

A star () invites you to stand as you are able.*

THE GATHERING RITE

PRELUDE: SHEEP MAY SAFELY GRAZE BY J.S. BACH (FLUTE & ORGAN)

* GATHERING HYMN #365: JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY



1	Je - sus	Christ	is	ris'n	to - day,	Al	-	le	-	lu	-	ia!	
2	Hymns	of	praise	then	let	us	sing,	Al	-	le	-	ia!	
3	But	the	pains	which	he	en - dured,	Al	-	le	-	lu	-	ia!
4	Sing	we	to	our	God	a - bove,	Al	-	le	-	lu	-	ia!



our	tri - um - phant	ho - ly	day,	Al	-	le	-	lu	-	ia!	
un -	to Christ, our	heav'n - ly	king,	Al	-	le	-	lu	-	ia!	
our	sal - va - tion	have	pro - cured;	Al	-	le	-	lu	-	ia!	
praise	e - ter - nal	as	his	love;	Al	-	le	-	lu	-	ia!



who	did	once	up -	on the	cross,	Al	-	le	-	lu	-	ia!
who	en - dured	the	cross	and	grave,	Al	-	le	-	lu	-	ia!
now	a - bove	the	sky	he's	king,	Al	-	le	-	lu	-	ia!
praise	him,	all	you	heav'n - ly	host,	Al	-	le	-	lu	-	ia!



suf -	fer	to	re -	deem	our	loss.	Al	-	le	-	lu	-	ia!
sin -	ners	to	re -	deem	and	save.	Al	-	le	-	lu	-	ia!
where	the	an -	gels	ev -	er	sing.	Al	-	le	-	lu	-	ia!
Fa -	ther,	Son,	and	Ho -	ly	Ghost.	Al	-	le	-	lu	-	ia!

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

All: Amen.

*** GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

People: And also with you.

Pastor: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE: NOW THE FEAST (HAUGEN)

Refrain



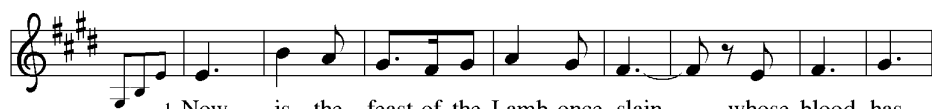
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



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



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

Refrain



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



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



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



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 10:34-43

Lector: A reading from Acts.

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector: Word of God, word of Life.

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION: THIS IS THE DAY BY LES GARRETT (LITTLE SAINTS, 9AM)

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

*The psalm will be read responsively with the people reading the **bold text**.*

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter."

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

MEDITATION: A FESTIVE INTRADA BY C. DOBRINSKI (BELLS, 9AM)

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26

Lector: A reading from 1st Corinthians.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Lector: Word of God, word of Life.

People: Thanks be to God.

*THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-18



Pastor: The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 20th chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have

carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

*** HYMN OF THE DAY #377: ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN**

*** THE NICENE CREED**

Pastor: Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: 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, 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.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Each petition concludes, "God of grace," to which the people respond, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

All: Amen.

THE MEAL

* THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM: RISE UP WITH HIM BY JANET VOGT

* OFFERTORY: THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS (VERSES 5&6)



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Deacon: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of
 grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us
 again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this
 meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

All: Amen.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... 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

The musical score for the Sanctus hymn is written on six staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a 6/8 time signature, and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by eighth notes A4 and B4, and a quarter note C5. A double bar line is followed by the word "All" in italics. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note B4, eighth notes A4 and G4, and a quarter note F#4. The lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord," are written below. The third staff has a 3/8 time signature, with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of eighth notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. The lyrics "God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are" are written below. The fourth staff has a 6/8 time signature, with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of quarter notes G4, A4, and B4, followed by eighth notes C5 and B4. The lyrics "full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est." are written below. The fifth staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of eighth notes G4, A4, B4, and C5, followed by a quarter note B4. The lyrics "Bless - ed is the One who comes, who" are written below. The sixth staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of eighth notes G4, A4, B4, and C5, followed by a quarter note B4. The lyrics "Bless - ed is he who comes in the name," are written below. The seventh staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of eighth notes G4, A4, B4, and C5, followed by a quarter note B4. The lyrics "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the" are written below. The eighth staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of eighth notes G4, A4, B4, and C5, followed by a quarter note B4. The lyrics "high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." are written below. The score ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord,
God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the One who comes, who
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name,
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God of the universe... With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.



* THE LORD'S PRAYER

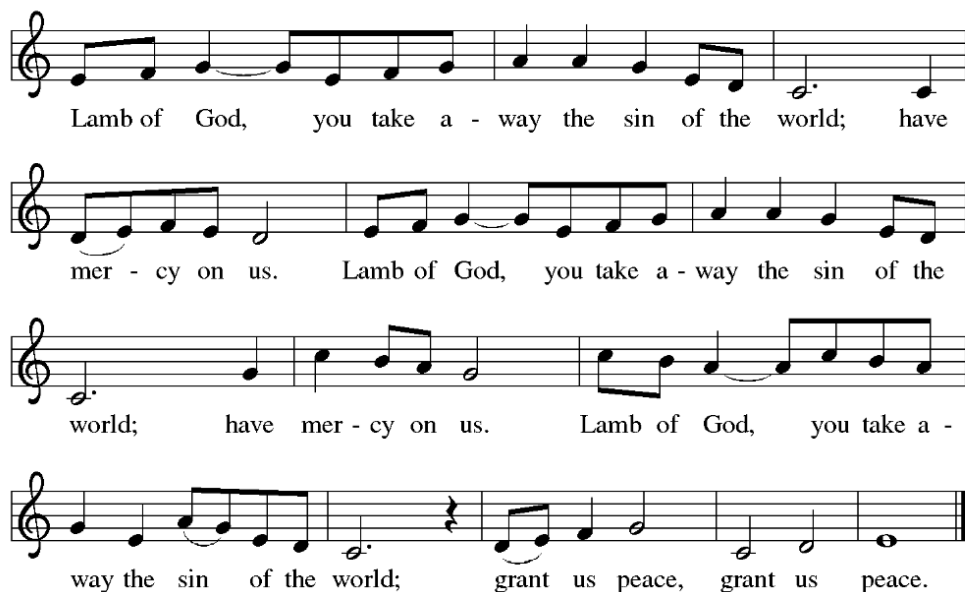
Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: 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.

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

* LAMB OF GOD



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.

COMMUNION MEDITATION: THINE IS THE GLORY (HYMN #376)

* POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: May this, the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ strengthen you and keep you ever in his grace.

People: Amen.

* NUNC DIMITTIS: THANKS BE TO YOU (HAUGEN)

Congregation:



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your



love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of



life with us. 3. Praise to you, O



God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!



Rais-ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for



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

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Deacon: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

People: Amen.

THE SENDING RITE

* BLESSING

Pastor: *The blessing is pronounced.*

People: Amen.

* SENDING HYMN #836: JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

* DISMISSAL

Deacon: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Deacon: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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