



## Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

9:30 am

“Father, the hour has come.”

### Gethsemane Lutheran Church

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Mary Karter, Synod Authorized Lay Minister

Accompanist: Brooke Benfield

Cantor: Dick Bemrose

Setting: ELW setting 3

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## GATHERING

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Our worship service is being livestreamed to the Gethsemane Lutheran YouTube channel. The offering plate will be passed, but it is available on the table next to the Baptism Font if you prefer to place your offering there and not handle the plate. All people, all ages, are welcome to the Holy Communion table to share in this meal of our risen Lord.*

**\* = Please stand as you are able.**

## **\*GETHSEMANE VISION & MISSION**

**We are forgiven and called by God to proclaim the Good News of Christ. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our mission is to serve both the physical and spiritual needs of all people in our changing society. We welcome all races, abilities, genders, and sexual orientations.**

## **\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are welcomed, restored, and supported  
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,

holy and merciful,

holy and mighty,

you are the river of life,

you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,  
for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,  
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,  
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.  
Empower our witness to your resurrection.  
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.  
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.  
Where despair prevails, grant hope.  
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.  
We ask this through Christ,  
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN: *Christ is the King!* ELW 662**

**\*GREETING**

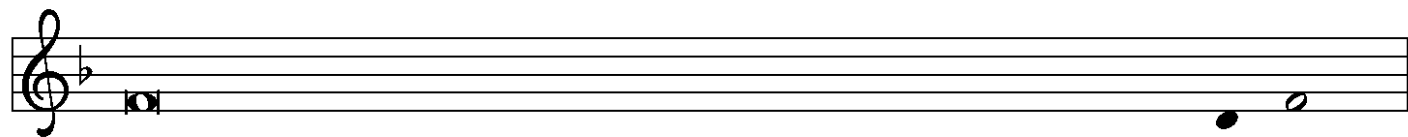
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**

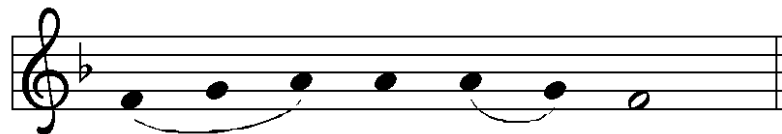
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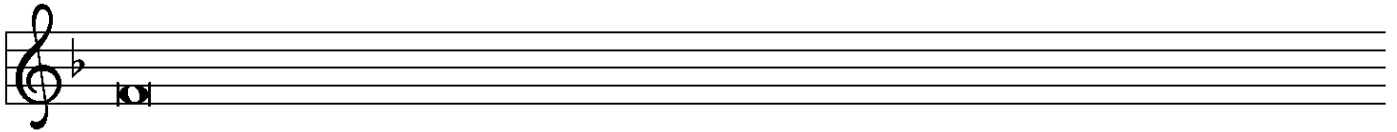
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



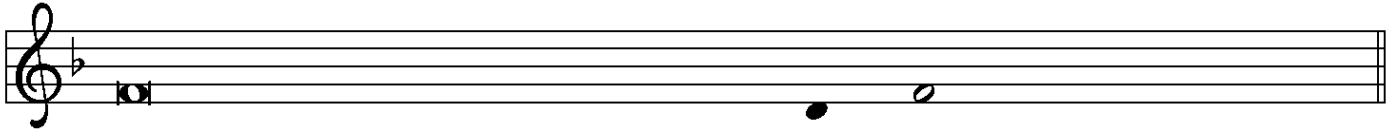
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



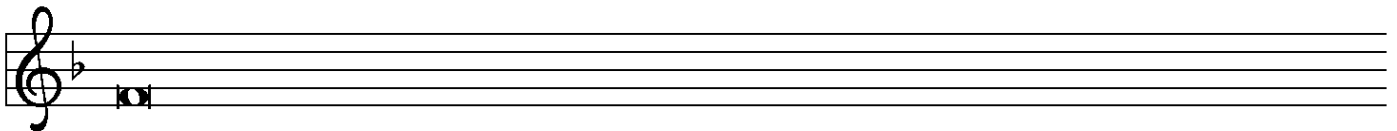
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



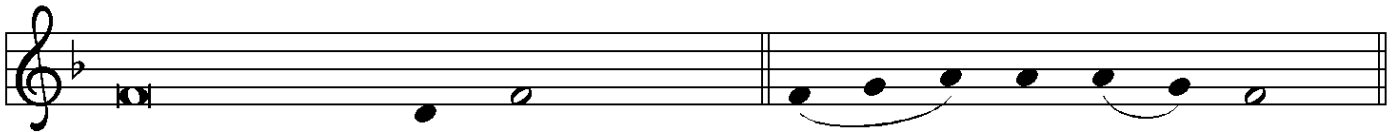
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



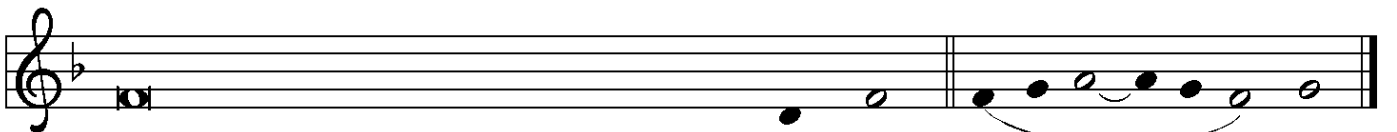
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



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



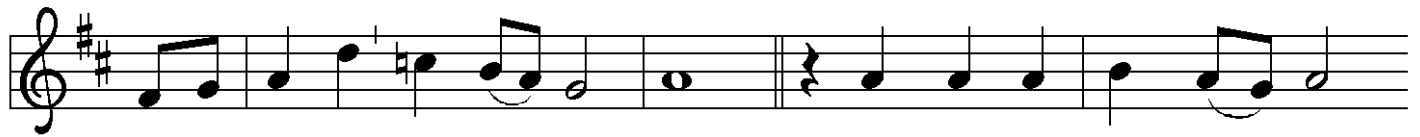
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

# \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



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

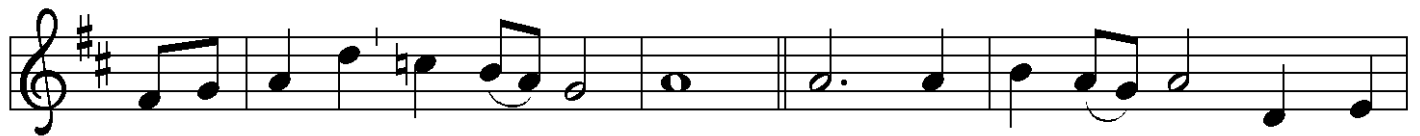


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



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

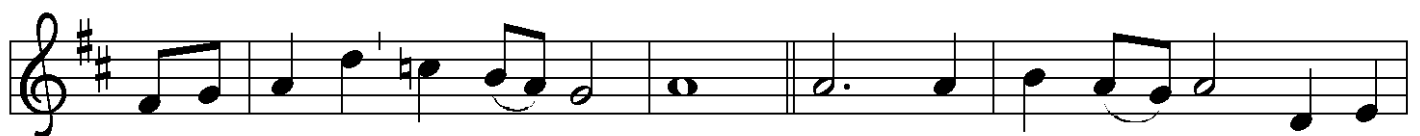


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



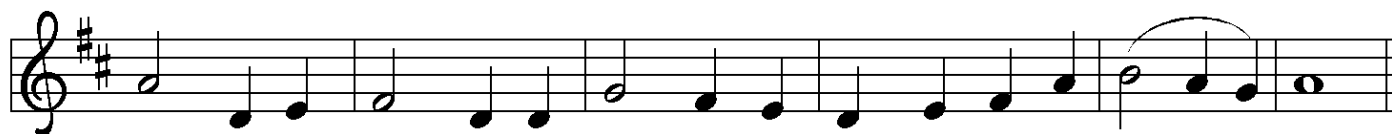
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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



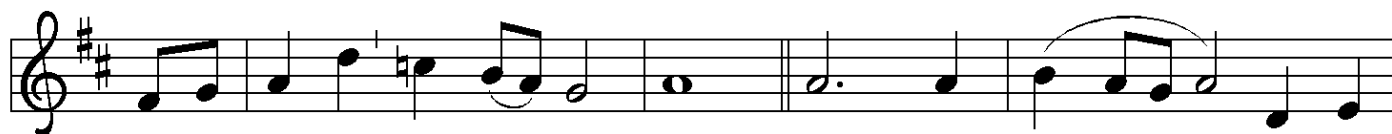
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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



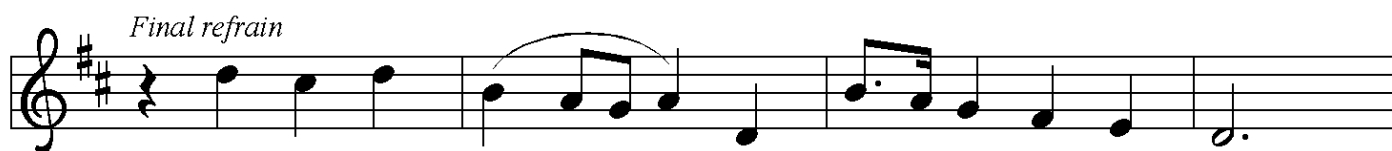
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



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.

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

*Welcome families! We're so glad you are here!*

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## **WORD**

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### **FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14**

A reading from Acts.

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting

themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35**

<sup>1</sup>Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate God flee.

<sup>2</sup>**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;  
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of  
God.**

<sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
let them also be merry and joyful.

<sup>4</sup>**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;  
I Am is that name, rejoice before God!**

<sup>5</sup>In your holy habitation, O God,  
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

<sup>6</sup>**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;  
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

<sup>7</sup>O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup>**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God,  
the God of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent a bountiful rain, O God;  
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

<sup>10</sup>**Your people found their home in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

<sup>32</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;  
sing praises to the Lord.

<sup>33</sup>**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;  
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

<sup>34</sup>Ascribe power to God,  
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

<sup>35</sup>**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,  
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**



## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from Peter.

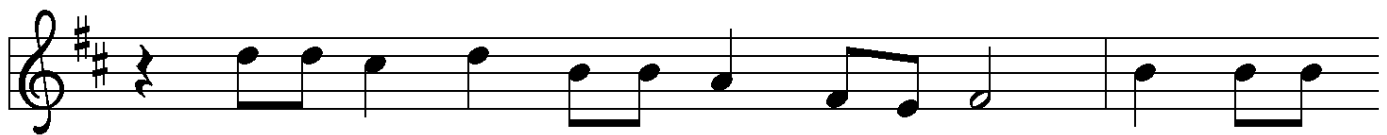
<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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: John 17:1-11**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*, ELW 579**

## **\*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**

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

God of harmony, as you drew your son to your side, you draw us to you and unite  
us with the planet and one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual  
love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all  
that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant wisdom to  
use it wisely. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge activists and organizers, teachers and politicians, and all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide this congregation's leaders as they seek your will. We pray for our staff and council. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

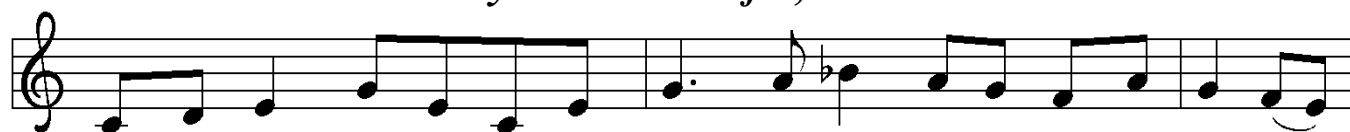
*Share a sign of peace that is comfortable for you and the people around you.*

## **OFFERING**

*Please be seated for a quiet moment of reflection.*

*Thank you for your generous gifts to sustain the mission and ministry of Gethsemane Lutheran Church. The offering plates will be passed at this time; you also may give online at [www.glcportland.org/give](http://www.glcportland.org/give) or with Venmo.*

**\*OFFERTORY: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*, ELW 182**



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Generous God,

in this meal you offer your very self.

We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.

In the breaking of this bread

reveal to us the Risen One.

In the pouring of this wine

pour us out in service to the world;

through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

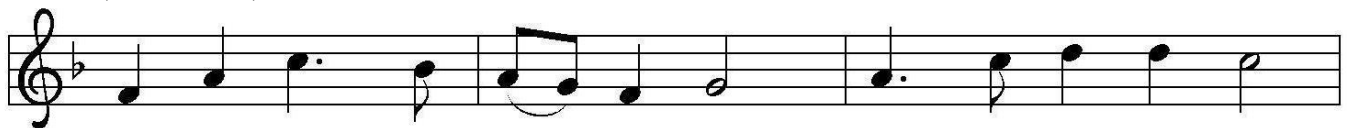
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **\*PREFACE**

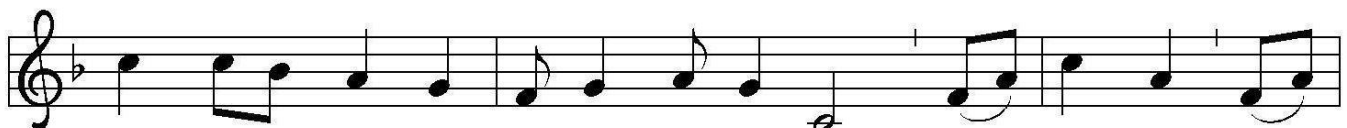
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take  
away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to  
eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim  
and seraphim, 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 communion as part of our worship this morning! If you are joining us via livestream, any bread and wine, water or juice may be used. Please hold up the bread and the cup as SALM Mary Karter reminds us of the Words of Institution used by the pastor when the elements of Holy Communion are consecrated:*

O God triune, how majestic  
is your name in all the earth.  
The earth is full of your glory.  
**The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.  
In Christ you bring life from death;  
we remember his cross,  
we laud his resurrection.  
Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.  
Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.

Today we gather around his table to eat and drink the meal he serves us  
and that has been blessed for us with these words:

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

O God triune, you create the worlds,  
you uphold the living,  
you embrace the dead.  
Send forth your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.  
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal,  
the body and blood of Christ.  
Give us a future that trusts in you  
and cares for your earth.  
Empowered by your promises,  
we rise from our deaths  
to praise you again:  
The earth is full of your glory.  
**The earth is full of your glory.**

Amen, and amen.  
**Amen and amen.**

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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, for ever and ever.**



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ,  
broken and poured out for you.

## 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.

## COMMUNION SONG: *I Love to Tell the Story*, ELW 661

### \*COMMUNION BLESSING

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

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.  
Gracious God,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace,  
you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

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## SENDING

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### \*COMMUNITY COVENANT

In recognition of God's greatest commandment, we will love God with all our heart, mind, and soul, and love our neighbor as ourselves. In that same spirit, we make this covenant:

- We will welcome all people with our hearts, actions, and words.
- We will talk with each other, not at each other.
- We will listen to each other, not for fault but for understanding.
- We will express our concerns and issues directly with those involved, rather than with others.
- We will support our pastor and staff and honor their efforts among us.
- We will seek to discover what is best for our Church as a whole, not what may be best for us individually or as a small group.
- We will pray with each other and for each other.

### \*BLESSING

The God of all,  
who raised † Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.

**Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG:** *Crown Him With Many Crowns*, ELW 855

### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Please leave the sanctuary quietly so that those who wish may remain to listen without interruption. Thank you!*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **Portland Metro Concert Band is offering a free concert HERE on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm**, with a dessert reception to follow. Don't miss it! Please check with Gloria if you need a ride.
  - **If you can bring cookies**, please leave them at the coffee bar at church on Sunday, or in the office on Monday afternoon.
- **Vacation Bible School is coming fast:** If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Jasmine via email ASAP, or let Anna know and she can connect you with Jasmine. We need your help!
- **Please sign up as worship assistants!**
- **We are livestreaming on YouTube! Join us at <https://www.youtube.com/@gethsemanelutheranchurch8452>.** Hit the "Subscribe" button on the GLC YouTube page to make sure you're always kept up to date on our videos! If you have trouble finding it, please contact [sound@glcportland.org](mailto:sound@glcportland.org), a council member, or church staff for assistance.
- **Join us for Bible Study! Tuesdays at 10:00 am** on Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83076176257> Meeting ID: 830 7617 6257, and in person in the conference room. We're currently studying the Book of Job.



- **Sunday School teachers are needed** for May, June and July! Jasmine won't be here, and it would be great if the kids didn't have to go without! Lesson plans and activity ideas are available to be shaped by you!
- **Church financials** are posted on our website at [glcportland.org/finances](http://glcportland.org/finances). If you don't know the password, please contact Anna in the office.
- The **Change For Good** jar is designated for our Open Hands fund for community assistance with utilities and small incidental expenses.

## Worship Assistants

Worship Assistants are always needed!

To sign up, go to <https://signup.com/go/bDYAHDh>.

Date	Cantor	Reader	Usher/s	Communion Assistant	Altar Guild
May 21	Dale Banke	Gloria Kelsay	Stewart Dedlow	Gloria Kelsay	Gloria Kelsay
May 28	Gloria Kelsay	Bob Larson	Nona Paxton		Roseann Libonati
June 4	Dick Bemrose	Mary Curtis	Laura Britzius		
June 11					

Youth Sunday is moving to the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday beginning in July, since we don't have many kids available to serve.



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