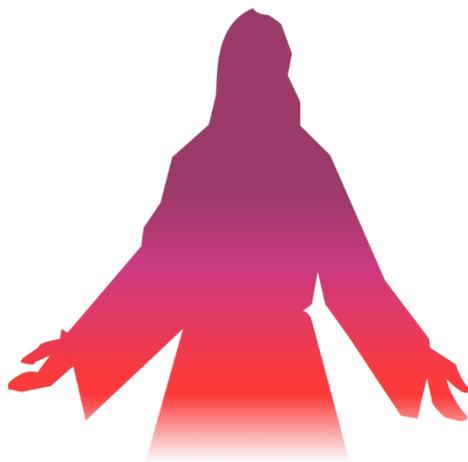


# May 29, 2022

*Ascension of Our Lord*



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**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

# ELW Setting 8

## THE PRELUDE

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

## \*HYMN: "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"

LBW #157

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the  
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up - on the Mount of  
3 To whom . . shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up -  
4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high Up to the por - tals

world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, As - cends un - to  
And with his faith - ful fol - l'wers see Their Lord as - cend  
"This is the Sav - ior!" Thus they say, "This is his glo -  
"Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see Re - turn - ing in

the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
great maj - es - ty." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## \*THE 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.

\*THE KYRIE

*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



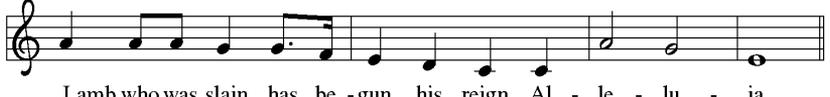
Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-ry day.

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast"

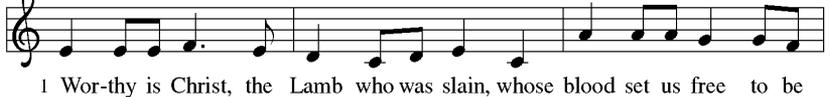
*Refrain*



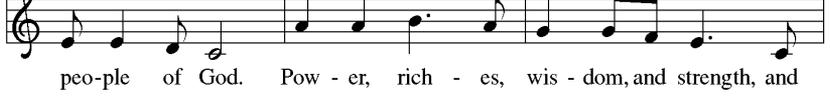
This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

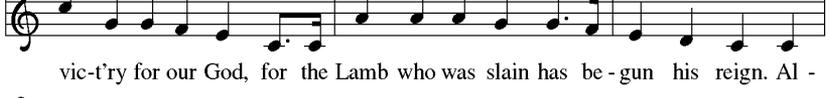


peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

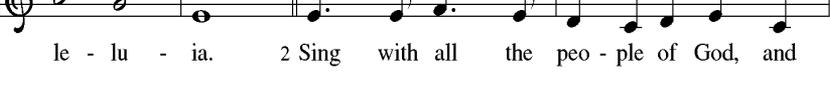
*Refrain*



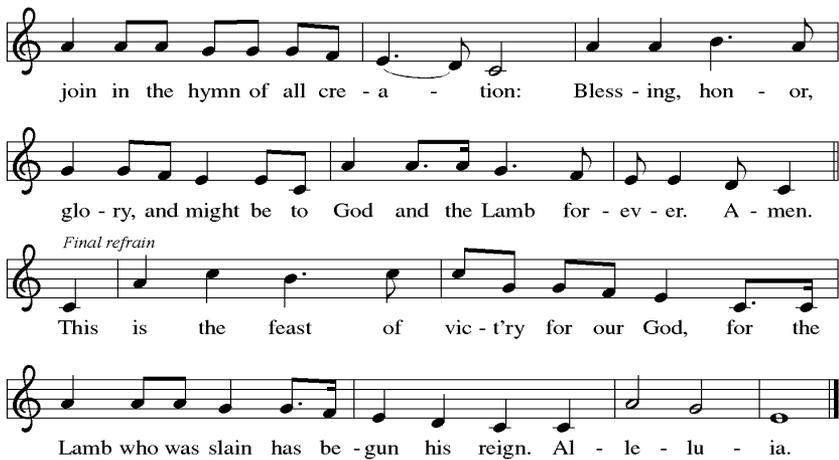
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 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.  
*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the  
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*THE SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY**

TEMPLE TALK: *Ministry Site Profile* John Shriver, Transition Team

CHOIR ANTHEM: *At the Lamb's High Feast* (11:00)

**THE FIRST LESSON**

Acts 1:1-11

1In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM: *Psalm 47*

- <sup>1</sup> Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
**shout to God with a cry of joy.**
- <sup>2</sup> For the LORD Most High is to be feared;  
**he is the great king over all the earth.**
- <sup>3</sup> He subdues the peoples under us,  
**and the nations under our feet.**
- <sup>4</sup> He chooses our inheritance for us,  
**the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**
- <sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout,  
**the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.**
- <sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
**sing praises to our king, sing praises.**
- <sup>7</sup> For God is king of all the earth;  
**sing praises with all your skill.**
- <sup>8</sup> God reigns over the nations;  
**God sits upon his holy throne.**
- <sup>9</sup> The nobles of the peoples have gathered together  
**with the people of the God of Abraham.**
- <sup>10</sup> The rulers of the earth belong to God,  
**and he is highly exalted.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”**

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**\*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*THE GOSPEL**

Luke 24:44-53

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

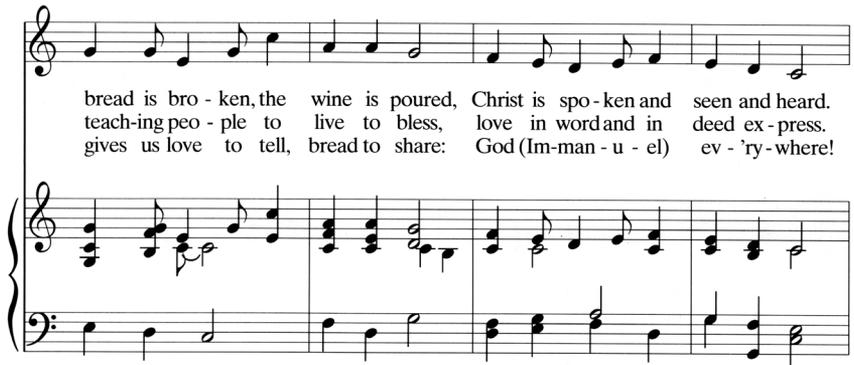
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

# \*HYMN: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

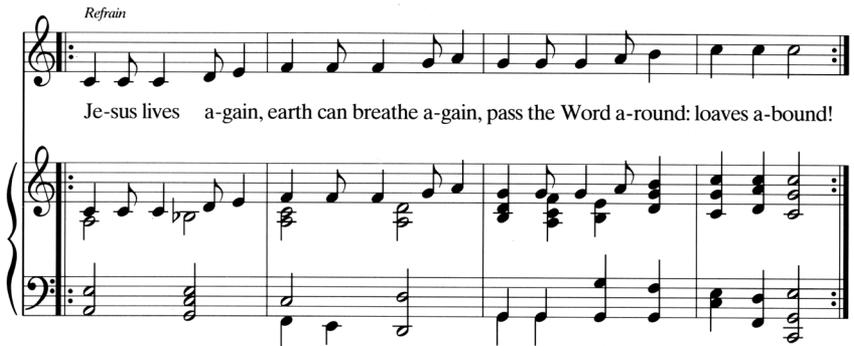


1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

*Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

## \*THE 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 and 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

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

## \*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

## THE OFFERING

### \*THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING and THE PREFACE**

The Lord be with you.  
And also 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 him thanks and praise.

**\*THE SANCTUS: "Holy, Holy, Holy**



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

**\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

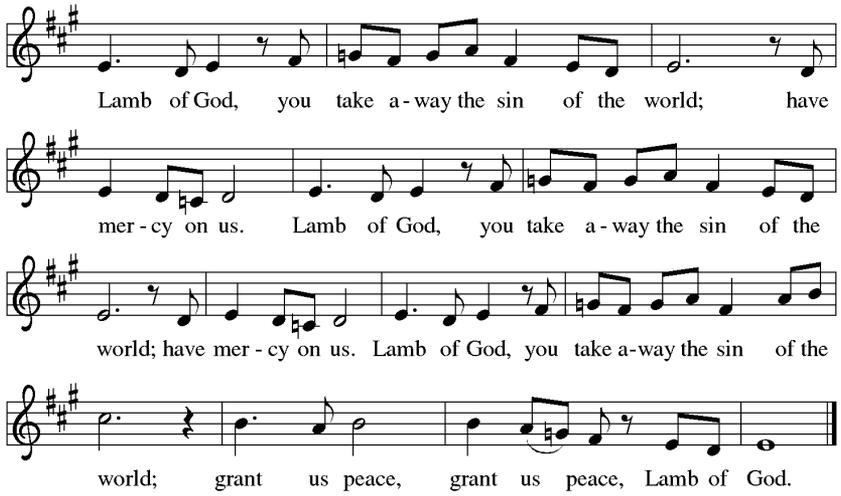
Give us today our daily bread;

Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us;

Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen

# THE AGNUS DEI: "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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

# HYMN: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scep - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, His the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us; Faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful Flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of Mar - y, Earth your

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you

Zi - on Thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him When the for - ty days were o'er, Shall our  
 sin - ners, Earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea Where the  
 en - tered, Robed in flesh, our great high priest, Here on

out of ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 songs of all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

# HYMN: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;  
 2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;  
 3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,

He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
 He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.  
 With a glo - ry in his bo - som that trans - fig - ures you and me.

He has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:  
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!  
 As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,

*Refrain*

His truth is march - ing on.  
 Our God is march - ing on.      Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le -  
 While God is march - ing on.

lu - jah!      Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!      Glo - ry,

glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!      His truth is march - ing on.

**\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Now, Lord"**



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**\*THE BENEDICTION and THE DISMISSAL**

**THE POSTLUDE**