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11:00 AM - May 12, 2024, Seventh Sunday of Easter Youth/Graduation Sunday Traditional Worship Service

Holy Communion Setting 4

INTRODUCTION

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Music Selections
Youth Choir

BLESSING OF COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Dear Graduates: At this special time in your life we are eager to show you how delighted we are that you have reached this milestone in your life. As fellow members of this community of faith we rejoice with you and want you to know of our pride and excitement as you move from this accomplishment into the next phase of your life. We also want you to know that wherever you go and whatever you do, you are going forward with our prayers for God's continued guidance, power, protection, and strength.

Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, when you welcomed the children your invitation included each one of us. Your guiding hand has continually been upon these young men and women. You have sustained them. You have shared in their laughter and wiped away their tears. In times of confusion you have offered direction. In times of sorrow you have offered hope. In times of doubt your Holy Spirit has lifted them up. Grant, O Savior, to each of these graduates the knowledge of your continued presence as they go forth into the future. Guide their steps. Hold them in the hollow of your hand. Bless them and keep them now and forever. **Amen.**





Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

GREETING ELW p. 147

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.

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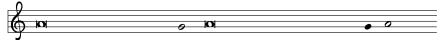
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





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

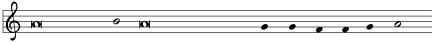




For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





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



Let us pray.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy 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.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Joey Sullivan

FIRST READING Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

A reading from Acts.

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hap - py are they whose de - light is in the law of the Lord.

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,

nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD,

and they meditate on God's teaching day and night. R

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;

everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind blows away. R

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed. R

SECOND READING 1 John 5:9-13

A reading from 1 John.

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL John 17:6-19

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

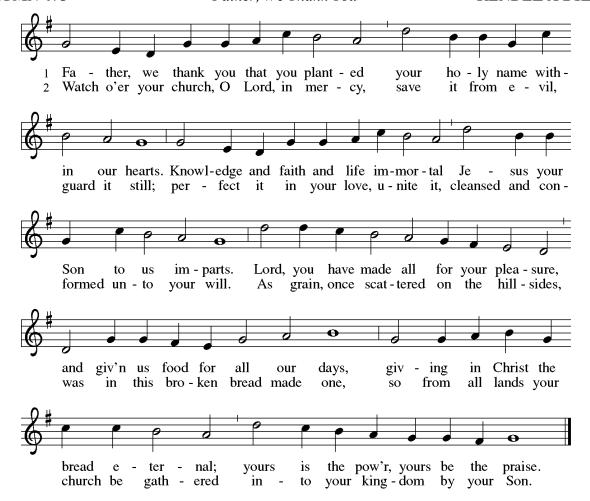
[Jesus prayed:] ⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Emily Hutto Tristan Spainhour



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PRESENTATION OF BLANKETS

The blankets you see here today have been made by the parents of our graduates. These blankets represent the love that our families share, the love our church family shares, and the love God shares with these young men and women.

Dear Friends in Christ, there was a day when your parents held you in their arms and rocked you to sleep. They cuddled you in a blanket to keep you warm, safe and comforted. Very soon you will be launching a new life, away from the safety and security of this home, family, church and community. As you go out into the world, may this blanket be a reminder of your parents' love and the nurture of this Christian community.

Parent(s): <u>(child's name)</u>, I come this day before God to bless you and thank him for your life. You have given my life a deeper meaning and calling. Through you, I have experienced God's love, joy and forgiveness. Wherever you go, whatever you do, my love goes with you, you will always be part of my heart. May this blanket remind you of the warmth of my love, the care of this faith community and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. And on those nights when I cannot wrap you in my arms, wrap yourself in this blanket and know that in God's family you are never alone.

Graduates: You have given of your heart and of your home. You have loved and cared for me, even when it was difficult. Today I honor and thank you for your courage, patience, wisdom and love. Wherever I go and whatever I do, I will always be your child, blessed by your love. I thank God for blessing my life with you.

CREED ELW p. 152

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

For us and for our salvation

through him all things were made.

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate:

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

PEACE ELW p. 152

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Most Glorious Lord of Life

William H. Harris

OFFERTORY HYMN 184

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Ronald A. Nelson



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,



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



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with your and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come. pres - ence,

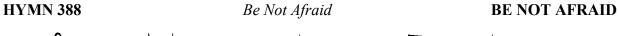
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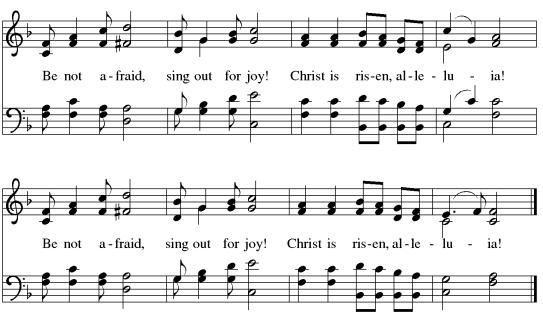
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Let us pray.

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. Amen.





Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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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.

HYMN 388 Be Not Afraid **BE NOT AFRAID**

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.

HYMN 388 Be Not Afraid BE NOT AFRAID LORD'S PRAYER ELW p. 154

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

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.

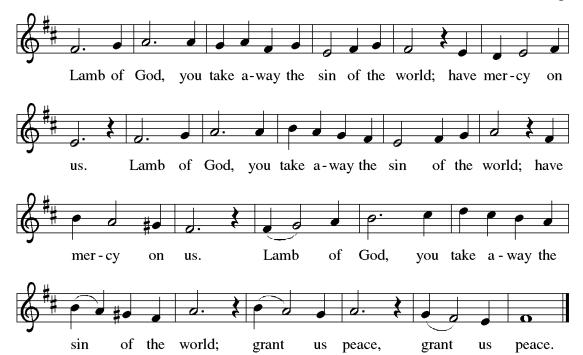
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

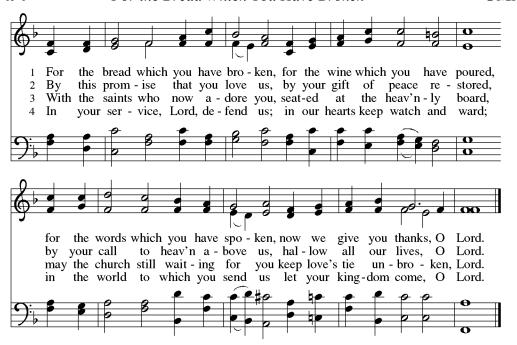
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI ELW p. 154





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Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

May the Road Rise to Meet You

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind blow at your back
May the sun shine warmly on your face
May the rain fall softly on your fields
And until we meet again
Until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

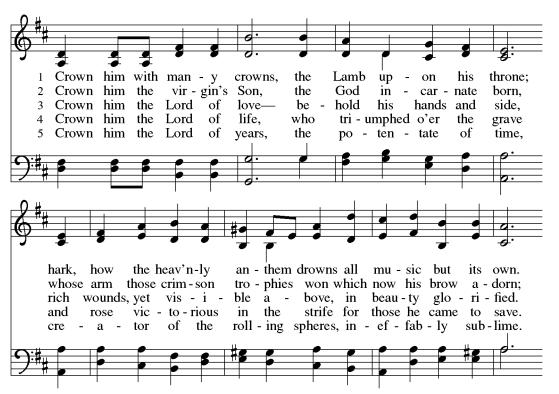
BLESSING ELW p. 155

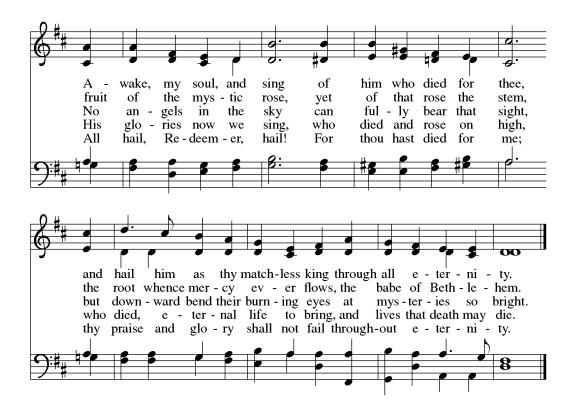
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

HYMN 855

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA





Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

DISMISSAL ELW p. 155

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

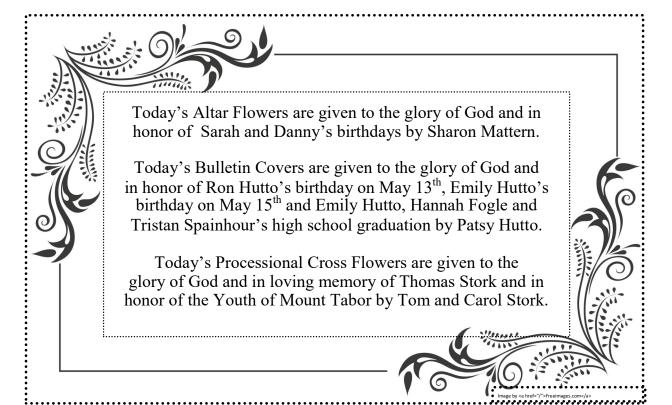
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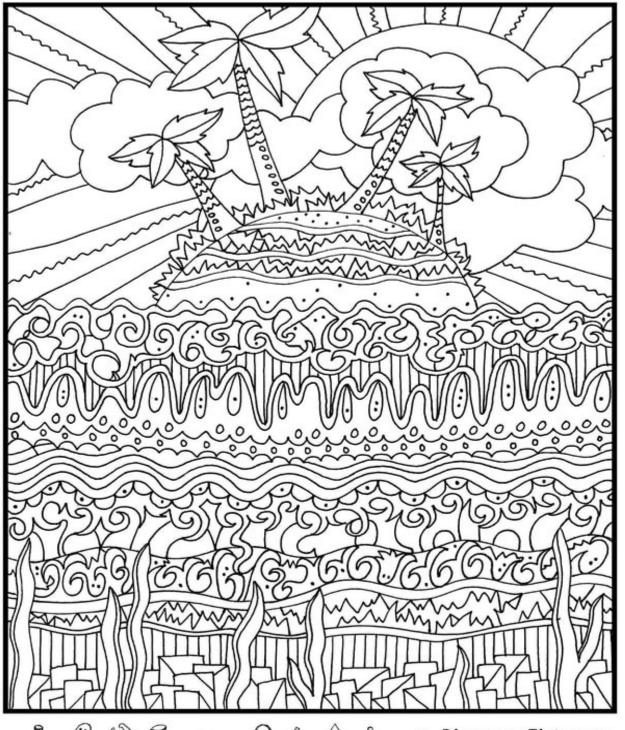
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Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

Lord Teach Us To Pray:

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Jeremy Goings, Bob Livingston, Annabelle Wilson, Isabelle Wilson, Kase Boone, Jason Nelson, Adam Payne George Caulder, Abigail Caulder, Veronica Cargile, Adam Davis, Todd Stilwell, Freddy Vallejo, Kaitlyn Neff, Al Jordan, Alyssa Todd.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Sandra Baker, Betty Keisler, Wanda Addy, Ron Hutto, Bruce Merchant Ann Crout, Al & Judy Jordan

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Drewby McQuillen, Mary Davis, Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Robert Cromer, Dennis Rybicki, Jr., Emma Lou Easley Lib Manus, Paul Addy, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs, Barbara Bradshaw, Betty Wise, Herman Bouknight, Jane & Gene Sexton, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

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