

**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
and  
**ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

welcome you!!

May 9,  
2024



Ascension  
of Our  
Lord

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY**

**“SHINE” CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 6:00 PM (1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAYS-CHAPEL)**

**SUNDAY**

**THE DIVINE LITURGY: 9:00AM (ST. MARK)**

**EDUCATION HOUR: 10:30 AM (ST. MARK)**

**HOLY EUCHARIST: 8:00AM & 10:30AM (ST. GEORGE'S)**

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**PLEASE** wear a **mask/face covering** *if* you are exhibiting *any* upper respiratory symptoms consistent with allergies, a cold, or COVID-19 (runny nose, cough, sore throat).

**To parents with small children:** We are glad your family is worshiping with us today! *“Quiet Bags”* (supplies & activities for use by small children) are available in the Welcome Area. If you or your child need a break from the service, feel free to walk to the Welcome Area/narthex (the service is still audible over the speakers).

A **handicap-accessible unisex restroom** is in the Welcome Area/Narthex next to the **accessibility lift** to the lower level, where the **Parish Hall and additional restrooms** are located. An usher will be happy to assist you with the lift. A stairway to the lower level of the church building is off the main entrance foyer.

**Assistive listening devices** and **low vision items** are available. Please ask one of our ushers.

WELCOME

**Gathering**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*Please STAND as you are able and turn to face the font.*

Blessed be the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, + one God,  
the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

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

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!

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

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.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

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

The assembly remains **STANDING** and faces the cross as it enters. You may bow as it passes, honoring the mystery of our salvation.

**GATHERING HYMN**

**“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”**

**ELW 634**



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,  
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—  
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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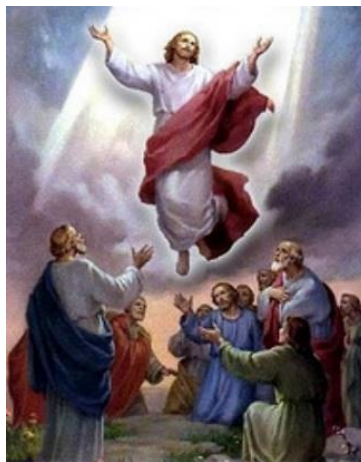
5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe  
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.

**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.**



# HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.** *Following the prayer, please SIT.*

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## FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

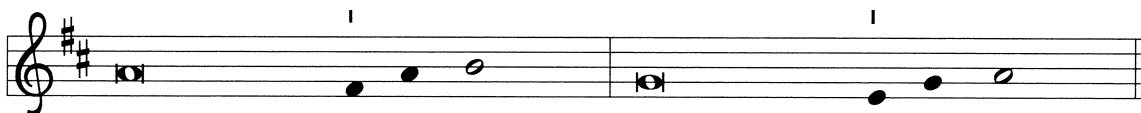
<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy 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."



The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**PSALM: 47** *sung responsively between choir and congregation*



<sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, | all you peoples;

shout to God with a | joyful sound.

<sup>2</sup>**For the LORD Most High is | to be feared:**

**a great king over | all the earth,**

<sup>3</sup>who subdues the | peoples under us,

and the nations un- | der our feet;

<sup>4</sup>**who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,**

**the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves.**

<sup>5</sup>God has gone up | with a shout,

the LORD with the sound | of the ram's horn.

<sup>6</sup>**Sing praises to | God, sing praises;**

**sing praises to our | king, sing praises.**

<sup>7</sup>For God is king of | all the earth;  
sing praises | with a song.

<sup>8</sup>**God reigns o- | ver the nations;**  
**God is en- | throned on high.**

<sup>9</sup>The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the | God of Abraham.  
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly exalted

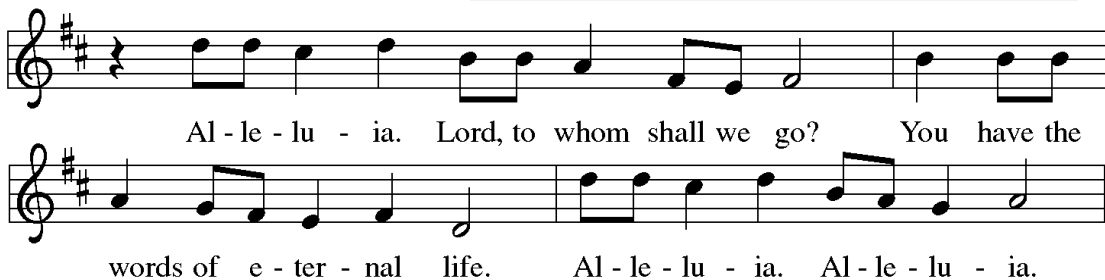
## SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason  
<sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of  
our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you  
come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the  
hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,  
<sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working  
of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and  
seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and  
dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.  
<sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,  
<sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

## ALLELUIA VERSE

*The assembly STANDS to welcome the gospel.*



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: Luke 24:44-53

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus] said to [the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

*The assembly SITS*

**SERMON**      **The Very Rev. Mark Ohlemeier**, *Priest-in-Charge, St. George's Episcopal Church*

*Following the sermon, the assembly STANDS to proclaim the word of God in song.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”**

**ELW 579**



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: “Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: “In my name bap -  
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: “This my bod - y,  
 4 Lord, you show us love’s true mea - sure: “Fa - ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: “I am with you



preach the word.” Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach.” That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
 this my blood.” Let us all, for earth’s true glo - ry,  
 do, for - give.” Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
 to the end.” Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
 world a - round us share your chil - dren’s lib - er - ty:  
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

*Refrain*



With the Spir - it’s gifts em - pow’r us for the work of min - is - try.

## APOSTLES 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**     *The response to “God of grace,” is “Hear our prayer.”*

**PEACE** *The assembly is invited to share a greeting of God’s peace with one another. Please be respectful to those who wish to do so from a distance. Following **the Peace**, you may be **seated** for a few moments*

*Should you wish to leave an **offering** today...*

*for **St. Mark**: your offering may be placed in the **wooden box** on the table near the baptismal font.*

*For **St. George’s**: your offering may be placed in the **gold offering plate** on the table near the baptismal font*

*After the sharing of peace, the assembly is **SEATED**.*

## CHOIR ANTHEM

*“With a Voice of Singing”*

*As the offerings of bread, wine and money are brought forward, the assembly **STANDS**.*

## OFFERTORY

**“Let the Vineyards”**

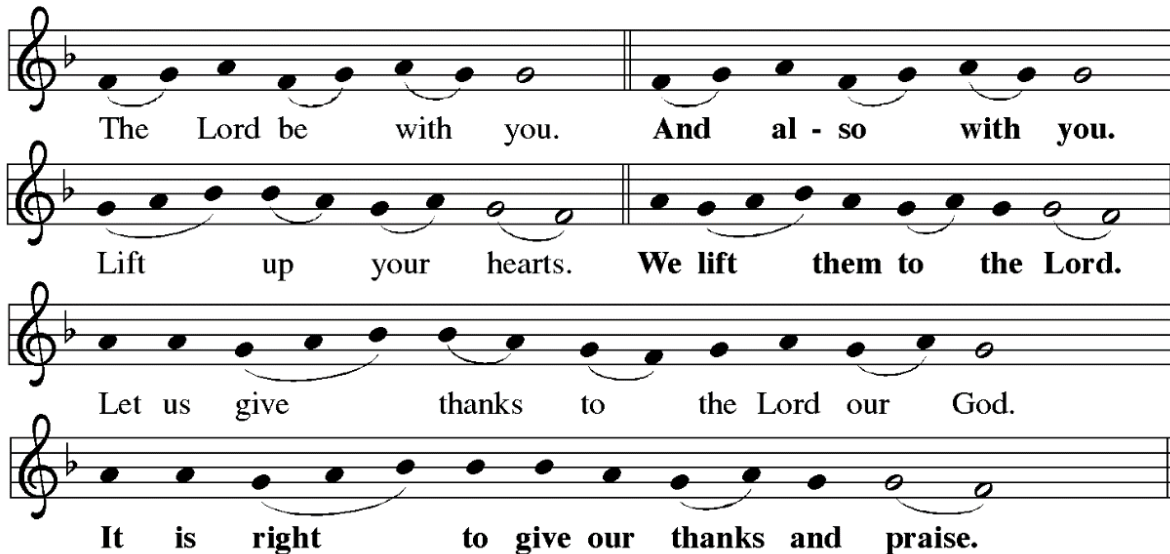
**ELW 182**

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

*Assistant:* Let us pray together... **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. Amen.**

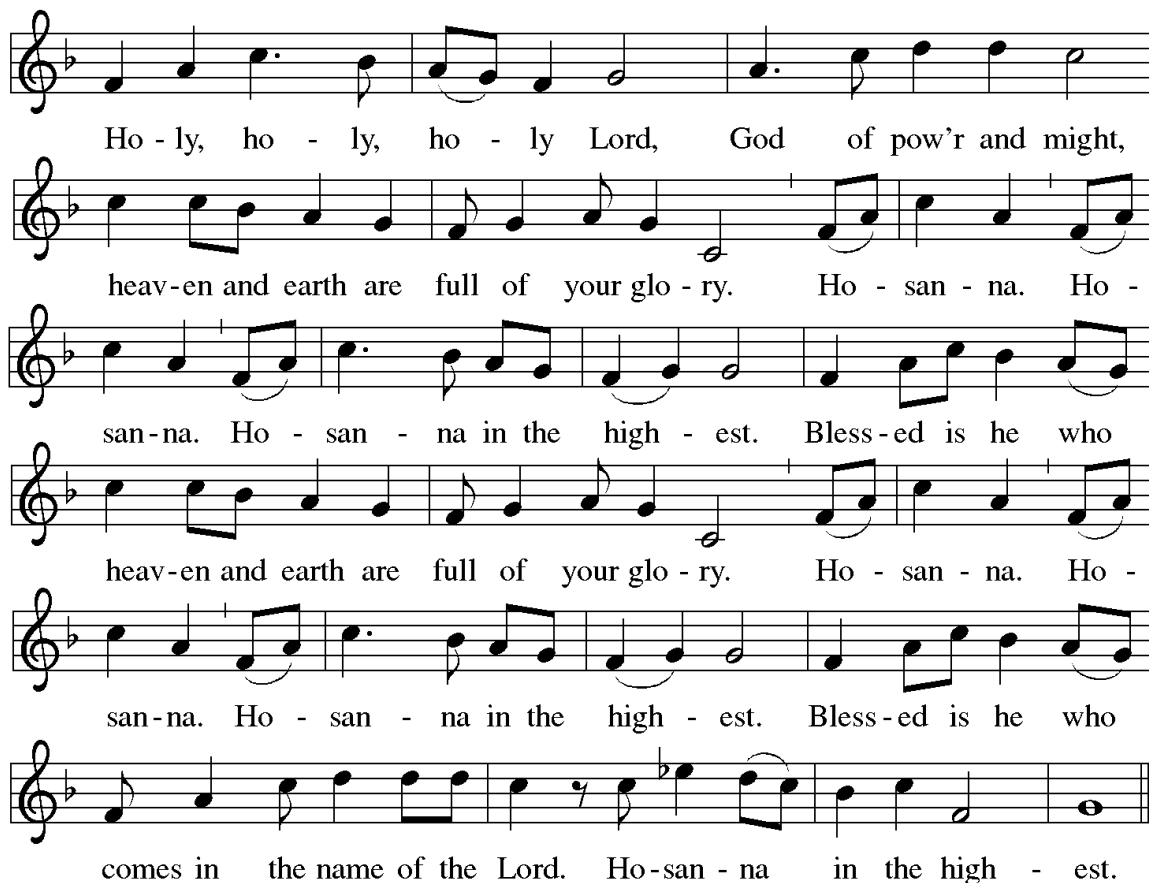
## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

*It is indeed right...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  
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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *contemporary*

**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, and the power, and the glory are yours, forever. Amen**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

### 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.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *Please SIT*

***Communion is open to everyone. In this sacrament, we believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. At this service, communion will be served from around the altar rail. At the usher's direction, please come forward and kneel at the altar rail.***

- ✘ *After receiving the bread, you may take an individual cup or drink from the chalice.*
- ✘ *You may return to your seat after communing.*
- ✘ *Those who do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference.*
- ✘ *Reception of the Eucharist under one kind (bread or wine) is valid communion for those who must avoid either for health reasons.*
- ✘ *If you are unable to go to the altar for communion, please notify an usher or the pastor, so that communion may be brought to you in your pew.*

# HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

“At the Name of Jesus”

ELW 416

“You Servants of God”

ELW 825



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -  
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of  
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his  
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the  
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!  
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!  
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

**TABLE BLESSING** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

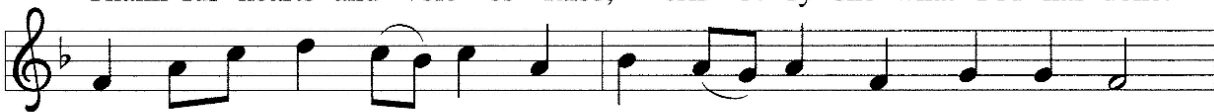
**Canticle after Communion:**

“Thankful Hearts”

ELW 204



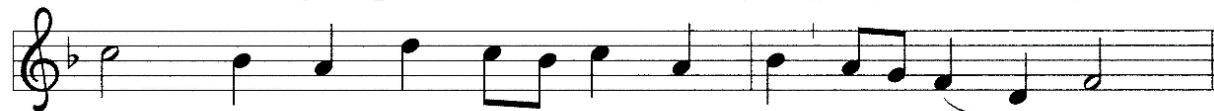
Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Assistant:* Let us pray together... **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. Amen.**

## BLESSING Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power and unending joy – Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit - bless you now and forever. **Amen!**

## SENDING HYMN

### “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

ELW 855



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

## DISMISSAL Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

“Postlude on Hyfrydol”

arr. by J. Payne

**Presider:** The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Preacher:** The Very Rev. Mark W. Ohlemeier

**Assisting Minister:** Danielle Tribout + **Lectors:** Terry Tribout & Betsy Rogers

**Livestream Camera:** Melanie Robison

**Trained Responder:** TBD + **Ushers:** TBD + **Organist:** Evelyn Duncan