

Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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*For those of you worshipping with us in person,
thank you for wearing your mask and observing
social distancing at all times during the service.*

**6th Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE - Guy Ervin III

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

GATHERING SONG - "Alleluia! Alleluia" (Wordsworth/HYMN TO JOY)

HYMN TO JOY



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es
2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to
3. Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us
4. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to



1. heav'n - ward raise: Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness,
2. life is born, Glo - rious life and life im - mor - tal,
3. heav'n - ly grace, Rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry
4. God on high; Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior



1. Sing to God a hymn of praise. Christ, who on the
2. On that ho - ly Eas - ter morn. Christ has tri - umphed,
3. From your ho - ly ra - diant face; That, with hearts in
4. Who has won the vic - to - ry; Al - le - lu - ia



1. cross a vic - tim, For the world's sal - va - tion bled, Je - sus
2. and we con - quer By this might - y en - ter - prise, We with
3. heav - en dwell - ing, We on earth, your ser - vants true, Will by
4. to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty; Al - le -



1. Christ, the King of glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
2. Christ to life e - ter - nal By his res - ur - rec - tion rise.
3. an - gel hands be gath - ered, And be ev - er, Lord, with you.
4. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

Text: 87 87 D; Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827;
adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796–1867.



THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

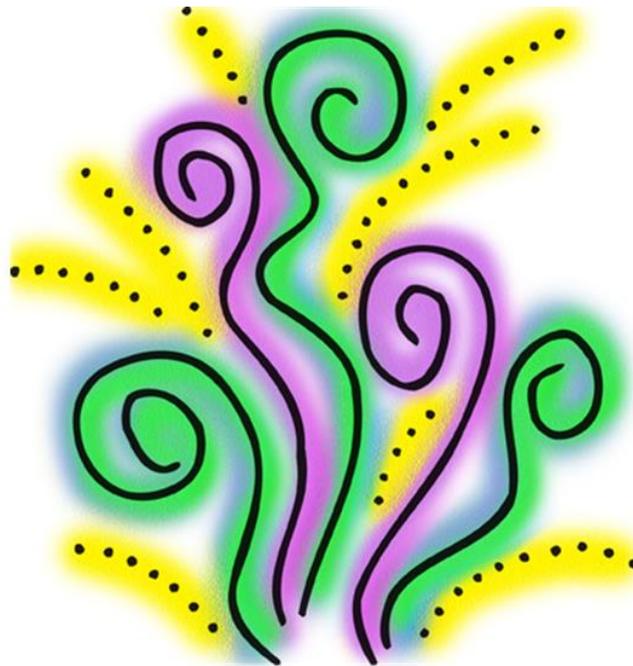
P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

We thank you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE - "This Is the Feast" - ELW Setting 2

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

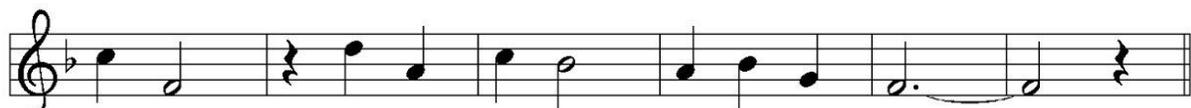


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

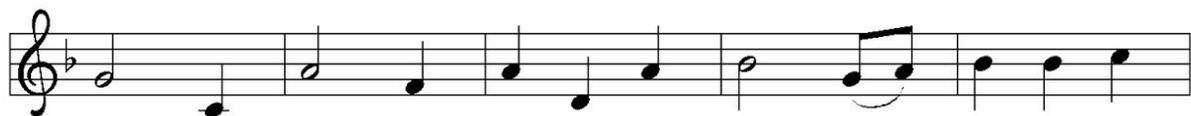
Refrain



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

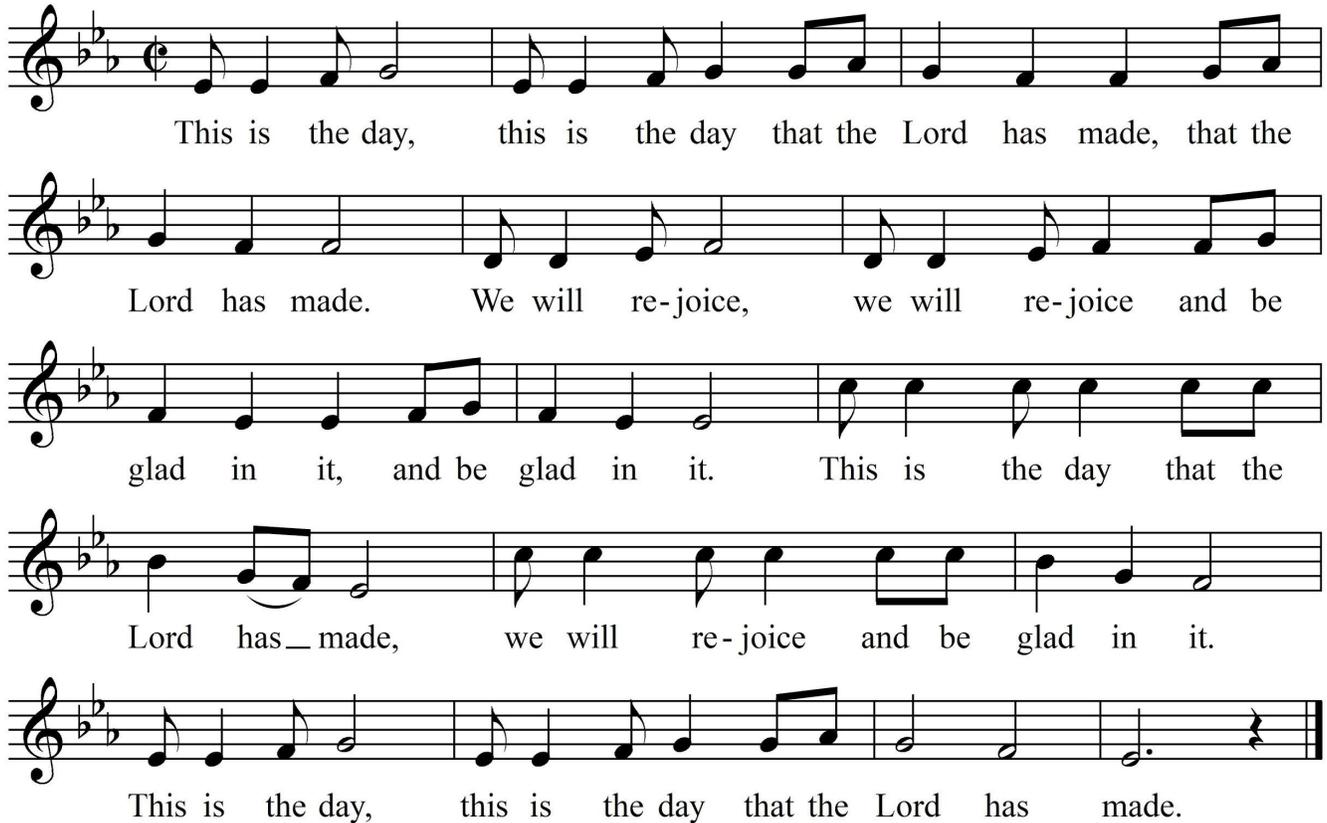
P O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Pastor Julie Morris - Blessing of the Prayer Shawls



CHILDREN'S SONG - "This Is the Day" (Garrett)



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the
Lord has made. We will re-joice, we will re-joice and be
glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the
Lord has made, we will re-joice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

Text (based on Psalm 118:24) and tune: Les Garrett, © 1967, 1980, 1986, Scripture in Song.
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FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L Word of God, word of life.
C **Thanks be to God.**



SONG OF RESPONSE - "Joy to the World" - ELW 267 - Verses 1, 2 & 4

(a paraphrase of Psalm 98 - see note on the last page)



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” - ELW 172 (sing 2x’s)

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

P The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

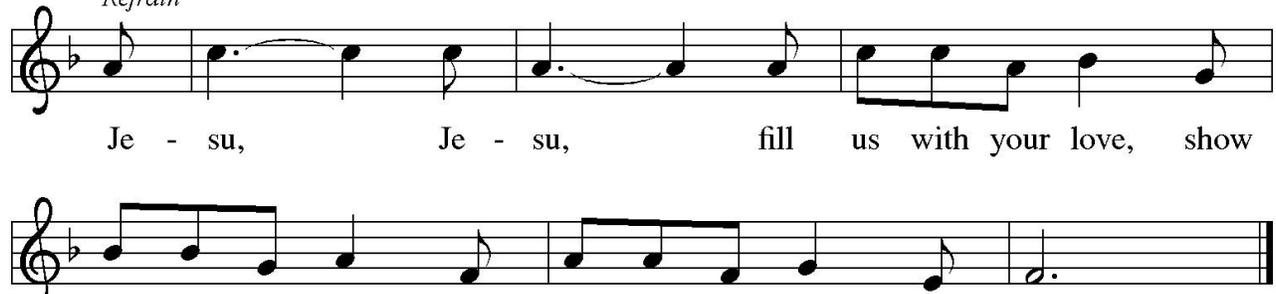
The assembly is seated.

SERMON - Pastor Julie Morris

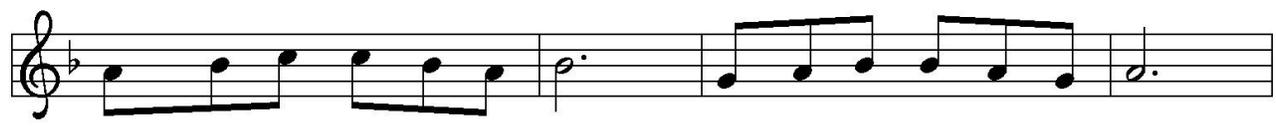
As able, the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

SONG OF THE DAY - "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" - ELW 708

Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



Refrain
mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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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.**

The assembly may be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Loving God, you call us to be your fruit-bearing church. Strengthen the bonds among all Christian churches. Guide us to work for understanding with our interfaith brothers and sisters and give us the grace to accept people of different beliefs. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, the earth praises you as the seas roar and the hills sing for joy. Teach us to care for your creation as good stewards. Bless those who provide us with fruit and other agricultural gifts from the land. Bring water to thirsty places and relief where there are storms. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful Savior, you succeed in the world not with weapons but with undying love. Plant your word deep in the hearts of the nations' leaders and give them your Spirit, so that the peoples of the world may live in peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A Caring Healer, you forget no one and you accompany the lonely. Provide for those needing homes or medical care, and enlighten us towards life-changing responses to meet those needs in our own communities. Be present with those who are sick or suffering, especially (*those on our prayer list*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, as a mother comforts her child, you comfort us. Bless mothers and mothering people in our lives. Comfort those who miss their mothers, mothers who grieve, those who grieve because they cannot be mothers, and those who have never known a loving mother. Bless all the caring women in our prayer shawl ministry who knit beautiful garments to embrace people who are hurting or grieving. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gentle Redeemer, all who die in you abide in your presence forever. We remember with thanksgiving those who shared your love throughout their lives. Keep us united with them in your lasting love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING SONG - "Mothering God, You Gave Us Birth" - ELW 735



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

OFFERING PRAYER

- A God of love,
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.
- C **Amen.**

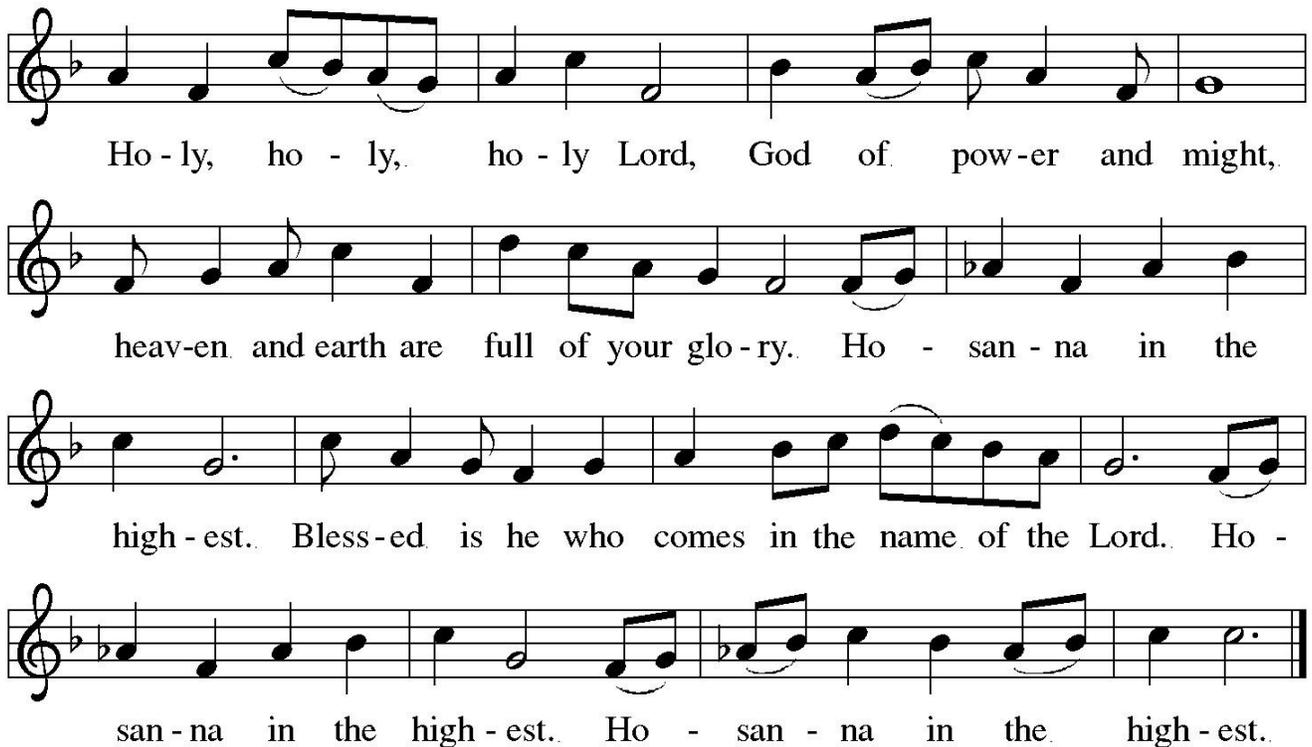


As able, the assembly stands for the Great Thanksgiving.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **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.

P 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:

C **Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

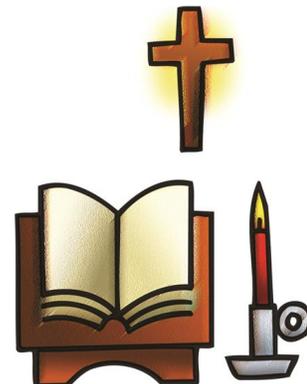
P O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

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.

C **Amen.**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **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.**

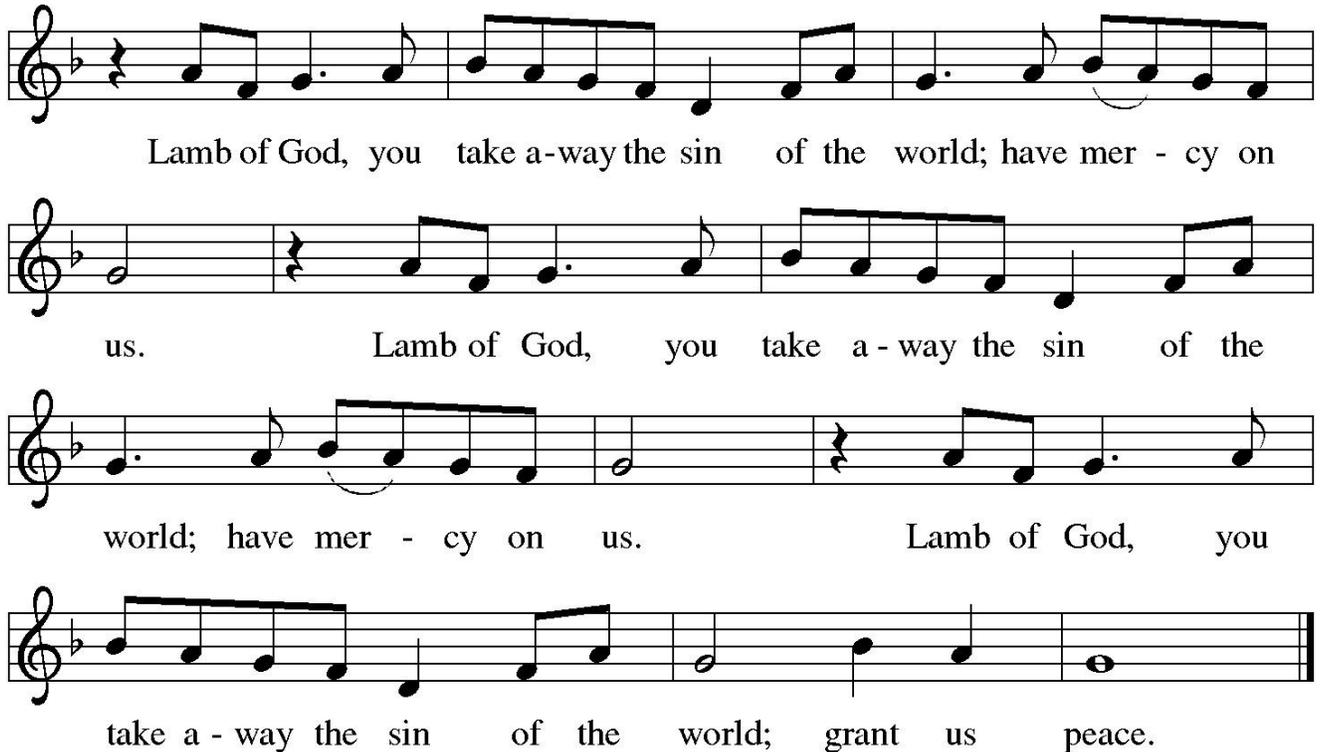


BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The assembly may be seated.

P The risen Christ welcomes you.
Receive him with a grateful heart.

LAMB OF GOD - ELW Setting 2



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.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotion that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. As Martin Luther once wrote: "I can enjoy the sacrament ... every day if only I keep my eyes on the promise, that is, on the words and promise of Christ, which feeds and strengthens my faith."

All joining from home are invited to say the following prayer:

I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the bread and wine, and present in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart.



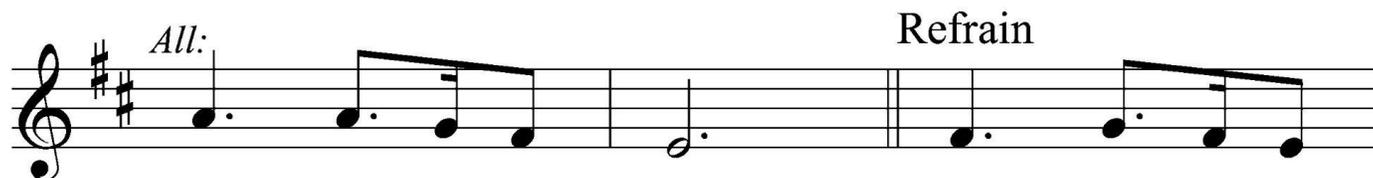
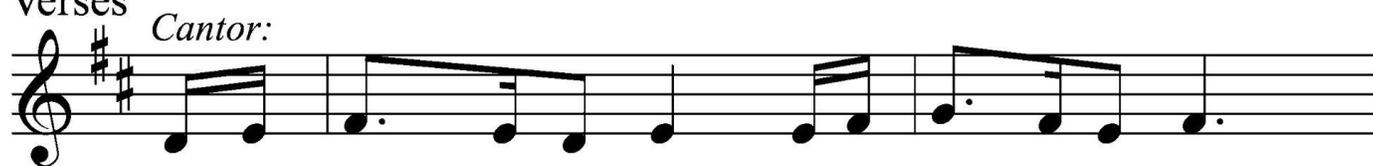
(We pause for silent prayer).

Fill us all with your love and grace, and strengthen us to serve the world in your name. Amen.¹

¹ Adapted by Pastor Julie from a prayer written by the Anglican Diocese of Niagara.

COMMUNION SONGS - "Live on in My Love" (Psallite)

Verses



Live on in my love. Live on in my



love, live on in my love.

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“Bread of Life from Heaven” - ELW 474

Refrain



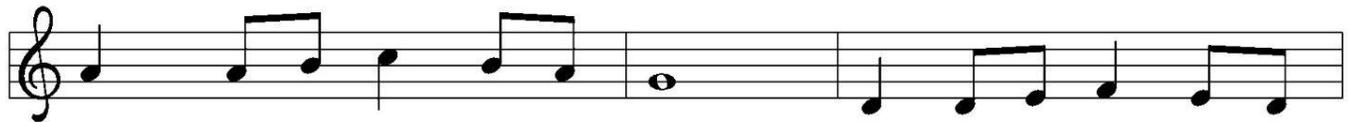
Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1	Break	now	the	bread	of	Christ's	sac - ri - fice;	giv - ing
2	Seek	not	the	food	that	will	pass	a - way;
3	Love	as	the	one	who,	in	love	for
4	Dwell	in	the	one	who	now	dwells	in
5	Drink	of	this	cup	and	de - clare	his	death;
								eat



thanks,	hun - gry	ones,	gath - er	round.	Eat,	all	of	you,	and	be
hearts	on	the	food	that	en - dures.	Come,	learn	the	true	and
self	for	the	life	of	the	Come	to	the	one	who
home	in	the	life - giv - ing	Word.	Know	on - ly	Christ,	Ho - ly		
bread	and	be - lieve	Eas - ter	morn;	trust	his	re - turn	and,	with	

Refrain



sat - is - fied;	in	Christ's	pres - ence	the	loaves	will	a - bound.
liv - ing	way,	that	the	full - ness	of	life	may
food	for	you,	that	your	hun - ger	and	thirst
One	of	God,	and	be - lieve	in	the	truth
ev - 'ry	breath,	praise	the	one	in	whom	you
							are
							re - born.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The blessing of God, + the holy and undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you always.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Rooted in God's grace,

C **we joyfully witness and serve.**

POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Mary Goodenough in honor of my sister Barbara Kittner's 85th birthday
and
and by Pastor Julie Morris in thanksgiving for my mother, Linda,
and my grandmothers, Alice and Emma*

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<https://bit.ly/MCLCConnect>.

Our **Community Conversation Time on Zoom** following this service has **switched to the last Sunday of the month (May 30 this month).**

Come to the Table: Mount Cross is offering **Communion reception in the sanctuary or in your car** from **11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon**. If you are unable to come inside, we will serve Communion to those who prefer to remain in their cars.

We ask that you please consider your vulnerabilities and risk factors before choosing to participate.

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

We pray for an end to the coronavirus, for doctors, nurses, and caretakers, for researchers, all involved in the vaccine efforts, and for the families grieving the loss of each victim.

We pray for peace, unity, and understanding in our country.

We pray also for Elizabeth A, Roger Allmandinger, Bob Anderson, Cynthia Bishop (friend of Bob and Judy Winters), **Mike Carpenter, Terry Cline** (relative of Jim & Karen Gramacki), **Rob Conant** (boyfriend of Mary Goodenough's daughter), **Michael Crane** (friend of Avis Miley), **Julie Cushing** (friend of Jen & Randy Churchill), **Donna** (friend of Evonne Kuchera), **Steve Doshier** (Paul Crockett's brother-in-law), **Bob Edell, Steve Engh** (friend of Gayle & Cy Johnson), **Nora Fajnor** (as she recovers from her kidney donation), **Sandy Fox, David Gale** (friend of Herb & Jo Holler), **Ron Higginbotham, Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Kelly Hough-Sawyer** (daughter of Betty Hough), **Jack** (friend of Melissa Henry), **Nancy Jaeger, Ric Kienitz, Hollie Krell** (daughter of Arlene Kochans), **Michelle Kolder** (daughter of Karen & Joe Diehl), **Lynn Nelson** (mother of Julie Fernandez), **Karen Nelson, Sonja S** (friend of LaJean Wenzel), **Allan Steele** (friend of Becky & Ken Riley).

Unless otherwise specified, prayer requests remain in the bulletin for four weeks. If you would like to add or remove someone to or from the prayer list, please e-mail the church office at office@mountcross.com or call 805.482.3847.

The Week at a Glance

TODAY, May 9, 2021

Children's Church Zoom, 9:00-9:20 a.m.
Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com)
for the Zoom information.

Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.

High School Youth gather with Joe Zimmerly; email joe@mountcross.com with questions.

Monday, May 10, 2021

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

The Monday Meditation group meets at 3:00 p.m. To join by computer or smart phone/tablet go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83666658855> or to call on your phone, dial 1 (669) 900-6833. You will be asked to enter the Meeting ID which is 836 6665 8855 and then push pound (#).

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.

The Women's Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m. in the church. Contact Pastor Julie, pastorjulie@mountcross.com, or Vicar Amanda, amanda@mountcross.com, if you have questions.

Upper Room Zoom, 12:00 noon

Upper Room Zoom meets on Tuesdays. It's a nice 15-minute break in your day that includes scripture, prayer, and relaxing video/audio.

Join as often as you'd like. Join:

<http://bit.ly/MCUpperRoomZoom> OR, you can call in on a phone. Dial 1 (408) 638 0968. Meeting ID: 847 4745 9576, push pound (#).

Church Council, 7:00 p.m.

The Church Council meets at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

Fun with Faith (Preschool through 5th grade) meets with the Children, Youth & Family staff from 5:00-6:00 p.m., **on site**. Any questions, contact Joe at joe@mountcross.com

Adult Bible Study, 5:00 p.m.

On Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m., we gather for Bible Study on the upcoming

Sunday's Gospel. Via Zoom:

<http://bit.ly/MCWednesdayNights>

OR you can call in by phone, 1 (669) 900 6833. Meeting ID: 827 1932 0163, Passcode: 615543.

Confirmation, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Students preparing for Confirmation meet with Joe Zimmerly **on site**. Email Joe (joe@mountcross.com) if you have any questions.

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Anti-Racism Check-in, **5:00 p.m.**

Please note the **new time** for our monthly Anti-Racism Check-in Zoom, on Thursday, May 13, 5:00 p.m., on Zoom - <http://bit.ly/MCAntiRacism>

Announcements

Sunday Worship

The Re-Opening Committee has approved in-person attendance for our worship indoors. Those attending need to sign in, have their temperature checked, wear masks, and observe social distancing. We also have some chairs available if you are not comfortable inside.

We also need worship assistants:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/88920928020/false#/invitation>. Thank you in advance for helping to keep Mount Cross safe!

Help with Drive-through and Sanctuary Communion Reception

We are looking for help to make Sunday Sanctuary and Drive-through Communion possible. If you would like to help set up or as a parking lot usher, greeter, or communion assistant, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/WorshipandCommunionAssistants> or call the office at (805) 482-3847.

Children's Church (Sunday School)

Join us Sundays on Zoom from 9:00-9:20 a.m. for Children's Church with a fun story and gathering! Please print out your children's bulletins before the meeting.

If you need a hard copy, please message Joe at joe@mountcross.com.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

To find out about our programs, email Joe (joe@mountcross.com) for details or questions.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The lovely Prayer Shawls on the altar rail this morning were made by Diana Hagen, Melissa Henry, and Marjorie Viets. After the blessing, the shawls are ready for distribution. To give a shawl or for instructions to knit or crochet one, contact Diana Hagen (805-482-6411).

VBS Volunteers Needed

VBS will be back in some form this summer from August 2-6 at Mount Cross. As we prepare for an *in person program, we expect it to be very different from past years. That being said, we need volunteers to help put together this special event. If you are interested in helping, please contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com).

Synod Graduation Form

As we approach the end of this school year, the Southwest California Synod would like to celebrate the accomplishments of our 5th, 8th, 12th Grade(s), and college graduates on Sunday, June 13, with a virtual youth-led worship. If you have a graduate that you would like to be featured in our slideshow, please fill out this form <http://bit.ly/SynodGradForm>, as soon as possible!

At Mount Cross we are celebrating our graduates on Sunday June 6th at 9:30am so please make sure to fill this form out for your graduates.

LWR Backpacks

We have a new batch of fabric waiting to be transformed into backpacks. Sign out a bag during drive-through Communion or during the week in the office - or send Melissa Henry a text or email and she can deliver you a bag. Each bag has enough supplies to sew 5 simple backpacks... and takes about an hour to complete. Bring it back to church when you have sewn it and we'll get the ropes in before we start filling them with school supplies in August.

Legacy Giving/Endowment Requests

Any grant-requesting committee or charity in the areas of Missions, Education, Children and Young Adult Ministry, Worship and Music that submitted a request to the Legacy Giving Team for a distribution from the Endowment Fund is invited to give a three-minute presentation on their ministry and how it serves Mount Cross and our community on May 16, 2021, at 12:30 p.m.

Anti-Racism Work of the Week:

A Conversation w/ Angela Davis (May 12): Empowering the Next Generation

Civil rights icon Dr. Angela Davis will lead a virtual discussion about social justice issues from 5:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12. The event, titled "Empowering the Next Generation: A Conversation with Angela Davis," is hosted by Oxnard College's Associated Student Government. All VCCCD students and community members are invited to attend this free event with the world-renowned political activist, educator, writer, and professor. "Our student government is honored to welcome Angela Davis to Oxnard College," shares Lorena Ortiz, president of Oxnard College's associated student government. "We are each the beneficiaries of Dr. Davis' long fight for social justice and we join in her efforts to build a fairer and more inclusive America."

All can tune into this conversation by registering at bit.ly/oc-angela-davis

Vaccine Sign-up Site

COVID-19 vaccines are now available by appointment at MyTurn.CA.gov or for walk-ins. Locations available throughout the county!

Altar Flowers

To request flowers for our worship: <http://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2021>. The cost remains \$35.00; you are welcome to take the arrangement home with you after worship, or pick it up at Sanctuary/Drive-through Communion. If you are not present but would still like flowers, please let us know and we can deliver the arrangement to a homebound member to enjoy.

More Ways to Give

Thank you, Mount Cross congregation, for all the generosity you have shown in these times of trial! To give to Mount Cross on your cell phone or tablet, download Vanco's free GivePlus app from the App Store or Google Play, enter zip code 93010, and choose Mount Cross. Please email any questions about giving and/or statements to Financial Secretary Joan Brundage at jbrundage@mountcross.com.

Amazon Smile

If you haven't already done so, choose Mount Cross Lutheran Church as your non-profit to support on smile.amazon.com so 0.5% of purchases will go to Mount Cross. Thank you!

St. Columba's Food Pantry

Each Sunday, we have a bin where you can bring non-perishable food for St. Columba's Project Hope food pantry. Canned vegetables or proteins are always a good choice. Thanks for your support!

"Joy to the World" (from Hymnary.org)



Isaac Watts wrote this text as a paraphrase of Psalm 98. He published it in his *Psalms of David Imitated* (1719) under the heading "The Messiah's Coming and Kingdom." The paraphrase is Watts' Christological interpretation.

Consequently, he does not emphasize with equal weight the various themes of Psalm 98. In stanzas 1 and 2 Watts writes of heaven and earth rejoicing at the coming of the king. An interlude that depends more on Watts' interpretation than the psalm text, stanza 3 speaks of Christ's blessings extending victoriously over the realm of sin. The cheerful repetition of the non-psalm phrase "far as the curse is found" has caused this stanza to be omitted from some hymnals. But the line makes joyful sense when understood from the New Testament eyes through which Watts interprets the psalm. Stanza 4 celebrates Christ's rule over the nations.

Liturgical Use

Christmas Day, but also at any other time of year in relation to Psalm 98. Raised eyebrows at singing "Joy to the World!" in July will lower as soon as the relationship to Psalm 98 becomes clear.

--*Psalter Hymnal Handbook*

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Joy to the world, the Lord is come [nigh]. I. Watts. [Ps. xcvi.] First published in his *Psalms of David*, &c, 1719, in 4 stanzas of 4 lines, as the 2nd pt. of his version of Psalm 98. T. Cotterill gave, in the first edition of his *Selection*, 1810, a much altered version of text, which was repeated in the authorized edition of 1820 with the repetition of stanza i. as stanza v. This arrangement is known by st. ii., which reads, "Ye saints, rejoice, the Saviour reigns," &c. Bickersteth's arrangement in his *Christian Psalmody*, 1833, also in 5 stanzas; but the added stanza (iii.) is from Watts's version of the first part of the same Psalm. Both of these texts have been repeated in later collections. In addition there are also the following: (1) "The Lord is come; let heaven rejoice," in Hall's *Mitre Hymn Book*, 1836; and (2) "Joy to the world, the Lord is nigh," in the *Irvingite Hymns for the Use of the Churches*, 1864. In its various forms, but principally in the original, it is in use in most English-speaking countries. It has also been translated into several languages, including Latin, in E. Bingham's *Hymnologia Christiana Latina*, 1870, "Laetitia in mundo! Dominus nam venit Iesus!"

--John Julian, *Dictionary of Hymnology* (1907)