

Jesus Prays for All Believers

"May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." John 17:23 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 17:20-23 (NIV).



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June 1, 2025 ✚ Seventh Sunday of Easter

It is possible to hear in Jesus’ high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ’s forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

✚ GATHERING ✚

Prelude

(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God’s grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord’s meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.



Seventh Sunday Of Easter

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord is risen!
He is risen indeed!

Jesus Christ was the first to conquer death,
the ruler of all the kings of the earth.
He loves us, and by his blood he sets us free from our sins.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

(Silence is kept for self-reflection and confession.)

Most merciful God,
we confess to you that we are dead in trespasses and sins.
Selfishly we shatter your precious gift of unity,
making a mockery of your single-minded love.
In your great mercy deliver us from the death we deserve,
for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Christ was handed over for our trespasses
and was raised for our justification.
In him we have forgiveness, life, and resurrection from the dead.

If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from death, dwells in you, then he
who raised Christ from death will also give life to your mortal bodies.
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Opening Hymn

Bind Us Together

(TFF #217)



Sending Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West

#650



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

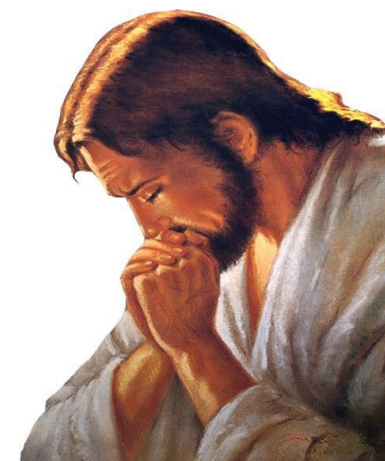


but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ - ly souls are one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

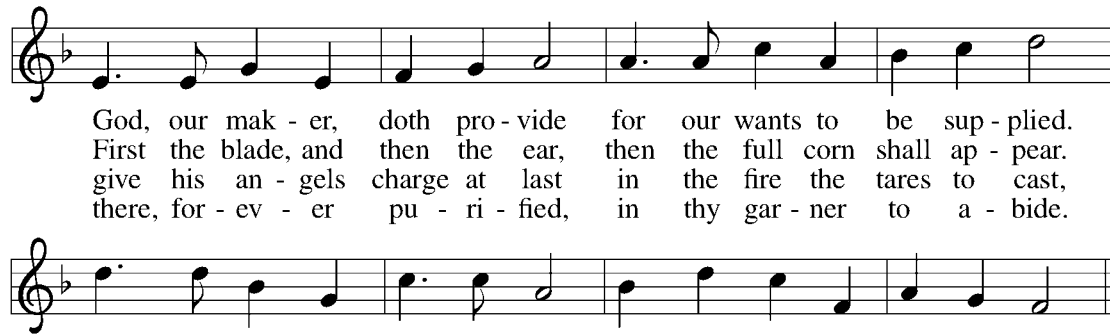
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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!



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God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

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Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

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. Amen.

✙ SENDING ✙

Announcements

Benediction

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,

Sovereign, ✙ Savior, and Spirit,

light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**



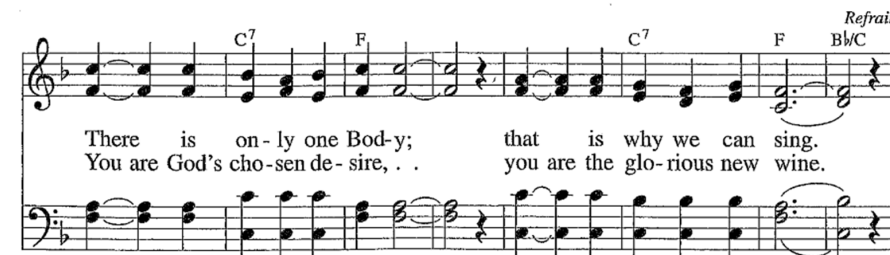
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,



bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.



1 There is on - ly one God. There is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam - 'ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.



There is on - ly one Bod - y; that is why we can sing.
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, . . you are the glo - rious new wine.

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Call to Worship

Christ Jesus, you have united us with the Father
through your life, death and resurrection.

Unite us as one as your people here on earth.

Christ Jesus, you united people of all nations and walks of life
in one common goal: to follow you.

Unite us as one as we work together to follow you now.

Christ Jesus, you united your people throughout time
when you instituted the Lord's Supper.

**Unite us together with people past and present
through this sacred meal.**

Christ Jesus, your crucifixion caused people
to unite themselves around your cross.

**Unite us in our commitment to remember
all that you did for us on the cross.**

As your united people, Lord,
may we grow stronger and stronger day by day.

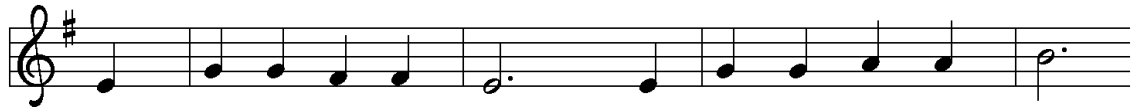
Apostolic Greeting

The Easter joy of our living Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
the expansive love of God the Father,
and the unique peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

Have Mercy On Us

ELW, setting 10



- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.
Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

Distribution Hymn

I Come with Joy

#482



- 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.

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Distribution Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

#693



- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;
- 4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.
wheat and tares to-geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;
Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,

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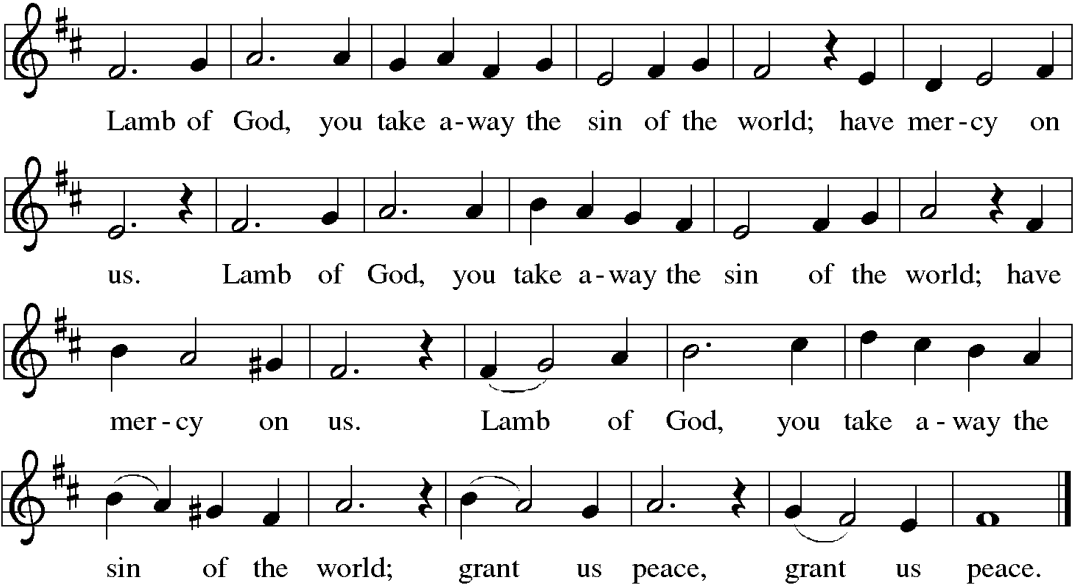
Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together 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,
forever and ever. Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

ELW setting 4



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.

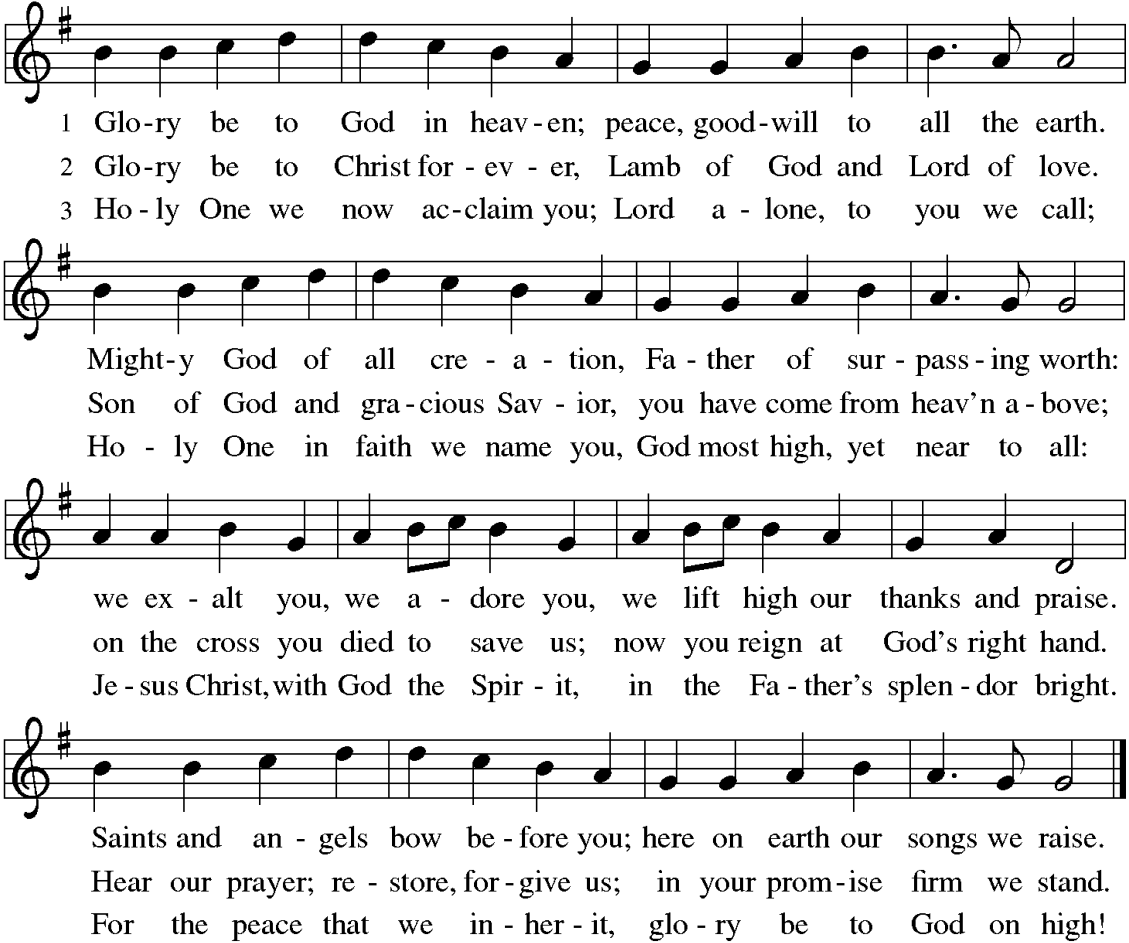
Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:
The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.
The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Glory Be to God

ELW, setting 10



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;
Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.
Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*
O God,
form the minds of your faithful people into your one will.
Make us love what you command and desire what you promise,
that, amid all the changes of this world,
our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✝ WORD ✝

First Reading

Acts 16:16-34

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

A reading from Acts.

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Gracious God, your Son at his ascension promised the disciples they would be clothed with power from on high.

Send now your Holy Spirit,

that we may know the presence of your Son among us,
and that bread broken, and wine outpoured,

may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;
who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks.
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying

*“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.”*

After supper Jesus took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples saying,

*“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Generous God, your Son told his disciples

to stay in the city until they were clothed by the Spirit.

Give courage to those whom you call

to stay in places of danger and confusion
when their hearts are full of doubt and disillusion.

Your Son withdrew from the disciples

when they did not know what the future would hold.

Be close to all who face an uncertain future

and deeply know their need of you.

Your Son’s disciples were continually in the temple praising you.

Give your church a fresh outpouring of your Spirit

and make it a blessing to all the children of your earth;
until the completion of your Son’s ministry

becomes the completion of your whole creation,

and you are all in all, one God, Father ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.



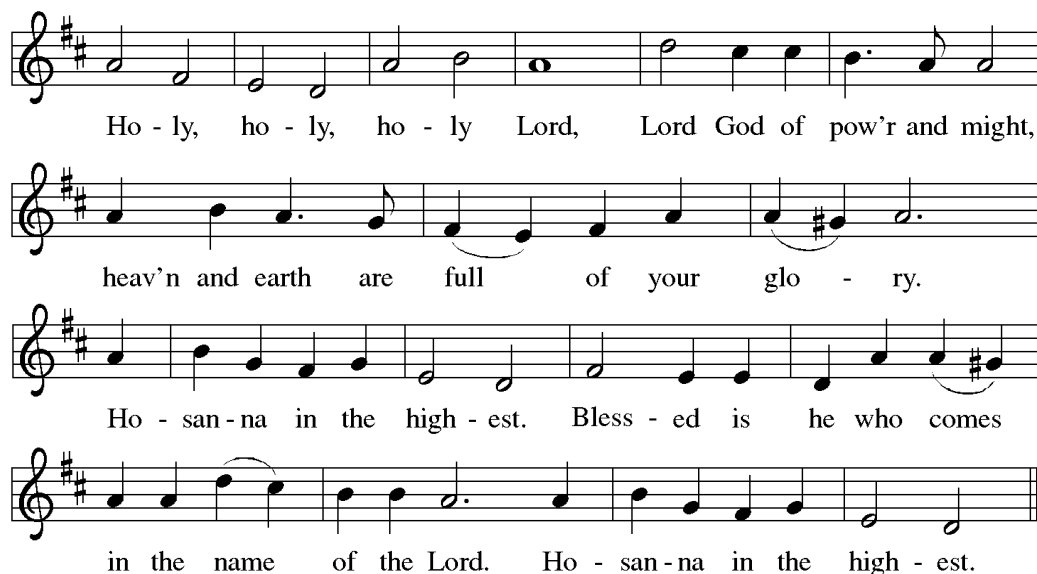
Proper Preface

Glorious God, in Moses, the prophets, and the psalms you showed
your purpose for your people and your love for your world.
In Jesus you fulfilled your promises and opened to us your heart.
In his passion and death we saw the consequences of our rejection
and the depth of your yearning.
Yet you raised Jesus from the tomb.
In his resurrection you invite us into the company of your eternal joy,
and in his ascension on high
you seal as complete his work among us.
So with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,
we praise you forever, singing:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW setting 4



³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 97

Let us read Psalm 97 responsively.

¹The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

²**Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God’s throne.**

³Fire goes before the LORD, burning up enemies on every side.

⁴**Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

⁵The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶**The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,
and all the peoples see your glory.**

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods!

Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

⁸**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.**

⁹For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰**You who love the LORD, hate evil!
God guards the lives of the saints
and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

¹¹Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

¹²**Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God’s holy name.**

Second Reading

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, “Come, Lord Jesus,” with all who respond to this invitation.

A reading from Revelation.

¹²“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse

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Christ from the dead is raised! The reign of death is o’er!

With Al - le - lu - ias now be praised the Lord for- ev - er - more!

As - cend - ed now on high, Christ speaks his prom-ise true:

“I will be with you, ev - er night; I will re-turn to you!”

P 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. **Amen.**

Peace

The Peace of our Risen Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

✠ OFFERING ✠

Offering Response

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

#184

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 dreams of

all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble

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

✠ MEAL ✠

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Increase the capacity for cooperation
between denominations and congregations.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P Creating God, your might is seen in storms and in silence.
Where drought threatens, bring rain.
Where waters flood, ease them back.
Where fire, earthquake, hurricane, or tornado destroy,
shelter your people and restore your land.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Discerning God, fill the hearts of leaders
with your passion for justice and mercy.
Call the nations of this world to tables of peace and collaboration.
Encourage governments to seek avenues of collective benefit and joy.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P Abiding God, all people are held in your care.
Accompany survivors of abuse, trauma, and exploitation.
Strengthen our resolve to listen and advocate
on behalf of all who are unnoticed.
Hear our prayers for those close to our heart, *especially...*
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A Rejoicing God, be with this congregation
as summer begins in the northern hemisphere.
Keep travelers safe. Keep the vulnerable cool.
Invigorate summer ministry efforts in our community,
and support the well-being of children and young people
at Vacation Bible Schools and Summer Camps.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A Loving God, the beginning and the end,
you are with us throughout our lives.
In gratitude for the saints who have died,
we look toward your coming again among us.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Gospel

John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

The Holy Gospel according St. John, the 17th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Response

(Tune: #855)



As - cend - ed now on high, Christ speaks his prom-ise true:



“I will be with you, ev - er nigh; I will re-turn to you!”



Christ from the dead is raised! The reign of death is o'er!



With Al - le - lu - ias now be praised the Lord for- ev - er - more!

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Children's Time Sermon

Hymn of the Day

One Bread, One Body

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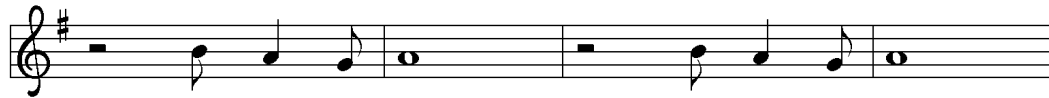
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

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Nicene Creed

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith...

**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 and the Son,
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 the People

P God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer
for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A Welcoming God,
you invite all people to come and encounter your love.
Give your church open hearts and minds
to embrace all who seek your presence.