

Easter Sunday



Alleluia!
Christ is risen!

March 31, 2024

9:30 AM

*(You are welcome to share a prayer request to be used in worship today by filling out a Prayer Card.
They will be collected by the ushers during the Hymn of the Day.)*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Handbell Change Ring

PRELUDE *(and lighting of the altar candles)*



EASTER DECLARATION

Leader: Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed.

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WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Kent Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Duwamish and Muckleshoot peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

GATHERING

Pastor: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

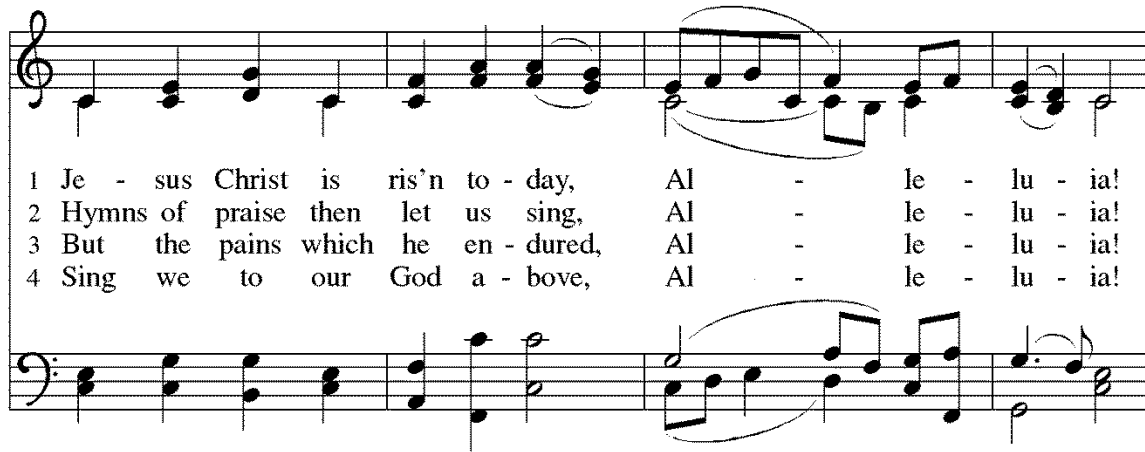
We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

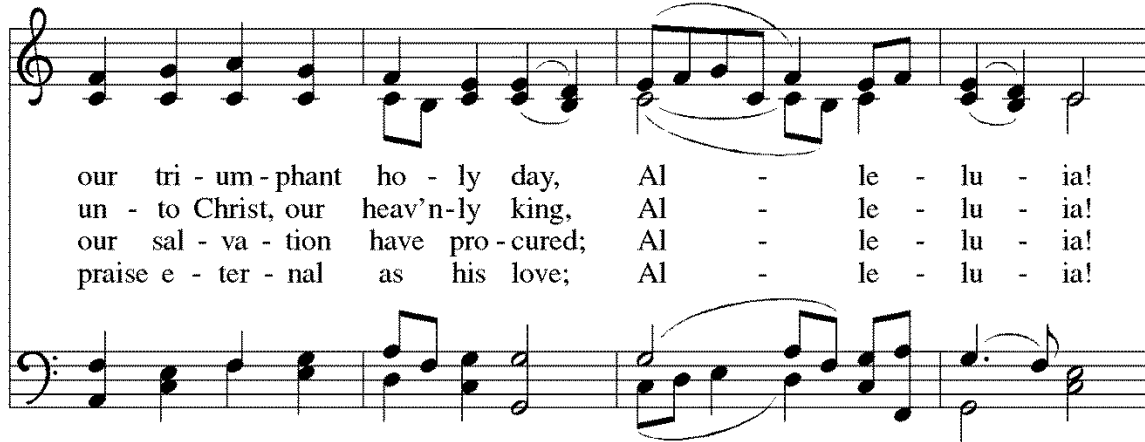
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

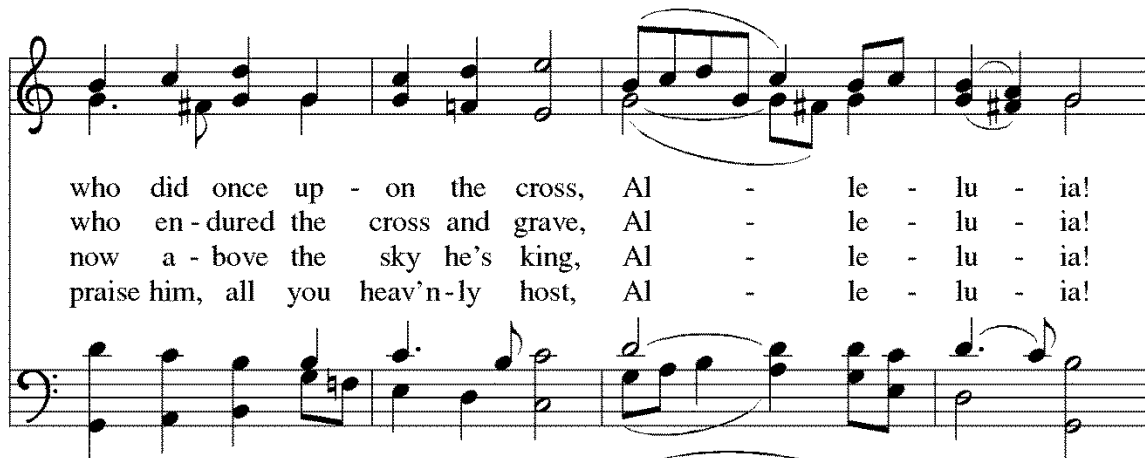
All: Amen.



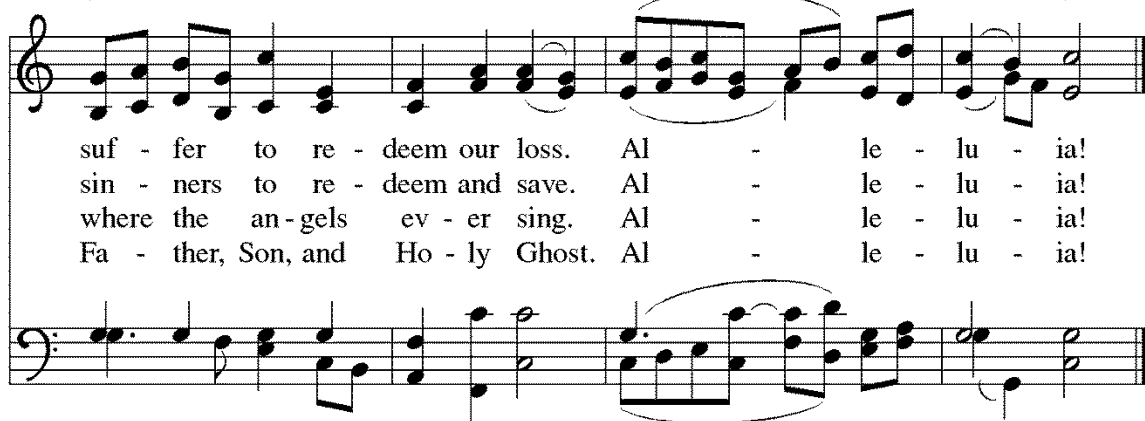
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

KYRIE

S.M.Haley

{Organ}

Leader: Assembly:

In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. Lord . . . have

6 Leader: Assembly:

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

11 Leader:

mer-cy. For the peace of the whole world, the well - be ing of the church of God, and for the

14 Assembly: Leader:

un-it-y of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord . . . have mer-cy. For this ho-ly house,

19 Assembly:

and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord . . . have mer-cy.

24 Leader: Assembly:


Help. save, com-fort, and de-fend us grac-ious Lord. A - - men.

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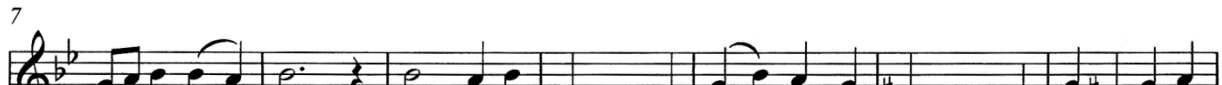


CANTICLE OF PRAISE


S.M. Haley




1 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al -



7 - le - lu - ia Worth - y is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



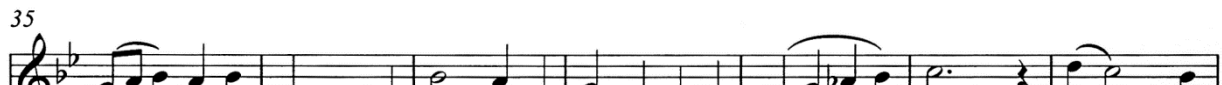
14 free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



21 hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our



28 God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia Sing with all the



35 peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. Bless - ing,



42 hon - or and might be to God and to the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



49 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -



56 - ia For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le -



63 lu - ia. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our



68 God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia



WORD

THE FIRST READING Acts 10:34-43

Reader: The first reading today is from the tenth chapter of the book of Acts.

(when the reading has been finished)

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

Refrain *(Worship Leaders sing the first time through, then the Congregation joins for the repeat):*

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

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Cantor: ¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."

All: Refrain (sung once):

Cantor: ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

All: Refrain (sung once):

Cantor: ¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.
¹⁸ The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.
¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

All: *Refrain (sung once):*

Cantor: ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

All: *Refrain (sung once):*

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: *Refrain (sung twice):*

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us re - joice and be glad in it.

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THE SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Reader: The second reading is from the fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians:

(when the reading has been finished)

Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

We invite you to stand for the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

S.M. Haley

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

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GOSPEL READING Mark 16:1-8

Reader: The holy gospel according to the sixteenth chapter of Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

(when the reading has been finished)

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

If you are standing, you may now be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



SERMON

Pastor Tormod Svensson



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

DECLARATION OF FAITH *(Inclusive Language Version)*

Leader: Please join me as we declare our faith together.

**All: I believe in God, the Creator 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 Creator,
and 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 life everlasting.**

Amen.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

(a brief silence)

(At the end of each petition of the Prayers of Intercession, these words will be said:

Leader: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Listen now to the prayers of your people, spoken aloud or silently...

(pause for personal prayers)

(special congregational prayers are lifted up)

*The complete list of all whom the congregation is praying
for this week is in the announcement insert in your bulletin.*

God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

All: Amen.

DEDICATION OF THE FLAG OF INCLUSIVITY



Leader: God of abundant love and endless diversity, we dedicate this flag and affirm our commitment to welcome and embrace all marginalized siblings. To celebrate love and loving relationships in all their many and varied forms. To acknowledge gender identities in their many expressions. May this flag, like the cross, serve as a beacon of hope to our community, and signify that this faith community is a safe harbor from the derision, hate, and bigotry of the world. May the vibrant colors inspire us to live with visibly inclusive pride, to embrace our truths and authenticity, and to unite in the face of adversity. May it remind us that it is your work and our hands that will shape a world where your unceasing love knows no bounds.

All: **Amen.**

MEAL



(Note: The ushers will collect your offerings in the center aisle during the hymn.)

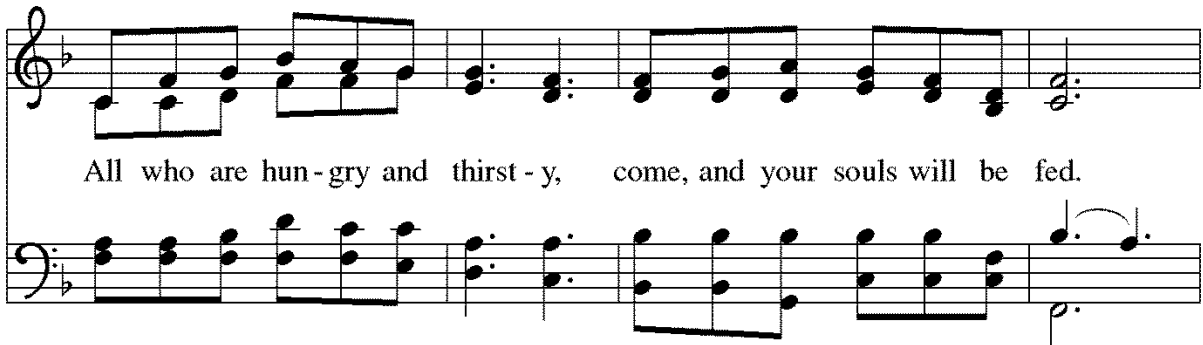
OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942
Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956
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GREAT THANKSGIVING

Reader: We give great thanksgiving as we participate in this meal of joy for God's presence is here.

We invite you in Jesus' name to commune with him at *this* table,
across political lines and economic lines,
in places of powerfully protected affluence,
and among the poorest of the poor.

Come, for this is a table where all are invited.

Come, whether this is your first time or your hundredth.

Come, because this feast is a reminder that God's Table is big enough for all of us.

We share this meal, remembering and celebrating the One who increases joy.

Jesus Christ has risen and he rose for *you*.

God has a seat saved at this table, specifically for *you*.

So, come.

All are welcome.

We will commune those in the Sanctuary first and then with those who are online.

If you are joining us online and want to participate in Holy Communion, have your piece of bread or cracker and your wine or juice ready.

DIALOGUE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

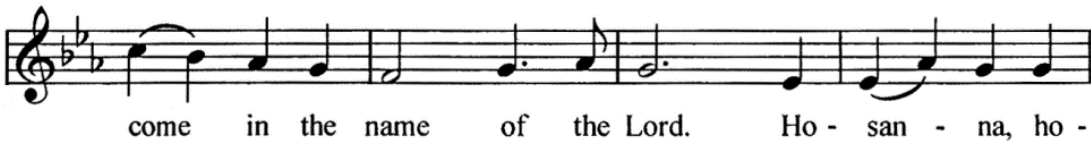
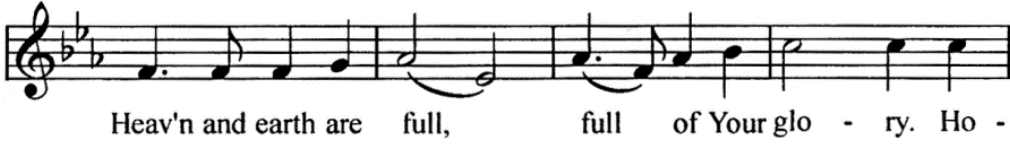
PREFACE

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

S.M. Haley

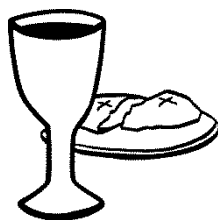


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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Pastor: 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.



LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: 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.



COMMUNION HYMN

S.M.Haley

(Org.)

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world.

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world.

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin . . . of the world.

Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is marked "(Org.)" and has a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves are identical. The third staff has a longer note for "sin . . ." and a shorter note for "of the world." The fourth staff has a longer note for "Grant us" and a shorter note for "peace." The music ends with a double bar line.

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ABOUT COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. Please wait in your pew until the usher indicates that it is your turn, then come forward using the center aisle. If you and/or your children are not comfortable participating in the Rite of Communion, **know that all are still welcome to come forward for a blessing – just let the presider know your preference when you and/or your children are at the rail.** When you are at the front, please fill in a vacant spot at the altar rail. You may either kneel or stand, whichever is most comfortable for you. **If you would like a gluten free alternative to the bread, or if you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please indicate that to the appropriate provider.** After you have communed, please discard the empty cup to be recycled in the trash can by the side wall before returning to your seat.*

COMMUNION INVITATION AND DISTRIBUTION

Pastor: The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.



(when all in the sanctuary have been fed)

Pastor: Those joining us online – pick up your bread and hear these words:

This is the body of Christ given for you.

Eat and receive saying, "**Amen.**"

Lift up your cup of wine or juice and hear these words:

This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

Drink and receive saying, "**Amen.**"

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

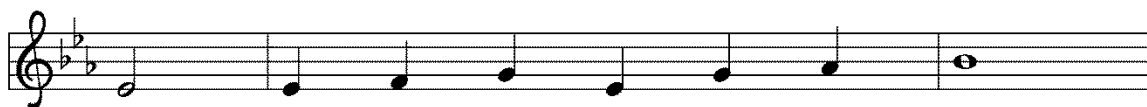
All: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Let us pray:

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

All: **Amen.**



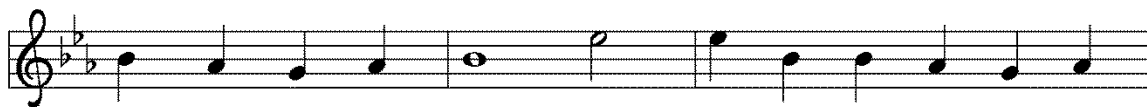
1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



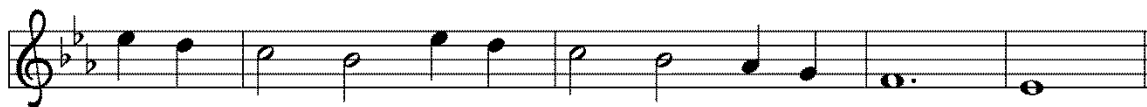
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

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BLESSING

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed!
Alleluia!**

Leader: The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: The love and peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Alleluia!
Go in peace.
Rejoice and be glad.

**All: Thanks be to God!
Alleluia!**

Pastor: Let us share God's peace with one another as we leave today.

*(As we pass the peace,
ALL people have the right to choose if they would like
a verbal greeting, a handshake, or a hug.)*

POSTLUDE





Alleluia!



Christ is risen!

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lives and celebrates the accepting love of Christ

CORE VALUES

We affirm the following values:

- * We value the love of God revealed in Christ Jesus;
- * We value God's love as a gift to be shared with everyone;
- * We value everyone as a child of God, and invite all to be embraced by God;
- * We value providing a loving, caring environment supporting spiritual needs;
- * We value that all people are empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve God and community.
- * We value the participation of people of all ages, ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, educational background, different abilities, and economic conditions.

OUR VISION

Kent Lutheran Church, a Christ-centered, sacred place
for spiritual, cultural, and community enrichment.

Kent Lutheran Church is an **RIC (Reconciling in Christ)** congregation.

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