

# TRINITY BUCKINGHAM CHURCH

*Sharing God's love and serving God's people  
with Christ in our hearts and God's work through our hands*



*John 13:34*

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I  
have loved you, that ye also love one another.

## The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

10:00 am

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## *Welcome to Trinity Church!*

*Welcome to this gathering place, friend and stranger, saint and sinner. Come, with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning; all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness. May our generous God and our compassionate Savior and the life-giving Spirit bless you this day.*

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are new to worship in the Episcopal Church, we hope that you will simply enjoy the movement of the service and focus on the message of the Gospel, and not worry too much about what to do or what not to do. In general, we stand to sing, sit to listen and stand or kneel to pray, but please be comfortable. Some people will cross themselves, bow or kneel at different times—this reflects a personal preference and you are encouraged to follow your own.

If you are seeking a church just for today, thank you for celebrating with us and may God be with you as you travel. If you are searching for a new church home and family, know that you are welcome. We wish to greet you today or on your next visit in whatever manner will suit you best. Please leave a visitor's card with the usher/greeter.

Please help us care for one another by taking your bulletin and any trash with you when you go.

Children are always very welcome at worship services. Please pick up a "Sunday Paper" from the ushers and some crayons. Puzzles and quiet toys are available in a basket in the rear of the church. The nursery is not staffed, but you are welcome to visit it with your child. The audio from the sanctuary is transmitted to the nursery.

Sunday School takes place during the first part of the 10 am service from September to early June.

### *Leading Worship Today*

**Celebrant & Preacher:** The Rev. Mary McCullough

**Lay Associate for Liturgy and Spirituality & Accompanist:** Martha Dudich

**Greeter/Usher:** Steve Guidry

**Chalice:** Marjorie Guidry

**Lay Reader:** Jeff Kroberger

**Intercessor & Psalmist:** Bob Kinney

**Altar Guild:** Meg Perry & Joanne Welker

**Acolyte:** Sue Capanear

**Open/Close:** Downs/Kinney

**A/V:** Jill Unger

# THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude** Now the Green Blade Riseth

**Trinity Hand Bells**

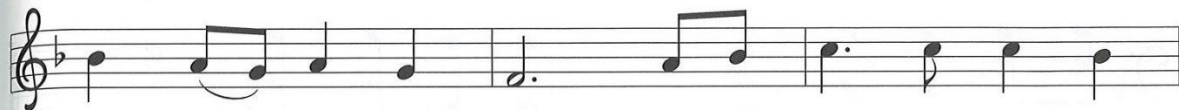
**Opening Hymn:** All Are Welcome ~*Marty Haugen*



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
claim the faith of Je - sus:  
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
end to fear and dan - ger:  
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## Salutation

*One:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*Many:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## Collect for Purity

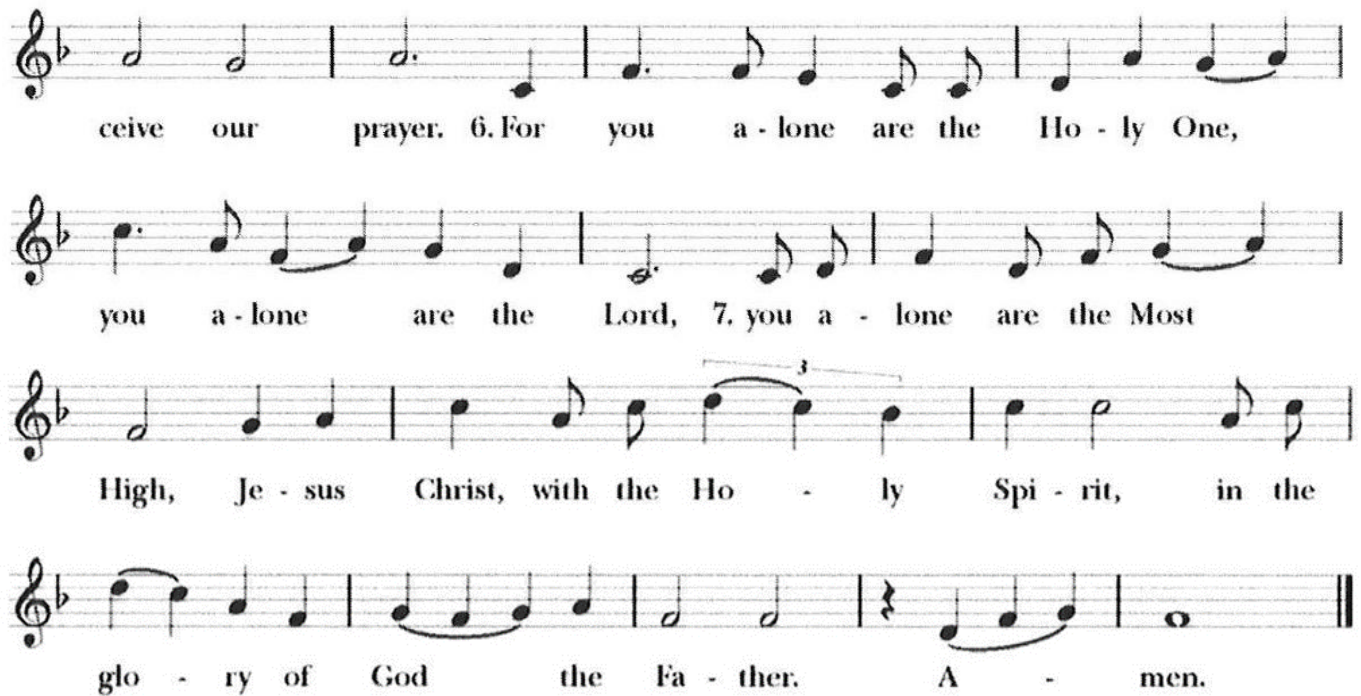
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Gloria



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -





## Collect

*One:* The Lord be with you.

*Many:* **And also with you.**

*One:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Blessing and Sending of the Children

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**





*Please be seated for the Lessons*

*The reading from Acts gives us some insight into an argument concerning membership in the earliest Christian community. Peter recounts a dream experience in which the Risen Christ showed him that Gentiles, could be members of the church without converting to Judaism. The gift of the Holy Spirit to Gentiles validates a church in which there is no distinction between Jew and Gentile.*

## **First Lesson**

**Acts 11:1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder

God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 148**

1. Alleluia! Praise God from the heavens; \*  
sing praise in the heights.
2. Sing praise, all you angels; \*  
sing praise, all the heavenly host.
3. Sing praise, sun and moon; \*  
sing praise, all you shining stars.
4. Sing praise, heaven of heavens \*  
and you waters above the heavens.
5. Let them praise the Name of God, \*  
by whose command they were created.
6. God made them stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
and gave them a law which shall not pass away.
7. Sing praise from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
8. Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
9. Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;
10. Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;
11. Rulers of the earth and all peoples, \*  
judges and all leaders of the world;
12. Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.
13. Let them praise your Name, O God, \*  
for your Name only is exalted;  
your splendor is over earth and heaven.
14. You have raised up strength for your people  
and praise for all your loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near you. Alleluia!

*This morning's passage from Revelation describes the consummation of God's reign as a perfect city in which God and humankind reside together. God, who created at the beginning, now creates at the end. God's promises are always realized both now and in the future, so in some ways we are already in the new Jerusalem, married to God, and living without sorrow or death.*

## Second Lesson

## Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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## Gospel Alleluia:





*After washing the disciples' feet and predicting his betrayal and arrest, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. That Christ, the Son of God, submitted to death reveals the loving, sacrificing nature of God. The loving, sacrificing community of the church also manifests God's glory in the world.*

## **Gospel Lesson**

**John 13: 31-35**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Homily**

the Rev. Mary McCullough

## **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,  
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.

## Prayers of the People for Eastertide

Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death, and Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change to your church, O God, that we might serve you with courage and grace. Awake, O Church, rise from death, **and Christ will give you life!**

Bring newness and change to your world, O God, that all might know the goodness of your love. Awake, O World, rise from death, **and Christ will give you life!**

Bring newness and change to our nation, O God, that each person might honor and serve the other. Awake, O People, rise from death, **and Christ will give you life!**

Bring newness and change for the suffering, O God, that they might know your saving help. We pray silently or aloud for....

Awake, O Sorrowful, rise from death, **and Christ will give you life!**

Bring newness and change to even the departed, O God, that they might forever grow in your likeness. We pray, silently or aloud, for those who have died...

Awake, O Saints, rise from death, **and Christ will give you life!**

Bring newness and change to our hearts, O God, that we might grow larger in faith and hope. Awake, O Soul, rise from death, **and Christ will give you life!**

Awake, O sleeper rise from death, for Christ has burst forth from the tomb, making all things new. Rise and live says the Lord. This day God has made for life and all joy! Amen, Alleluia! **Alleluia, amen!**

## Peace

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

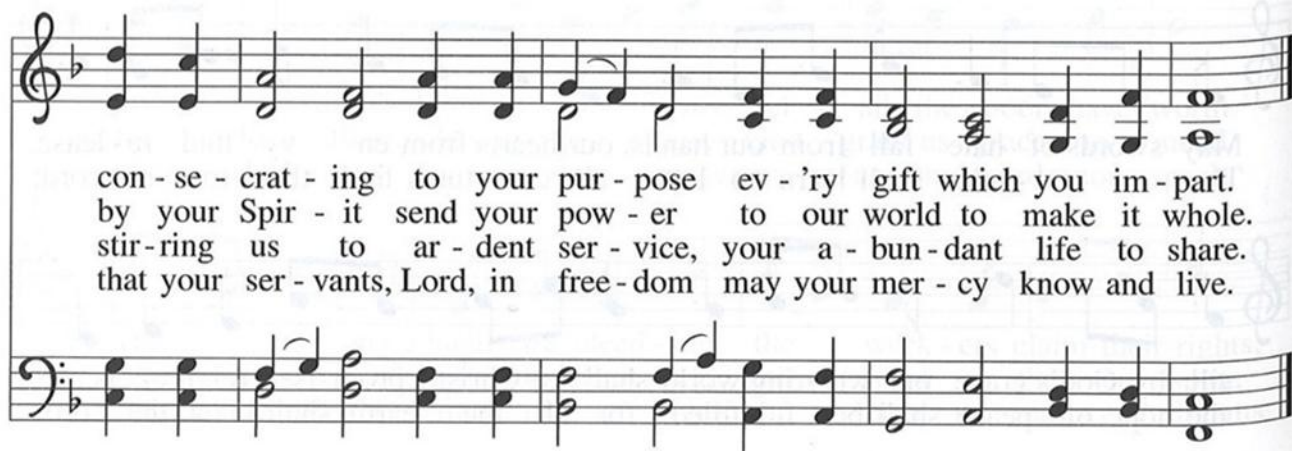
## The Offering of our Common Lives

**Offertory Hymn:** Lord Whose Love in Humble Service ~*Albert F. Bayly*

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,  
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light  
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;

we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



*At God's table, there is food for all who are hungry. If you are seeking God and a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not baptized, and would like to learn more about what this could mean for you please speak to our rector, Nancy. Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available, please ask the server if you desire either. You may sip from the chalice, or dip your bread using careful hands. If you prefer to receive only the bread, simply bypass the chalice and return to your seat. If you prefer not to receive bread or wine at this time, place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing, or remain seated and honor Communion in your heart.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### A Prayer for Unity

**Loving God, beyond limits of time and space, you come to us unbidden, and you sustain us in body and in spirit. We are grateful to receive you, as we are and where we are, whether we receive you in physical or spiritual bread. May this Holy Communion nourish our faith, open our eyes to your goodness, open our hearts to those in need, and strengthen us to do your will in the week ahead. Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer A

*One:* The Lord be with you.

*Many:* **And also with you.**

*One:* Lift up your hearts.

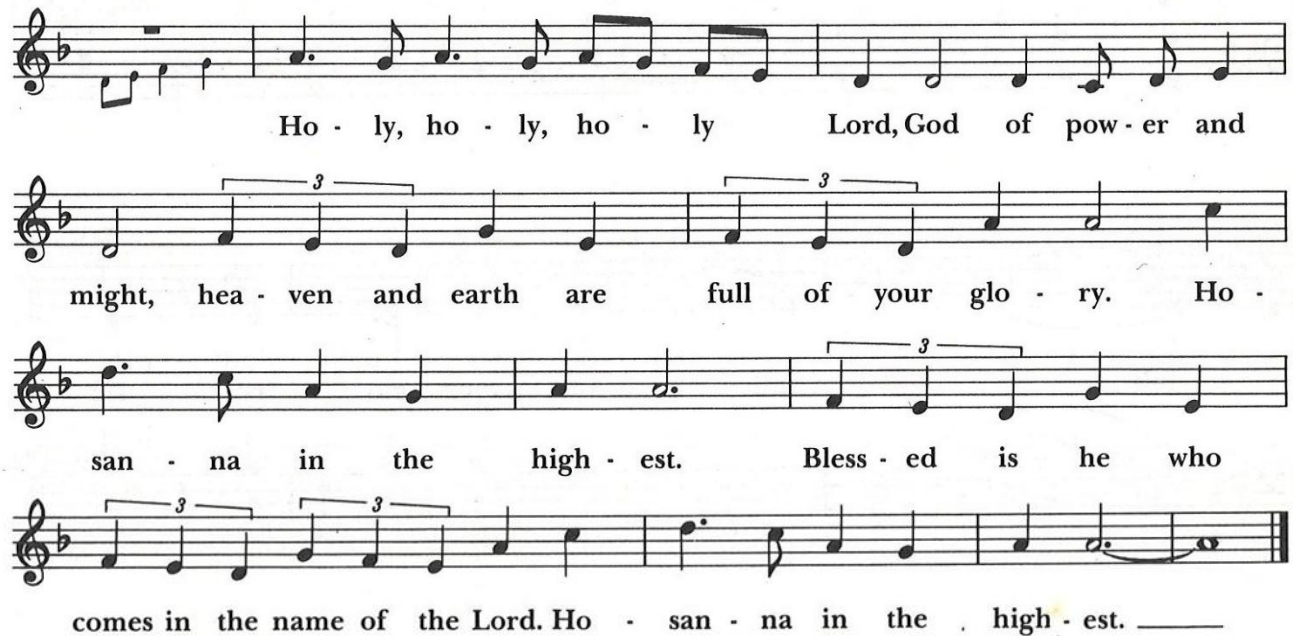
*Many:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*One:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Many:* **It is right to give God 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; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of you Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:



Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,



which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**



## The Communion of the People

### Prayer following Communion

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

### Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The flowers on the altar this morning are given in loving memory of  
Henry F. Welker by John, Joanne, Natalie and Lynn Welker.



## Sending Hymn: Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and  
2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to  
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to

1. voic - es raise; Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness,  
2. life is born, Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal,  
3. God on high; Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior,

1. Sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the  
2. On this res - ur - rec - tion morn; Christ has tri - umphed,  
3. Who has won the vic - to - ry; Al - le - lu - ia

1. cross as Sav - ior For the world's sal - va - tion bled, Je - sus  
2. and we con - quer By his might - y en - ter - prise, We with  
3. to the Spir - it, Font of love and sanc - ti - ty; Al - le -

1. Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.  
2. him to life e - ter - nal By his res - ur - rec - tion rise.  
3. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

Text: 87 87 D; Christopher Wordsworth, 1872, alt.  
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827; adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867.

## Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!  
Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**