

# Peace

I leave with  
you, my peace I  
give unto you: not  
as the world  
giveth, give I unto  
you. Let not your  
heart be troubled,  
neither let it  
be afraid.

*John 14:27*



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9:30 AM – 6th Sunday of Easter  
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If you're looking for a community that seeks to follow God's vision, there is a place for you here. Trust that the mystery of God has brought you this far on your journey and will guide your future steps. All of who you are is welcome here.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and our website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews or the last pew. Children's Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

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

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*Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.*

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**GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING**

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## **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:** *"More Precious Than Silver"*  
– HTLC Bell Choir

## **WELCOME**

Please Stand

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Gathered as one, welcoming all,

**All: we worship as a community of love.**

L: Gathered in love, giving thanks for strength in our diversity,

**All: we come to sing God's praises.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*P: May the peace of the risen Savior Jesus be with you all.*

**All: And also with you.**

Please share the peace with each other.

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

*P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.*

**All: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia.**

*P: In the name of the One who was, who is, and who is to come.*

**All: Amen.**

*P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life,*

**All: let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.**

*P: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.*

**All: Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.**

*P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.*

**All: Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.**

*P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.*

**All: Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one**

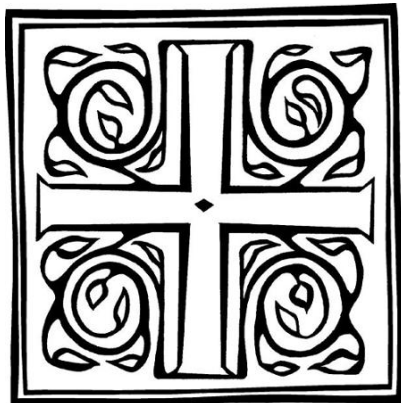
*P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.*

**All: We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. Amen.**

## **GREETING**

*P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

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



**OPENING HYMN: “We Are Marching in the Light” vs.1,2**  
-ELW #866

1. We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the  
2. danc - ing danc - ing

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,  
danc - ing

we are march - ing in the light of God.  
danc - ing

We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo  
danc - ing danc - ing danc - ing

we are march - ing in the light of God.  
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**INVOCATION**

*P: Worship Our Creator in the beauty of holiness. Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad. The God who created the world and fills it with life is with you all.*

**All: And also with you.**

# KYRIE & HYMN OF PRAISE



L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



All: Lord, oh Lord have mer - cy.



L: For the peace that comes from a - bove, For the



heal - ing of our bro - ken - ness and sin, Let us



pray, Let us pray to the Lord.



All: Lord, oh Lord have mer - cy.



All: Cre - a - ted for a life to - geth - er, we  
With sun and moon and stars of hea - ven we



come a - live in you. Now, in your fel-low-ship you  
name you as our light; In mor - ning star and pas-chal



birth us, and give us life a - new. To - day we  
can - dle You make our dark-ness bright. In wind or



come to sing your prais - es; Our hearts made one in  
calm, in storm or sun - shine the earth sings forth your

song praise; to Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit in  
With trees and fields and flow - ing ri - ver we

whom we all be - long. We  
owe you all our days. We

sing to the God of sun-rise, of kindled hearts and emp-ty  
sing to our God who knows us in joy or sor-row, pain or

tomb. We sing to the God of sha-dows, of shat-tered  
pleasure. We sing to our God now with us, Im-man-u-

dreams and bar-ren womb; We sing to our God of  
el, our price-less treasure; We sing to our God of

Love! With sun and

2.  
Love! We sing to our God of Love!

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm,  
and you promise us food from your tree of life.

**All:** Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be Seated

**ANTHEM:** *“He Is Exalted/ Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise”* – HTLC Choir

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## **INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD**

R: Risen Christ, may the words we speak and the stories we hear

**All:** invite us into a deeper relationship with you and with one another. Amen.

R: The first reading is from Acts, chapter sixteen, beginning with the ninth verse.

## **READING:** *Acts 16:9-15*

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.



A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

R: The Holy One is with us this day,

**All: offering us God’s love and light.**

R: The risen Christ is among us,

**All: inviting us to share what we have seen and heard.**

R: The Holy Spirit guides our way,

**All: teaching us to take care of our neighbors,**

R: and making sure that all are welcomed and loved.

**All: Praise be to God!**

Please Stand

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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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! Al-le - lu - ia!

*P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.*

**All: Glory to you, O God.**

## **GOSPEL:** *John 14:23-29*

Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot), “Those who love me will be true to my word, and Abba God will love them; and we will come to them and make our dwelling place with them.

Those who don’t love me don’t keep my words. Yet the message you hear is not mine; it comes from Abba God who sent me. This much have I said to you while still with you; but the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit whom Abba God will send in my name, will instruct you in everything and she will remind you of all that I told you.

Peace I leave with you; but the kind of peace I give you is not like the world’s peace. Don’t let your hearts be distressed; don’t be fearful. You’ve heard me say, ‘I am going away but I will return.’ If you really loved me, you would rejoice because I am going to Abba God, for Abba is greater than I. I tell you this now, before it happens, so that when it happens you will believe.

*P: The Gospel of the risen Savior.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

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## **CHILDREN’S TIME** – Pastor Tim



The children will be singing “The  
B-I-B-L-E/Read Your Bible

Please Stand

## HYMN OF THE DAY: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

vs.1,4 – ELW #834



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;  
in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;  
most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see  
al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

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**MESSAGE** – Pastor Tim

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## INVITATION TO OFFERING

**L:** Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.

**All:** **Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

## THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE



All: Now is the time to ban - ish all dark - ness;  
Here we are made to shine in God's glo - ry.



Christ is our way, our truth and light.  
Here we're made whole as the bo - dy of Christ.



Come to the Lord's fes - tive ta - ble  
Here we be - come a liv - ing of - fer - ing—



clothed in the ho - li - ness of God.  
ho - ly com - mun - ion in Christ.



Je - sus him - self at our feast pre - sides.



## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**L:** God of mystery, you promise us a life of blessedness when we learn to love one another as you have loved us.

**All:** May the gifts we offer you today be a sign of our commitment to see beyond our narrow perspective, as we learn to love one another with your all-embracing vision, mercy, and grace. Amen.

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors, that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

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

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God,  
trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus  
Christ, our risen Savior.

**All: Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



L: The Lord be with you.



All: And al - so with you.



L: Lift up your hearts.



All: We lift them up to the Lord.



L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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

*P: Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one. 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Send your Spirit upon this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.*

**All: Through Christ all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.*

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*P: This is the food that opens our hearts to know the Risen Christ. This is the place where we are all welcome,.*

**All: For here God meets us with a love that is everlasting.**

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The ushers will invite you forward to communion  
after the Lamb of God is sung.

## LAMB OF GOD

All: Oh Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world, Have mer - cy on us. Oh  
mer - cy on us. Oh grant us peace,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Wine is red, grape juice is yellow, water is in the center of the tray.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

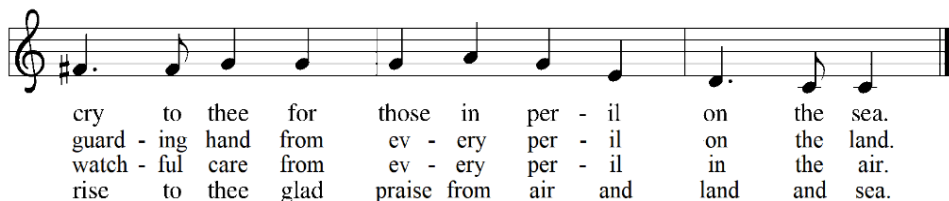
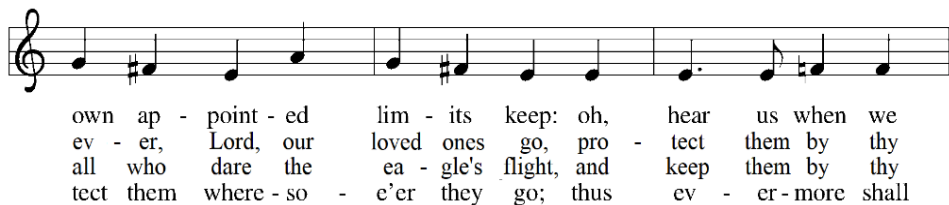
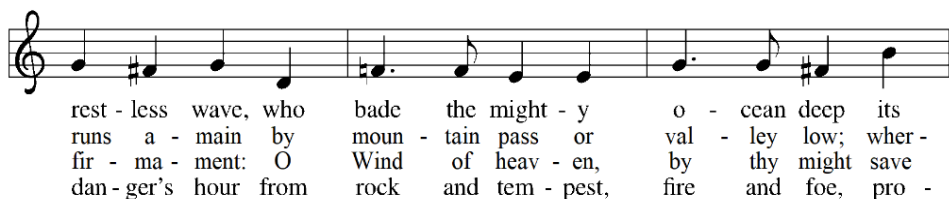
### For communion at the altar rail:

When directed by the ushers, you may come up the center aisle to the altar rail, stand or kneel, and hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the host into. Eat. Then take a cup of wine (red), grape juice (light yellow), or water (clear) from the assistant. Drink. Then place your empty cup in the tray that follows. Rise and return to your seat via the side aisles.

### COMMUNION HYMN: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic  
3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in





## COMMUNION HYMN: “Blessed Assurance” ELW #638



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

## SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*P: We have tasted your goodness, O God, in your gifts of word and sacrament.*

**All: May our hearts burn within us, that we may proclaim your mighty acts and joyfully live as your chosen people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**L:** 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.

**All: 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 Savior. Amen.**

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### BENEDICTION

*P: With faith in the Risen Christ.*

**All: We go forth to proclaim new life.**

*P: With the power of God's Holy Spirit,*

**All: we go forth to serve and embrace others without distinctions.**

*P: With the love of God, our creator,*

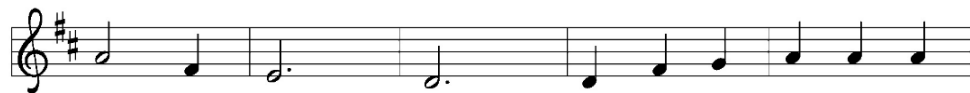
**All: We go forth in love.**

# SENDING HYMN: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

vs. 1, 3 – ELW #815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

## *Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in Easter peace and joy! Share what God has done.

All: Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

