileged if you joined them for the Spring Cabaret Concert on April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The concert begins at 8:00 p.m., at East Liberty Presbyterian Church (116 S. Highland Ave, Pgh), a fully affirming and inclusive venue. For tickets to this and future events, visit <https://events.ticketleap.com/events/pittsburgh-pride-choir>.
- **Dismantling Antisemitism 101, Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** – In the fall, St. Andrew hosted a Reckoning with Antisemitism as Christians event in collaboration with our Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, The Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh, and Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania. In an effort to continue the discussion from that event and to share possible next steps with the larger congregation, St. Andrew has invited Mr. Noah Schoen, Manager of Community Engagement for the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh, to lead us in a Dismantling Antisemitism 101 workshop. After worship on April 26<sup>th</sup>, we will have an expanded coffee hour with light lunch foods, and then begin the workshop at 12:00 noon. Please put this on your calendars and plan to take part on April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **Lutherlyn Work Day, Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** – It takes a lot of hands to prepare Lutherlyn for the many people who will visit throughout the spring and summer. Flower beds need to be weeded, firewood needs to be cut, fences need to be repaired, sticks and leaves need to be removed, as well as a variety of other jobs for volunteers of all ages and skill levels. Lutherlyn provides all of the tools (and lunch prepared by Chef Lisa) and our volunteers provide the willing hands! To RSVP, follow this link: <https://www.lutherlyn.com/support/volunteer/workdays.html>. If you have any questions feel free to contact the Development Office at [development@lutherlyn.com](mailto:development@lutherlyn.com) or 724-865-2161.
- **“Christ in Our Home” Booklets for April - June Now Available** – “Christ in Our Home” is a quarterly devotional resource that encourages readers to live out their faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer for the day. The April - June booklets are now available at the entrances, and there are still some left for March. Please feel free to take one home!
- **Coffee Hour Signups** – St. Andrew provides hospitality during a coffee hour after worship each Sunday. If you would like to participate and would like information about the duties of setting up, please sign up using the following form: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-47069030-coffee#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-47069030-coffee#/).

# Flowers for Easter

*St. Andrew will be ordering Lilies (6 inch, five bloom - \$8.25 each)*

*Tulips (8 inch - \$9.00 each))*

*Daffodils (6 inch - \$5.50 each)*

*to decorate the worship space for Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>,  
and the Easter season.*

*If you would like to sponsor or dedicate flowers, please complete this form  
and submit it at the desk in the main office or through the Sunday offering plates.*

*Please submit payment with order - Checks may be made payable to:*

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Order by Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

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