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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal. Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal. Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**. + Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

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

Prelude

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee" arr. by Philip Keveren

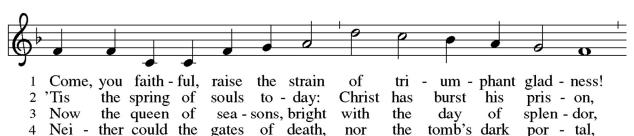
+ Easter Acclamation

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

+ Gathering Hymn

ELW#363 (see next page)

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to from sad - ness, joy death and from three days' sleep in ris - en. as a sun has with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der; you the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold as a mor - tal: who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



Pha-raoh's bit - ter loosed from Ja - cob's sons and daugh-ters; yoke win - ter of and dark, fly - ing All the our sins, long is glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion comes to - day, a - mong your own, ap - pear, be - stow - ing you le - lu - ia! with the the Son God Fa ther prais - ing;



them with Red Sea wa - ters. led un-moist-ened foot through the laud from the Light praise un - dy - ing. to whom we give and un - wea - ried strain res - ur - rec - tion! wel-comes in Je sus' your deep peace, which ev - er - more hu - man know - ing. pass - es Al - le - lu - ia! yet Spir - it rais - ing. a - gain to the

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490-1547

+ Greeting ELW p.193

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**.

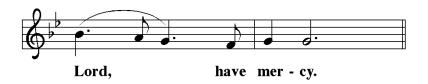


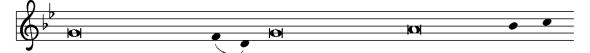




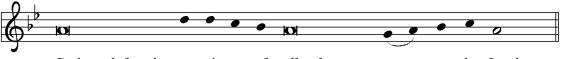


For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





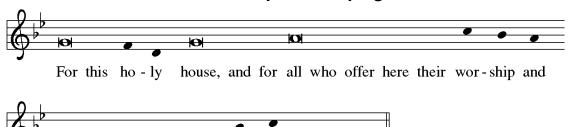
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



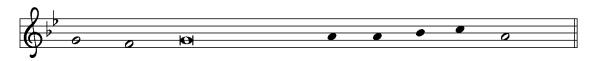
God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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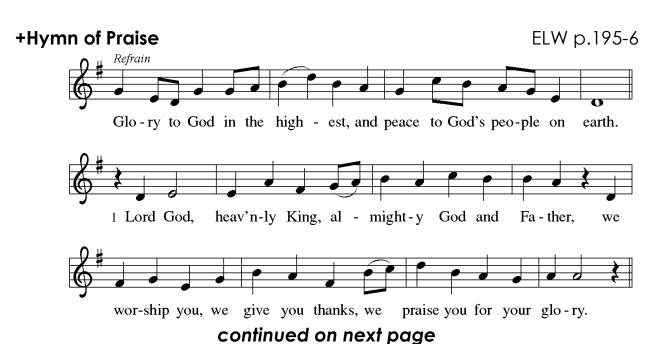
gra - cious Lord.

comfort, and de - fend



Help,

save,



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+ Prayer of the Day

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O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, 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 Acts 5:27-32

A reading from Acts.

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Psalm 118: 14-29 ELW #118

Let us recite together Psalm 118, verses 14 through 29, as translated in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal.

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,

and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the Lor is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

171 shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,

but did not hand me over to death.

19Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;

here the righteous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has this been done;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

25Hosanna! O LORD, save us!

We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;

we bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God and has given us light.

Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will thank you;

you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

A reading from Revelation.

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God



+ Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Phyllis Milton



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+ Nicene Creed ELW p.104

With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the 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.

* universal

+ Prayers of Intercession

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy One who acts righteously, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renew your people's commitment to use resources responsibly and to live well with your creation. Invite us to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit channel their attention toward serving those who are most in need. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Uphold your children who cry out to you, especially for those listed on our prayer list and those we name now aloud or silently (pause for names). Wherever people are overcome by the fear of death, breathe into them your life and peace. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give us the words of your saints who, like Thomas, boldly confessed your Son as Lord and God. With Jesus our leader, empower us to live according to his ways. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

+ Peace

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able! Electronic donations can be made at

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+ Offering Prayer

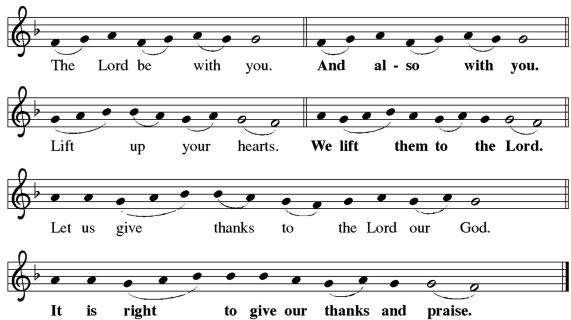
Please stand as you are able. Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

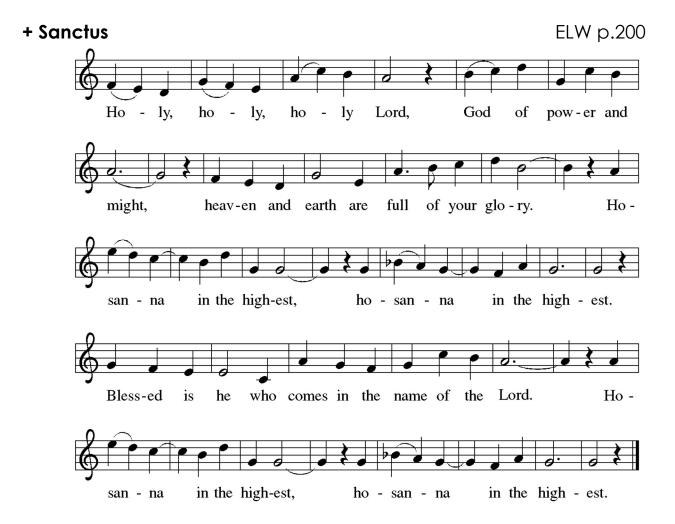
Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ Great Thanksgiving

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+ Proper Preface



+ Thanksgiving at the Table

+ Lord's Prayer

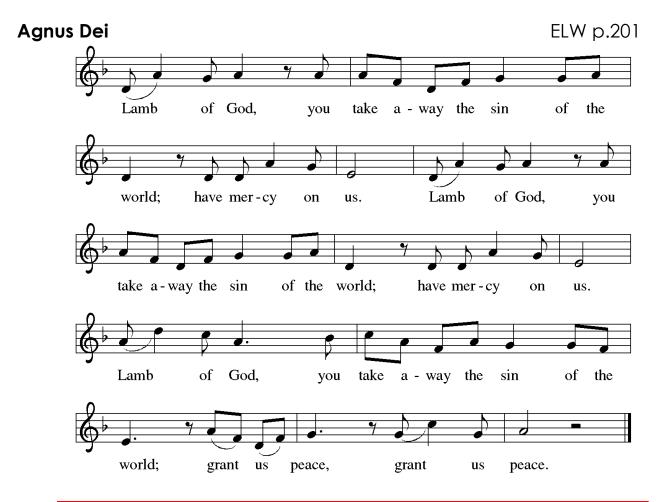
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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

+ Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.



Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.



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+ Blessing After Communion

+ Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

+ Sending +

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

+ Benediction

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Announcements

+ Sending Hymn

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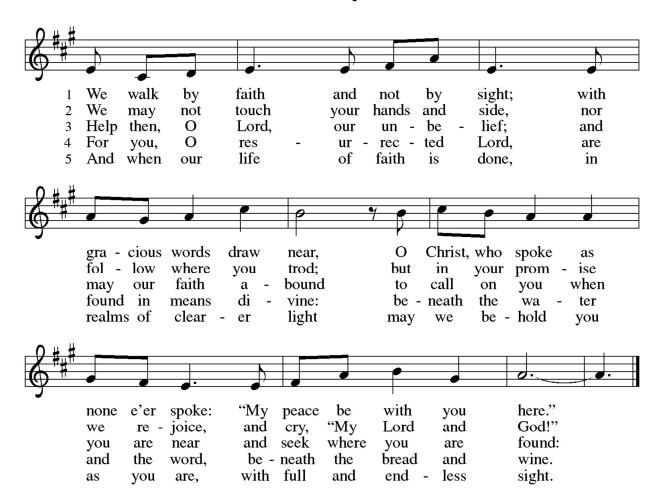
+ Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** Go in peace. Share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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