

## Welcome to Trinity!

Here at Trinity, we strive to follow our Lord Jesus in fully welcoming everyone into community. We seek to provide a place of true sanctuary in a world that too often offers judgment instead of grace and exclusion rather than embrace. As a Reconciling In Christ congregation, we rejoice to fully welcome LGBTQIA folks. We celebrate racial and ethnic diversity as a gift to the community. We seek to include those who are dealing with physical challenges and developmental disabilities. Beyond all this, we happily include people wherever they are on their faith journey, including seekers with deep doubts and questions, those who are new to the faith, and seasoned long-time believers.

In short, we believe that when Jesus commanded his followers to share the Gospel with ALL people – he meant it! Welcome!

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### *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*May 5, 2024*

*9:30 am*

### **Trinity Lutheran Church**

**ELCA**

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**Transforming lives by living the Gospel of Jesus Christ**



**Hearing Loop System in our Sanctuary....**The Hearing Loop System in our Sanctuary allows for direct broadcast of the worship service to your hearing aid. We have two direct reception headsets available for those who have non-T-coil equipped hearing aids or no hearing aid at all. Our ushers are happy to assist you. We hope this enhancement is a blessing to you.

## Gathering

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day  
of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.*

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**Prelude :** "Comfort Ye, My People" from Messiah ..... G. F. Handel

John Faubert with Irina Feoktistova, piano

*Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.*

*Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished,  
that her iniquity is pardoned.*

*The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness; prepare ye the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (Isaiah 40:1-3)*

### Word of Welcome

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Thanksgiving for Baptism:

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

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Look, here is water!

**C** **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**P** Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**C** **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**P** At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

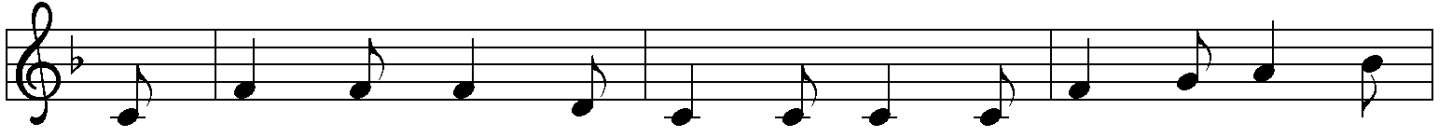
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Look, here is water!

**C** **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**



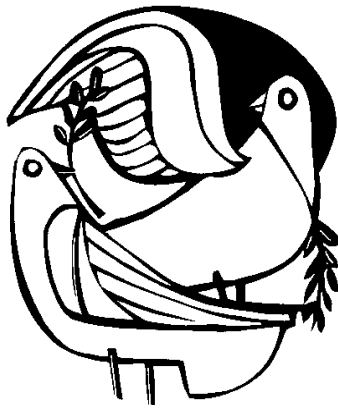
1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.



**Greeting:**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

P The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

**Kyrie:**

**Refrain**

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*



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




Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)


*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:*



Help, save and de - fend us, O

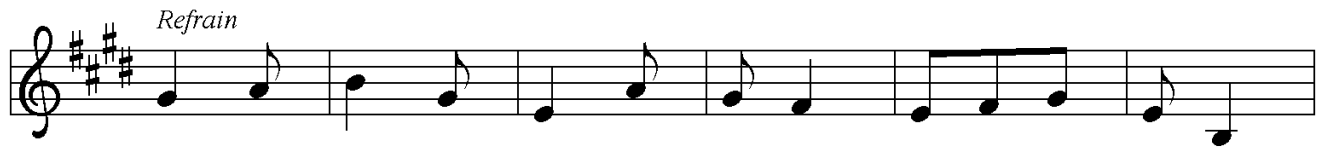
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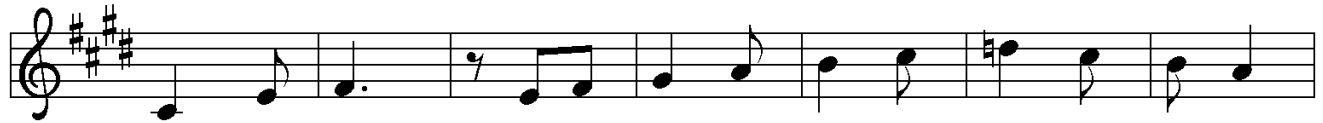
God. A - men.

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Canticle of Praise:



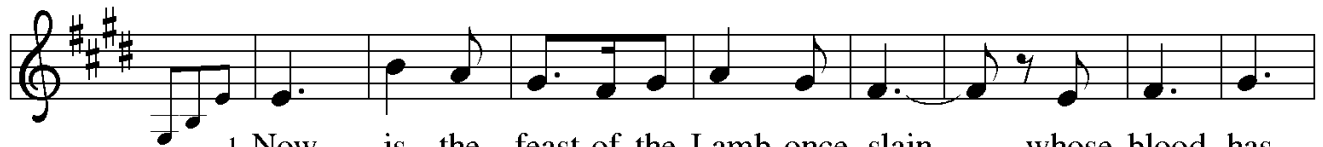
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



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.



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



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



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



God; to make all things new.

**Prayer of the Day:**

**P** O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; 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.*

**Word**

*God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.*

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**Word for the Children**



**First Reading: 1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

*Brief silence for reflection on the Word.*



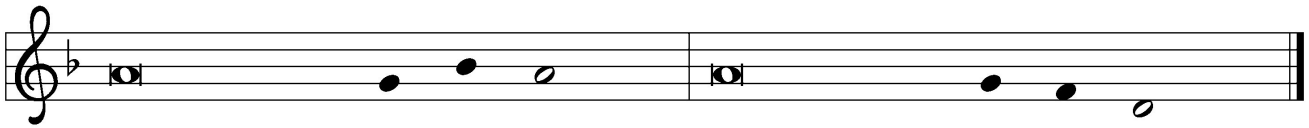
**Psalm: Psalm 98**

*The refrain is sung twice: first by the cantor, then by all.*



Psalm 98:4

*We chat the psalm responsively. All sing the refrain where "R" appears.*



<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;  
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. R**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD | with the harp,  
with the harp and the | voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn  
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,  
the world and those who | dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers | clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
who comes to | judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness  
and the peo- | ples with equity. R

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

**P** The holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter.

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

**Gospel: John 15:9-17**

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**



Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day: ELW, No. 637..... "Holy God, Holy and Glorious"

Verse 1 Choir Alone; Verses 2—5 All



1 Choir Alone 1 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and glo - ri - ous,  
All 2 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and pow - er - ful,  
All 3 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and beau - ti - ful,  
All 4 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and on - ly wise,  
All 5 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and liv - ing one,



glo - ry most sub - lime, you come as one a - mong us  
pow - er with - out peer, you bend to us in weak - ness;  
beau - ty un - sur - passed, you are de - spised, re - ject - ed;  
wis - dom of great price, you choose the way of fol - ly:  
life that nev - er ends, you show your love by dy - ing,



in - to hu - man time, and we be - hold your glo - ry.  
emp - tied, you draw near, and we be - hold your pow - er.  
scorned, you hold us fast, and we be - hold your beau - ty.  
God the cru - ci - fied, and we be - hold your wis - dom.  
dy - ing for your friends, and we be - hold you liv - ing.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: NELSON. Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

### 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,**

**\*baptized by John the Baptist,  
filled with the Holy Spirit:**

**to preach the kingdom of God to the poor, to heal the sick,**

**to receive those who have been cast out, to revive Israel for the salvation of the nations,  
and to have mercy upon all people,**

**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.**

*\* proposed addition by Jürgen Moltmann*

**Prayers of Intercession:**

P Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

*After each petition:*

A God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C **Amen.**

**Peace**

*Please be seated.*

**Announcements**



*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering**

Raised to new life, filled with the Holy Spirit, and gifted richly by God, we respond with joy and thanksgiving for all that God has first given us.

If you are joining us virtually, you may share your offerings by mailing your checks to the church office or by using your bank’s bill-pay system. If you would rather, you can use our Vanco online giving option.

Here’s the link to the secure site: [bit.ly/TLCgives22](http://bit.ly/TLCgives22)

However it is that you share your offerings, we thank you for your faithful financial support of the ministry we share!



**Offertory:** "Ave Maria" .....by Charles Gounod, after J. S. Bach

Andrea Silvestrelli with Irina Feoktistova, piano

*Ave Maria  
Gratia plena  
Dominus tecum  
Benedicta tu in mulieribus  
Et benedictus  
Fructus ventris tui, Jesus*

*Hail Mary  
Full of Grace  
God is with thee  
Blessed art thou amongst women  
And blessed  
Is the fruit of thy womb (Jesus)*

*Santa Maria, Santa Maria  
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus  
Nunc et in  
Hora mortis nostrae  
Ave Maria*

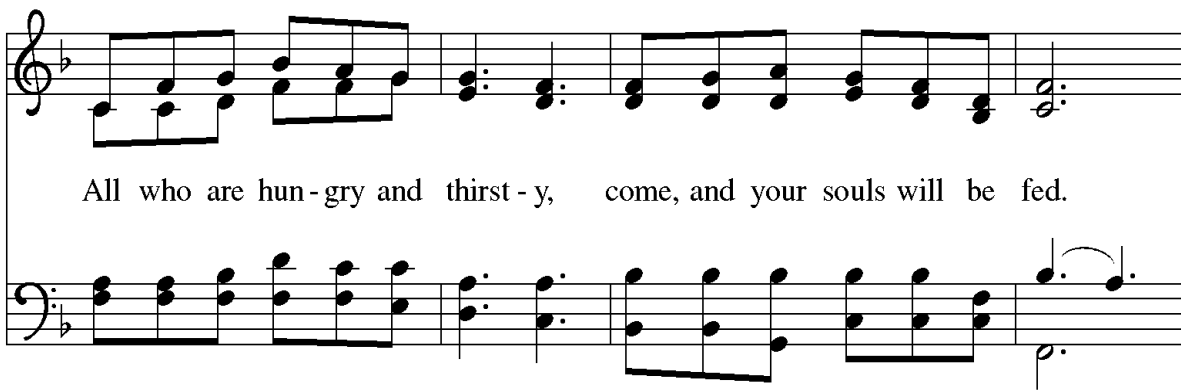
*Holy Mary, Holy Mary  
Pray for us sinners  
Now and in  
The hour of our death  
Ave Maria*

*Please stand as you are able.*

Setting the Table: ELW, No. 481 ..... "Come to the Table"



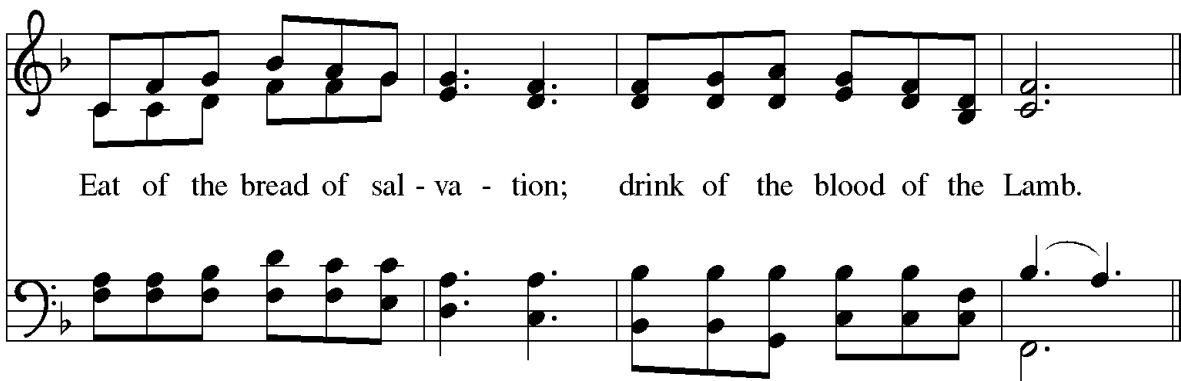
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.




Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

## Offering Prayer:

- A Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
- C Amen.


## Great Thanksgiving:

*Presider:* *Congregation:*




The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

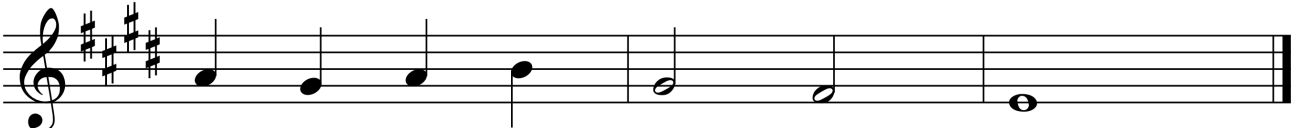


Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

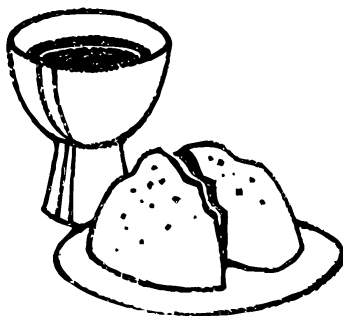
*Presider:* *Congregation:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

### Thanksgiving at the Table

#### The Lord's Prayer

Please pray the version that speaks to you.

*(Traditional version)*

**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.**

*(Ecumenical version)*

**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

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

*Please be seated.*

### Communion Instruction

You are invited to come forward via the center aisle at the direction of the ushers.

Pastor will distribute the bread, and a deacon will distribute the wine in individual, recyclable plastic cups.

Communicants will take a cup from the tray and will dispose of it in the basket provided before returning to their seat via the side aisle.

**Gluten free wafers** are available. **Grape juice** is located in the inner circle of the tray.

*If you are unable to come to the altar and would like to receive communion, please tell an usher and communion will be brought to you.*

For those who prefer to remain in the pew, individual communion sets containing grape juice are available in the narthex as people enter.

### Lamb of God:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music during Communion:

ELW, No. 595 ..... "Jesus Loves Me"



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.  
Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs and of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!



## Prayer after Communion

- A     Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this Banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.
- C     **Amen.**

## Sending

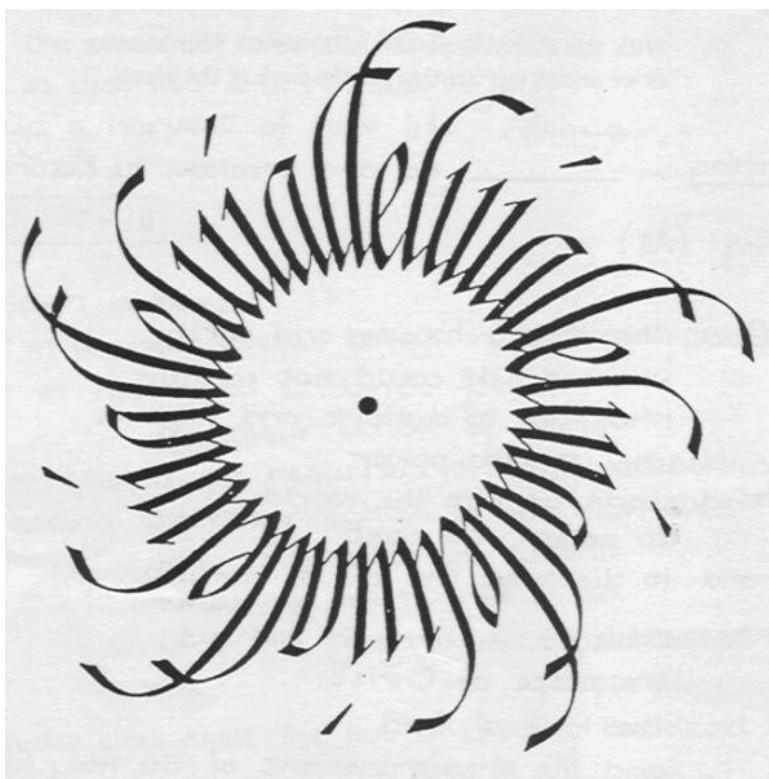
*The triune God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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*Please stand as you are able.*

### Blessing:

- P     Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C     **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P     The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.
- C     **Amen.**





1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day  
 2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,  
 3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;  
 its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;  
 that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,  
 but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-  
 and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:  
 though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:  
 we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,  
 for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,  
 to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,



we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
 and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.  
 and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

**Dismissal:**

- A Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**Postlude:** "Alleluia" from Exsultate, Jubilate .....by W. A. Mozart

Ally Lewkowski with Irina Feoktistova, piano