



Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2023
Lutheran Book of Worship
Holy Communion Setting Two

GOD GATHERS US AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESURRECTION GREETING

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

In remembrance of Baptism, you may sign a cross on your chest or forehead.

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (LBW p. 77) *Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We confess our sins in the assurance and joy of God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" (LBW #143)

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds In praise of love that
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, There - fore our heart with
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; Set heart and will on
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And with the heav'n - ly

still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 things a - bove That we con - quer through your tri - umph;
 bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"

Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
 Now still he comes to give us life And by his pres -
 Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day That by our lives
 Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, To Spir - it blest,

of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 most ho - ly God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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 Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
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AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE *Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31*


We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.

We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name.


APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 78) *2 Corinthians 13:14*

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


KYRIE (“*Lord, have mercy...*” LBW pp. 78-79) *Matthew 9:27, 15:22; Psalm 51:1*



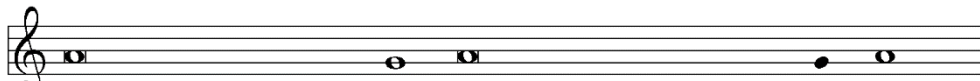
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.



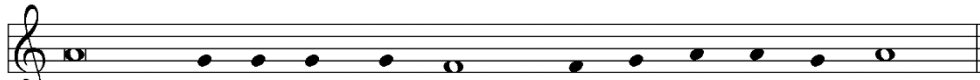
Ⓐ For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.



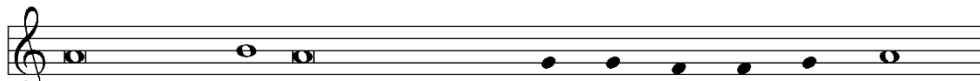
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



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



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. Ⓞ A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW pp. 81-82)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Mark 16:19; Acts 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 8:1, 12:2



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



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



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



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



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



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



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

SALUTATION (LBW p. 82) *Spoken by the pastor.*

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 82) *Ruth 2:4*

Let us pray together: **O God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Grant that your people would love what you command and desire what you promise, that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a; 51-60

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. ⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. ^{2a}And Stephen said: ⁵¹"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." ⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

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

PSALM 146 - *Sung responsively with the cantor. (Psalm tone #9)*

¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, | O my soul!*

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

²**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any | child of earth,*
for there is no | help in them.**

³When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,*
and in that day | their thoughts perish.

⁴**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help!***
whose hope is in the | Lord their God;

⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;*
who keeps his prom- | ise forever

⁶**Who gives justice to those who | are oppressed,*
and food to | those who hunger.**

⁷The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes | of the blind;*
the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;

⁸**The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares | for the stranger;***
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

⁹The Lord shall | reign forever,*
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation — ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

Please stand as you are able.

VERSE (LBW p. 83) *John 6:68*

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

GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 83)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fourteenth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: John 14:1-14

¹{Jesus said,} “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹²Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 83)

Musical notation for the Gospel Response, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and consists of a few notes with a long phrase. The lyrics are: "Praise to you, O Christ. Please be seated."

Praise to you, O Christ.
Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life" (LBW #513) *Different tune: PATMOS*

Musical notation for the Hymn of the Day, featuring a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and consists of a few notes with a long phrase. The lyrics are: "1. Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath; 2. Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast; 3. Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move; such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as conquers death. such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest. such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love."

1. Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath;
2. Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast;
3. Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move;

such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as con - quers death.
such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.
such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1593-1633
Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

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NICENE CREED (LBW p. 84) *Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2*

Living together in the trust and hope, we 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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people as they have need...

Each petition ends with these words: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with these words: ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING OF PEACE *John 20:19-21*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.

OFFERING OF TITHES & ADDITIONAL GIFTS with SPECIAL MUSIC as available
We offer our time, talents, and treasure in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN: "Let the Vineyards" (LBW p. 86)

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 87)

Let us pray... Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 88)

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 him thanks and praise.

PREFACE (LBW p. 68) *Spoken by the pastor.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with

Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (“Holy” LBW p. 89) *Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW Minister’s Desk Edition p. 201-261)

1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,

and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (LBW p. 91) *Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

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.

COMMUNION HYMN (“Lamb of God...” LBW p. 92) John 1:29

☞ 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.

Please be seated.

WE RECEIVE THE LORD’S SUPPER

All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may come forward by families or groups to commune. The usher will direct you and offer you hand sanitizer.

- *If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.*
- *To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.*
- *If you abstain from the Sacrament altogether, you have full forgiveness of sins by God’s Word alone.*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & CANTICLE (LBW pp. 92-93)

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

☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-’ry-one what he has done.

Let ev-’ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.

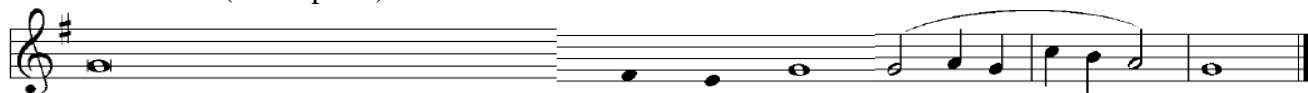
He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 94)

Let us pray...Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION (LBW p. 95)



☐ The Lord bless you and keep you. A - men
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

SENDING HYMN: "You Are the Way" (LBW #464)

1 You are the way; through you a - lone Can we the Fa - ther find;
2 You are the truth; your Word a - lone True wis - dom can in - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb Pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant us that way to know,

In you, O Christ, has God re - vealed His heart, his will, his mind!
You on - ly can in - form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
And those who put their trust in you Not death nor hell shall harm.
That truth to keep, that life to win, Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

*Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt.
Tune: Psalter, Edinburgh, 1615*

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
Go in peace to share this good news. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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Love God. Love neighbor.
Serve with joy in Jesus' name.
worship + fellowship + discipleship



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