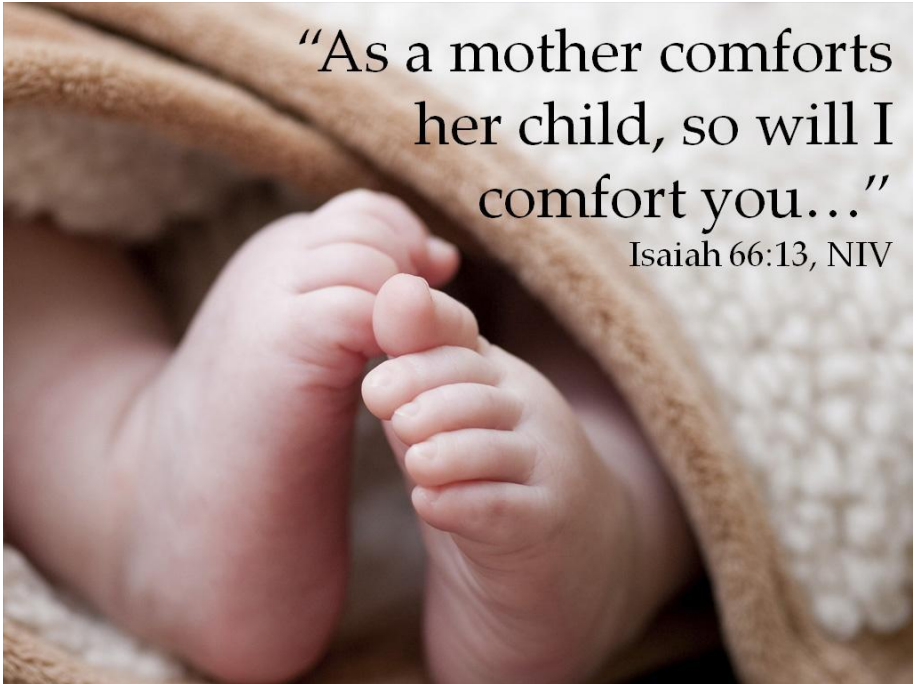


**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 14, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m.**



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**PRELUDE**

*Stand*

**INVOCATION**

**P** If in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/ Remain Standing*

**P** Most merciful God, **C** Have mercy on us.

**C** We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

**P** With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

**C** Thanks be to God!

*Stand*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE** *Greet others, saying “Peace be with you/And also with you”, along with a head nod, handshake, bow, or placing your hand on your heart.*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### OPENING HYMN

### "Come, You Faithful Raise the Strain"

1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad-ness!  
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on  
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,  
4 For to - day a-mong His own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing

God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,  
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;  
With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;  
His deep peace, which ev - er-more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.

Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing  
Comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion  
Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal

Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
Wel-come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
Nor the watch-ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 695-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66; alt.  
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Ex. 15:1-21; John 20:19-21; Rom. 6:9-11

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

**P** In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

For the reign of God, and for peace through-

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

**C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

For your peo - ple here, who have come to

Lord, have mer - cy.

give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Help, save, and de -

Lord, have mer - cy.

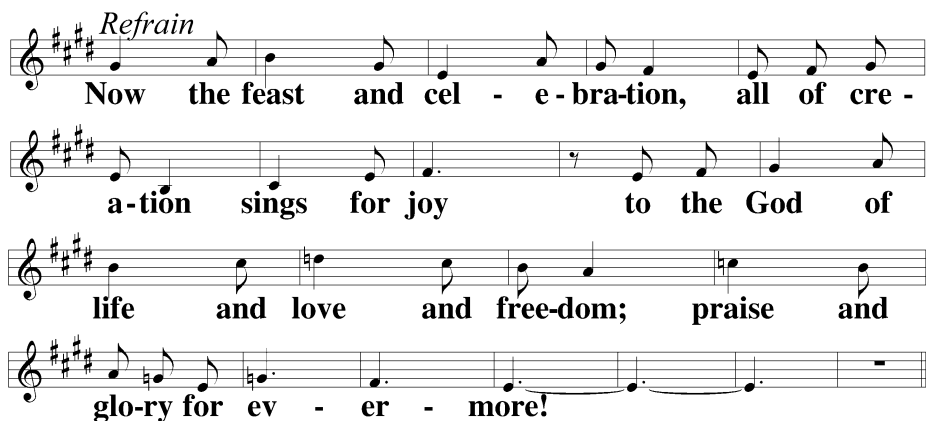
fend us, O God.

A -

(accompaniment/intro)

men.

Continue the following without interruption. All sing the Refrain.



1. *Choir or soloist:* Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. (*brief interlude, then all sing the Refrain above*)
2. *Choir or soloist:* Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. (*brief interlude, then all sing the Refrain above*)
3. *Choir or soloist:* For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new. (*brief interlude, then all sing the Refrain above*)

## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- [P]** The Lord be with you. **[C]** **And also with you.**
- [P]** Almighty God, grant that we who have been redeemed from the old life of sin through Baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, may be renewed in Your Holy Spirit and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **[C]** **Amen.**

*Sit*

*Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Kings 4:18-37

**[R]** When the child was older, he went out one day to his father among the reapers. He complained to his father, 'Oh, my head, my head!' The father said to his servant, 'Carry him to his mother.' He carried him and brought him to his mother; the child sat on her lap until noon, and he died. She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, closed the door on him, and left. Then she called to her husband, and said, 'Send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, so that I may quickly go to the man of God and come back again.' He said, 'Why go to him today? It is neither new moon nor sabbath.' She said, 'It will be all right.' Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, 'Urge the animal on; do not hold back

for me unless I tell you.’ So she set out, and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When the man of God saw her coming, he said to Gehazi his servant, ‘Look, there is the Shunammite woman; run at once to meet her, and say to her, Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is the child all right?’ She answered, ‘It is all right.’ When she came to the man of God at the mountain, she caught hold of his feet. Gehazi approached to push her away. But the man of God said, ‘Let her alone, for she is in bitter distress; the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me.’ Then she said, ‘Did I ask my lord for a son? Did I not say, Do not mislead me?’ He said to Gehazi, ‘Gird up your loins, and take my staff in your hand, and go. If you meet anyone, give no greeting, and if anyone greets you, do not answer; and lay my staff on the face of the child.’ Then the mother of the child said, ‘As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave without you.’ So he rose up and followed her. Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the face of the child, but there was no sound or sign of life. He came back to meet him and told him, ‘The child has not awakened.’

When Elisha came into the house, he saw the child lying dead on his bed. So he went in and closed the door on the two of them, and prayed to the LORD. Then he got up on the bed and lay upon the child, putting his mouth upon his mouth, his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands; and while he lay bent over him, the flesh of the child became warm. He got down, walked once to and fro in the room, then got up again and bent over him; the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, ‘Call the Shunammite woman.’ So he called her. When she came to him, he said, ‘Take your son.’ She came and fell at his feet, bowing to the ground; then she took her son and left.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

| - - - - Introduction - - - - - |

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

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-

ter - nal life. Al-le-lu - ia! *(Repeat, starting after intro.)*

Sit

MESSAGE “God’s Power to Restore Life”

Stand

## HYMN

## "For All The Faithful Women"

1 For all the faith-ful wom-en Who served in days of old,  
 2 We give you thanks for moth-ers A-mong us, and at rest,  
 3 O God, for saints and ser-vants, Those named and those un-known  
 △ 4 All praise to God the Fa-ther! All praise to Christ the Son!

To You shall thanks be giv-en; To all, their sto-ry told.  
 Through whom, in faith and ser-vice Our lives are rich-ly blessed,  
 In whom through all the a-ges Your light of glo-ry shone,  
 All praise the Ho-ly Spir-it, Who binds the Church in one!

They served with strength and glad-ness In tasks Your wis-dom gave,  
 Raise up in ev-ry house-hold True teach-ers of Your Word  
 We of-fer glad thanks-giv-ing And fer-vent prayer we raise  
 With saints who went be-fore us, With saints who wit-ness still,

To You their lives bore wit-ness, Pro-claimed Your pow'r to save.  
 Whose lives will bear clear wit-ness, To Christ, our ris-en Lord  
 That, faith-ful in Your ser-vice, Our lives may sing Your praise.  
 We sing glad Al-le-lu-ias And strive to do Your will.

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come again 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

**[P]** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all  
people according to their needs.

*Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy," to  
which the congregation responds, "hear our prayer." The prayers conclude:*

**[P]** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in  
your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C]** Amen.

*Sit*


## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SERVICE OF THE TABLE

#### OFFERING

*You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in  
offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.*



 Give Now

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** "Hallelujah! We sing Your  
Praises"

*South African*

Choir



## OFFERING PRAYER

*Stand*


**P** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P**  The Lord be with you.

**C**  And also with you.

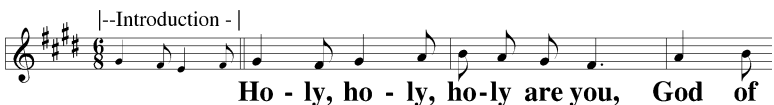
**P**  Lift up your hearts.

**C**  We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

**P** It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C**  Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of

 pow - er and might; Heav-en and earth are

 filled with your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est!

 Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho-



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**[P]** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**[P]** Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.*

**[C]** 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

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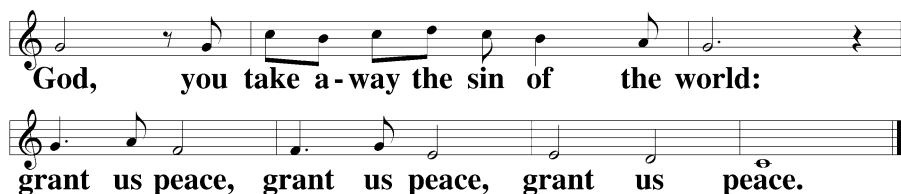
----- Introduction -----

**[C]**

1) Lamb of God, you take a -  
2) Lamb of God, you are the

way the sin of the world: have <sup>(hold)</sup>mer - cy on us,  
way of mer-cy and love: have mer - cy on us,

<sup>(quick)</sup>  
<sup>(hold)</sup>mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us. (Sing vs. 2 above)  
mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us. (Sing vs. 3-->) 3) Lamb of



Sit

**THE DISTRIBUTION** *Please approach the altar as space is available. You may receive pre-packaged communion elements, or from the common loaf, along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Pre-packaged Gluten free options are available.*

## HYMN “Morning Breaks Upon The Tomb”

*harmonized for part-singing*

1) Morn - ing breaks up - on the tomb; Je - sus scat-ters all its gloom.  
 2) You who are of death a - fraid, Tri-umph in the scat-tered shade.  
 3) Chris - tian, dry your flow-ing tears; Chase your un - be - liev - ing fears.

Day of tri-umph through the skies, See the glo-rious Sav - ior rise.  
 Drive your anx-ious cares a - way; See the place where Je - sus lay.  
 Look on his de - sert - ed grave; Doubt no more his pow'r to save.

Meter: 77.77

William Collyer, pub. 1812, abr.

Source:

CW 159

Tune: Innocents

French melody, 13th C.

## HYMN

## "Eat This Bread"

*Refrain*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and nev - er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

*Cantor or Choir* *Refrain*

1 This is His bod - y giv - en for you; this is His blood that was shed for you.

2 As of - ten as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death un - til He comes a - gain.

3 Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day.

4 An - y - one who eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

5 If we be - lieve and eat this bread, we will have e - ter - nal life.

Text: Robert J. Batastini, b. 1942, and Taizé Community.  
 Refrain and sts. 3–5; Stephen P. Starke, b. 1955, sts. 1–2  
 Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923–94

EAT THIS BREAD  
 Irregular meter

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John 6:35; 1 Cor. 11:23–26; John 6:48–58

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

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER

**C** 1) Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to  
 2) From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to  
 you for - ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and  
 you for - ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have  
 low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er! (*sing vs. 2*)  
 taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er! (*cont.-->*)  
 Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -  
 mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of life with us.  
 Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for -  
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to  
 you for - ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith towards you and in fervent love towards one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

- P** 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. **C** Amen.
- P** Go in peace; serve the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

## CLOSING HYMN

### "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which  
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with

of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:  
 can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:

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

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*Ps. 118:24; Matt. 28:8; Lk. 25:7–9; Rom. 6:9*

## POSTLUDE

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## Our Confession about Communion

### Our Confession

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;

b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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