

St. Charles Episcopal Church
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite II



John 13:34

May 18, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome! We are pleased you are joining us today. Please share this service with your family, friends, and neighbors. Thank you, and God bless you for your faithfulness.

Voluntary

This Joyful Eastertide

arr. Jan Bender (1909-1994)

The People stand as they are able when the bell rings.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gathering Hymn 192

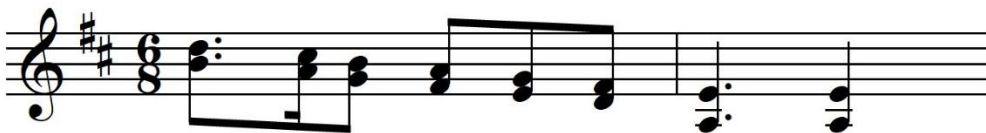
Vruechten

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 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.

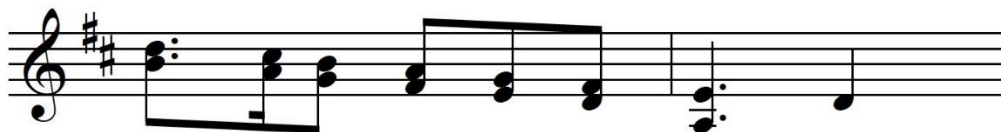
People: Amen.

Choir: O sing to the Lord with a jubilant voice;



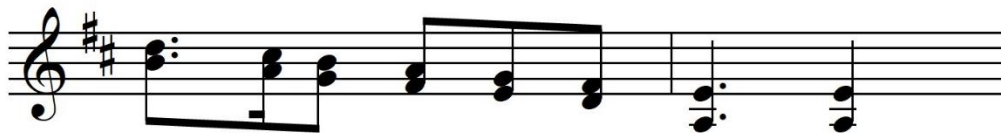
Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en!

Choir: O serve him with gladness before him rejoice;



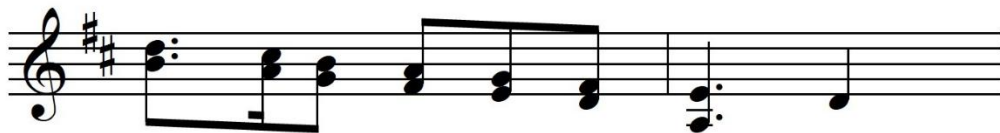
Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en!

Choir: The Lord is our God, our Creator not we;



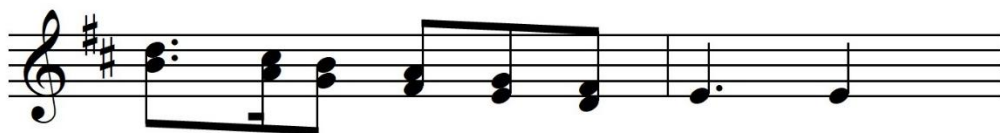
Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en!

Choir: The sheep of his pasture we ever shall be;



Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en!

Choir: O enter his gates with thanksgiving and praise;

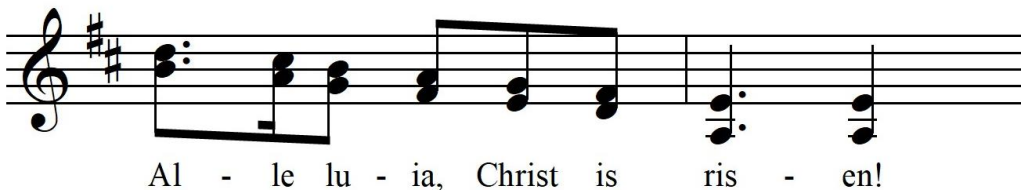


Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en!

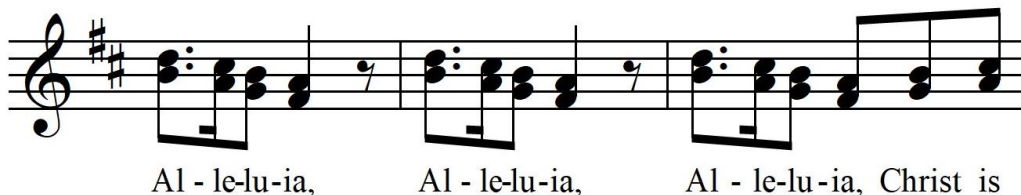
Choir: To honor his Name thankful voices we raise:



Choir: For good is the Lord, and his mercy is sure;



Choir: To all generations his truth shall endure;



Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

The people sit.

First Reading

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

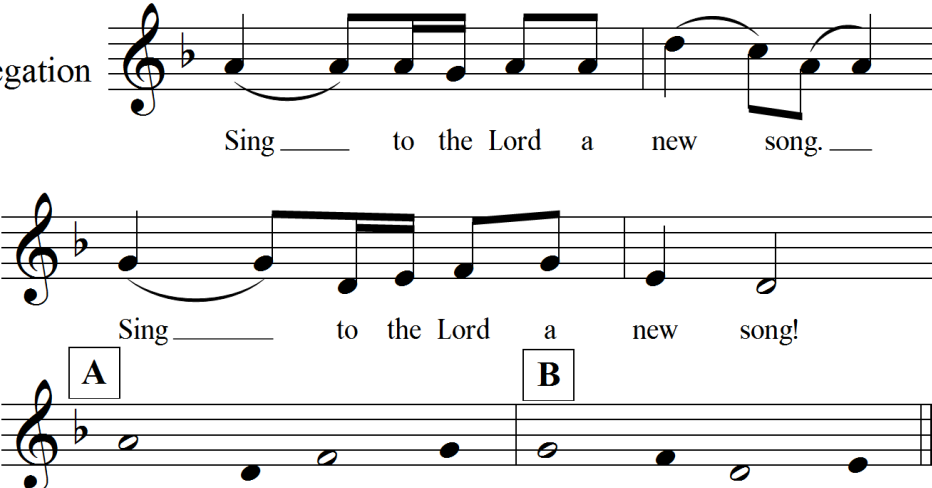
Psalm 148

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Robert Hawthorne

Choir first, then all.

Congregation



Sing _____ to the Lord a new song. ____

Sing _____ to the Lord a new song!

A B

- A 1. Hallelujah!... Praise the Lord from the [heavens];*
praise him in the [heights].
- B 2. Praise him all you angels of [his];*
praise him all his [host].
- A 3. Praise him sun and [moon];*
praise him all you shining [stars].
- B 4. Praise him heaven of [heavens];*
and you waters above the [heavens].

Antiphon

- A 5. Let them praise the Name of the [Lord];*
for he commanded... and they were [created].
- B 6. He made them stand fast for ever and [ever];*
he gave them a law which shall not pass a-[way].
- A 13. Let them praise the Name of the [Lord];*
for his Name only is ex-[alted],
- B 14. He has raised up strength for his people...
and praise for all his loyal [servants];*
the children of Israel...a people who are near Him...
Halle-[lujah].

Antiphon

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Jesus is Risen

arr. John Bell

Joyfully sung **16** *All Sing*

(Choir) Come, let us wor - ship Him,
end - less - ly sing; Christ is a - live and death
los - es its sting. Sins are for - giv - en,
al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en,
al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel

John 13:31-35

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

People: 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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.

Sermon

The Rev. Barbara Wilson

A period of silence will be kept after the sermon.

The people stand as they are able to recite the Nicene Creed.

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:

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.

The Prayers of the People Form IV

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for our Search Committee and our parish as we seek a new rector, that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy

(Silence)

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin is omitted during Eastertide

Peace

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Praise the Lord

George F. Handel (1685-1759)

Praise the Lord, let songs of joy break forth, let songs of joy break forth,

Sing alleluia, praise His name for evermore.

Shout! Sing and dance, come dance and celebrate.

Rejoice let all us praise His name.

Offertory Hymn

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

St. Magnus



1. Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher -
2. You came to earth, O Christ as Lord, but
3. Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher -



ev - er love may lead. And bend - ing low, for -
pow'r you laid a - side. You lived your years in -
ev - er love may lead. And bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.
ser - vant - hood, in low - li - ness you died.
get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer 1 - Enriching Our Worship*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

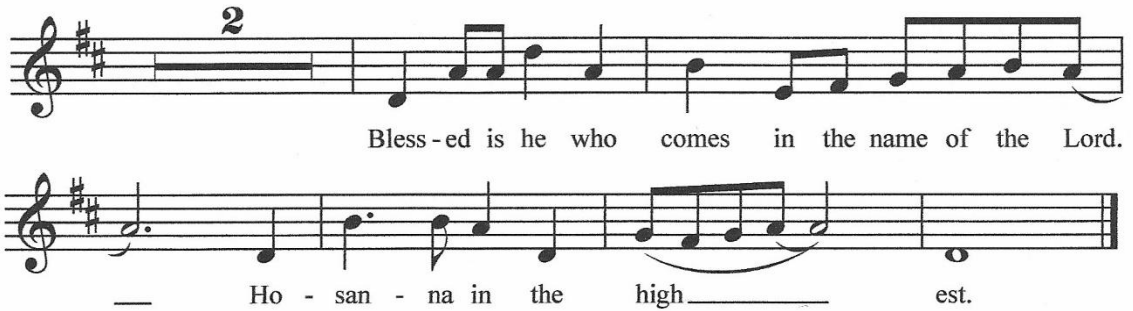
Holy, Holy – Mass of Joy

Ian Higginson

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho___ ly Lord,

God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are

full of you glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. 1. 2. high - est.



Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out 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:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

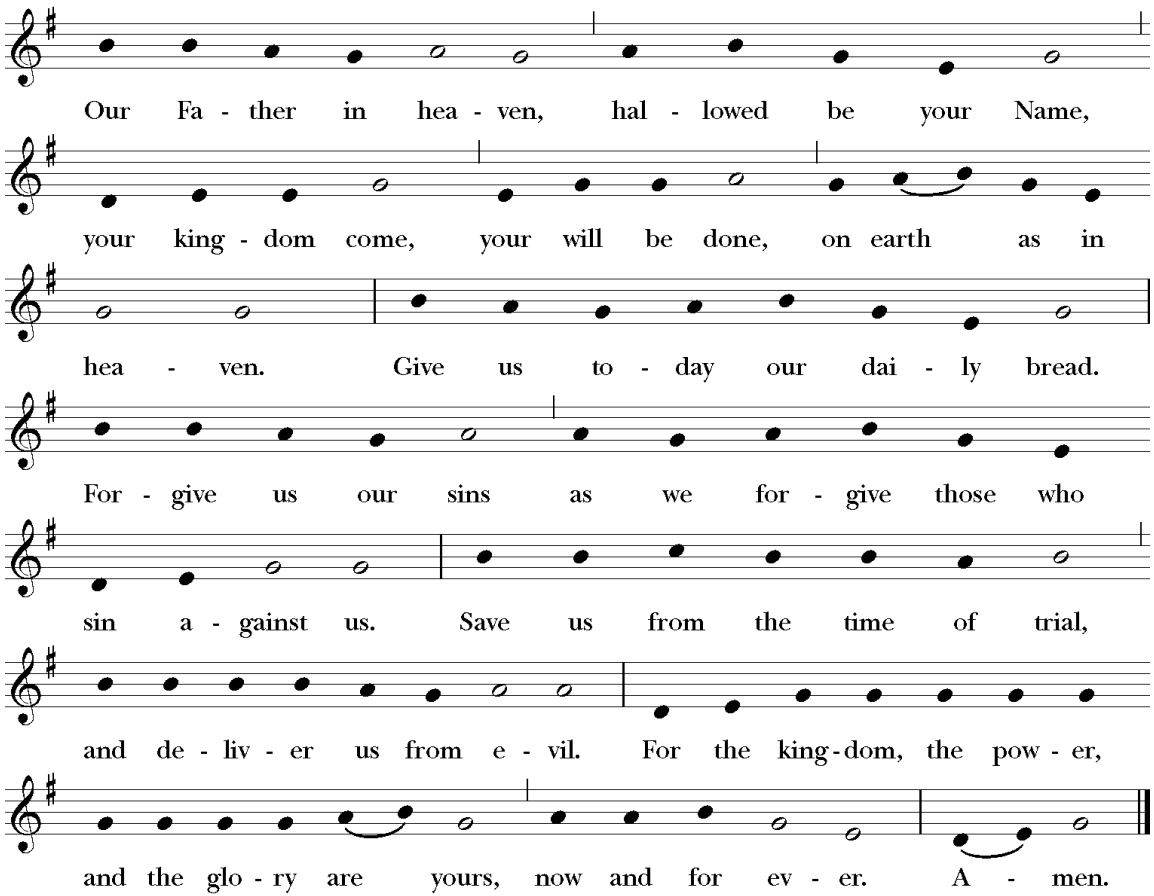
Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

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



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Breaking of the Bread

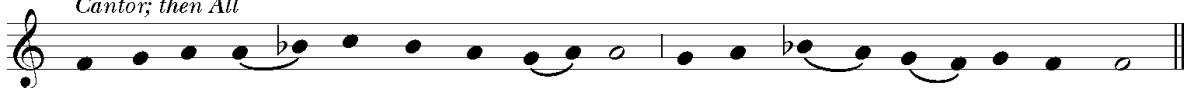
The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus

plainsong

Antiphon

Cantor; then All



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available as well as grape juice; please make your need known to the minister. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please indicate by crossing your arms when you approach the Celebrant. Individual healing prayer is available for those who wish to participate.

Communion Anthem

Ave Verum

Wolfgang A. Mozart

Susan Miller, Soprano

Melinda Oakey, Alto

Communion Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit Lives

Daniel Iverson

Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, move a - mong us all;

Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:

Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me.____
hum - ble, car - ing, self - less, shar - ing.____

Spi rit of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, fill our lives with love.

Home Eucharistic Ministers Prayer

Celebrant: Laura, Jim, Kathy, and Katie, we send you out to share
Communion with those members of our community who cannot be
physically present with us here in church today.

**People: May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this
sacrament of Christ's presence.**

Celebrant: May those who receive it from you be strengthened and
encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord
Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life
and cup of salvation; you have united 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

Celebrant: May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus
Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods
over the world, as a mother over her children, be upon you and
remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Sending Forth Hymn 657

Hyfrydol

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary

Christ ist Erstanden – Christ is Arisen

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



*Today we welcome Rev. Barbara Wilson as our Celebrant.
Mother Barbara, thank you for worshipping with us today.*

*The beautiful altar flowers are given by Linda Koenig
in memory of her husband, Ronald Koenig.*



Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Sunday, May 25 – 4:00 p.m. Free Spaghetti Dinner
- ❖ Thursday, June 5 – 7:00 p.m. Underground Railroad Presentation by Connie Martin – Ludtke Hall
- ❖ Sunday, June 8 – 9:30 a.m. Pentecost celebration of the Eucharist with Rev. Andrea Mysen, and also honoring 2024 Ludtke Scholarship recipient Connor Anderson, and celebrating the confirmation of Katie Anderson



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