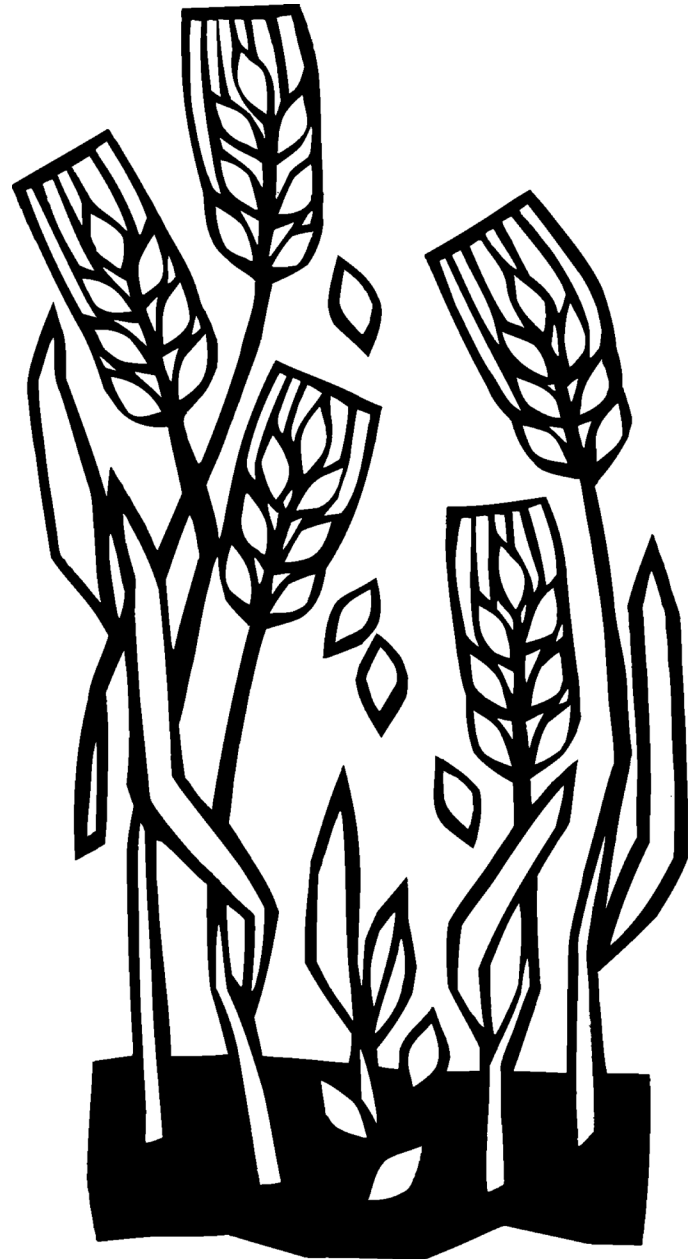


**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 17, 2024  
Holy Communion**



**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,  
**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.  
We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.  
We speak in ways that silence others.  
We are silent when we should speak up.  
We keep score in our hearts.  
We let hurts grow into hatred.  
For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.  
Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through ☩ Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

My Song Is Love Unknown

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1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es  
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and  
 5 They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made a -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly  
 stow; but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would  
 sing; re - sound-ing all the day ho - san - nas to their  
 spite? He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their  
 way; a mur - der - er they save, the prince of life they

be. Oh, who am I that for my sake  
 know. But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed,  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath,  
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these  
 slay. Yet cheer - ful he to suff - 'ring goes

my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
 who at my need his life did spend!  
 and for his death they thirst and cry.  
 them - selves dis - please and 'gainst him rise.  
 that he his foes from thence might free.


6 In life no house, no home  
 my Lord on earth might have;  
 in death no friendly tomb  
 but what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home  
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing—  
 no story so divine!  
 Never was love, dear King,  
 never was grief like thine.  
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
 I all my days could gladly spend!

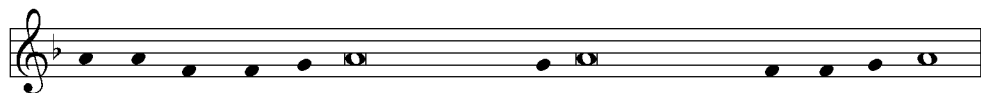
## GREETING

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.**


## KYRIE



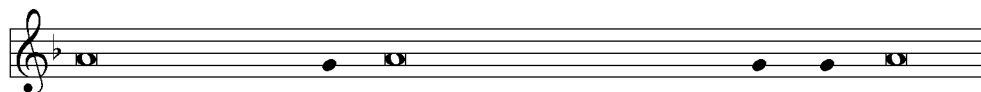
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.




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




☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



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



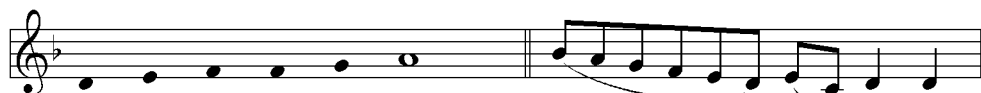
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.




☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



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



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you / **And also with you** / Let us pray...

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD

### First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 51:1-12 (Read responsively by whole verse)

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother’s womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

## Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



The Holy Gospel according to John the 12th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel: John 12:20-33

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

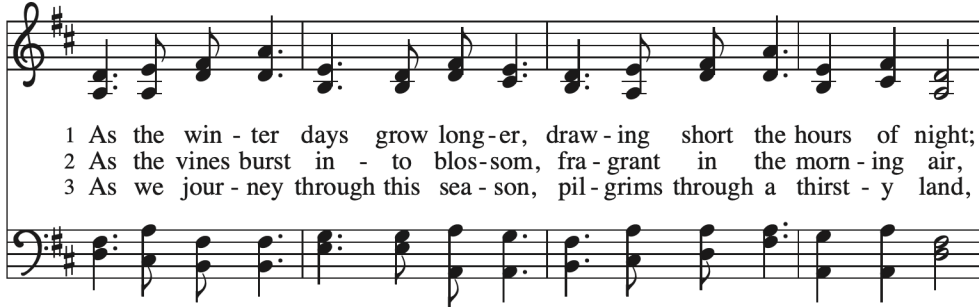
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

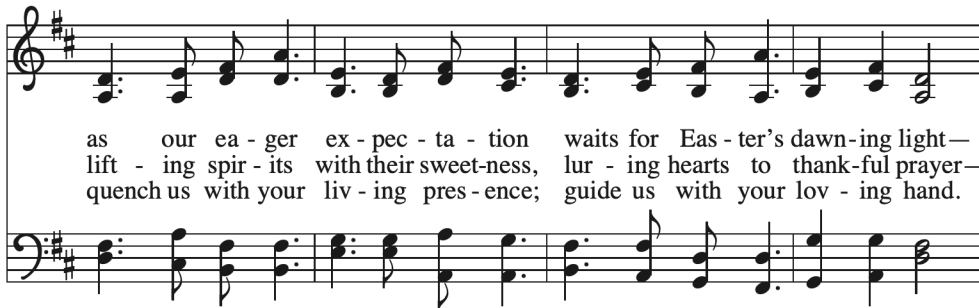
# SERMON – REV. RICK NEU

## HYMN OF THE DAY

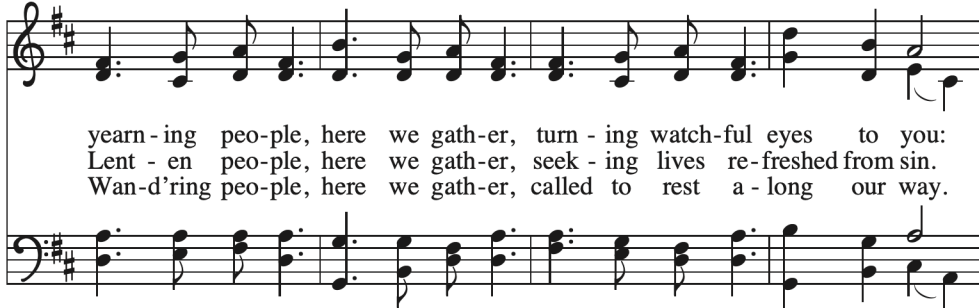
### As the Winter Days Grow Longer



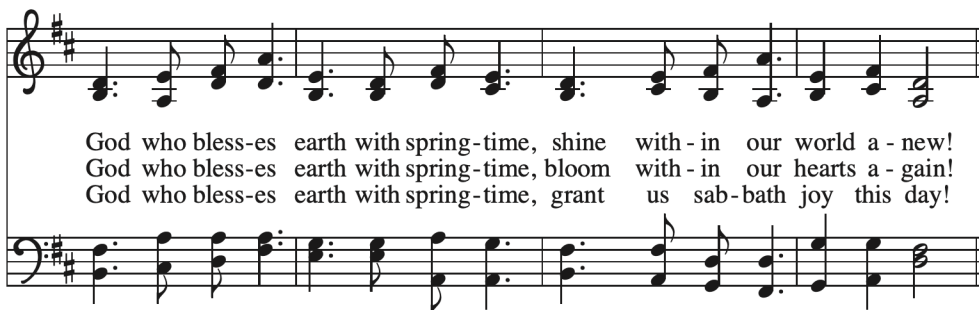
1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;  
2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,  
3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,



as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light—  
lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer—  
quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.



yearn - ing peo - ple, here we gath - er, turn - ing watch - ful eyes to you:  
Lent - en peo - ple, here we gath - er, seek - ing lives re - fresh - ed from sin.  
Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.



God who bless - es earth with spring - time, shine with - in our world a - new!  
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, bloom with - in our hearts a - gain!  
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, grant us sab - bath joy this day!

## 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 hand 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

Let us humbly beseech God for his mercy upon the Church, the world, and one another.

*A brief silence*

Father, give us a new heart. Take away our heart of stone. Give us the only heart that can beat in us forever – the heart of your dear Son Jesus.

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

Put a new and right heart within your Church. Make it cling in perfect faith to Jesus, and do your will. Cleanse it from wrongful teaching and shameful deeds. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make it shine with your Son's forgiveness, righteousness, and mercy.

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

Put a new and faithful heart in your people when they are persecuted for Jesus' sake. Give them the joy of knowing that they indeed drink with Jesus from his cup.

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

Put a new and joyful heart within this congregation. By the power of your Holy Spirit, unite us to Jesus' death and rising. Cause us to bear much fruit in his name. And use us to draw others to his cross. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Put a new and patient heart within all who care for family members with special needs. Give them compassion, strength, and the joy of knowing that what they do for their loved one, they do for you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Put a new and wise heart within our earthly leaders, so they do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before you. Give to all of us a desire to help our neighbors, even the difficult ones. Teach us to live together in peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Put a new and steadfast heart into all who serve our country. Give them courage, wisdom, and competence. Strengthen and shield their loved ones. Bring them home safely when their work is done. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Put a new and trustful heart into all who cry to you for help; including those we name before you either silently or aloud.... Give them the joy of your saving help; and give to all who care for them the comfort and guidance of your Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Dear Father, we commend into your care all whose deaths we mourn. Put a new and faith-filled heart into us as we walk life's troubled pathways. Give us grace to believe that we who are buried with Christ shall also be raised with him. Bring us, with all whom you have redeemed, into the joy of your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For these things, and for whatever else is needful, dear Father, we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(If you choose to exchange the peace, please use hand sanitizer before you start and again when finished.)*

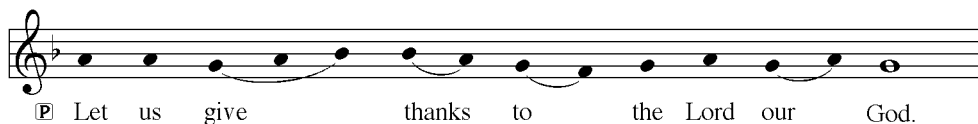
What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all his ben - e - fits to me?  
I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing  
and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the  
pres - ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,  
in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.



## OFFERING PRAYER

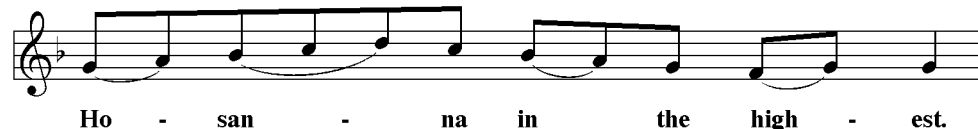
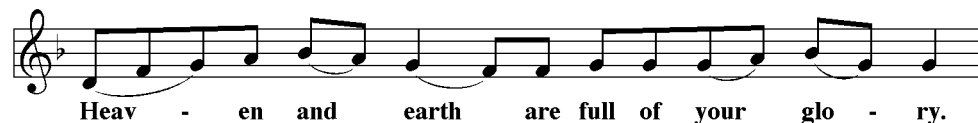
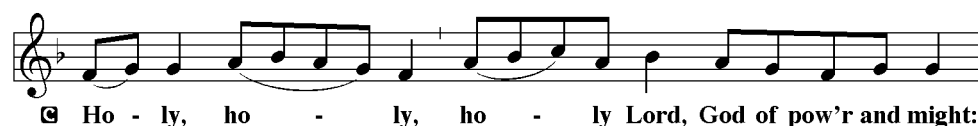
Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



## PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of your grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,

our living Water and our merciful Guide,  
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs  
we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert,  
and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,  
who joined us in our desert,  
pouring out his life for the world.

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.

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.

Remembering, therefore,

his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food  
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:  
wash away our sin,

that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church,

both now and forever. **Amen**

## LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG):

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in  
heav - en. 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 tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are  
yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men

## FRACTION

### 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. A - men

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**(Please use hand sanitizer before coming to the Altar. Both intinction and common cup are available.)**

Bread for the journey.

A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

### COMMUNION

The Body of Christ given for you. The Blood of Christ shed for you.

### TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen**

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



Lord, now 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.  
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,  
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

# SENDING SONG – ELW 450

HOLY BAPTISM

[U] 450

## I Bind unto Myself Today

1 I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong name

of the Trin - i - ty by in - vo - ca - tion

of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.

burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, his rid - ing  
flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing  
whom all na - ture has cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal

up the heav'n - ly way, his com - ing at the  
wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the  
Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word. Praise to the Lord of

day of doom, I bind un - to my - self to - day.  
deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks. ▶  
my sal - va - tion; sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord!

End

2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, by pow'r of  
3 I bind un - to my - self to - day . . . the vir - tues  
5 I bind un - to my - self the name . . . the strong name

faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, his bap - tism in the  
of the star - lit heav - en, the glo - rious sun's life -  
of the Trin - i - ty . . . by in - vo - ca - tion

Jor - dan Riv - er, his cross of death for my sal - va - tion, his  
giv - ing ray, . . . the white - ness of the moon at e - ven, the  
of the same, . . . the Three in One and One in Three, . . . of

4 Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be - hind me, Christ be - fore me,  
Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan - ger,

*To stanza 5 - after repeat*

Christ be - side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and strang - er.

## **BLESSING**

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**