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*Three weeks ago we heard John's gospel's version of Peter's confession of faith. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of "messiah") in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.*

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**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

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All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

Singing Bowl

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

**PRELUDE . . .** *Leilani Camara and Michael Keating*

**WELCOME**

Please Stand

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We are an Open and Affirming church. Together, let us worship God, rejoicing in the good news which we celebrate this day!

**All:** There is a place in God's heart, there is a place at Christ's table, there is a place here and in every welcoming church for all people.

**L:** Christ who gathers us, bids us follow in the ways of love and justice.

**All:** May our hearts be open to Christ's leading in our worship and our living, this day and always.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign marked at baptism.

**P:** *Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.*

**All:** Amen.

**P:** *Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.*

Silence is kept for reflection.

**P:** *Source of all life,*

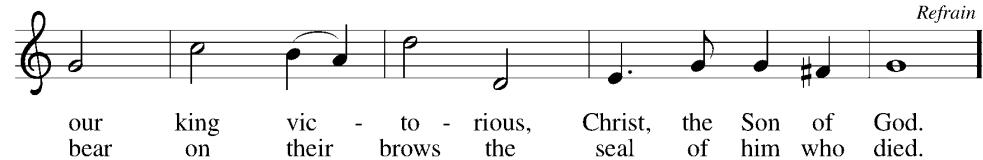
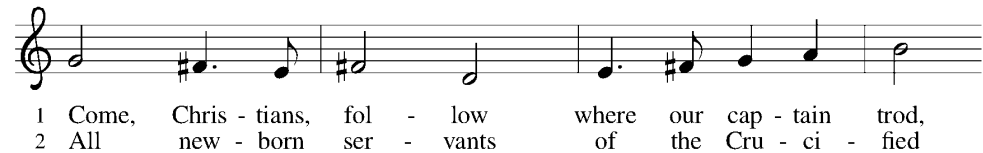
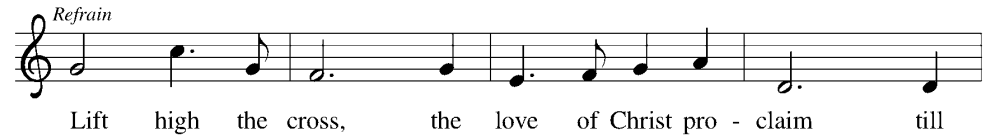
**All:** we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

**P:** *God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional,*

**All:** and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## OPENING HYMN. . . "Lift High the Cross" vs. 1, 2

Text: George W. Kitchin - Tune: Michael R. Newbolt - ELW #660

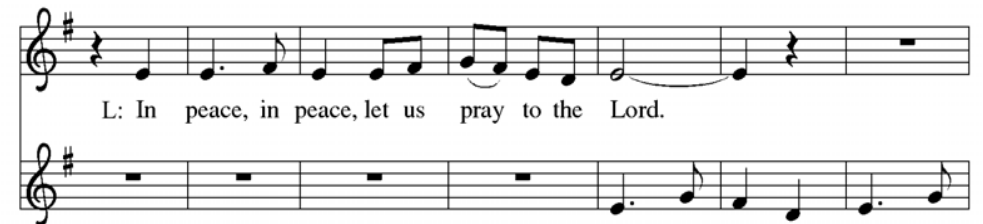


## GREETING

**P:** *God of hosts most gracious, God the Son who saves us, God the Spirit placed upon us, is with you all.*

**All:** And also with you.

## KYRIE



**All:** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

L: For the reign of God, and for  
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. L: For your  
All: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.  
All: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

L: Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.  
mer - cy. All: A - men.

## NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

*Refrain*  
All: 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!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

*Refrain*  
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

*Refrain*  
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!

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

*Refrain*  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

*Refrain*  
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!

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

*Refrain*  
God; to make all things new.

*Refrain*  
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!

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L:** O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives.

**All:** **Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Be Seated

## CHOIR ANTHEM . . . “Take Up Your Cross”

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### WE LISTEN AND THINK

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## READING . . . James 3:1-12

*This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.*

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

All: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

P: *The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the eighth chapter*

All: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL . . . Mark 8:27-38**

*This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to Christ.**

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**CHILDREN’S TIME . . . Pastor Tim**

**Blessing of Busy Bags**

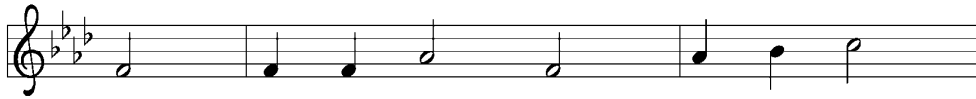
Please Stand

**SONG . . . “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said” vs. 1, 4**

Text: Charles W. Everest - Tune: W. Hauser - ELW #667



1 “Take up your cross,” the Sav - ior said,  
4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,



“if you would my dis - ci - ple be;  
nor think till death to lay it down;



for - sake the past, and come this day,  
for those who hum - bly bear the cross



and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.”  
one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

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**MESSAGE . . . Pastor Tim**

**WE SHARE THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

L: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have received much from God—grace, mercy, abundance, the love of Christ, and the gift of life itself.

All: In our worship, we praise God and give God thanks for these gifts. Let us now offer what we can as a way of saying, “Thank you.” In gratitude for God’s generosity, let us share God’s abundance with one another.

**THANKFUL OFFERING**

Please Stand

**OFFERTORY**

*Refrain*



All: As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help the needy in our community and throughout the world.

**All: As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. Amen.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation. Gracious God, you call your church to embody the love you have shown us. Raise us up each day to bear witness against sin, death, and the grave. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Creative God, quarks and galaxies bear witness to your imagination. Inspire scientists, naturalists, and conservationists who work to conserve precious natural resources. Grant us the wisdom to be good keepers of the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Loving God, you bless us with an abundant world. When your children wander homeless, hungry, and naked, strengthen us to be your presence as we care for all those in need. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Welcoming God, thank you for this congregation where we have found a home. Make us restless as we seek new and creative ways to expand our loving invitation to all people who seek a community. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

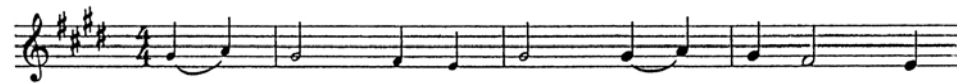
L: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayers.**

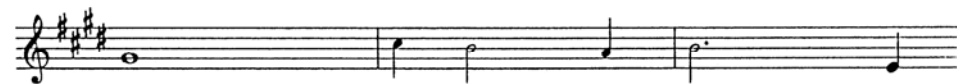
L: Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

**All: Amen.**

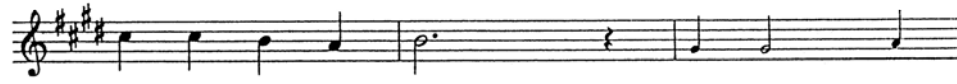
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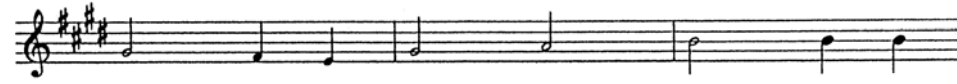
L: The Lord be with you. All: And al - so with



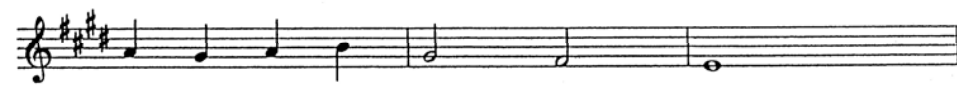
you. L: Lift up your hearts. All: We



lift them to the Lord. L: Let us give



thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*P: 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*

*thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith.*

**All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

*P: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, and inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Risen Savior gave us:*

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### FRACTION RITE

*P: God gives food to those who hunger. Come, be fed, be healed.*

**All: We come with thanks to God's abundant table. Amen.**

Be Seated



### LAMB OF GOD

Musical score for the hymn "Lamb of God". It consists of six staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "All: 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 sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace." The score includes a repeat sign and a key signature change to F major for the final phrase.

All: 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 sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Holy Communion is open to all.  
Grape juice is white, wine is red.  
If you desire communion brought to you,  
please let an usher know.





**COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak”**

Text: Frances R. Havergal - Tune: Robert Schumann – ELW #676



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y\_a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

**COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”**

Text & Tune: Richard Gillard - ELW #659



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

Singing Bowl

Please Stand

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

*P: O God, you are Hospitality. You are Welcome. You are the Invitation, the Table, the Feast. By your spirit may we learn to receive and offer grace, to share from the sustenance of our lives and not simply its crumbs.*

**All: Embolden us as we serve as the voice of those who continue to ask the church for justice and bread. In Christ we pray. Amen.**



## POST COMMUNION THANKS



All: Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -  
mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.  
From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to you for  
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us.  
Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**WE CARRY GOD'S CARING LOVE TO  
THE WORLD**

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## BENEDICTION

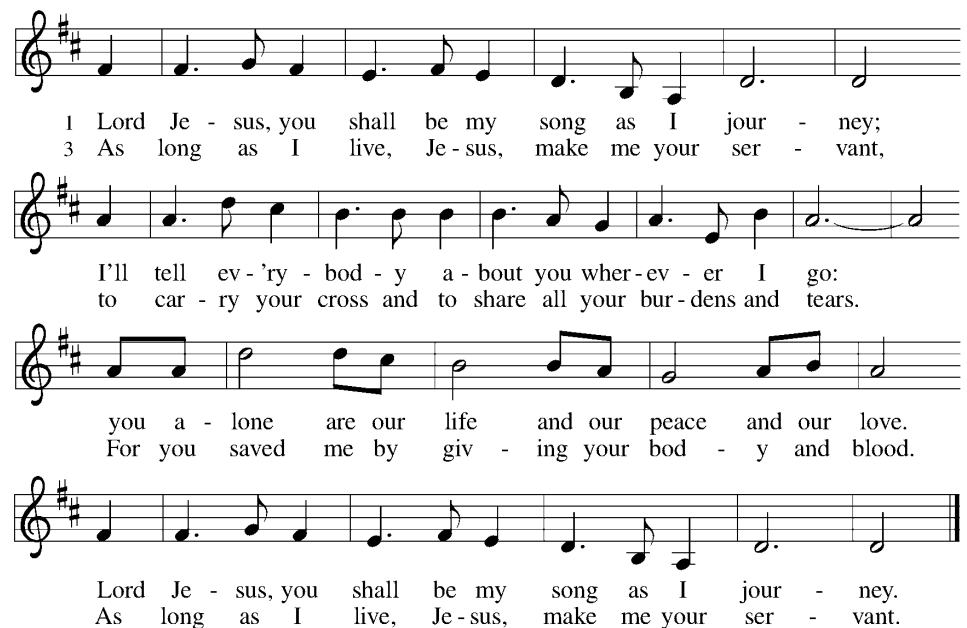
*P:* We leave this church, O God, with songs of new life on our lips.

**All:** With a message of hope in our hearts, with a determination to serve on our minds, with the love of Jesus Christ binding us together in faith community.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING OUT . . . "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

vs. 1, 3

Text & Tune: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus & L'Arche Community – ELW #808



1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.

## DISMISSAL

**L:** Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

Now the Feast and Celebration" Musical setting by Marty Haugen  
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