

SAINT ANNE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Conway, South Carolina



The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day

10:00 AM

May 17, 2026

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ENTRANCE HYMN

Please stand as you are able.

Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise (Llanfair) (H 214)

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!
Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
 bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
 find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Priest Alleluia! Christ is risen!
 People *The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

During the Easter season, the people are sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of baptism.

SONG OF PRAISE

This is the Feast of Victory for our God

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-
 lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *To verses* lu - ia. *Last time*
 1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 D.C.
 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.

Text: Based on Revelation 5, © 1978, *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Tune: FESTIVAL CANTICLE, Irregular; Richard Hillert, 1923–2010, © 1975, 1988, Richard Hillert

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 47

The cantor will sing the refrain and the congregation repeats it. The cantor will sing the psalm verses, the people joining in the refrain where indicated.

Cantor God mounts his throne to shouts of joy a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

People *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

Cantor All you peoples, clap your hands, Shout to God with cries of gladness. For the Lord, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth.

People *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

Cantor God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; The Lord, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; Sing praise to our king, sing praise.

People *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

Cantor For king of all the earth is God; Sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne.

People *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN

Please stand as you are able.

Laudate Dominum (WLP 829)

Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, Lau - da - te Do - mi - num om - nes

gen - tes, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

1. 2. D.C.

Translation: Praise the Lord, all you peoples.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

⁴⁴[Jesus said to his disciples,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Kevin Holland Sparrow

Please be seated.

A moment of quiet reflection is held after the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord God who guides us and beckons us ever forward, hear now our prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Uphold and strengthen your church, reform what is amiss, bolster what is good, and keep us ever mindful of your charge to reflect your love for us into the world. We pray for *Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Ruth our Bishop, Kevin our priest, and Charlie our intern*. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *St. George's Episcopal Church, Summerville, The Rev. Michael Crandall, Rector*. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *The Anglican Church of Papua, New Guinea*.

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Grant wisdom and patience to those in authority in our lives, guide them to always put human life and wellness as their priority. We pray for *Donald, our President, Henry, our Governor, members of Congress, the Supreme Court and all those in public authority*.

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Give us courage to be engaged with, and working for, the welfare of our neighbors and the places we call home; help us to see more clearly how to be Christ to one another.

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Open our eyes to the challenges and opportunities in dealing with global issues; give us perseverance and urgency as we develop new and more sustainable ways of being.

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Be present to all who suffer and all who serve them; bring your healing powers to bear and let them know peace and wholeness. Especially we pray for *Lawrence and Larett, Ann, Jennifer, Nancy C., Karen, Jeffrey D., Jeff C., George W., Nancy J., Mattie, Drew and Mary Madison, Cindy Lee, Faye, Elizabeth, Shirley, Bill, John, Kayla, Phillip, Jill, Sandra, Angela, Jeri, Brandon, Cindy, Debbie, Kathleen, Chrystal, Don, Melissa-Ann, Maverick, George, Lew, Ann and Mike, Betty, Jeff, Josie, Joyce, Laura, Linda, Mike, Susan, Thom and Carol, and Trudy*.

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Welcome the dying, comfort the grieving, and let the hope of your promises be our consolation and inspiration. Especially we pray for *Jean Louise Murphy, Matthew Davis, and Bernadine Read Glenn.*

Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Priest Almighty God, whose Son has ascended to your right hand and prays for us still: draw our hearts to him, and make us one in his love, that we may be his faithful witnesses in the world; for he lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Priest The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says:

Christ has been lifted up and draws all things to himself. Let us offer our lives and our treasure to the work of his reconciling love.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

We are Witnesses

Words and Music by Amy Webb
St. Anne's Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY PRESENTATION

Please stand as you are able.

1. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

Chords: G, Em, D, G, Am, C, D, D, Em, C, Em, G, Am⁷, D⁷, G

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able

Priest The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy (Arnatt) (WLP 859)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**Optional choir part repeats first phrase here.*

***Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.


We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

S 150 The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (Hurd)

Priest As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray.

Unison or harmony

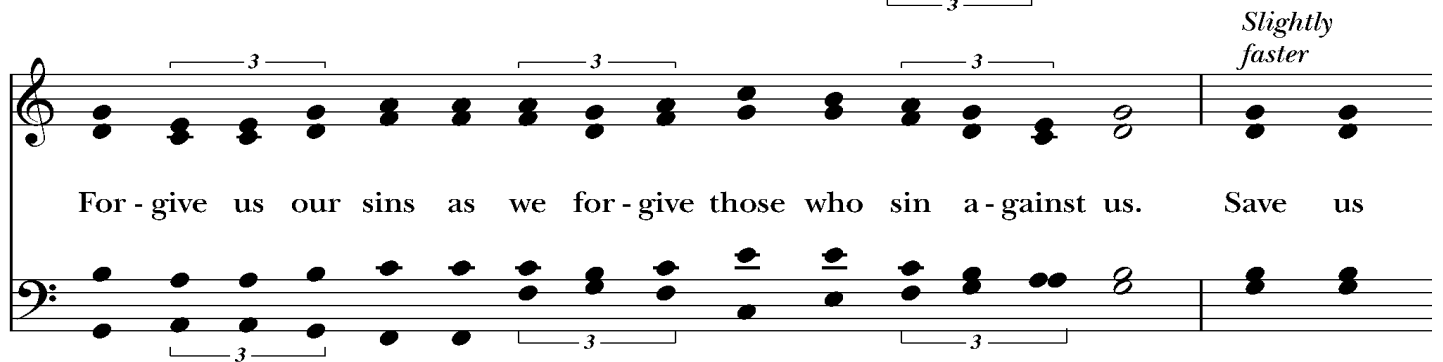


Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,

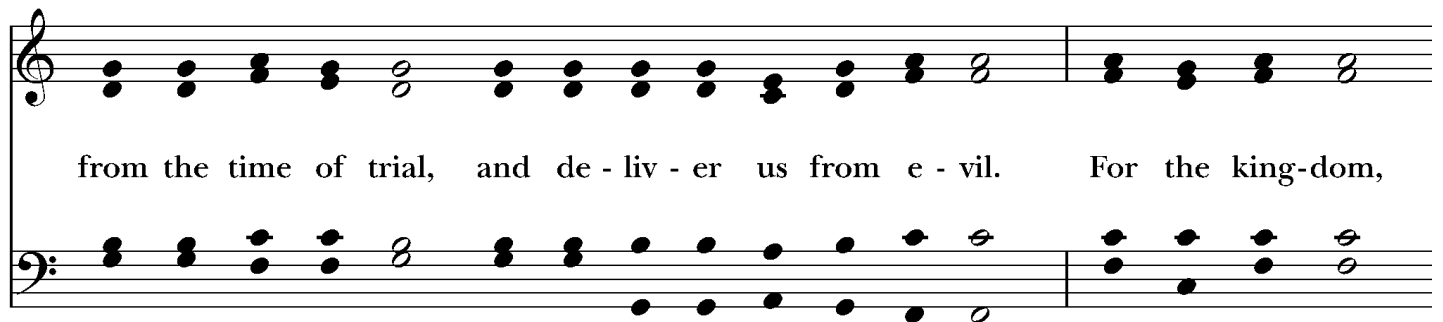


your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

Slightly faster



For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us



from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom,



the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept after the breaking of the bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Christ our Passover (Vaughan Williams) (Sine Nomine)

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -

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

INVITATION

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Behold what you are.

People May we become what we receive.

All baptized Christians, from any tradition or denomination, are warmly invited to share in Holy Communion at Saint Anne's.

The ushers will guide you when it is time to come forward. To receive the bread, simply hold out your hands. You may then either:

- Drink from the chalice by gently guiding it to your lips, or*
- Dip (intinct) the bread into the chalice yourself.*

Please know that receiving only the bread or only the wine is a full participation in Communion. Gluten-free hosts are available—just let the minister know.

If you would prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will be honored to offer a blessing.

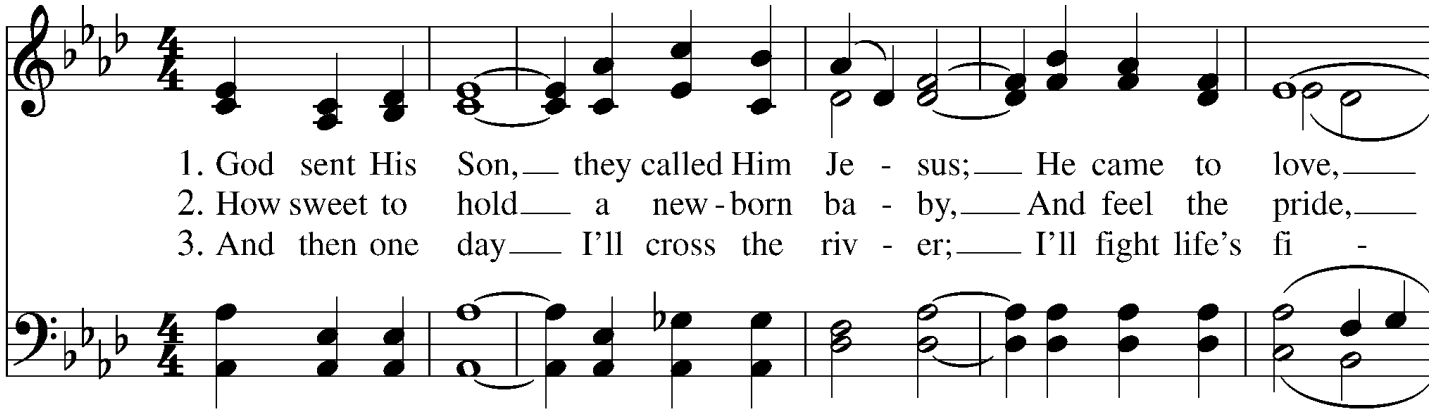
If you are interested in learning more about Baptism, Fr. Kevin would be delighted to talk with you.

Wherever you are on your journey with God—or toward God—you have a place here, and you are most welcome.

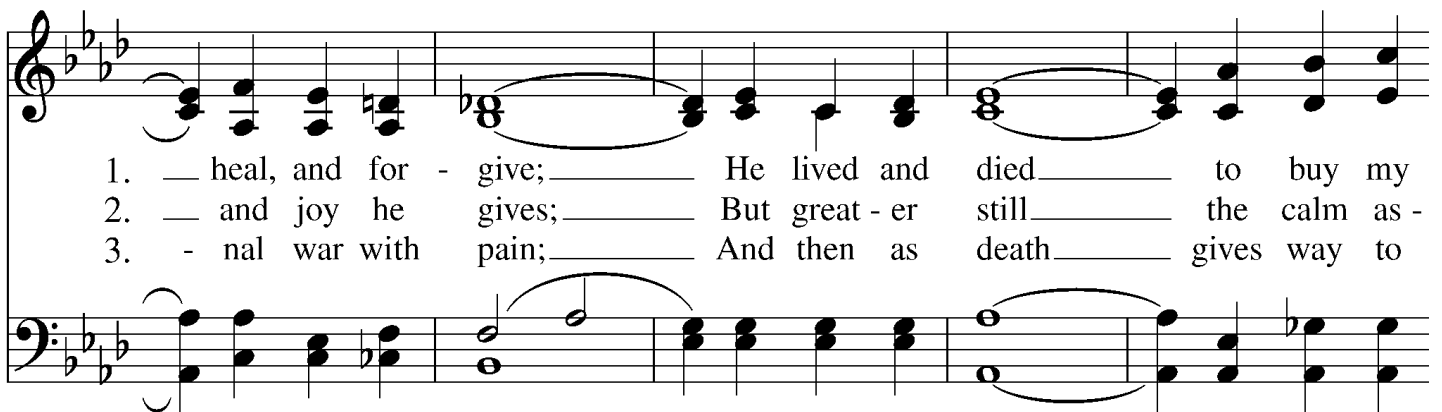
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COMMUNION HYMN

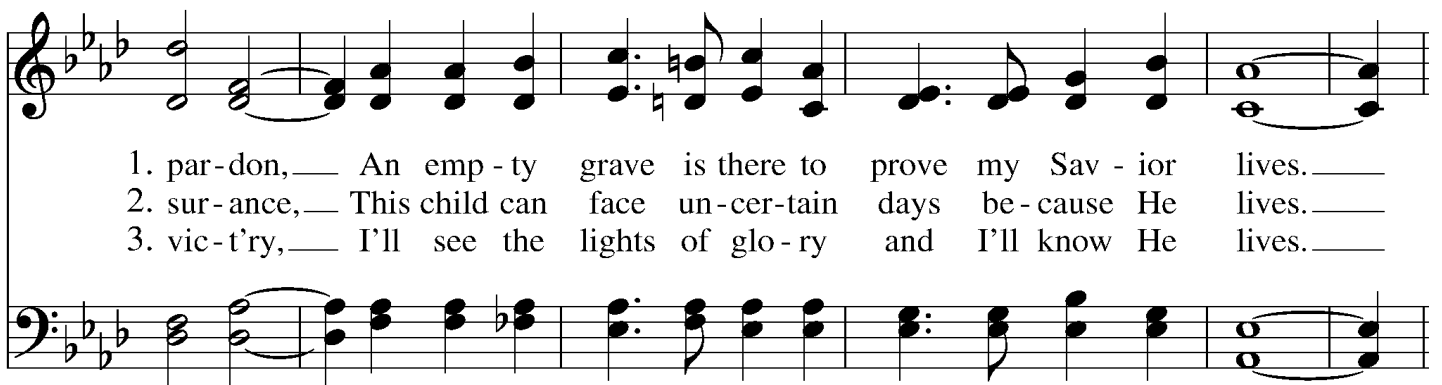
Because He Lives (LEVAS 43)



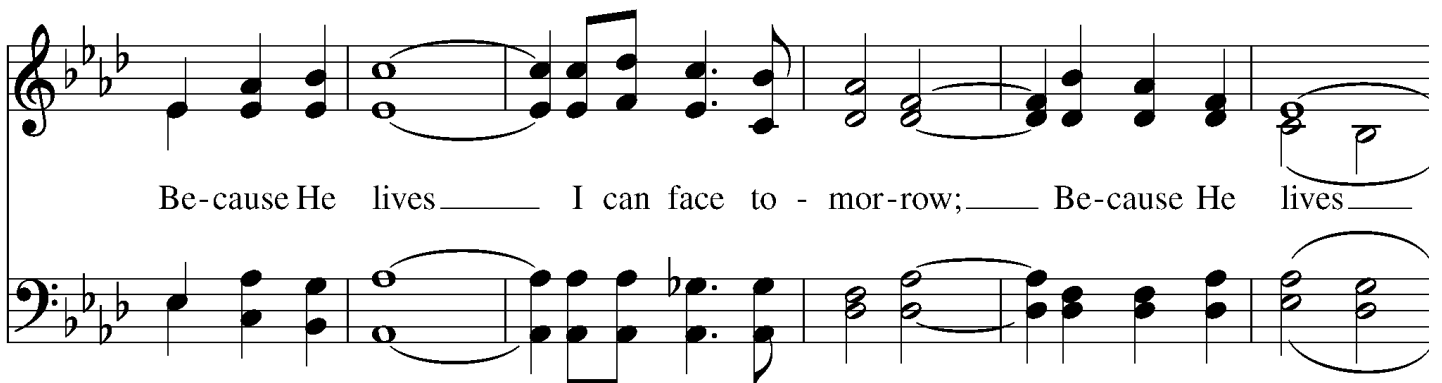
1. God sent His Son, — they called Him Je - sus; — He came to love, —
2. How sweet to hold — a new-born ba - by, — And feel the pride, —
3. And then one day — I'll cross the riv - er; — I'll fight life's fi -



1. — heal, and for - give; — He lived and died — to buy my
2. — and joy he gives; — But great - er still — the calm as -
3. - nal war with pain; — And then as death — gives way to



1. par-don, — An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives. —
2. sur-ance, — This child can face un-cer-tain days be-cause He lives. —
3. vic-t'ry, — I'll see the lights of glo-ry and I'll know He lives. —



Be-cause He lives — I can face to - mor-row; — Be-cause He lives —

— all fear is gone; ———— Be - cause I know ———— He holds the

fu - ture, ———— And life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives. ————

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Priest Cathy, in the name of Saint Anne's, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to Mike and Ann, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body.

People *Because we all share in one bread, one cup.*

ASCENSION BLESSING

God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Jesus the Christ, the Son of God. *Amen.*

God the Son, our great high priest, who has passed into the heavens, clothe you with power from on high. *Amen.*

God the Holy Spirit, who pours out abundant gifts upon the Church, make you faithful followers of the risen Christ. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Alleluia! Sing To Jesus (Hyfrydol) (H 460)

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 *2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
 *5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
 5 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

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May Sanctuary Candles in Memory of Meg Semrau by Amy Peterson and Jan Schneider