



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2026

10:00 AM

### VISION STATEMENT

We seek to form Beloved Community, which is welcoming and diverse,  
with Christian worship and service at the heart.

### MISSION STATEMENT

We feed people in body, mind and spirit with the love of God, in the name of Jesus,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### CORE VALUES

Beloved Community + Loving Service + Sacred Space + Spirit Filled + Sustainability

# THE GATHERING RITE

HYMN *standing*

Love Divine

ELW #631



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry  
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy  
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy  
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us  
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-  
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,  
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;  
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,  
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with  
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.  
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.  
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1685; Words: Charles Wesley.

# THE ENTRANCE RITE

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen!  
*All* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Presider* 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**

## SONG OF PRAISE

### Christ is Risen!

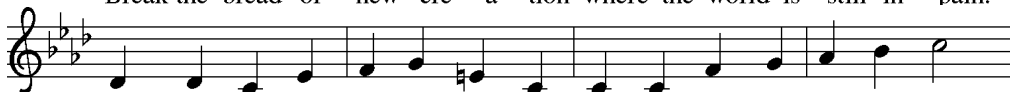
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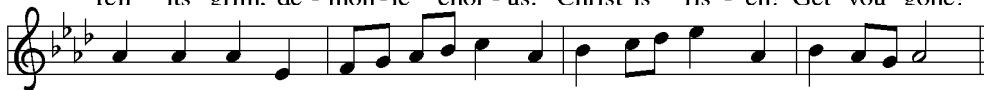
1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho - san-na! Cel - e-brate this day of days!  
2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir-its from the cav-erns of de - spair.  
3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev - er-more shall be the same.



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!

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936 Music: TURNBULL; Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Presider* O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON *seated*

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 *said by all*

The Holy One is my shepherd; \*  
**I shall not be in want.**

You make me lie down in green pastures \*  
**and lead me beside still waters.**

You revive my soul \*  
**and guide me along right pathways for the sake of your Name.**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
**for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
**you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.**

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
**and I will dwell in the house of God for ever.**

THE EPISTLE *seated*

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

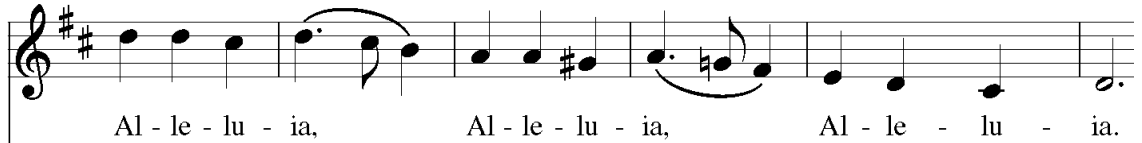
Lector  
All

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *standing*

Alleluia

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*Verse*

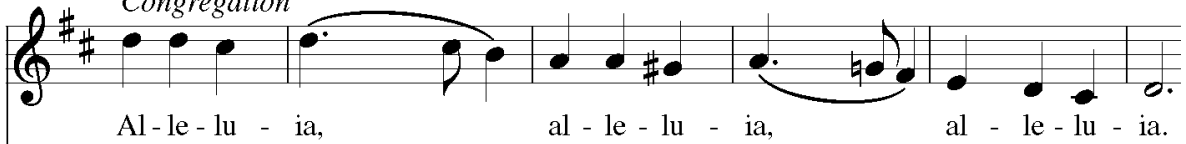
*Cantor*



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

*(Verse appointed for the day)*

*Congregation*



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

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

SERMON

The Rev. Canon Carla Robinson

THE NICENE CREED *said by all, standing*

**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 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.  
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

*The intercessor offers the petitions, all respond, **Hear our Prayer.***

#### THE PEACE *standing*

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*The people offer a greeting of peace to one another.*

#### KIDS WORD

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND SPECIAL PRAYERS

## OFFERTORY HYMN

## I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

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1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

## DOXOLOGY HYMN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 praise God, all creatures here below;  
 praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*In the Holy Communion we experience the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All adults and children who desire to receive are encouraged to come forward to receive.*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Celebrant* Christ is risen!

*All* **He is risen indeed.**

*Celebrant* Lift your hearts to heaven.

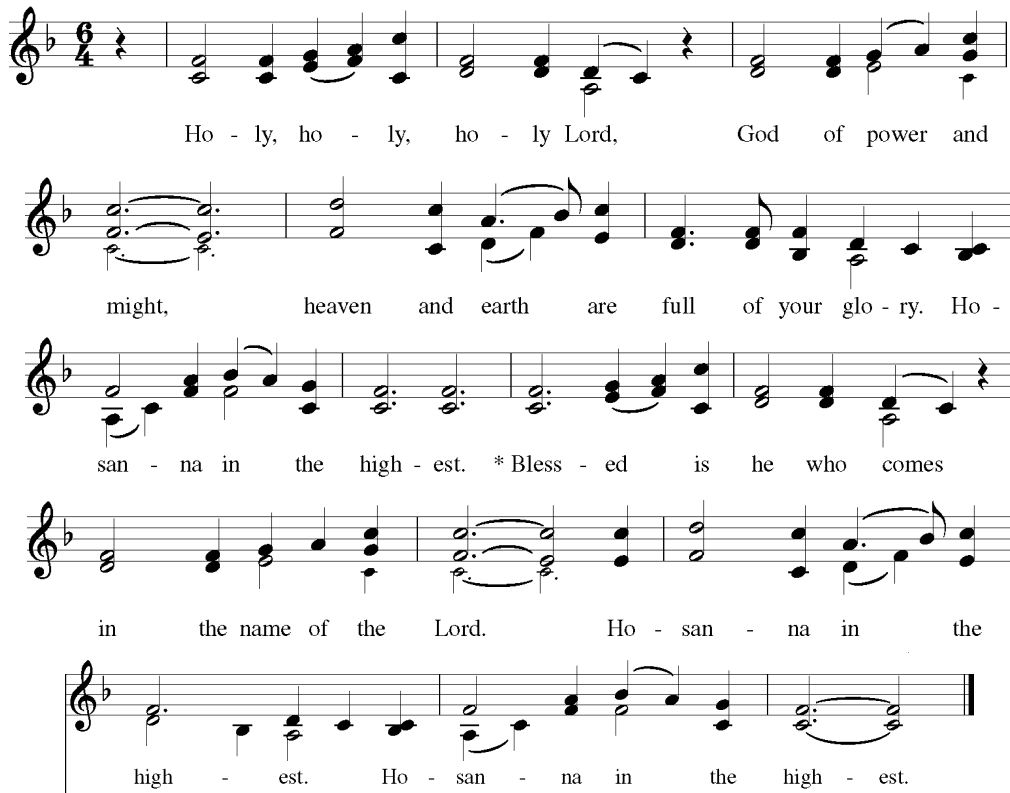
*All* **where Christ in glory reigns.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to God.

*All* **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

*The prayer continues until*

Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side,  
we praise you with loving and joyful hearts as we sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The prayer continues until*

*Celebrant:* Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to

*All:* **God of the past and present,  
we your people remember your Son.  
We thank you for his cross and rising again,  
we take courage from his ascension;  
we look for his coming in glory  
and in him we give ourselves to you.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine, and upon us, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup may draw strength from the one true vine.

**Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.**

For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

**Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day,  
from us and all people, here and everywhere. AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* As Christ teaches us we now pray,

*All* **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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence may be observed.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

## PRAYER FOR THOSE WORSHIPING AT HOME

O Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

## THE INVITATION AND COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Come God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

*All are welcome to the meal where Christ is present in bread and wine. The ushers will guide you to form a line up the center aisle. You may choose to receive a sealed packet containing both consecrated wine and wafer, or you may take a piece of bread and receive the common cup. Gluten free options are available.*

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Most loving God, creator and redeemer,  
we give you thanks  
for this foretaste of your glory.  
Through Christ, and with all your saints,  
we offer ourselves and our lives to your service.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,  
to stand with you in your world.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant,  
our friend and brother. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant blesses the People.*

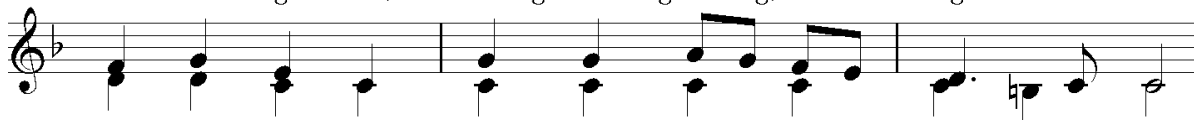
CLOSING HYMN *standing*

Praise the Lord, Rise up Rejoicing

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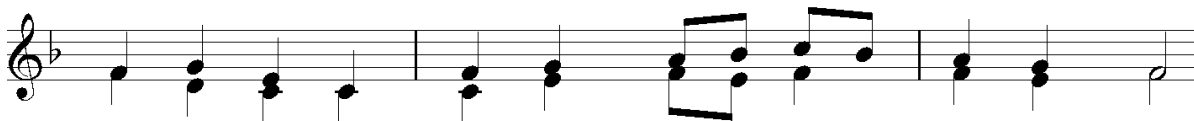
1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!  
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha  
by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,  
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

DISMISSAL

*The Presider dismisses the People, who respond*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**





**Xukulem Ceremonia & Potluck – Saturday, May 9 at 11:00 am** Join the "All My Relations" Community Coalition for a Xukulem Ceremony and Potluck at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (111 NE 80th St, Seattle). A gathering to align our spirits and prayers in preparation for the Immigrant Justice Prayer Walk on May 16. Bring your offerings and prayers. More info: [allmyrelations.info](http://allmyrelations.info)

**"Immigrant" Justice Prayer Walk – Saturday, May 16 at 12:00 pm** We gather in the healing circle, walking in prayer and unity as we stand for dignity and justice for our "Immigrant" Relatives. The walk begins at St. Luke's at 12 pm and ends at Daybreak Star Cultural Center, with a shuttle available to return participants here. Bring your cultural pride: regalia, drums, rattles, and flags. Rain or shine – be prepared! More info: [allmyrelations.info](http://allmyrelations.info)

**One Parish One Prisoner Kick-Off - May 3**

May 3 is our official kick-off day for the One Parish One Prisoner ministry at St. Luke's. On that day, we will commission our team of nine people who will be journeying with a currently incarcerated and soon to be released individual over the next two years. As that relationship unfolds, there will be ways for the whole of St. Luke's to offer support and be involved in the ministry.

**Book Group (Loving our Neighbor) - Sunday, May 10th at 11:30 am**

We had a great first meeting of the *Love Your Neighbor* book group last Sunday. We will be meeting next on Sunday, May 10 to discuss the book introduction and chapters 1-2. Books are available in the narthex for a \$25 donation or can be ordered from Amazon. The book title is *Love Your Neighbor: How Psychology Can Enliven Faith and Transform Community*.



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