



The Easter Season
The Ascension of Our Lord

May 17, 2026

9:30am

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Crown Him (Majesty)"

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for me
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Chorus

Majesty Lord of all
Let ev'ry throne before Him fall
The King of kings O come adore
Our God who reigns forevermore (forevermore)

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Bridge

All hail Redeemer hail
For He has died for me
His praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity **(REPEAT)**

Ending

Praise God who reigns forevermore
You're the God who reigns forevermore

Confession and Forgiveness *(Congregational responses printed in bold.)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the life beyond all death,
the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.

Amen.

Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death,
let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life,

**by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new.
Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear.
We have not listened to voices that challenge us.
We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions.
Our hearts are slow to believe your promises.
Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear
the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

People of God:

Christ is alive, and death has lost its power.

Through the waters of baptism

you have been born anew by the living word of God.

Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name

and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

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.

Hymn of Praise: "Now the Feast and Celebration"

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1

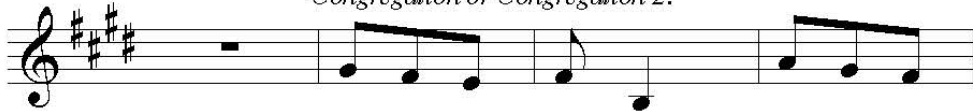
Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God.

to Refrain

Verse 2

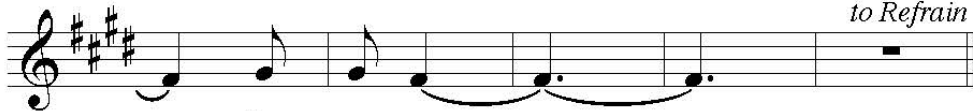
Congregation or Congregation 2:



2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ



for ev - er.

Verse 3

Congregation:



3. For God has come to dwell with us, to



make us peo - ple of God; to make



all things new.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us.

Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] ¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

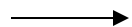
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.



²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Children's Message

Alleluia Verse

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Christ is risen, ris'n indeed.*

Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴ [Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song: "Revelation Song"

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain. Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus

*Holy holy holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You*

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King **Chorus**

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah **Chorus 3X**

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

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**

As people of the Good Shepherd ...

**We are a Christian community rooted in grace, connected through
inclusive worship and fellowship.**

Together

**We embrace and value all people and serve our broader
community with compassion.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

R/ I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

MEAL



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Offering Prayer

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.

You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Presider: *Congregation:*



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

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

Congregation:



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 -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Mighty God, you made the earth, and it trembles in your presence;
 you rescued your people from slavery,
 leading them through deepest waters - from death to life.
 You sent your Son, Jesus, to us, a prophet mighty in word and deed who taught us
 to celebrate your salvation in sincerity and truth.
 Though he was condemned to death and crucified by the religious,
 you raised him from the dead and wiped the tears from our faces.
 Risen indeed, he is with us always, breathing peace over our fears and
 spreading a rich banquet before us - so that in the breaking of bread and
 your Word proclaimed, our eyes might be open and our hearts set on fire with
 love.

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.

With this bread and cup
 we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- Christ has died.**
- Christ is risen.**
- Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
 Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us. Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With all your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Distribution of Holy Communion



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



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Song: "Open The Eyes Of My Heart"

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You (repeat)

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy holy holy ***Chorus 2x***

Holy holy holy, holy holy holy

Holy holy holy, I want to see You

Holy holy holy, holy holy holy

Holy holy holy, I want to see You

Holy holy holy, holy holy holy

Holy holy holy, I want to see You.

SENDING

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Amen.

Sending Hymn: “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev’ry place and time.

In ev’ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive! Ascended Lord
He rules the world his father made
till in the end, his love adored
Shall be to all, on earth displayed.

Prayer after Communion

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new.

**Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

Blessing

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God.

May Mission of the Month

BHBL Summer Lunch Program – Local churches provide summer lunches to students whose families lack the resources to provide meals.

Blessing Box Needs (please check expiration dates)
canned chicken, oatmeal packets, pasta/sauce, canned fruit, laundry detergent, coffee/tea, boxed milk, microwave meals, deodorant, dish soap.

Save the Dates

May 31st – Confirmation

June 7th – Graduate Sunday & Semi-Annual Meeting

Whimsical Wednesday Luncheon

May 20th at 12pm

Max 410 at Water's Edge, 2 Freemans Bridge Road
Please RSVP to Linda VanSchaick by Monday, May 18th

Graduate Sunday

On Sunday, June 7th, we will honor our High School Graduates.

Please email the church office (gsglenvilleoffice@gmail.com) with current school, future plans as well as ~ 4 photos (baby-growing up-present) by May 25.



Sign up to donate altar flowers in the foyer.

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