

## Welcome to Trinity!

Here at Trinity, we strive to follow our Lord Jesus in fully welcoming everyone into community. We seek to provide a place of true sanctuary in a world that too often offers judgment instead of grace and exclusion rather than embrace. As a Reconciling In Christ congregation, we rejoice to fully welcome LGBTQIA folks. We celebrate racial and ethnic diversity as a gift to the community. We seek to include those who are dealing with physical challenges and developmental disabilities. Beyond all this, we happily include people wherever they are on their faith journey, including seekers with deep doubts and questions, those who are new to the faith, and seasoned long-time believers.

In short, we believe that when Jesus commanded his followers to share the Gospel with ALL people – he meant it! Welcome!

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### ***Fifth Sunday of Easter***

***April 28, 2024***

***9:30 am***

### **Trinity Lutheran Church**

**ELCA**

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**Transforming lives by living the Gospel of Jesus Christ**



**Hearing Loop System in our Sanctuary....**The Hearing Loop System in our Sanctuary allows for direct broadcast of the worship service to your hearing aid. We have two direct reception headsets available for those who have non-T-coil equipped hearing aids or no hearing aid at all. Our ushers are happy to assist you. We hope this enhancement is a blessing to you.

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**Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day  
of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.*

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**Prelude**

**Word of Welcome**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**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, our wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C **Amen.**

P Look, here is water!

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

P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

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

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Look, here is water!

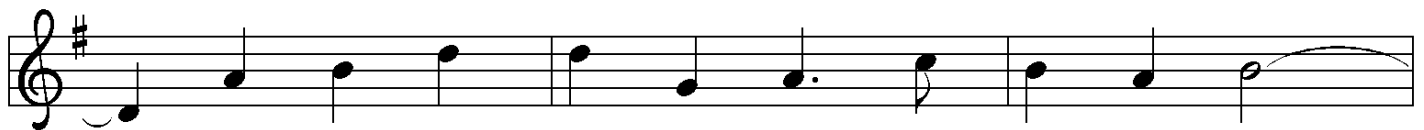
C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

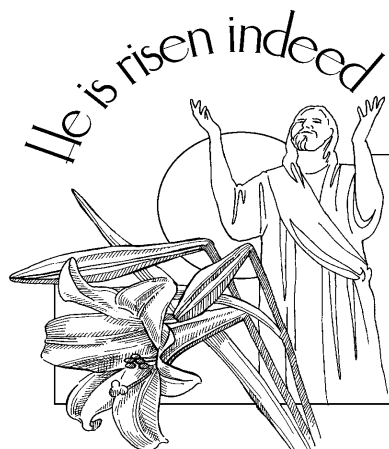


and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932  
Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924  
Text © John B. Geyer.



**Greeting:**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

**Kyrie:**

**Refrain**

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,




Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)


*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:*



Help, save and de - fend us, O

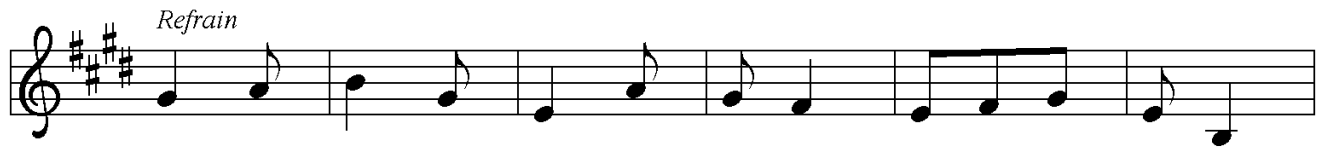
*Congregation:*



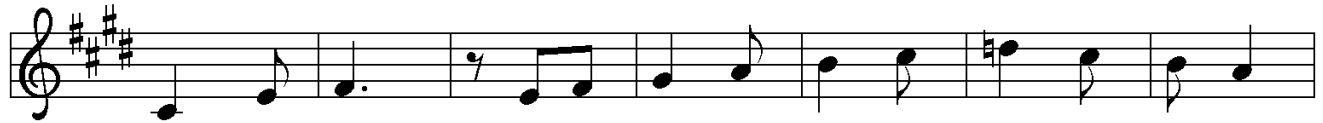
God. A - men.

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Canticle of Praise:



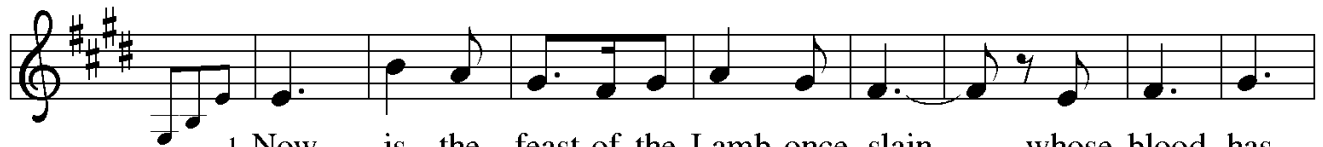
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

## Prayer of the Day:

**P** O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## Word

*God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.*

## Word for the Children



### First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.)<sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship<sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.<sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it."<sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"<sup>31</sup> He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.<sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth."<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"<sup>35</sup> Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.<sup>36</sup> As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?"<sup>38</sup> He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.<sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.<sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God!

*Brief silence for reflection on the Word.*

**Psalm: Psalm 22:25-31**

*The refrain is sung twice: first by the cantor, then by all.*

All the ends of the earth shall re -  
mem - ber and turn to the LORD.

*We chat the psalm responsively. All sing the refrain where "R" appears.*

mem - ber and turn to the LORD.

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied.**

**Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

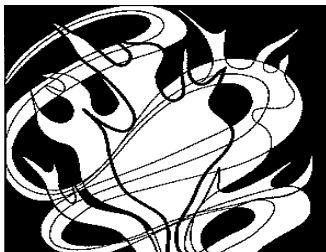
<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,  
who rules o- | ver the nations. R**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!" R



*Please stand as you are able.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*Congregation:*

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

**P** The holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter.

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

**Gospel: John 15:1-8**

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**



Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day: ELW, No. 447..... "O Blessed Spring"



Upper Voices 1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us  
Lower Voices 2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain  
Choir Alone 3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their  
All 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our  
All 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to  
faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing  
heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will  
last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take  
this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.  
rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.  
move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.  
wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.  
vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

**Apostles' Creed:**

**C 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,**  
**\*baptized by John the Baptist,**  
**filled with the Holy Spirit:**  
**to preach the kingdom of God to the poor, to heal the sick,**  
**to receive those who have been cast out, to revive Israel for the salvation of the nations,**  
**and to have mercy upon all people,**  
**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,**  
**he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* proposed addition by Jürgen Moltmann

**Prayers of Intercession:**

P Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

*After each petition:*

A God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C **Amen.**

**Peace**



*Please be seated.*

**Announcements**



*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering**

Raised to new life, filled with the Holy Spirit, and gifted richly by God, we respond with joy and thanksgiving for all that God has first given us.

If you are joining us virtually, you may share your offerings by mailing your checks to the church office or by using your bank’s bill-pay system. If you would rather, you can use our Vanco online giving option.

Here’s the link to the secure site: [bit.ly/TLCgives22](http://bit.ly/TLCgives22)

However it is that you share your offerings, we thank you for your faithful financial support of the ministry we share!



**Offertory:** “*Wade in the Water*” .....arr. Bruce Trinkley

Spirit Ensemble

*Wade in the water,  
wade in the water, children,  
wade in the water,  
God’s a gonna trouble the water.*

*See that band all dressed in white. God’s a gonna trouble the water.  
It looks like the band that Moses led. God’s a gonna trouble the water.*

*See that band all dressed in red. God’s a gonna trouble the water.  
The leader looks like an Israelite. God’s a gonna trouble the water.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

Setting the Table: ELW, No. 481 ..... "Come to the Table"



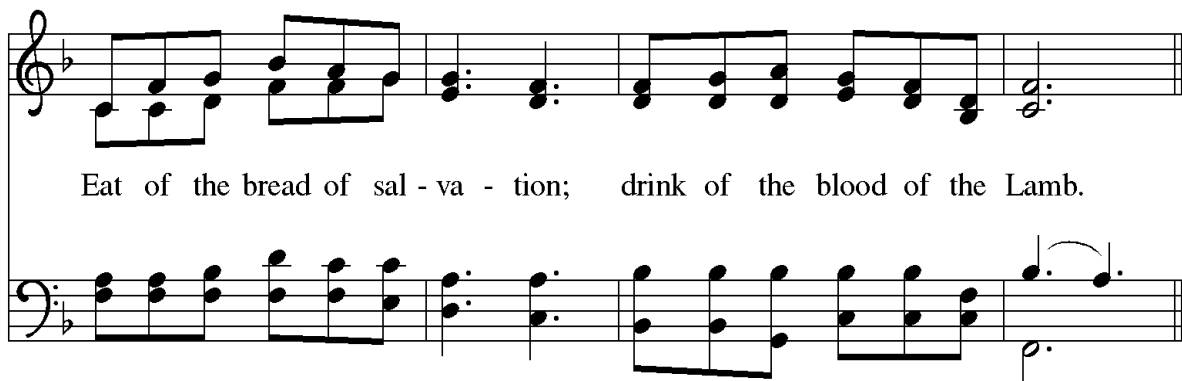
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.




Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

## Offering Prayer:

- A Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
- C Amen.


## Great Thanksgiving:

*Presider:* *Congregation:*




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

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

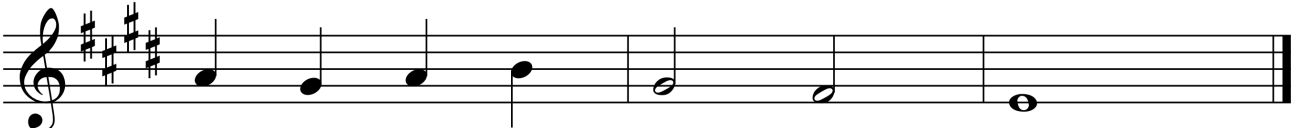


Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

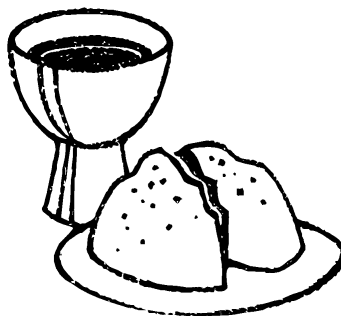
*Presider:* *Congregation:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

### Thanksgiving at the Table

#### The Lord's Prayer

Please pray the version that speaks to you.

*(Traditional version)*

**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.**

*(Ecumenical version)*

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

*Please be seated.*

### Communion Instruction

You are invited to come forward via the center aisle at the direction of the ushers.

Pastor will distribute the bread, and a deacon will distribute the wine in individual, recyclable plastic cups.

Communicants will take a cup from the tray and will dispose of it in the basket provided before returning to their seat via the side aisle.

**Gluten free wafers** are available. **Grape juice** is located in the inner circle of the tray.

*If you are unable to come to the altar and would like to receive communion, please tell an usher and communion will be brought to you.*

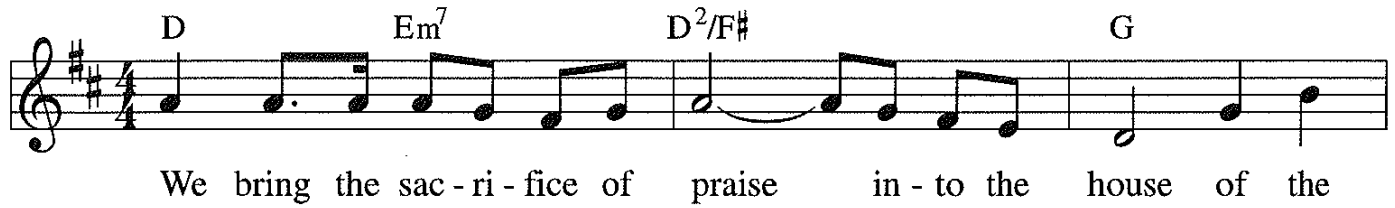
For those who prefer to remain in the pew, individual communion sets containing grape juice are available in the narthex as people enter.

### Lamb of God:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

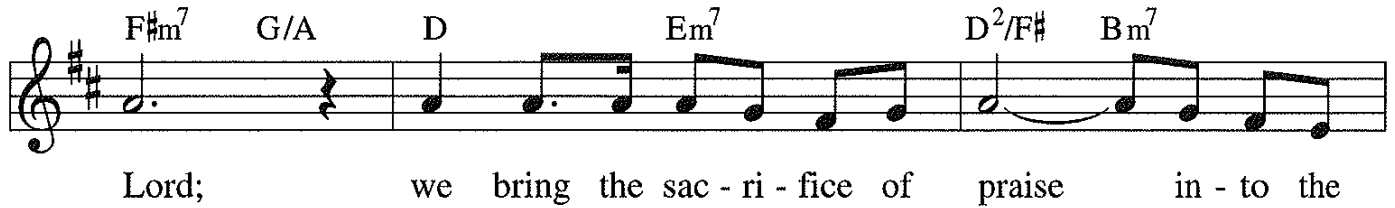
Music during Communion:

WP 150 ..... "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"



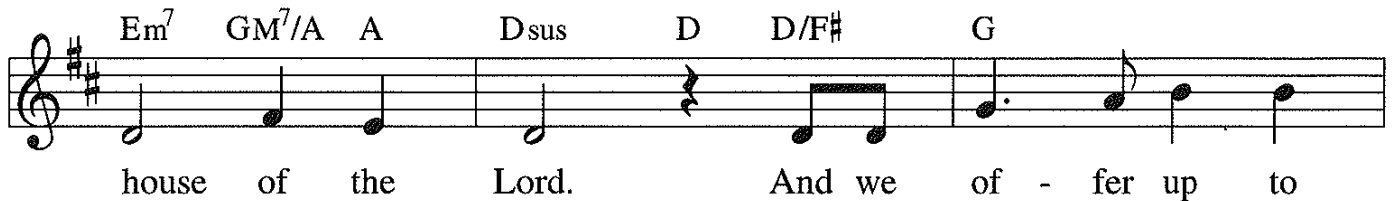
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We bring the sac-ri-fice of praise in-to the house of the



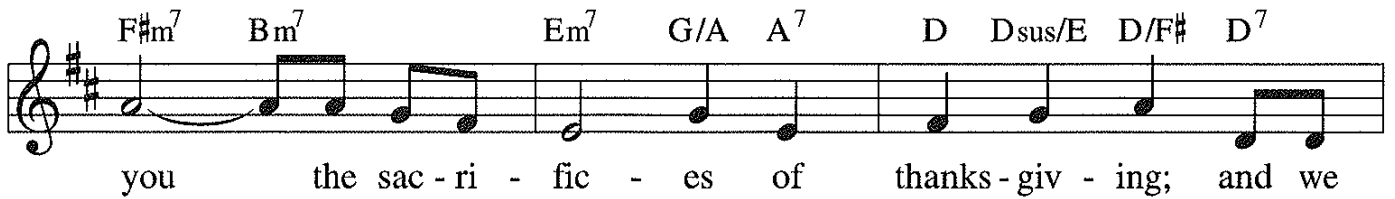
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Lord; we bring the sac-ri-fice of praise in-to the



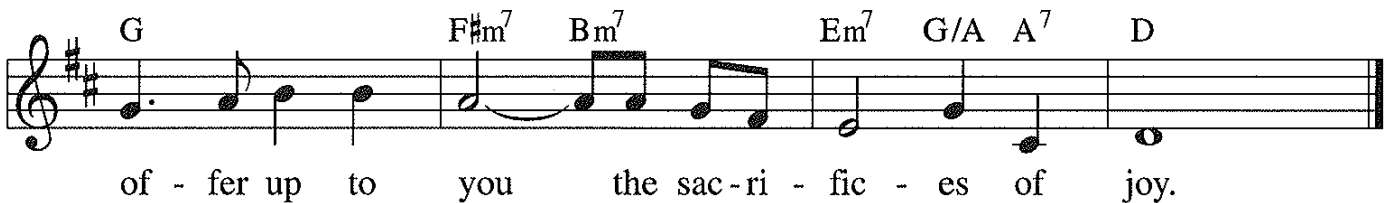
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house of the Lord. And we of-fer up to



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you the sac-ri-fic-es of thanks-giv-ing; and we



G F#m<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> G/A A<sup>7</sup> D

of-fer up to you the sac-ri-fic-es of joy.



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her  
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the  
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the  
 vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our  
 prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
 midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
 peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

**Prayer after Communion**

- A Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.  
 Send us forth from this Banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
 our redeemer and friend.
- C **Amen.**

**Sending**

*The triune God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Blessing:**

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,  
 and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.
- C **Amen.**





1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
 2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.  
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



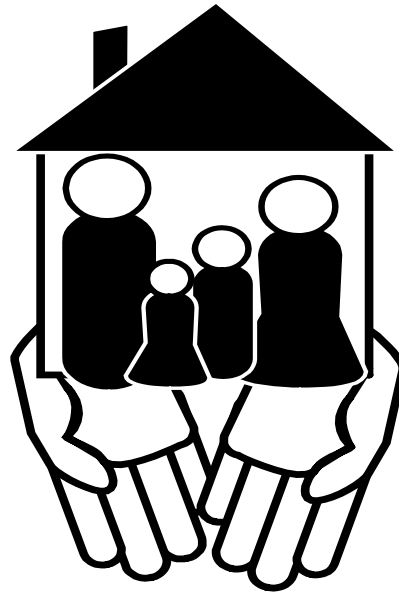
for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

**Dismissal:**

A Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude**



We Are  
**IN HIS HANDS**



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