

**Praise
him,
sun and
moon.**

PSALM 148:3



**Second Sunday
Of Easter
April 12, 2026**

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Welcome to our Visitors!

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are glad you are here. It is our sincere prayer that God would refresh you by His Holy Word and Sacrament and that you would take with you His peace and joy. If you would care to give us your contact information, we would like to get to know you better and keep in touch. If you have questions or are interested in membership, please speak to anyone here.

Holy Communion

We come to the table at the invitation of the Lord, receiving the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Christians who share this faith and wish to join us at the table are welcome. Young children may be brought forward for a blessing.

Mission Statement

“...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

1 Peter 2:9

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Chicago Folk Service
*indicates to please stand
Bold-congregation responses

PRELUDE IN CHRIST ALONE

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have turned from You and given ourselves into the power of sin. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In Your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to You, and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God our Father does care about us. In His mercy, He has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, + Son and Holy Spirit. May Almighty God strengthen and preserve you unto life everlasting.

Amen.

***ENTRANCE HYMN**

In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to
slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day, up from the grave He rose a -
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
save. Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His



cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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***WELCOME**

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.

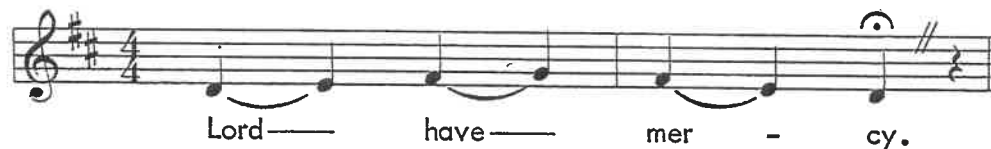
SERVICE OF THE WORD

***KYRIE – “DEACONS PRAYER”**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace that is from above and for our resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the people of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy place and for those who in faith, devotion, and fear of God offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help save, strengthen and defend us, O God by your grace.



*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – “SONG OF PRAISE”

Glo-ry be to God on high, praise to you most
Ho - ly! O Lord God, Heav'n - ly King
God the Fa - ther Al - mighty! O Lord God,
Lamb of God, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther:
Christ who takes a - way our sin, have mer - cy up -
on us. For you on - ly Lord, O Christ,
with the Ho - ly Spir - it, are most high
in the glo - ry of — God the Fa - ther.
Glo - ry be to God on high! A - men.

*“GREETING” AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with you, too.

Let us pray...

Living God, you are our life, our hope, our strength. Grant that we who have not seen may have the faith to trust in you through all things, that we might receive the peace of Christ; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

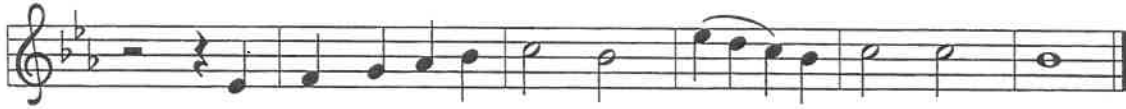
The First Reading is from Acts, the 5th chapter.

²⁹Peter and the apostles answered {the high priest and the council}, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” ³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 148



The splen-dor of the LORD is o - ver earth and heav'n.

- ¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.
- ²Praise him, all you angels of his;
praise him, all his host.
- ³Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.
- ⁴Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens. *Refrain:*
- ⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord;
for he commanded, and they were created.
- ⁶He made them stand fast forever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- ⁷Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
- ⁸Fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing his will; *Refrain:*
- ⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and winged birds;
- ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
- ¹²Young men and maidens,
old and young together. *Refrain:*
- ¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah! *Refrain:*

SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from 1st Peter, the 1st chapter.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Al-le-lu-le, Alleluia” (vs 3 & 6)

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Sing praise to the Lord, — all the earth!'. The second staff contains 'Al - le - lu - le, Al - le - lu - ia!' and is marked 'fine'. The third staff contains 'Play mu - sic to praise his name!'. The fourth staff contains 'Al - le - lu - le, Al - le - lu - ia! (VERSE)'. The notation includes various note values, rests, and a double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

3. We sing to the glory of the Lord,
Who set us free from our sins.

6. He suffered and died for us,
And one day he shall return.

*** GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pr. Paul. "Honest Thomas"

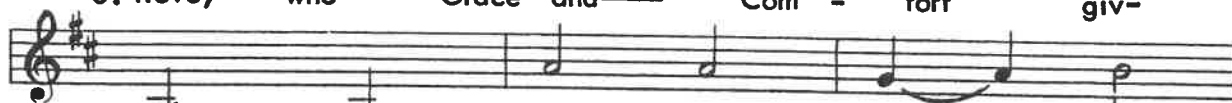
*APOSTLES CREED - "CREED"



1. We all be - lieve — in one true
 2. (And) we be - lieve — in Je - sus
 3. (And) we in the Ho - ly Ghost be -



1. God — Mak - er of Earth — and Heav -
 2. Christ, his Son our — Lord — and Sav -
 3. lieve, who Grace and — Com - fort giv -



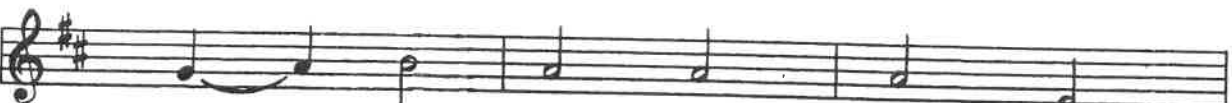
1. en, the Fa - ther who — to
 2. ior, who with the Fa - ther
 3. eth, and with the Fa - ther



1. us in love, hath the name of
 2. e - qual the might, — hath pow'r and
 3. and the Son in e - ter - nal



1. chil - dren giv - en, He in
 2. glo - ry for - ev - er. Born of
 3. glo - ry liv - eth. Who all



1. soul — and bod - y feeds us.
 2. Mar - y Vir - gin Moth er
 3. Chris - tian broth - ers e - ven



1. All we need — his hand pro -
 2. by the work - ing of the
 3. keeps in u - ni - ty of

***APOSTLE'S CREED (continued)**



1. vides us, through all snares — and
 2. Spir - it, he be - came — our
 3. Spir - it, sins are tru - ly for-



1. per - ils leads us — sees no
 2. el - der broth - er, that Heav'n we
 3. giv - en through the — Blest Re-



1. harm — be - tides us.
 2. might — in - her - it.
 3. deem - er's mer - it.



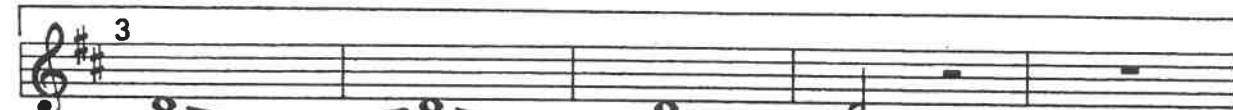
1. He cares for - us by day and
 2. Was cru - ci - fied by [sin - ful and
 3. All flesh shall rise a - gain and



1. night, all things are gov - erned by —
 2. men, and raised by God to life —
 3. we shall live with God e - ter —



1. His — might. — And
 2. a - gain. — And
 3. nal —



3. ly. —

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Set our minds on heavenly things;

Fill us with your joy.

*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you.

(Let us greet one another with the peace of the risen Christ.)

OFFERTORY HE IS EXALTED

Piano and flute duet

Words and Music by Twila Paris

*"CREATE IN ME"

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O,

God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. —

Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence and

take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. — Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -

hold me with your spir - it free. — Cre -

ate in me a clean heart, O — God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. —

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes. There are several measures with rests, and a triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' in a box. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Let us pray,

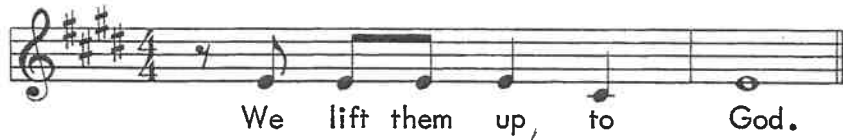
Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us; ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*“**THANKSGIVING**”

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Give thanks to the Lord.



It is truly right and proper at all times and places to give our thanks to you, Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, ever living God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heav'n, we laud and magnify your glorious name evermore praising You and saying:

*SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of
Hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Glo - ry be to you, O Lord most high.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. —
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho-
san - nah in the high - est! —

Father, you are holy indeed; all your actions show your mercy and love. You made us in your image and set us over your creations. Even when we had fallen under the spell of sin, you did not abandon us but offer a covenant of blessing for all people.

You rescued your chosen people, Israel, as a sign of the great deliverance to come. You sent prophets to prepare the way. And when the time had come, you sent your Son; born of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. In word and wonder he proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life. For us he was lifted up on the cross that we might know the power of his resurrection. And that we might no longer live for ourselves, but for him, he promised his Holy Spirit to those who believe to comfort and guide us and make us children of you, his Father.

Father, through him and in his name, we ask you fill us with your Holy Spirit so that, until he comes again, we may remember him as he commanded us:

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

“Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

***LORD’S PRAYER**



1. Our Fa - ther who art in Heav -
 2. (On) Earth as it is in Heav -
 3. And for - give us our tres -
 4. Lead us not in - to temp -
 5. (For) thine is the king - dom and the
 6. (A-) men, A - men, it shall be



1. en, _____
 2. en, _____
 3. pass - es, } 1-6. Hal - low - ed be Thy Name.
 4. ta - tion, }
 5. pow - er, }
 6. so, _____

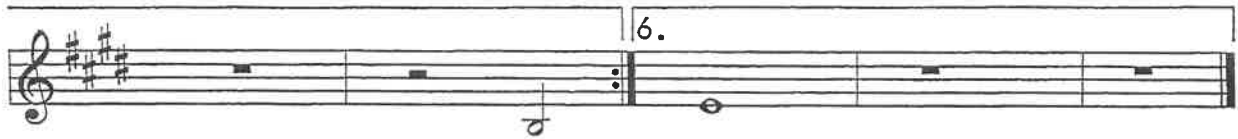


1. Thy - King - dom come, - Thy will be -
 2. Give us this day our dai - ly
 3. As we for - give those who tres - pass a -
 4. But de - liv - er us from
 5. And the glo - ry for - ev - er and
 6. A - men, A - men, it shall be _____

***LORD'S PRAYER (Continued)**



- 1. done, —
 - 2. bread, —
 - 3. gainst us,
 - 4. e - vil,
 - 5. ev - er,
 - 6. so. —
- 1-6. Hal - low - ed be Thy Name.



- 2. On
- 3.
- 4. 6. Name.
- 5. For
- 6. A-

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.
 When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.



***AGNUS DEI – “LAMB OF GOD”**

Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes a - way the
sin of the world,— have mer - cy on us.

Christ, O Lamb of God,
who takes a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on
us. Christ, O Lamb of
God, who takes a - way the sin of the world,—
give us your peace.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ given for you.

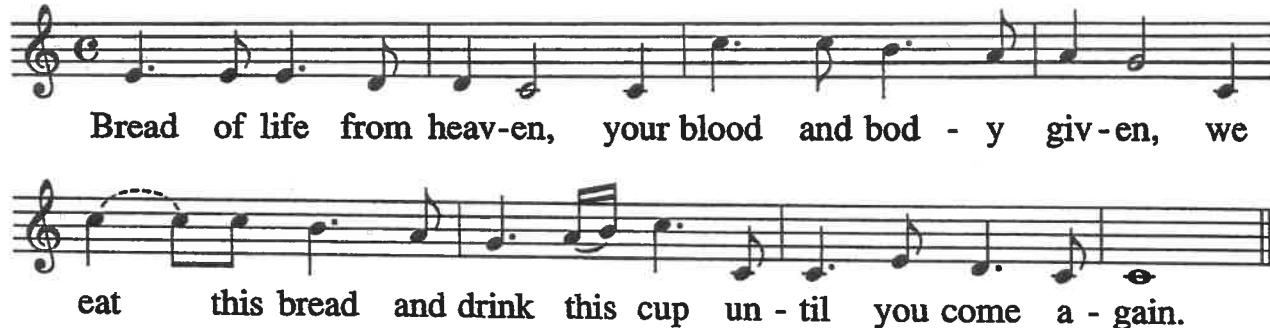
Amen.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

Amen.

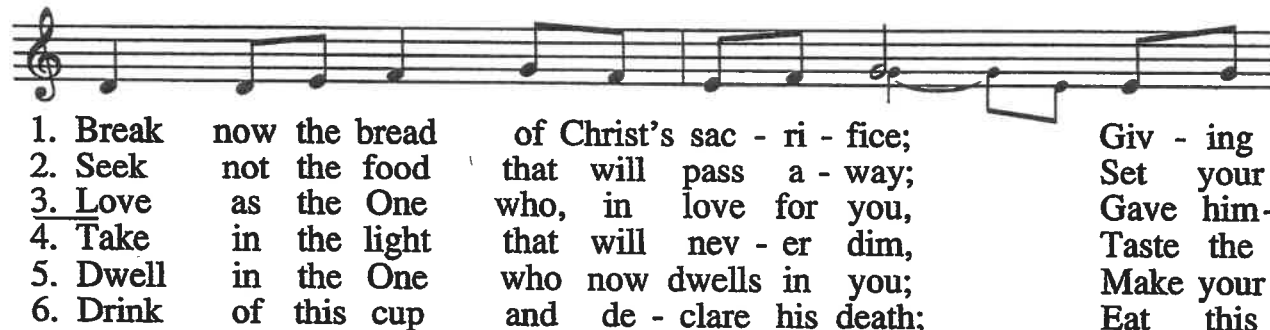
COMMUNION HYMN Bread of Life from Heaven (vs. 1 & 6)

Refrain

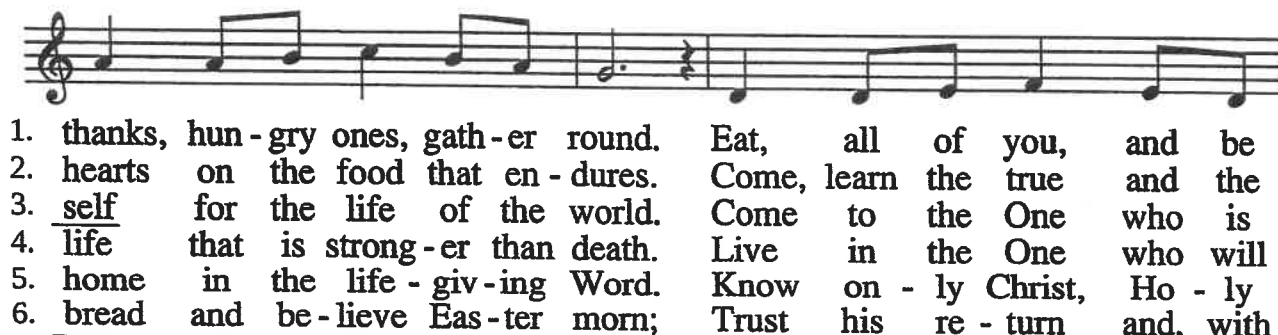


Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we
eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

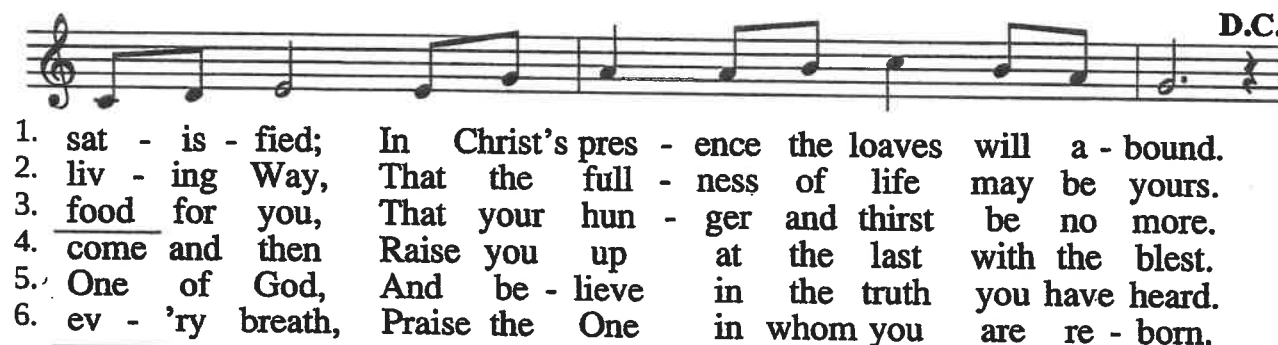
Verses



1. Break	now the bread	of Christ's sac - ri - fice;	Giv - ing
2. Seek	not the food	that will pass a - way;	Set your
3. Love	as the One	who, in love for you,	Gave him -
4. Take	in the light	that will nev - er dim,	Taste the
5. Dwell	in the One	who now dwells in you;	Make your
6. Drink	of this cup	and de - clare his death;	Eat this



1. thanks,	hun - gry ones,	gath - er round.	Eat,	all of you,	and be
2. hearts	on the food	that en - dures.	Come,	learn the true	and the
3. self	for the life	of the world.	Come	to the One	who is
4. life	that is strong - er	than death.	Live	in the One	who will
5. home	in the life - giv - ing	Word.	Know	on - ly Christ,	Ho - ly
6. bread	and be - lieve	Eas - ter morn;	Trust	his re - turn	and, with



1. sat - is - fied;	In Christ's pres - ence	the loaves	will a - bound.
2. liv - ing Way,	That the full - ness	of life	may be yours.
3. food for you,	That your hun - ger	and thirst	be no more.
4. come and then	Raise you up	at the last	with the blest.
5. One of God,	And be - lieve	in the truth	you have heard.
6. ev - 'ry breath,	Praise the One	in whom you	are re - born.

Text: Based on John 6; adapt. by Susan R. Briehl, b.1952; Spanish by Jaime Cortez, b.1963
Tune: ARGENTINE SANTO, 9 9 9 9 with refrain; Argentine melody; adapt. and verses by Marty Haugen, b.1950
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*The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace unto life everlasting.

Amen

*NUNC DIMITTIS – “SIMEON’S SONG”

Lord, now send your ser - vants forth in
peace ac - cord - ing to your word.—
Here we have seen your sav - ing
work done in the sight of all [man -
kind; to those in dark - ness a
prom - ise bright, to be - liev - ers a liv - ing
hope. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther,
and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in
the be - gin - ing, is now and ev - er
shall be, world with - out end.
A - men.

***“BLESSING”**

The Lord be with you.



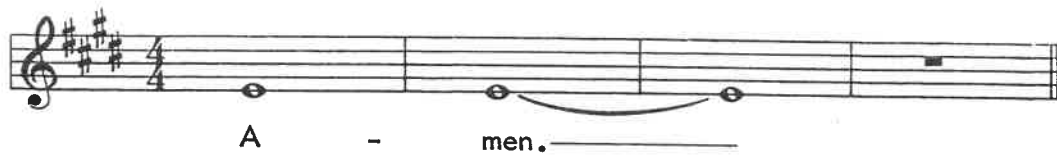
Bless we the Lord.



The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



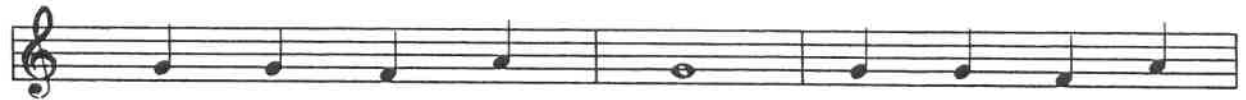
Blessings

***“SEND US FORTH IN PEACE”**

Lord we have your peace.



Lord, we have your peace.



Lord, we have your peace. Lord, we have your



peace. Just as you said we have heard it,



Just as you lived we have felt it. Lord we have your



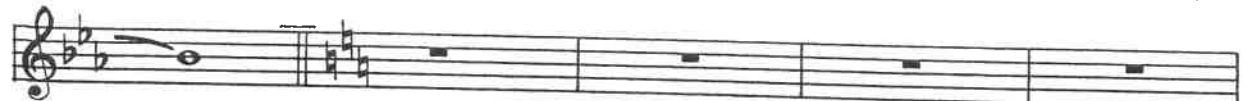
peace. Sus - tain us in your peace, O Lord, as we



go to our sep' - rate worlds. Keep this peace with



us as we try to love in our trou - bled worlds.—



Send us forth in peace.



Send us forth in peace to be a light to show your



beau - ty for - ev - er.

SERVING THE FAMILY OF FAITH

This Week: 4/12

Reader: Zan Bramley

Communion: Zan & Jerry Bramley

Fellowship: Jan Zinnecker

Usher: John Humphrey

Next Week: 4/19

Reader: Ralph Kuhn

Communion: Ralph Kuhn

Fellowship: Deb Ebert

Usher: Ken Schiess

Birthday: 4/16 Thursday, Lynn Heim

Anniversaries last week: 4/10 Jerry & Zan Bramley
4/11 Linda and Gene Renzaglia

Thank You: To Katie Voulgaris for playing her flute with the CFS!!

Reminder: 4/23 Women's Bible Study, Thursday at 10 am.
Pr. Paul and Deb gone 5/3. Gina will be leading worship and
Nancy will be "playing" the organ.

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