



**May-June 2024**  
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*We're glad you're here and hope you will come again!*

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## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Have mercy, O God, **against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you.  
As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you.  
As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

### GATHERING SONG

May 5	#385	Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!
May 12	#641	All Are Welcome
May 19	#804	Come Down, O Love Divine
May 26	#408	Come, Thou Almighty King
June 2	#526	God Is Here
June 9	#705	God of Grace and God of Glory
June 16	#532	Gather Us In
June 23	#763	My Life Flows On in Endless Song
June 30	#712	Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

### 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

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

### WORD

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

### READINGS:

*The reading may be announced:* A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

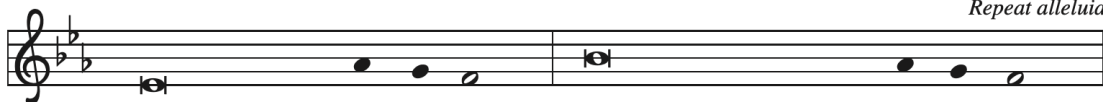
*The reading may be concluded:* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel, using this acclamation.*



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



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

### GOSPEL:

*The gospel is announced.* The holy gospel according to... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel concludes:* The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

*The assembly is seated.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

May 5	#358	Great God, Your Love Has Called Us
May 12	#322	Oh, Love, How Deep
May 19	#401	Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading
May 26	#412	Come, Join the Dance of Trinity
June 2	#610	O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come
June 9	#764	Have No Fear, Little Flock
June 16	#670	Build Us Up, Lord
June 23	#773	Precious Lord, Take My Hand
June 30	#733	Great Is Thy Faithfulness

## **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 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The assisting minister leads prayers for the Church, World & All People.*

## **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,  
"Peace be with you," or similar words. The assembly is seated.*

## **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. Assembly song or other music may accompany or follow the gathering of the offering.*

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



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



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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

All creation sings your praise. Sun, moon, and stars reflect your glory.

Mountains, lakes, and forests declare your wonders.

With Sarah and Abraham we go out in faith, trusting your promise.  
With Miriam and Moses we celebrate our deliverance from bondage.  
With Naomi and Ruth we bind ourselves together in covenant love.  
With Jonathan and David we delight in the gift of deep and abiding friendship.  
With Mary and Elizabeth we welcome your presence in the birth of Jesus,  
the Holy One.  
With Lazarus, Martha, and Mary we give thanks for the blessings of family.  
With disciples and followers we marvel at the reign of God come near.  
With saints through the ages we ponder the mystery of Christ's dying and rising.

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 hearts full of memories and hopes, we break this bread and share this cup, remembering the death and resurrection of Christ, and his promise to be with us always as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

O Divine Lover, you are the breath within us. You are our heart's desire. You are our priceless treasure. You are the garden of paradise.

Come down, O Love divine. Come among us, O passionate Fire. Come within us, O Spirit of unity. Come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty. Bless our table and the feast we share. Bless us with gladness of heart. Come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

At this table make us your body. Form us to be people of justice and peace. Fill us with gratitude and generosity that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed. Come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Praise to you, Author of creation. Praise to you, O Beloved One. Praise to you, O Giver of all good things. Praise to you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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,**

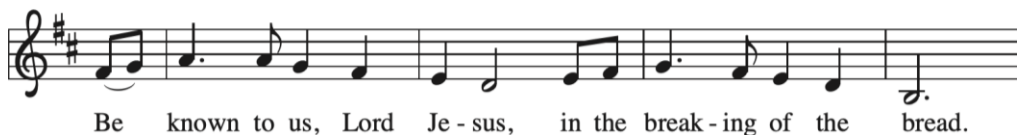
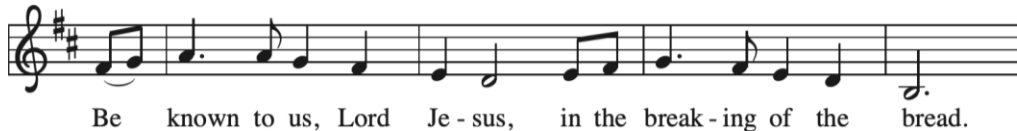
**now and forever. Amen.**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## COMMUNION

*We receive communion by intinction, dipping the wafer into the cup. When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you." "The blood of Christ, shed for you." and each person may respond Amen.*

## COMMUNION SONGS



May 5	#595	Jesus Loves Me!
May 12	#494	For the Bread Which You Have Broken
May 19	#396	Spirit of Gentleness
May 26	#496	One Bread, One Body
June 2	#574	Here I am, Lord
June 9	#612	Healer of Our Every Ill
June 16	#679	For the Fruit of All Creation
June 23	#767	Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me
June 30	#785	When Peace like a River

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### SENDING

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

### BLESSING

God, the Source of glory, God, the Word of life, God, the Spirit of truth ✠ bless you all, now and forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

May 5	#881	Let All Things Now Living
May 12	#826	Thine The Amen
May 19	#400	God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind
May 26	#413	Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
June 2	#208	Praise to You, O God of Mercy
June 9	#860	I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me
June 16	#547	Sent Forth by God's Blessing
June 23	#860	I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me
June 30	#886	Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**