

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
26418 Mountain Highway E, Spanaway, WA

*"We are a family of believers, gathered in Christ, called to be disciples,
nourished in the Word and sent to serve."*

*Love
one another*

JOHN 13:34



May 15, 2022
5th Sunday of Easter

~Today May 15, 2022~ The 5th Sunday of Easter

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

Welcome to Worship at Bethany!

Please fill out a blue communication card if you are: visiting; have prayer requests; have contact information changes or other information for the office. (Cards are available on the bookcase inside the sanctuary door or ask an usher.) Please place it in the offering plate at the time of the offering. Communion is served each Sunday, and all are welcome at Holy Communion; the Lord invites us to come. A gluten-free option is available. Children may receive communion at their parent's discretion. If you have no congregational home in this area, we invite you to consider Bethany!

The “Kids’ Korner” is our current alternative to a nursery. This section of the narthex is set up for kids to stay quietly occupied under their parent's (or another adult's) supervision.

The Order of Service – The bulletin is all-inclusive. The readings and hymns are included in the order they occur in the service.

Next week's readings:

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

John 14:23-29

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WELCOME

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Please stand

GATHERING SONG *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***ELW 631**

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al-might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

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

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: Celebrate the Feast



Ce - le - bre - mos la vic - to - ria de nues - tro
Cel - e - brate the feast of vic - to - ry for our



Dios. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Dig - no - es Cris - to, el Cor - de - ro in - mo - la - do, cu - ya
1 Wor - thy is Christ, . . . the . . . Lamb who was slain, . . . whose . .



san - gre nos ha li - be - ra - do, pa - ra ser el pueb - lo de Dios.
blood . . has set . . us free, . . . free to be the peo - ple of God.



2 Po - der, ri - que - zas, sa - bi - du - rí - a y fuer - za,
2 All pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom and strength and bless - ing,



hon - ra ya - la - ban - za y glo - ria son de él.
hon - or, thanks and praise and glo - ry to the Lamb.



3 Can - te - mos con to - do el pueb - lo de Dios, y u -
3 Re - joice, sing with all the peo - ple of God! Let us



na - mos nues - tras vo - ces al him - no u - ni - ver -
join our hearts and voic - es in the hymn of all . . . cre -



sal: A - la - ban - za, hon - ra, glo - ria y po -
a - tion: All . . . bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and . . .



der se - an da - dos a Dios y al Cor - de - ro por siem - pre. A - mén.
might . . be giv - en to God and the Lamb . . for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



Ce - le - bre - mos la vic - to - ria de nues - tro
Cel - e - brate the feast of vic - to - ry for our



Dios, ya que el Cor - de - ro in - mo - la - do ha co - men -
God, for the Lamb who was . . . slain has now . . be -



za - do su rei - na - do. A - le -
gun to reign in glo - ry. Al - le -



lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated

FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²**young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for
all faithful servants,**

the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

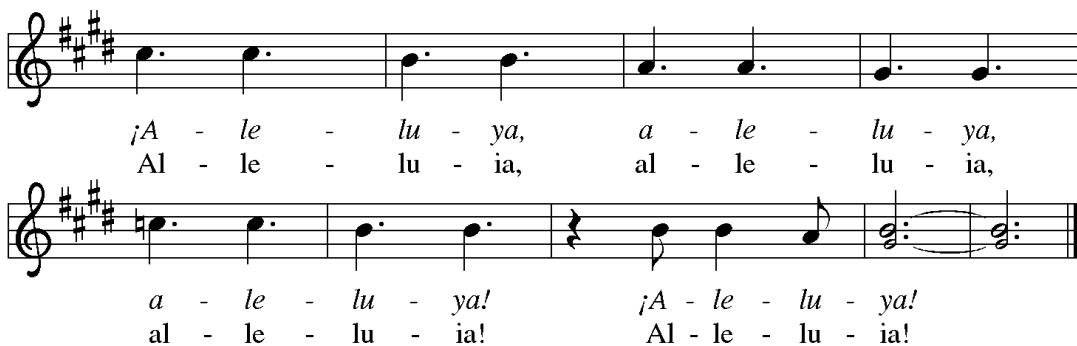
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The musical notation consists of two staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style. The lyrics are written below the notes, with German and Latin versions provided for each line.

German lyrics:
;A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Latin lyrics:
;A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

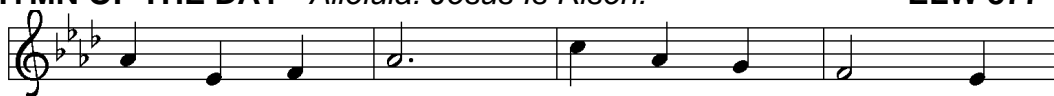
Be seated

SERMON

Please stand for the hymn and the creed.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*

ELW 377



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

NICENE CREED

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

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;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

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.


THE PRAYERS *(Please be seated)*

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Prayer Song: Come and Fill Our Hearts



Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.



Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Psalm 136:1 (Latin); Taizé Community

Music: CONFITEMINI DOMINO, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994


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Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect.


Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made.

Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power.

Prayer Song



Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.



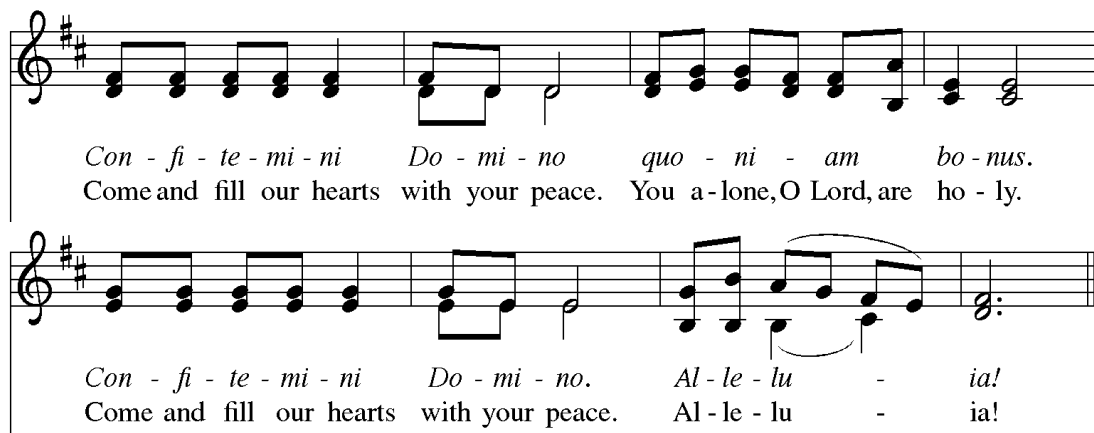
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Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress. As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. We lift up those of our families and friends who are in need of healing: Marie Boettcher, Elizabeth Brown, Raymond Kuper, Pat Schoop, Marianne Lincoln, Barb Rosdahl, Robin Hill, Lisa Blank, Kitty Eagle, Daleen Haifley, Carol Severson, Jim Gregory, Leanne Wells, Katie Ortega, Cathy Churchill, John Fife, Jeanne Hillesland's family as they rejoice in her life and grieve her death, and those we name now...

Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another.

Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ.

Prayer Song



Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
 Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of our risen Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

We share a sign of peace with those around us.

OFFERING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN *We Are an Offering*

ELW 692

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef. It features a melody with various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) on the first, third, and sixth staves. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the corresponding musical phrases.

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

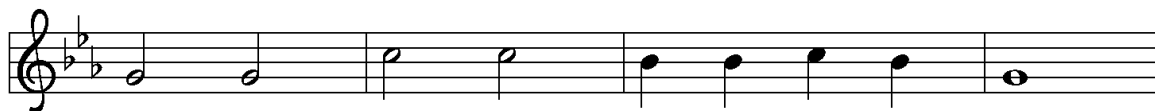
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Living God,
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and
show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY



San - to, san - to, san - to_es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to_es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to_es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to_es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on



tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
earth. Blest is he who comes in the

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nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . .

di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION

Be seated until ushers direct you to the altar. All are welcome at Holy Communion. The Lord invites us to come. If you would like a gluten-free option, hold up your index finger when the pastor serves the bread. Red wine is available from the outer part of the communion tray. White grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray. Come and be filled with God's grace!

LAMB OF GOD



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



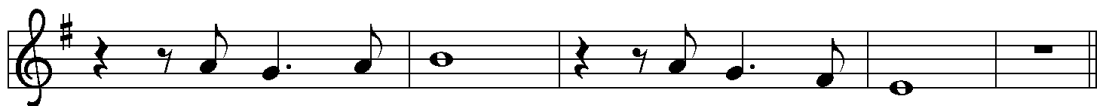
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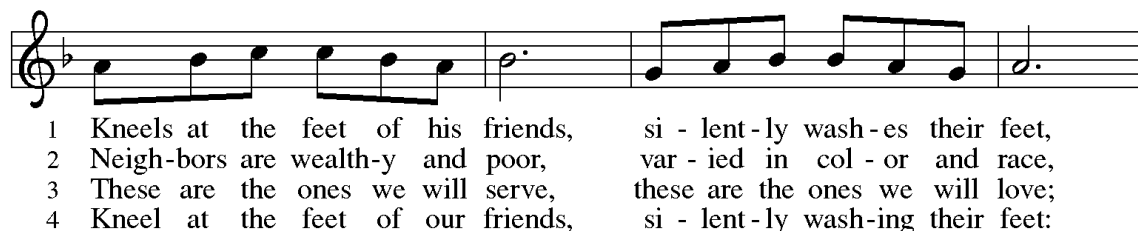
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have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.



Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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Please stand

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, generous God,
 for in this bread and cup

we have tasted the new heaven and earth
 where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
 that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

ELW 656

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Blest Be the Tie that Binds'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final two lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
Thanks be to God.

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5th Sunday of Easter

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