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Juneteenth - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**June 20, 2021**

“See, now is the day of salvation! Open wide your hearts!” - 2 Cor. 6:2,13

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## GATHERING

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### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are visiting with us this morning, we'd love to meet you! We invite you to fill out a visitor card at <http://www.glcportland.org/visitor>.

### PRELUDE

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.  
**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the sea you led your people from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as your children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

# We Are Marching in the Light of God

## *Siyahamba*

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -  
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',  
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,  
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - , kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.  
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba \_\_\_\_\_ oo \_\_\_\_\_  
 We are march - ing \_\_\_\_\_ oo \_\_\_\_\_

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,  
 We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba  
 We are march - ing

oo  
 oo

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,  
 We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

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## GREETING

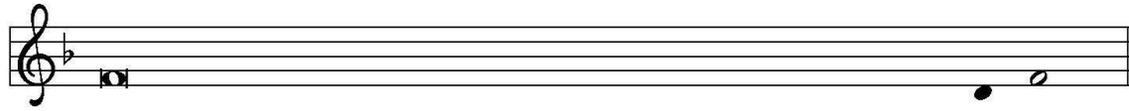
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

## REFRAIN



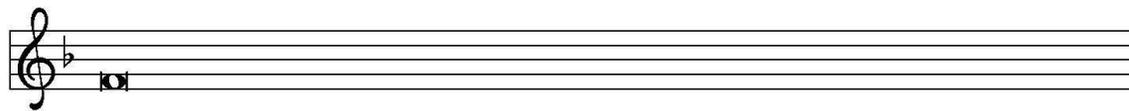
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



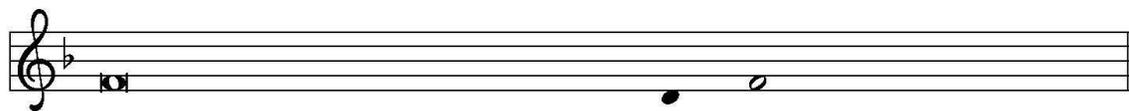
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



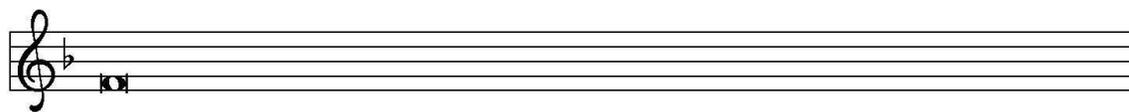
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



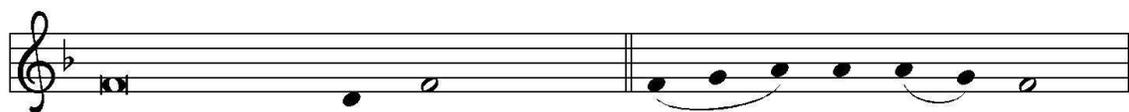
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



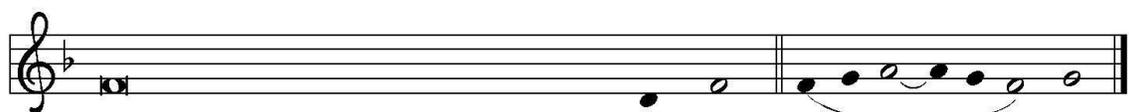
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



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

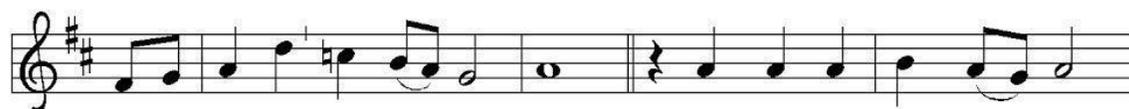


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



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



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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



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

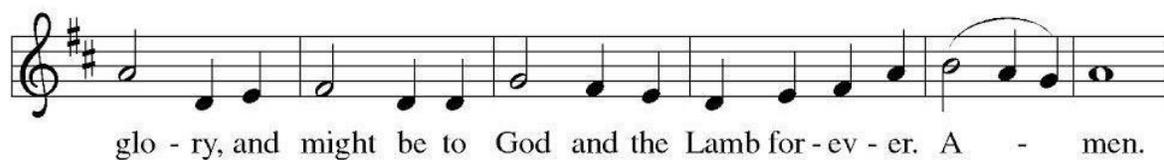


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



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

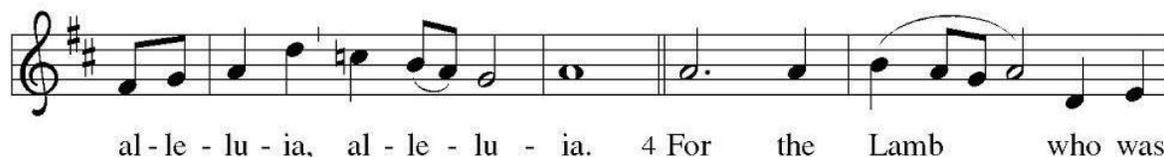
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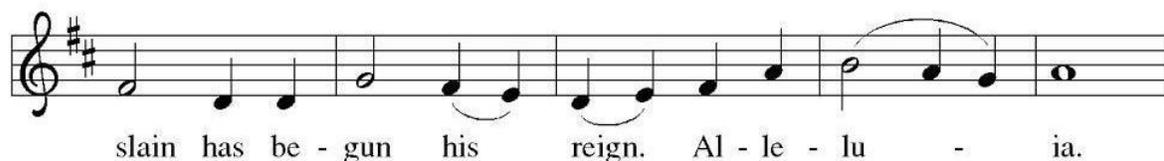
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



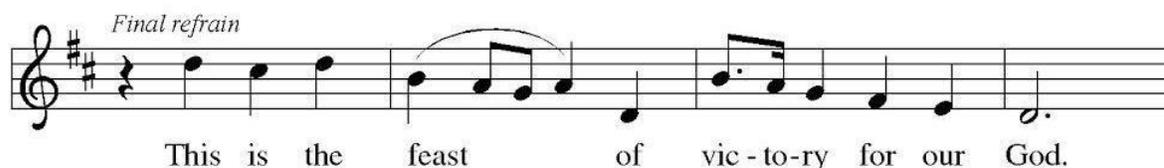
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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



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



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

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those generations before us, to resist the evil of slavery and human bondage. May we use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your Holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Join us for VBS July 12-16. Email [youth@glcportland.org](mailto:youth@glcportland.org) to register. All are welcome!

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### WORD

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#### FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?





commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

### PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE, REPENTANCE AND RECONCILIATION\*

People of Oregon, we are called by the Holy Spirit and by the blood and tears of those harmed by racism, to remember the sins of our people, to seek repentance on behalf of our whole community, to commit ourselves to participation in God's work of justice, and to seek reconciliation in God's mercy and love.

(Moment of Silence)

Righteous God, with sorrow we remember the failures of our community and our state to love our neighbors as ourselves. We remember the sins of our ancestors, who murdered and displaced indigenous peoples and who established a white supremacist state wherein people of color suffer terror and violence even to this day. We remember Alonzo Tucker. We remember indigenous children stolen from the arms of their families. We remember innocent Americans incarcerated for being of Japanese ancestry. We remember undocumented neighbors whose families are torn apart by unjust laws and artificial borders.

**Righteous God, we remember.**

Merciful Savior, with sincerity, we repent on behalf of our community, our state, and ourselves, that the sin of racism and the evils and injustices committed under its influence might be overcome by your overwhelming grace. We repent of white supremacy in our words, in our deeds, and in the society we maintain. We repent for the murder of Alonzo Tucker and all those dead whose names you remember and whose souls you have received in gracious love.

**Merciful Savior, we repent.**

Liberating Spirit, we respond to your urgent call for us to commit ourselves to participation in your work of justice. We commit to repairing and restoring broken communities and families. We commit to join in the struggle for equity and justice for indigenous people, people of color, and all who are threatened and harmed by ideologies of supremacy and a culture of domination.

**Liberating Spirit, we respond with our commitment.**

Loving Trinity, listen to the prayer of your children and hear our supplication. We do not present our supplication before you on the ground of our righteousness or worthiness, but on the ground of your great mercies. Receive our prayers. Grant us the courage and compassion to honor our commitment. Reconcile us to you and to our neighbors in truth, in justice, and in love.

**Loving Trinity, reconcile us.**

**Amen.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand* (ELW 773)

# Precious Lord, Take My Hand

773



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,  
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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PRECIOUS LORD  
Irregular

## 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and, through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth; so that, in your good time, every people and nation may join you in perfect harmony. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Creator of Life, protect and renew this world and its creatures. Turn us from greed and exploitation of the natural world, that we might honor the Word through whom you created such wonderful things by imitating his generosity and compassion. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Righteous God, secure liberty, justice, and peace for the peoples of all nations. Cast down the powers of domination and raise up the meek for whom you have promised the earth as an inheritance. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Holy One, you do not distance yourself from the pain of your people, but in Jesus you bear that pain with all. With your cleansing love bring healing and strength to those who suffer illness, injustice and oppression and lift them up, that in body, mind and spirit, they may again rejoice. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers, and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Comforting God, we pray for all who grieve the loss of loved ones. Grant these saints of your grace rest eternal, O God, as they now rest in you. We await the day when this world will know of your great Shalom and all your saints will be gathered with you. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

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

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*We will now be sent into breakout rooms for 10 minutes to share words of greeting and peace. Breakout rooms are NOT recorded or broadcast on Facebook.*

## **OFFERING**

*Thank you for your generous gifts to sustain the mission and ministry of Gethsemane Lutheran Church. You may give online at [www.glcportland.org/give](http://www.glcportland.org/give).*

## OFFERTORY

### Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



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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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

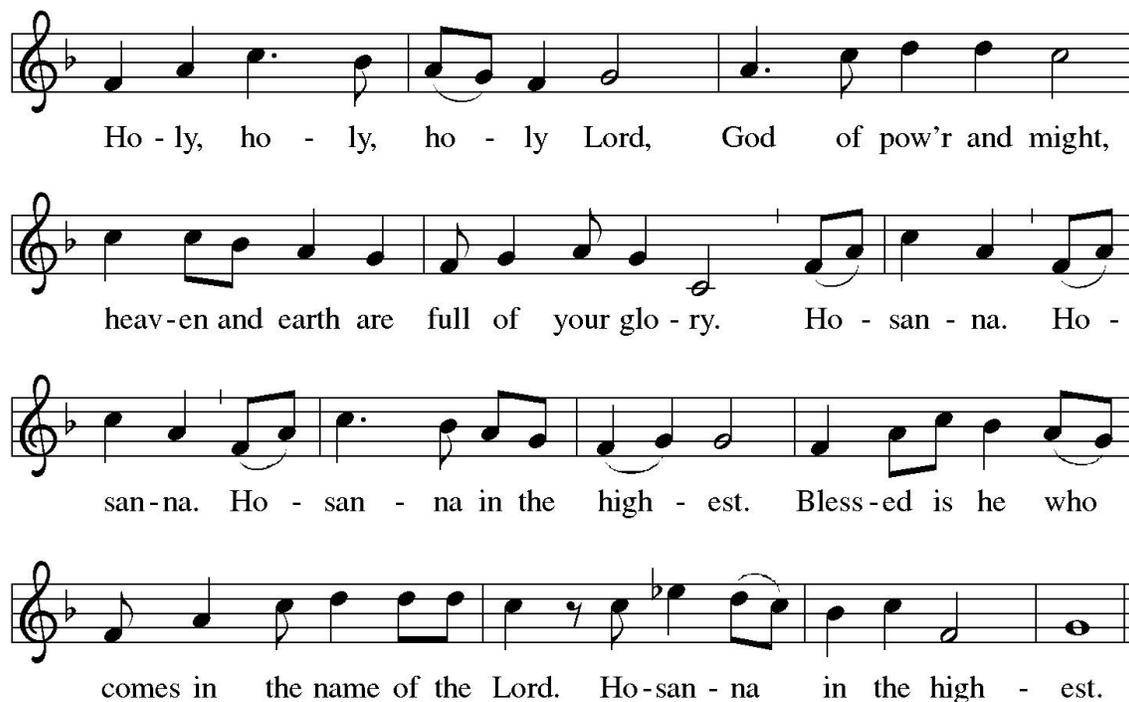
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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



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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*All are welcome to celebrate virtual communion as part of our online worship this morning!  
Any bread and wine, water or juice may be used. If you are communing at home, please hold up  
the bread and the cup as Pastor Elizabeth says these words:*

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
you have brought us this far along the way.  
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
but guided us into the path of love and light.  
In every age you sent prophets  
to make known your loving will for all humanity.  
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.  
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant  
to preach good news to the afflicted,  
to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.  
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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we await the day when Jesus shall return  
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen

**Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen

**Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*If you are in a group at home, you may distribute the elements to each person who is  
communing.*

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.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**CHARGE & BLESSING**

Hold onto what is good. Return no one evil for evil.  
Strengthen the faint hearted and help the suffering.  
Honor all people, love and serve the Lord.  
Rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit!  
Go out into the world in peace!

God bless you and keep you.  
God's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
God look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**SENDING SONG**

*Lift Every Voice and Sing (ELW 841)*

# Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

\*Prayer of Remembrance written for this Sunday by Pr. Israel Jurich, Faith Lutheran ELCA (North Bend, Oregon)