

*Let every thing that has breath
praise the Lord!*

Psalm 150:6



The week after Easter, some churches observe Holy Humor Sunday — a tradition dating back to the fourth century. Early Christian theologians coined the term “risus paschalis,” or “the Easter laugh,” saying God played the supreme joke on death. Some believers celebrated Bright Monday, gathering the day after Easter to mock Satan’s defeat.

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HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

All are welcome here
All people of faith, All people of doubt
All people of any origin, race, ability, sexual orientation or gender expression
All people who seek a compassionate community

All are welcome here
Welcome to worship, Welcome to pray
Welcome to learn, Welcome to give thanks
Welcome to serve God and neighbors

All are welcome here
All are redeemed by a gracious God



Introduction

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

The Gathering

Prelude Music

Thine Is the Glory Tune: *JUDAS MACCABAEUS*, George Frederick Handel; setting:
Thomas Keesecker

This Joyful Eastertide Arr. Kathleen M. Basi

Stand and face the font.

Call to Worship (Adapted from Trinity United Parish. <http://www.trinityunitedparish.org/lukewordpress/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/April-10.pdf>)

P Christ is risen, and resurrection joy is loose!

C **We see it in the wiggles of children,**

P We hear it in the whispers of youth,

C **It shines in the smiles of adults.**

P We give God kudos for this glorious day!

C **Let the accolades of hope break forth in the most unlikely places
and in the most humorous of ways.**

P Joy and appreciation fills our hearts and through our songs.

C **Let the laughter be deep, for we are God's people!**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

C **Amen.**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.
In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

P Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C **Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

P Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C **Amen.**

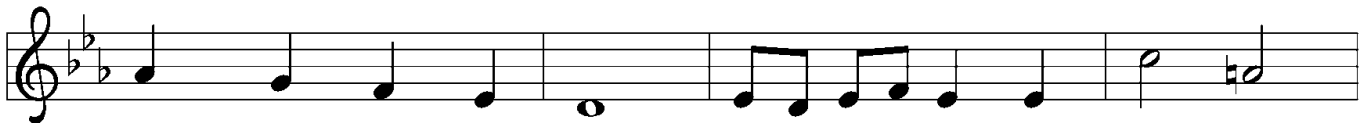
Gathering Hymn: ELW (red) hymn 376: Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

Greeting

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

C And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



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

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



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, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day (*adapted from United Church of Christ, Bay of Quinte Conference*)

P O Great Laughing God,
we come into your presence with joy and a longing to be surprised.
We thank you, for you have given us the gift of laughter and delight.
These things give us hints as to the nature of your purpose for us and for all the earth.
May we find that in giving up to laughter, we may also find healing and hope and
abundance and blessing. Tickle our souls with the brush of your Holy Spirit,
to renew our worship and our daily living.
We pray in the name of the Risen Lord, Jesus the Christ,
C Amen.

Sit

The Word

L A reading from the book of Acts.

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

- ¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”
- ²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- ³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**
- ⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
- ⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- ⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.
- ⁸**I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- ⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- ¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

L A reading from the book of 1 Peter.

1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

Blessed are those who¹ have not seen* and yet have come¹ to believe.
Alleluia. (John 20:29)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

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

John 20:19-31

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Kristin Rice

Stand

Hymn of the Day: ACS 939: *Touch That Soothes and Heals*



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

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P Nicene Creed

**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 Intercession

A God of love and laughter, we laugh as a sign of the joy you have brought into the world through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Help us to experience that joy through your gifts of grace and forgiveness, and help us to laugh with hope when the world presses in and around us, and we are afraid. Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

A By your great and unending love, Holy One, you inspire in us a spirit of imagination and possibility. Help us to use that spirit to play more, laugh more, and create beauty in every way possible. Let our imaginations run wild to better care for the created world around us. Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray also for the times we have turned away from your joy. Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.
Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

A God, you meet us in our fears and hold us close when we cannot find laughter or joy. We pray for all who feel stuck in darkness or feel totally alone, who are struggling through a suffering mind, body, and spirit, especially Jason, Fil, Shirley, Linda, Rosalie, Adele, Jeff, Denise, Victoria, Jennifer, Jeanette, Suzanne, Shelby, Kevin, Nancy, Ann, Mary, Sean, Mayor Dennis, Jane, Robert M, Tom, Peter H, Ruth, Dorothy, Megan and Crystal. Help us to embody the resurrected Christ, holding on to hope and trusting in your joy, on behalf of those who cannot do so today, believing that others will do so for us when the time arises. Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Eternal God, we pray for those whose laughter now rings in the heavens. May we be inspired by their example, hearing the echoes of their joy in our lives, and may we be confident in your merciful holding and healing of their lives. Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P May the troubles of all your people be soothed, blessed, and comforted by your holy presence. May we each find the laughter within us that sets our spirits free, and in that freedom, may we take your love into every part of our lives.
C **Amen.**

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

Sit

The Meal

As we prepare to receive Holy Communion, please read the following:

For today's distribution of Holy Communion, after the Invitation to the Table, the presiding pastor will invite the worship assistants (lector, assisting minister, ushers) to commune behind the altar. The presiding pastor will then commune those worshipping via Zoom and those in the sanctuary who wish to commune in their pews. Then the presiding pastor will commune those who wish to come up to the altar while the Lamb of God is played. Thank you for your patience as we acknowledge the awkwardness of experiencing something different in worship. God is with us in this meal. God is also with us as we experiment with new worship practices.

Offering: There is a plate near the exit. You may place your offering in it as you leave. Please feel free to send your regular tithe in the mail, drop it off to the church office or if you have not checked out our website and "Your Offering Made Easy" tab, this could be your opportunity. (John Mills is available to answer any questions about the Vanco Online giving option if you wish to contact him. His email address is john_r_mills@icloud.com)



Offering Prayer

- A Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

Stand

The Great Thanksgiving

Musical notation for the hymn 'The Great Thanksgiving'. It consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The third and fourth staves have double bar lines at the end.

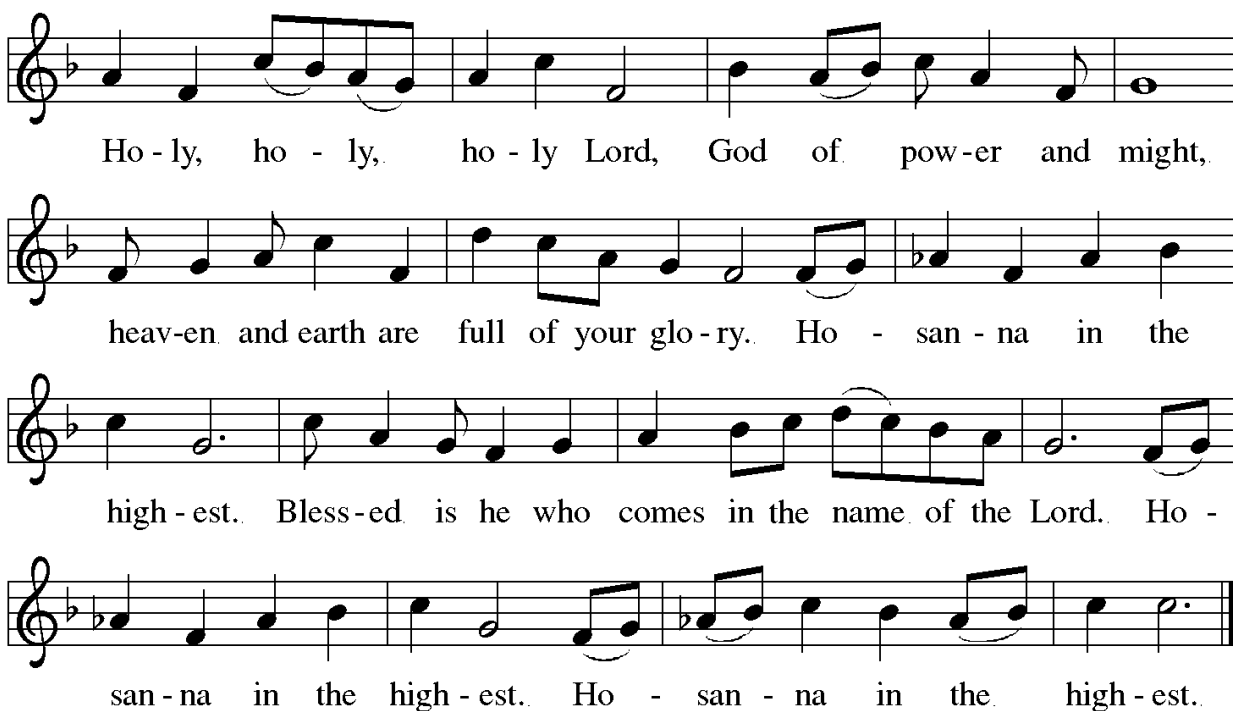
The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.

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.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
 that we should at all times and in all places
 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
 for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
 the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
 who in dying has destroyed death,
 and in 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
 Your mercy is everlasting
 and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
 Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
 Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
 Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
 to the land of milk and honey.
 Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
 Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
 Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



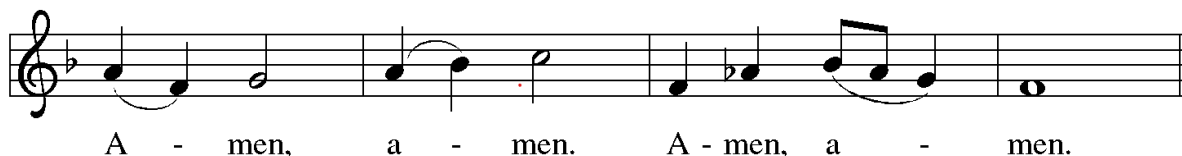
P O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.



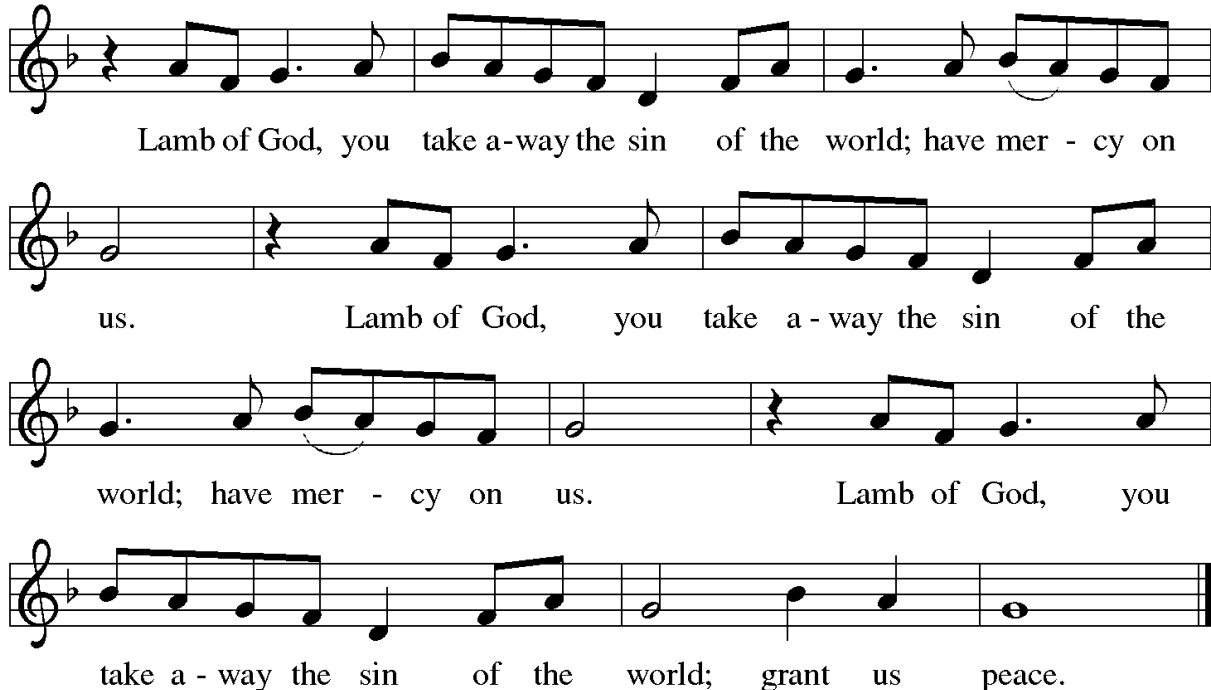
The Lord's Prayer

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P So come to this table, which now extends into our homes, you who have faith and you who would like to have faith; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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.

Communion Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 646: *The Peace of the Lord*



1 *La paz del Se - ñor, la paz del Se - ñor, la*
 1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the



paz del Re - su - ci - ta - do: la paz del Se -
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the
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ñor a ti ya mí, a to - dos al - can - za -
 Lord is for you and for me, and al - so for all of God's
 Lord is a - mong us right now, so o - pen your - selves to re -
 Lord kept with - in can - not live, so o - pen your - selves now to



rá; la paz del Se - ñor a ti ya
 chil - dren. The peace of the Lord is for you and for
 ceive it. The peace of the Lord is a - mong us right
 share it. The peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not



mí, a to - dos al - can - za - rá.
 me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.
 now, so o - pen your - selves to re - ceive it.
 live, so o - pen your - selves now to share it.

2 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor,
 la paz del Resucitado:
 se hace presente ahora y aquí
 apréstate a recibirla;
 se hace presente ahora y aquí
 apréstate a recibirla.*

3 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor,
 la paz del Resucitado:
 no puede vivir encerrada en sí,
 apréstate a compartirla;
 no puede vivir encerrada en sí,
 apréstate a compartirla.*

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P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and for ever.

C Amen.

Prayer after Communion (Adapted from a post by Rev Gord on his blog, **Worship Offerings**. <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>)

A God of irrational joy, your belly laugh echoes throughout the world. Here at this table we have tasted and received your gracious invitation for joy and goodness. May we find the joy of this feast, the body and blood of your risen Son, so unrelenting that our hearts are uplifted and we cannot help but share your laughter and love with the world around us.

C Amen.

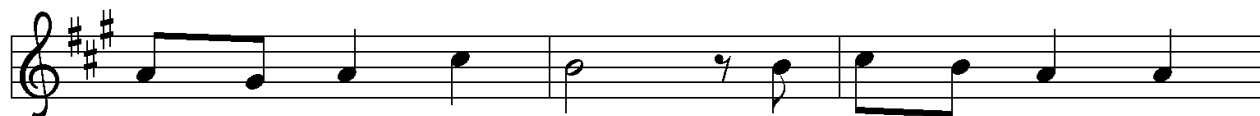
The Sending

An Invitation

Sending Hymn: ELW (red) hymn 635: *We Walk by Faith*



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Blessing

P And now may you know the glee of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the mirth of God,
and the laughter of the Holy Spirit,
this day and 24/7.

C Amen.

Announcements

Dismissal

A Go in laughter; go in grace. Keep the Lord in your heart and a smile on your face.

C **With gladness! Thanks be to God.**

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We collect toiletries (travel size) to donate to the homeless shelter. The basket for your donations is in the narthex. (Look beneath the buffet.)

A Message from the Finance Team: John Mills has graciously volunteered to take on the role of OSLC's Treasurer in response to Sue Hermodson's recent announcement to retire from that office. THANKS, JOHN!

However, this means that John will be stepping down as OSLC's Financial Secretary and so now we are looking for someone to volunteer for that important office of the congregation. Please consider serving OSLC's congregation in this important role. If you are interested, please contact Carl Behnke (behnkec@purdue.edu) or Steve Belter (seb@wintek.com), co-chairs of the Finance Team. If you want to learn more about the position, visit with John Mills (john.r.mills@icloud.com).

The Financial Secretary...

- * Records annual pledges and weekly contributions by members of the congregation
- * Annually estimates income for the coming year based on pledges and giving patterns
- * Creates and distributes quarterly reports to members on the status of their giving
- * Creates and presents an end-of-year report for the annual congregational meeting
- * Works with the Treasurer to reconcile contributions on a monthly basis
- * Participates in monthly meetings of the Finance Team

LTHC Drive for Supplies: We have been asked if OSLC would like to help collect coffee, creamer and hot chocolate for HTHC. During this time of year these supplies run low. The coffee can be in large canisters/tubs (as long as it's ground), the creamer could be in canisters or individual packets, and the hot chocolate could be in single packets. You can place your donations in the basket under the table by the office where the Drive for Supplies sign is sitting. We will drop them off periodically at LTHC during the next two months. Thank you for being a part of ending homelessness!

Hearts & Crafts will be held twice this week, **TODAY (1-4 PM) and Wednesday, April 19 (11 AM—2:00 PM)** in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to bring a project or come and learn a new skill. Lunch will be provided. See Sandra V. for more details.

Prayer Requests: As spring sets in, we encourage you to check the current prayer requests and update any names that can be removed or added as needed. If you would like to add an individual's name to the prayer list, please don't hesitate to reach out with names and how long we can expect to keep their name on the list.

2023 Offering Envelopes: Please check your mailbox for 2023 offering envelopes

Earth Day Kids Outing: We are hosting an Earth Day fun outing for kids and families on April 22nd. We will begin here at OSLC at 10:00 am. We will do a service project then carpool to the Celery Bog to explore the Nature Center, hiking and a picnic lunch. We will end our time at the Silver Dipper on Sagamore Pkwy for ice cream. We will be done by 1:00 pm. We ask that you provide your family's picnic lunch and RSVP to Missy at missy@osluth.org. Please feel free to contact Missy if you have any questions or would like to have more details.

Adult Forum – We will begin the

Adult Forum at 10:20 am and conclude at 11:05 am.

April 16th – Amanda Hudson, Executive Director of Family Promise

April 23rd – Mayor John Dennis

April 30th - Hannah Freedburg from Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service www.lirs.org

Centering Prayer Class: Are you interested in different ways of praying? Have you ever thought of trying praying in a meditative and more contemplative way but you are not sure how to start? Missy Schroeder is going to host a class on Centering Prayer on Wednesday, April 26th at 7:00 pm via zoom. What is Centering Prayer? Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship." <http://www.centeringprayer.com/> If you are interested in joining the Centering Prayer class, please email Missy at missy@osluth.org.

Dinner Group: Are you looking for an opportunity to get to know the people in our community? We have been apart for so long and we are hopeful that now is the time we can come back together. We have had some interest in starting a dinner group. This group would meet once a month around a meal to create friendships, community and share life together. If this is something that you would be interested in participating in, please email Missy at missy@osluth.org.

Sunday School Schedule

April 16th - Jesus is Risen (John 20:1-18)

April 23rd - Thomas Believes (John 20:19-31)

April 30th - The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)

We hope you will join us in two weeks for... **A Special Event for Mission Guatemala!** Sunday, April 16 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm at the **The Liter House Special Events Center Inside Half Liter BBQ, 5301 Winthrop Avenue - Indianapolis** Your \$25 ticket includes appetizers, drink ticket & silent auction bidding! There will be updates on the work of Mission Guatemala! We hope you will join others like you who support the work of Mission Guatemala! And, please invite friends to join you! A limited number of tickets are available! To buy tickets now, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/friends-of-mission-guatemala-benefit-and-silent-auction-tickets-574451147847>

