

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

## Order of Worship: Holy Communion, Setting Four

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PRELUDE & BELLS *We observe a moment of silence for prayer and meditation.*

WELCOME

Blessed be the Kingdom...now and forever **and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*We stand* OPENING HYMN

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“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

*vv1-4*

✠BRIEF RITE FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS✠

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.*

*1John 1:8-9*

Most merciful God... **we confess that we are born captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you- who believe and repent- of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

✠HOLY COMMUNION✠

APOSTOLIC 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.**

LITANY      *Kyrie Eleison*      Lord, Have Mercy      5PM Spoken      *2 Corinthians 13:13*



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.      **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



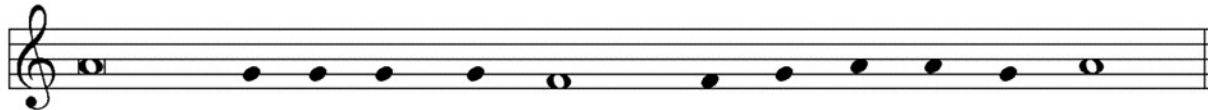
**A** For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



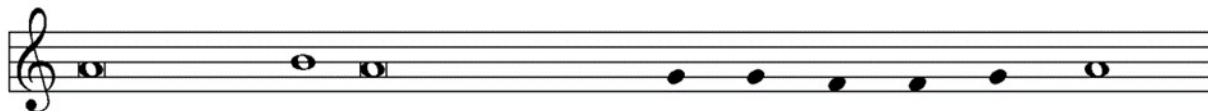
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.      **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.      **G** A - men



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



**B** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



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



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



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



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



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray... Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: JOHN 14:23

*Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them,  
and we will come to them and make our home with them.*

## FIRST READING: ACTS 16:9-15

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. <sup>11</sup> We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE & MEDITATION: PSALM 67

<sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

<sup>2</sup> **Let your ways be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup> **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth**

<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup> **The earth has brought forth her increase;  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

<sup>7</sup> May God give us his blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

SECOND READING: REVELATION 21:10, 22-22:5

<sup>10</sup> And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>22</sup> I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. <sup>22:1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup> they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*We stand.* GOSPEL VERSE: JOHN 6:68

9AM ONLY

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 14:23-29

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to You, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

*insert*

“The Old Rugged Cross”

*vv1-2*

*We sit.* SERMON

Rev. Tim Christ, STS

**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 man. 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.**

\*means whole, entire Christi

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray to our risen Savior on behalf of the Church, the world, and one another.

*A brief silence*

Lord Jesus, blessed Bridegroom, thank you for making us your beloved Bride, even giving your life for us! Thank you for making your Church, now troubled by evils within and without, the glorious New Jerusalem! Thank you for promising us joy in our fellowship with you and one another!

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give your Church the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Grant that, in a world shadowed by suffering, sorrow and sin, it proclaims your promise of joy, and shares the blessings of your love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Confessing your name brings great trouble to many Christians around the world. Assure them that you have overcome the world. Grant them such deep joy that their enemies are astonished, and repent.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let the Spirit fill every heart in this congregation with joy. Make that joy blossom into heartfelt worship, loving service, truthful witness, deep prayer, and loving fellowship. We pray for our mission to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus; to support Solid Rock our mission in action; and that you send us adults for baptism. Use us to draw our friends and neighbors closer to you. Use us to shed the light of your love and joy in the darkest corners of their lives.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give your joyous presence to our teenagers. It is easy to be preoccupied with school, sports, jobs, and friends. It can be hard to endure teasing or scorn because of faith in you. Fill them with your love, so they may share it and be a blessing to those around them.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

This world is filled with trouble; yet you have overcome the world and defeated the powers of sin, evil, and death. We pray for our world; for its leaders; for all people, especially those who are most burdened by the sorrows and horrors of human malice and natural calamity. Bestow your Holy Spirit upon us all: the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord; and most of all, the Spirit of joy in your presence.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant healing and hope to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, including: {List}. Be gracious and merciful to them, and to all who care for them. Restore the bonds of fellowship and affection that have been strained or sundered by suffering and adversity; and give us all the joy of your saving help.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have overcome the world, the devil, and our sins. Thank you for delivering our beloved dead from those powers. We pray especially for the families of {List}. Let the fullness of your joy touch and heal hearts still shadowed by grief. Help us all to live in faith and hope, love and kindness, gentleness and peace, self-control and patience. Give us a foretaste of that joy that you promise forever to all whom you love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant whatever is in accordance with your will, dear Jesus, and accomplish your salvation among us; for you live in majesty with your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also, with you.**

*We briefly greet those in our row with the words "Peace be with you."*



*We sit.* OFFERING, OFFERTORY SONG & PRAYER- *Giving back to God*



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*We stand* #884

“Praise God”

*tune* #883

A musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system of music is for the first line of lyrics, and the second system is for the second line. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

## OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, king of the universe. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary . . . and join their unending hymn:

5PM SPOKEN

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth... as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, ... Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## *We sit.* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

As often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Thanks be to God.**

*Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ present and received in, with, and under the bread and wine. All who are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and who believe the Lord's words "This is my body given for you" and "This is my blood poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins" may receive Communion. Young children, not yet receiving Communion, may receive a blessing.*

*(Matt 26:26ff, Mark 14:22ff, Luke 22:19ff, 1 Cor. 11:24ff)*

*Communion administration occurs in a continuous fashion at the Communion rail. The ushers will guide you to the rail. To receive the elements, extend your hand, palm up, to the ministers. White grape juice is available in the center of the trays. For those unable to consume either bread or wine, the Church affirms the Lord's full presence in each element alone. Once you have received the elements, return to your seat by the side aisles. If you do not desire to receive Holy Communion, you may remain seated.*

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#195

"Lamb of God"


*John 1:29*

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff begins with a repeat sign. The third staff ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff begins with a repeat sign and ends with a double bar line.


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, grant us peace.

*We stand* POST-COMMUNION BLESSING, SONG, & PRAYER  
May the true body and blood...keep you in his grace. **Amen.**


“Thank the Lord” 9AM ONLY *p*92




☛ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

#### BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

#### CLOSING HYMN

#376

“Thine Is the Glory”

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Our mission is Christ's mission – "I will build my church"  
by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

**Thanks to Pastor Tim for filling in for Pastor Jared this weekend!**

**Congratulations to Solid Rock for wrapping up another school year!** Thank you to all who have supported Solid Rock this 2024-2025 year! A special thanks to the Solid Rock Board Members: Pres. Dickie Garmon, V.P. Shannon DeForest, Sec. Sophie Teltschik, Treas. Darlene Stacy, Stephanie Muehr, Leah McAda, Shelley Jansky, Ted Goranson, & Council Rep. Dr. Reagan McAda

**MANNA FOOD PANTRY DRIVE:** Social Ministry will be holding a Food Drive for the Manna Food Pantry until July. The Pantry is in desperate need of cereal and juice. If you would like to contribute, a box in the Narthex and one by the elevator will be available for your donations. Thank you in advance!

**Sunday, May 25 No 5PM Service**

**Sunday May 25** Safe House Church Celebration (FH)

**Monday, May 26** Church Office Closed for Memorial Day

**SAVE THE DATES IN JUNE 2025:**

Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> Next Steps Worship Assistant training 10:30 am -12:30 pm

Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> Lifeline Screening will be in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please see Kari in the office.

Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> Forgiveness & Healing Service at 6:00 pm

Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> "Happy Father's Day" bring a man for a special service,  
"Get Smart Sunday"

**OFFERING YTD (Jan-Apr '24) \$98,554.54; EXPENSES \$83,738.97**  
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**Festival of Our Lord's Ascension June 1, 2025**

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

## **This Weekend May 25**

**Sunday AM:** *Assisting:* Cheryl Draper

*Communion Set Up:* Stephanie Foeh

*Communion Clean Up:* Mary Schroeder

*Organist:* Denise Drozd

*Ushers:* Cal Bonzer, Trent Skelton, Michael Woytek, Kevin Sullivan

*Acolytes:* Benson Adey and Ariel Muehr

*Power Point Sunday:* Sophie Teltschik

*Altar Flowers given by:* Shannon & Kari DeForest in celebration of our 35<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

*Radio Ministry given by:* OPEN

**NO Sunday PM**

## **This Week @ St. Peter**

**Sun** May 25, 9:00 am Worship Service, 10:00 am Coffee Time,  
10:30 Adult Christian Learning, FH Rental 11:30 am, NO 5:00 pm Worship Service

**Mon** May 26, Office Closed for Memorial Day, 1:00 pm Quilting,

**Tue** May 27, 5:15 pm Add Value, 6:00 pm Property, 7:00 pm FH Rental,  
7:00 pm Prayer Group

**Thu** May 29, 7:00 pm AA/Al-Anon

**Sun** June 1, 9:00 am Worship Service (*LAMB Sunday*), 10:00 am Coffee Time,  
10:30 am Adult Christian Learning, 5:00 pm Worship Service

## **Our Prayer List:— Requests listed 4 weeks under *Concerns For* unless otherwise requested.**

Ky Lange, Cooper Kirkland, James Kubecka, Wayne Briscoe, Charles Hotz, Cherri Fryer, Charlotte Murphy, Ms. Alberta, Kay Rother, Will Pence, Chandler Rainosek, Barbara Clark, Jane Yamerick, Aaron Sloper

## **Extended concerns: Requests listed 9 months unless otherwise requested.**

Oleen Covey, Gracie Isbell, Jim Brandt, Edmund Koerth, Barbara Tackett, Charlotte Hartmann, Melissa Grice, Michael Drozd, Jeffrey Morgenroth, Charlie Garmon, Carrie Besetsny, DeWayne Dixon, James Evans, Pr. John Schmidt & family (*Missionary in Ghana*)

## **Other Concerns:** first responders (*military, law enforcement, firefighter, medical*), Safe House Church (*Hallettsville*);

San Miguel (*Ft. Worth*) and Houston Oromo Lutheran Churches, President Trump, our country

**Grieving Families of:** Gary Muehr, Elliette Mae Kocian, Darlene Kastner, Jordan Ramirez, Bernadette Bludau, Percy Spradlin, Kim Fowlkes, Jean Niemietz, Steve Kutach, Emmanuel Velasquez, Michelle Greenwell, Michelle Goranson, Andy Seay, Howard & Dean Loewe

**Prayer for Rain:** Our land is desperate for rain. As you pray in the days ahead for the showers only GOD is able to provide, you might find it encouraging to pray the promises of the Bible regarding rain. Isaiah 55:10-11 *"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so My Word goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it."*

**Serving Next Weekend: June 1**

**Sunday AM:** *Assisting:* Tammy Garner

*Communion Set Up:* Stephanie Foeh

*Communion Clean Up:* Mary Schroeder

*Organist:* Denise Drozd

*Ushers:* Dr. Wesley McAda, Shannon DeForest, Luther Lorfin, Aaron Henke

*Acolytes:* Kaylie Hotz & Emilie Hotz

*Power Point Sunday:* Sharyn Sullivan

*Altar Flowers given by:* **OPEN**

*Radio Ministry given by:* **OPEN**

**Sunday PM:** *Assisting:* Aileen Peck

*Communion Clean Up:* Aileen Peck

**Entrance Hymn (ELW) *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!* (ELW 393)**

Text: Bede; Music by Geistliche Kirchengesänge

1 A hymn of glory let us sing!  
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The holy apostolic band  
upon the Mount of Olives stand,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
and with his faithful foll'wers see  
their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 To whom the shining angels cry,  
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
"This is the Savior!" thus they say,  
"this is his glorious triumph day!"  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 "You see him now, ascending high  
up to the portals of the sky."  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
"Hereafter Jesus you shall see  
returning in great majesty."  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



Hymn of the Day: “Old Rugged Cross”

insert

1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross  
The emblem of suffering and shame  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain

*Refrain*

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

2 O the old rugged cross so despised by the world  
Has a wondrous attraction for me  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary

**Closing Hymn (ELW) *Thine Is the Glory* (ELW 376)**

Text by R. Birch Hoyle; Music George Frideric Handel

1 Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

***Refrain***

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,  
risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee,  
scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting! Refrain