



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
 ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

***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.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray,
 Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:1-7

¹The LORD's word came to me: ²Human one, prophesy against Israel's shepherds. Prophesy and say to them, The LORD God proclaims to the shepherds: Doom to Israel's shepherds who tended themselves! Shouldn't shepherds tend the flock? ³You drink the milk, you wear the wool, and you slaughter the fat animals, but you don't tend the flock. ⁴You don't strengthen the weak, heal the sick, bind up the injured, bring back the strays, or seek out the lost; but instead you use force to rule

them with injustice. ⁵Without a shepherd, my flock was scattered; and when it was scattered, it became food for all the wild animals. ⁶My flock strayed on all the mountains and on every high hill throughout all the earth. My flock was scattered, and there was no one to look for them or find them. ⁷So now shepherds, hear the LORD's word!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 115:1-11, 18b

¹Not to us, LORD, not to us—
no, but to your own name give glory
because of your loyal love and
faithfulness!

²**Why do the nations say,
“Where’s their God now?”**

³Our God is in heaven—
he can do whatever he wants!

⁴**Their idols are just silver and gold—
things made by human hands.**

⁵They have mouths, but they can’t
speak.
They have eyes, but they can’t see.

⁶**They have ears, but they can’t hear.
They have noses, but they can’t
smell.**

⁷They have hands, but they can’t feel.
They have feet, but they can’t walk.
They can’t even make a noise in their
throats!

⁸**Let the people who made these
idols
and all who trust in them
become just like them!**

⁹But you, Israel, trust in the LORD!
God is their help and shield.

¹⁰**Trust in the LORD, house of Aaron!
God is their help and shield.**

¹¹You who honor the LORD, trust in
the LORD!
God is their help and shield.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Who will harm you if you are zealous
for good? ¹⁴But happy are you, even if
you suffer because of righteousness!
Don’t be terrified or upset by
them. ¹⁵Instead, regard Christ the Lord
as holy in your hearts. Whenever
anyone asks you to speak of your hope,
be ready to defend it. ¹⁶Yet do this with
respectful humility, maintaining a good
conscience. Act in this way so that those
who malign your good lifestyle in Christ
may be ashamed when they slander
you. ¹⁷It is better to suffer for doing good
(if this could possibly be God’s will) than
for doing evil.

¹⁸Christ himself suffered on account of
sins, once for all, the righteous one on
behalf of the unrighteous. He did this in
order to bring you into the presence of
God. Christ was put to death as a

human, but made alive by the
Spirit. ¹⁹And it was by the Spirit that he
went to preach to the spirits in
prison. ²⁰In the past, these spirits were
disobedient—when God patiently waited
during the time of Noah. Noah built an
ark in which a few (that is, eight) lives
were rescued through water. ²¹Baptism
is like that. It saves you now—not
because it removes dirt from your body
but because it is the mark of a good
conscience toward God. Your salvation
comes through the resurrection of Jesus
Christ, ²²who is at God’s right side. Now
that he has gone into heaven, he rules
over all angels, authorities, and powers.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

*HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 14th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. ¹⁷This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can’t receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.

¹⁸“I won’t leave you as orphans. I will come to you. ¹⁹Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me.

Because I live, you will live too. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

*APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith, using the words of the 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 into hell.**

**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

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Brief Silence for Reflection

God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. This week we pray for Don, Mary, Joseph, Melissa, Elizabeth, and Emily. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING & SETTING OF THE TABLE

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.

You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more.

Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,

that goodness and mercy may follow us

and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

*THE 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The notes are simple, mostly quarter and half notes with some slurs.

*PREFACE

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:

*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 -

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff has three measures: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff has three measures: 'heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -'. The melody is more rhythmic, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes.



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.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

On the night 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.

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.
As often as you drink of it,
do this for the remembrance of me.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As we longingly await Jesus' return, we 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.**

***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.

*INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN I

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

ELW #781



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

CLEANING THE TABLE

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

People of God, you are now in the Kingdom of God, and may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray,

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BENEDICTION

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

ELW #729



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

***DISMISSAL**

Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Changing lives through Christ with love and acts of service.

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