

**Fifth Sunday in Easter**  
**May 2, 2021**

**In our worship today the Anthem, Hymns and most of the liturgical responses were recorded in advance.**

*This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.*

**\*Congregation reads bold print**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE    Jesus' Name Above All Names**  
                    Jill Nelles-Voss, piano

Mark Hayes

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity , ✝ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

**God of grace and glory, you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus's resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen**

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts our hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and ✝ frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

**Amen.**

GATHERING SONG    **Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!**    ELW 383



1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho-san-na! Cel-e-brate this day of days!  
2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir-its from the cav-erns of de-spair.  
3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev-er-more shall be the same.



Christ is ris-en! Hush in won-der: all cre-a-tion is a-mazed.  
Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.  
Break the bread of new cre-a-tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des-ert all-sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.  
Drink the wine of res-ur-rec-tion, not a ser-vant, but a friend.  
Tell its grim, de-mon-ic chor-us: "Christ is ris-en! Get you gone!"



Heal-ing leaves of grace a-bound-ing bring a taste of love un-known.  
Je-sus is our strong com-pan-ion. Joy and peace shall nev-er end.  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho-san-na, ev-'ry-one!

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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

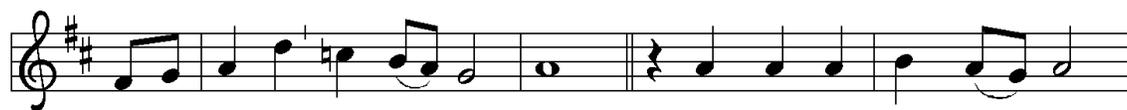
**And also with you.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

# This is the Feast



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and



strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray

**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.  
Amen.**

## READING

**I John 4:7-21**

A reading from I John the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



The holy Gospel according to John, the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: <sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Michael Johnson**

**\* APOSTLES 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**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your Never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**MUSIC OFFERING St. Anthony's Chorale (Theme by Joseph Haydn)**

**Katrina Becker, violin; Renee Rechlin, cello Op. 56 Johannes Brahms**

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all  
 crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye  
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.  
 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray

**God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

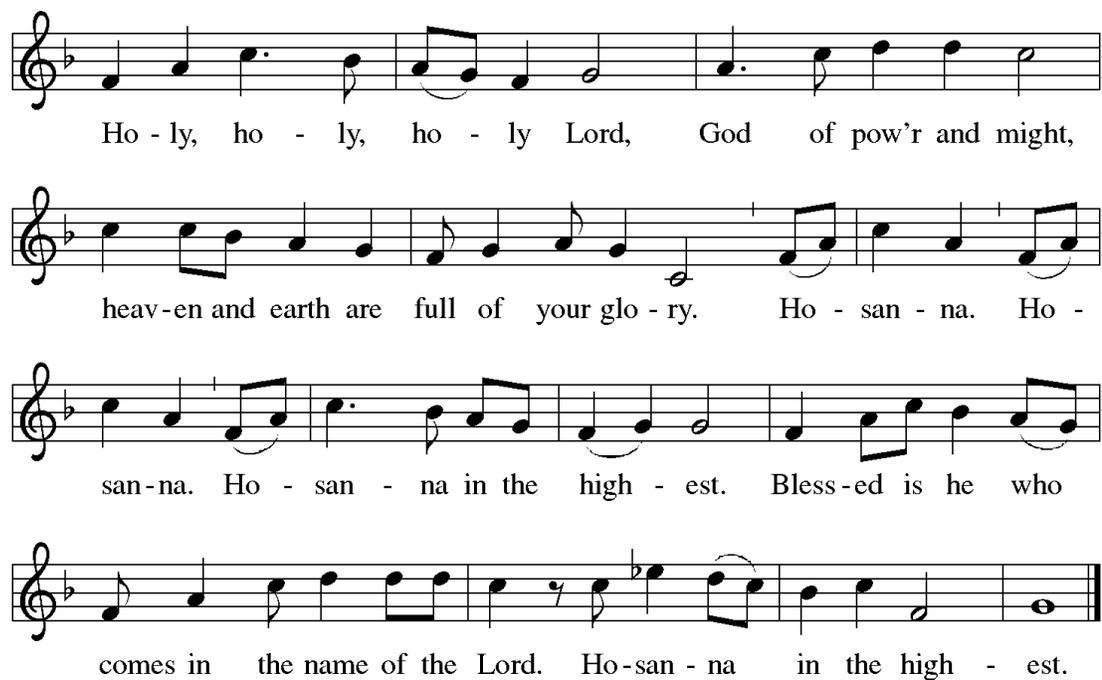
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**CANTOR**

**CONGREGATION**

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

## \* EUCHARISTIC SANCTUS



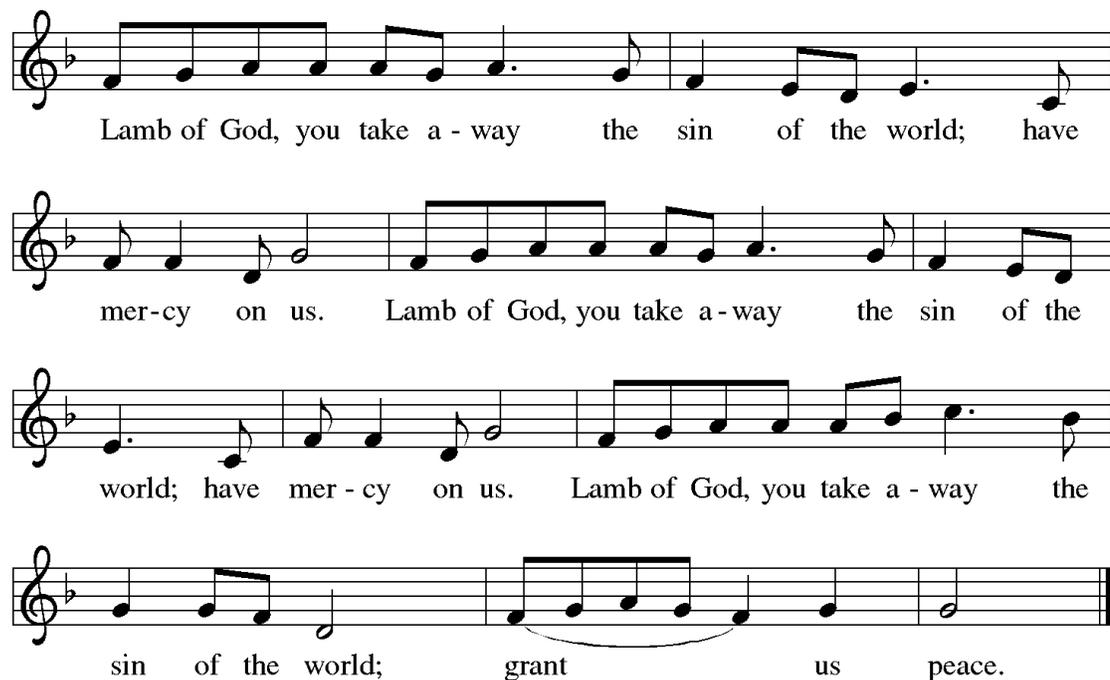
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

## LAMB OF GOD



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

**\* BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

Let us pray.

**Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all the people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\* BLESSING**

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.  
The God of life, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

# SENDING SONG Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW 389

Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to  
emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and  
prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace, Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia**

POSTLUDE **Easter Morning on Mt. Rubidoux**  
Lincoln Wright, organ

Harvey B Gaul

### Health Issues

Rod Skillman  
Eric Rasmussen Hamm's friend  
Catherine Polacek-Smith Martello's grand child  
Kate McMillen Jen Smith's daughter  
Charles Dan Nelson's friend  
Ken Williams Pete Carpenter's friend  
Jim Kossel Susan Hamm's cousin  
Kathryn Topping Linda Truitt's friend  
Stu Broeren Dan & Diane Nelson's friend  
Michele & Ryan Guss Saunders friend  
Kim & Marshall Meyers Lauren Eynon's friend  
Katie Burns Granddaughter  
George Joan McGinnis' cousin  
Jaren David Corral Kennedy's friend's bro  
Tony Pino Joanne's brother  
Patsy Judy Keithley's sister  
Mark Schwartz Cindy's friend  
Stacey Truman Nelson's friend  
Terry Mary Sue's cousin  
Tom Ashley Maffuccio's father  
Marissa Segura Heather Burgett's friend  
Robert Katrina Becker's father  
Larry Lebaroff Pastor Mike's friend  
Jean Berthod Mary Sue's friend  
Keith Zaner Mary Sue Hyatt's friend  
June Ninnemann  
Krystin Flanders  
Scott Farrington  
Susan Farrington

### Special Intentions

Family of George Daas  
Donna Doug Bessemer's sister  
Michael & Theresa Loraine Morris friends  
Glen E (Missionary) Richard Alcorn's friend  
Jorie & Lester Westphal  
Mike Besemer

### Recovery

Judy Carpenter Pete's niece  
Scott Mills Heather Burgett's friend  
Kirsten Anderssen Ruth Germundson's friend  
Ron Flanders Marilyn's brother  
Joel Smith

### Cancer

Lois Landborg Burns friend  
Diana Odland Neil Owen Germundson's friend  
Steve Boccieri Bessemer's friend  
Paul Harmon Linda Truitt's friend  
George McClung Dave Burns friend  
Sheila Ellis Bob & Dian Flach friend  
Larry Falk Nelles Brother in-law  
Amanda Keithley's daughter in-law  
Jim Bedford Frances Emerson's friend  
Rick Heiken Dan Nelson's friend  
Kathie Biederman's friend  
Joe Marotta Kennedy and Christopher's friend  
Ellen Carolyn Enyon's friend  
Randy Jacobs Joy's nephew  
Paul Skoog Nelson's friend  
Humberto Alvarez Kennedy's friend  
Tom Dan Nelson's friend  
Karin Mark Kennedy's cousin  
Debbie Chevalier Pam McGinnis. Best friend  
Ellen Murphy Bill Murphy's friend  
John White Jan Murphy's friend  
Monica Keip Cindy Berkland's friend  
Joel Lassman Nelson's friend  
Jeff Killoren Bonnstetter's nephew  
Ollie Nutt Nelson & Truitt's friend  
Stephanie Kennedy's friend  
Brett Kennedy's friend

### Home Bound

Jean Bente  
Donna Carrie  
Jean Deckard