



Famous Mothers in the Bible

Mothers are very special people. The Bible tells many stories about famous mothers.

Unscramble the letters to find the names of some mothers from the Bible. Look up the Bible verses, if you need help. Write the names on the blanks. Use the letters on the numbered blanks to fill in the message at the bottom.

VEE (*Genesis 3:20*)

6 11

NAHHAN (*1 Samuel 1:20*)

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BRAHEOD (*Judges 5:7*)

18 3

KREEHBA (*Genesis 27:5*)

16 5

HELA (*Genesis 30:14*)

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CHELRA (*Genesis 30:22*)

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MOIAN (*Ruth 1:22*)

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RAAHS (*Genesis 17:19*)

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RAMY (*Matthew 2:11*)

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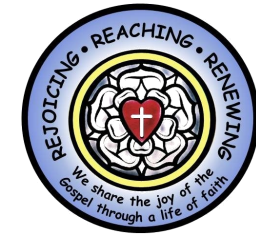
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(*Luke 1:13*)

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13 8 14 G 15 F 4 F 16 10 17 G 3 18 !

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The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

+ 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.





Fourth 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.
Like wayward sheep, we all have turned away;
we have not heeded our Shepherd's voice.
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.
Thanks be to God! 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.**

Sending Hymn

Have No Fear, Little Flock

#764



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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Dismissal

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

Table Blessing



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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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.**

Opening Hymn

Faith of Our Mothers

(Tune #812)



Faith of our moth - ers, liv - ing still. In cra - dle song and
 Faith of our moth - ers, lov - ing faith. Fount of our child - hood's
 Faith of our moth - ers, guid - ing faith. For youth - ful long - ing,
 Faith of our moth - ers, Christ - ian faith, In truth be - yond our



bed - time pray'r; In nurs - 'ry lore and fire - side love,
 trust and grace. Oh, may thy con - se - cra - tion prove
 youth - ful doubt, How blurred our vis - ion, blind our way,
 stumb - ling creeds, Still serve the home and save the Church,

Refrain



Thy pres - ence still per - vades the air. Faith of our moth - ers,
 Source of a fin - er, nob - ler race:
 Thy prov - i - den - tial care with - out:
 and breathe thy spir - it through our deeds:



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

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Call to Worship

The great Shepherd of the sheep has sacrificed his life
 to win back our souls from the clutches of sin.

Those in his fold are now led home by him.

We are his sheep, the flock he has saved.

When we wander away or are led astray, the Lord shepherds our souls.
**He takes us beside quiet waters
 and places our feet on paths of righteousness.**

When we are surrounded by danger, the Lord shepherds our souls.
**He lifts us out of thorny thickets
 and leads us to green pastures of tranquility.**

When we feel powerless in the face of enemy advances,
 the Lord shepherds our souls.
He snatches us out of evil claws and guards us with his staff.

When we feel left behind and unloved, the Lord shepherds our souls.
He calls us by name and embraces us with his strong arms.

When we reach the home of our Shepherd and King,
he will open the gate to his heavenly dwelling and let his flock in.

When the Lamb welcomes back the ones he has saved,
he will stand in the center surrounded by praise.

Worship forever the Lamb lifted high.
To him be the glory. Great things he has done.

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

Here I Am, Lord

Bell Choir

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;



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.

Distribution Hymn

For All Your Saints, O Lord

#427



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
 2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
 3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
 4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
 5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
 who count-ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
 learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
 that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
 the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

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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.

Saving God, your rod and staff
 comfort all who look to you in faith.
 Search out your sheep that are lost and bring them home.
 When you find them in the valley of fear, gather them in your arms.
 When they face evil in the presence of enemies,
 follow them with your goodness and mercy all the days of their life.
 On that day when the shadow of death covers them,
 bring them to dwell in your house forever.
 Shepherd us with all your saints of every age
 into your glorious presence,
 where we shall behold the Lamb in seated glory,
 most Holy Trinity, now and always. **Amen.**

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



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 of peace,
**you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
 the great shepherd of the sheep.
 By the blood of your eternal covenant,
 make us complete in everything good
 that we may do your will,
 and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Mother's Day Litany

Mothers come in many different forms,
 and today we remember them all.
Thank God for all mothers.

For those women who have left earth too soon
and in whom we miss dearly.

Thank God for these mothers.

For every woman who is raising children now
making sacrifices for her children's becoming.

Thank God for these mothers.

For those women who have taken in others' children
through adoption and foster care,
showing us that the love of God far extends beyond biological ties.

Thank God for these mothers.

For those women with grieving hearts
for children that could have been,
with futures so different from what they planned.

Thank God for these mothers.

For the special neighbors, teachers, and friends who've nurtured us,
supported us and helped us to become the people we are today.

Thank God for these mothers.

For mothers in which our relationships are
complicated, difficult or strained,
but who have forced us to choose healthier paths for our lives.

Thank God for these mothers.

Mothering God, help us all to reflect more of your compassion,
kindness and strength to those around us today.

We need more of you, here, God!

Thank God for mothers. Amen.



✠ WORD ✠

First Reading

Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

and give to each of us a place in the sheepfold of your kingdom,
where angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven,
sing your unending praise.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW setting 4

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Sustaining God, as you lead your sheep to green pastures
and guide them beside still waters, so you have led us to this table
where in bread and wine you restore our soul.

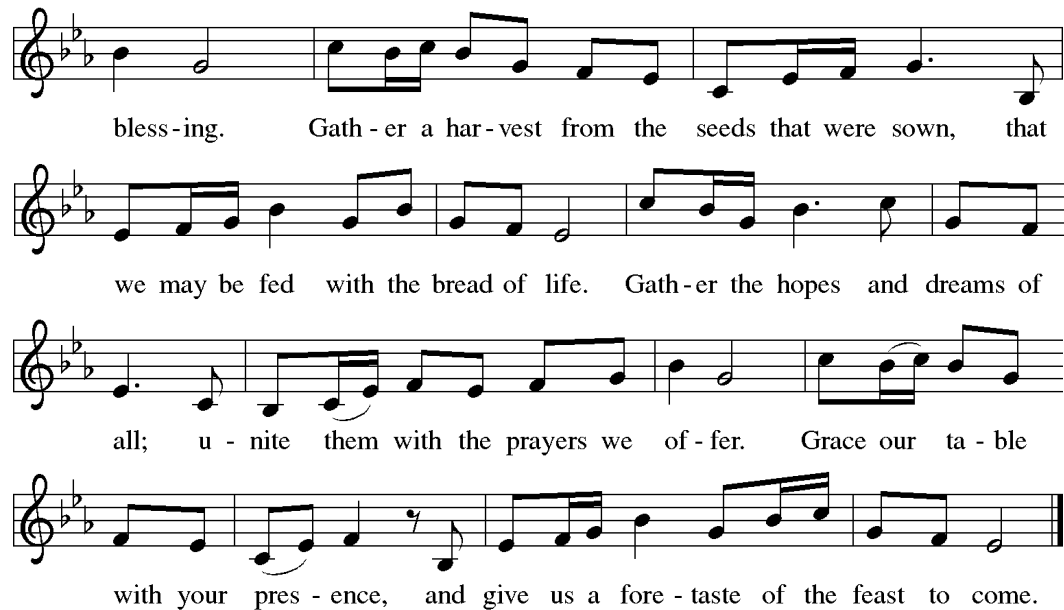
Send down your Holy Spirit and restore your church
through the abundance of this sacred meal.

As we remember the story of your Son's life laid down for us,
sanctify this bread and cup and make them 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.



✠ MEAL ✠

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.



Proper Preface

Shepherding God, we praise and thank you
because you gathered your flock around Abraham,
and through Moses and Joshua
you brought your sheep to a place of safety.

In Jesus you came to us as a Passover Lamb
to take away the sins of the world.

As our everlasting Good Shepherd you promise
that those who hear your voice shall never be in want,
for you know your sheep by name, and you call us your own

A reading from Acts.

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Let us read Psalm 23 together.

- ¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**
- ²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**
- ³He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**
- ⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**
- ⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.**
- ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**



Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

A reading from Revelation.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia!

and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care, especially...
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A This Mother’s Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children.
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 You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints, we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

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.

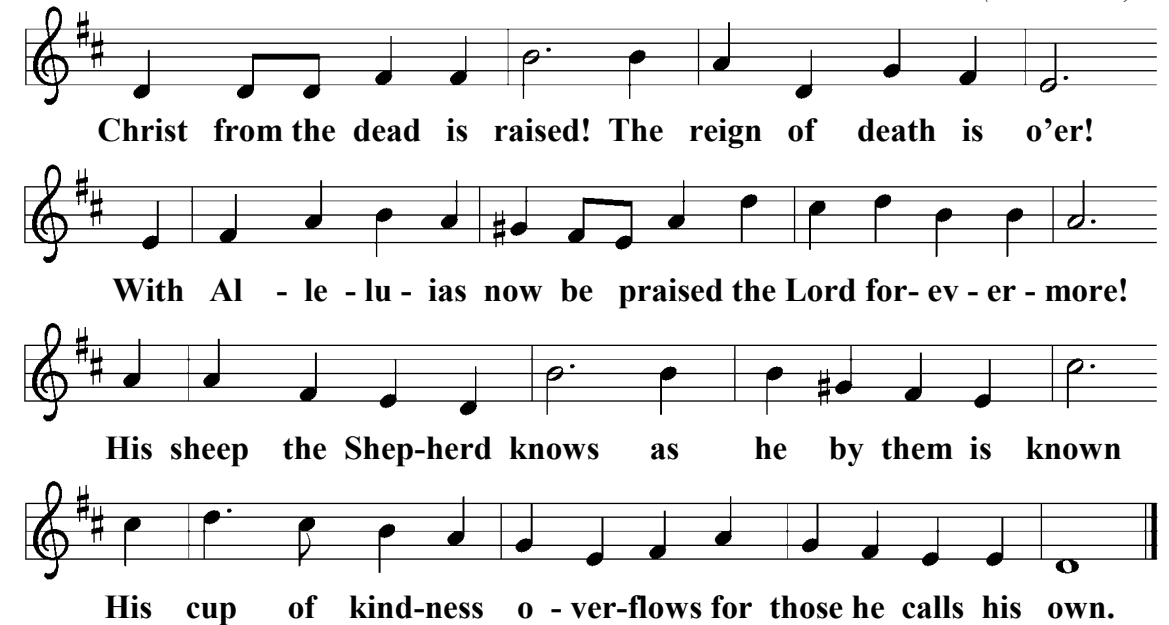
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness 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 You guide your people to the waters of life.
 Make your church a nourishing place
 for all who are thirsty for hope and healing.
 Renew us in the waters of baptism,
 and send us forth as signs of your love.
 Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- P You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places.
 Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction.
 Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony
 with our non-human neighbors.
 Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- A: You lead all peoples along right pathways.
 Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators,
 and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration,
 empower processes of restorative justice,

Alleluia Verse

(Tune: #855)



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!
 His sheep the Shep-herd knows as he by them is known
 His cup of kind-ness o - ver-flows for those he calls his own.

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Holy Gospel

John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What

my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Response

(Tune: #855)

His sheep the Shep-herd knows as he by them is known
 His cup of kind-ness o - ver -flows for those he calls his own.
 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 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* #789

1 Sav - ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
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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.