

*Community
Memorial Day Weekend
Worship Service*



*Sunday, May 29, 2022
10:00 a.m.*

St. John Lutheran Church

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Welcome and thank you for worshiping with us this morning. We're glad God has brought you here to celebrate God's never-failing love, forgiveness of sins, reconciliation of relationships, and hope for tomorrow. We hope each and every person feels welcome here. We trust that our time together will fill you with a sense of joy and hope. May God's grace and peace be with you.

Order of Service: This bulletin will guide you through our worship service. Please note that congregation responses are printed in **bold**. Also, please feel free to sit at any time during the worship service.

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Participating this morning's worship service:

Preacher:	<i>Reilly Dillon, Rejoice Fellowship</i>
Assisting Pastor:	<i>The Rev. Scott Maxwell</i>
Presider:	<i>The Rev. Karen Pugatch</i>
Musician:	<i>Alina Antonenko & Jan Brennan</i>
Base:	<i>Bob Hudgins</i>
Flute:	<i>Rachel Klingensmith</i>
Communion Assistants:	<i>Susan Ingrassia, Jim Morris, Pam & Joe Layman</i>
Online Streaming:	<i>Jacob Parks</i>
Sound Board:	<i>Frank Link</i>
CrosSing Praise Band:	<i>Terri Kellogg, Carroll Paul, Sandy Link, Fred Haab, Mary Kay Grantland</i>
Rejoice Fellowship Choir:	<i>Anne Gordon, Dee Thomas, Louise Houck, Lorraine Cooney, Alyce Cohen, Gale Krol, David Rinker, Shirley Parulis, Dave Hulteng, Steve Schenk</i>
Acolyte:	<i>Chase Reinhardt</i>
Ushers:	<i>Tim Cochran</i>
Greeters:	<i>Corrine Cuffia</i>
Readers:	<i>Gale Krol, Penny Courtney</i>

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GATHER

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

We are invited to stand in body or spirit, as able.

GATHERING SONGS

Come Now Is the Time to Worship

Chorus

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

For those who gladly choose You now

Chorus

Verse 2

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With all our heart soul mind and strength
We gladly choose You now **Chorus**

Verse 1

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains

Ending

Come come just as you are come come

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CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

Let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let everyone who hears say, "Come."

Let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

Let everyone who is thirsty come.

Come to the tree of life, the Alpha and the Omega.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

We are invited to be seated.

WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

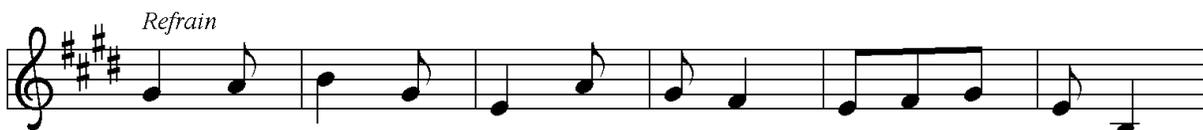
Psalm 118:24

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SONG OF PRAISE

Now the Feast and Celebration

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;



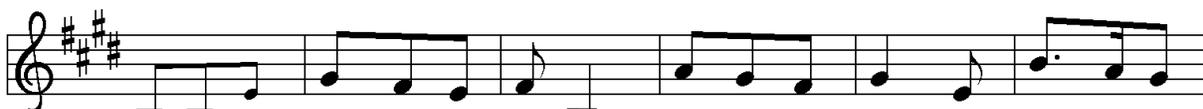
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



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.



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



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



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



God; to make all things new.

GATHERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, who opens our prison doors and releases us from our faults, keep us near to you in the hours of each day that by the power of the prayer Jesus prays for us and the light of your Word we might drink of your living water, know true joy, and serve you to the end of time. **Amen.**

We are invited to be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Rev. Scott Maxwell

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

A reading from the 22nd chapter of Revelation.

¹²"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Verse 1

For all the thirsty in need of the river
For all the sleeping hearts
Waking from their slumber
For everyone still standing at the shoreline
come

Verse 2

For all the hurting souls running from their
healer
For all the skeptics running from an answer
Let everyone who hears these words say
come

Chorus

For the Spirit and the Bride say come
Yeah the Spirit and the Bride say come

Verse 3

For all the Pharisees empty on the inside
For all the lovers who spent
their love on a lie
For the forgotten the Father's heart says
come

Verse 4

For all the fatherless looking for approval
For all the daughters
Who've never heard they're beautiful
Let everyone who hears these words say
come

Bridge

Amen amen
Come Lord Jesus come again
Until then until then
Grace and peace be ours amen

Tag

Till You come again
Peace be ours amen
Till You come again
Till You come again

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We are invited to stand in body or spirit, as able.

GOSPEL READING

John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus prayed: ²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We are invited to be seated.

MESSAGE

Reilly Dillon, Rejoice Fellowship

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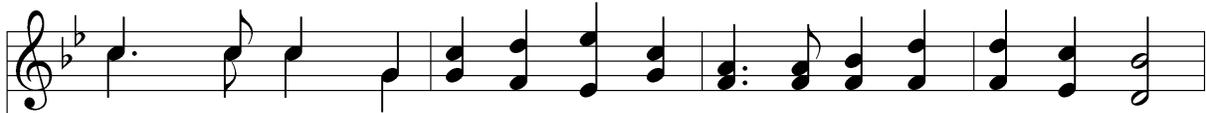
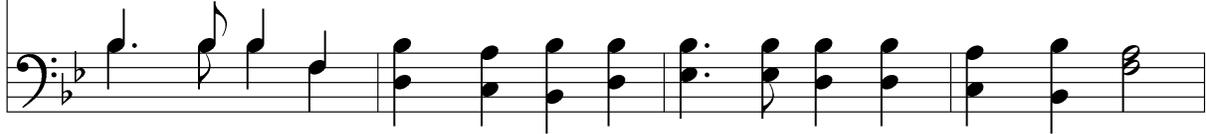


SONG OF RESPONSE

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
 2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;
 3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay
 4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall;



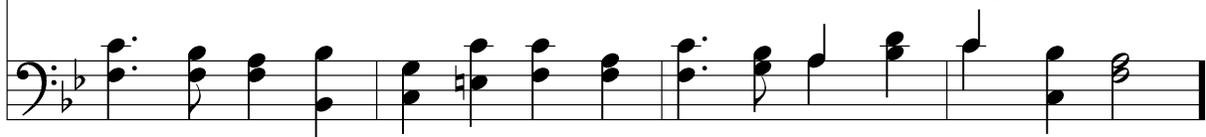
Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
 through the o - pen gates of glad - ness he re - turns to life once more;
 now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.
 be we Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.



Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
 death and hell be - fore him bend - ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
 See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;
 All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
 an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.
 he was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.



Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Callen Ray Smith

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we center ourselves in prayer we are invited to sing the refrain “Lord Listen to your Children Prayer.” We will repeat 1x to begin and then 1x following each petition. We are invited to be in the posture of prayer.

**Lord, listen to Your children praying
 Lord, send Your Spirit in this place
 Lord, listen to Your children praying
 Send us love send us pow'r send us grace**

SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Matthew 5:23-24

In the gospels Jesus tells us that if we are about to approach the altar and remember that a brother or sister has something against us, we are to first seek to be reconciled. The greeting of peace is symbolic of that act of seeking reconciliation. We share the peace of Christ with a kiss, an embrace, an elbow/fist bump, or a handshake. Please be respectful of personal space and those who do not wish to participate in this symbolic act.

The peace of the Lord be with you always
And also with you.

After sharing Christ’s peace, we are then invited to be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

INVITATION TO THE THANK-OFFERING

Give now with generous hearts that all people may hear God's Word and be helped by the work of this church.

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THANK-OFFERING SONG

African Psalm

*Combined Choir and Musical Artists from
St John Lutheran, St Christopher's Episcopal and Rejoice Fellowship Congregations*

We are invited to stand in body or spirit as able.

THANK-OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God, who brings joy out of sorrow, plenty out of want, life out of death: we thank you for the treasures of the earth, your creation, filled with your blessing, for it was in company with these earthly things that your Son came to dwell, showing us the enormity of your love. Because of Jesus' resurrection from the dead, we, too, are brought to new life, called to pray and work for the renewal of others. Take these offerings for the sake of the one without whom our poverty would be extreme, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the promise of grace, let us tell the whole truth about ourselves and beg God's mercy for the renewal and amendment of our lives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Power, you call us to your everlasting springs to be drenched and reformed, but we fail to heed you. We do not turn with love to our neighbors to ourselves, or to you. Forgive us for our failings, shield us from our due, and guide us into unity with all for the sake of the whole world. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the compassion of the God who prays for us, with us, and in us, you are forgiven, for the sake of the one who was sent to show us the face of love and who died and rose, one with the Father and with us. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I

therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. Now, as God's own forgiven people, go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

BLESSING OF HOLY COMMUNION & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE 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

We are invited to be seated.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All are invited to receive the gifts of God in Holy Communion. Those not communing are invited forward for a blessing. Once communion assistants are in place, please come forward via the center aisle. A minister will first serve you Christ's body (gluten-free wafers are available upon request). Please hold out your hands, palms up, to receive The Bread of Life. Then move to the side towards the next minister, pick up a small glass from the bottom, turn it over and hold it out to receive Christ's Blood from the Cup of Everlasting Life (please indicate if you prefer grape juice). Once you have received the gifts of God please return via the side aisles for additional personal prayers, reflections and singing. There will be a basket to receive your empty glass at the side aisles. When serving the bread and wine, the ministers will say "The body of Christ, given for you" and "The blood of Christ, shed for you." You are then invited to respond to each by saying "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." If you would like the meal to be brought to you where you are seated, please indicate so and we will be honored to bring The Lord's Supper to you.

COMMUNION IS SERVED

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Thanks be to God.**

As the community receives Christ in bread and wine, we are invited to pray and/or join our voices in the following songs.

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.

Refrain

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.

Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

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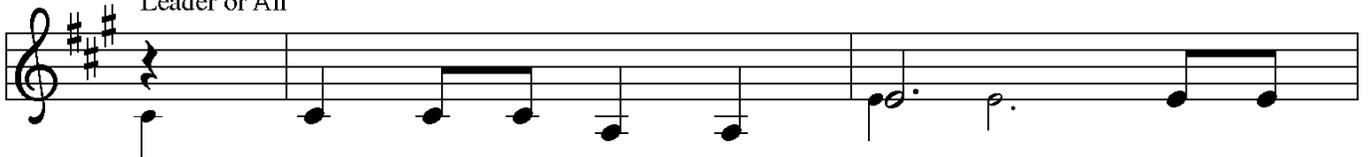
Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less you eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, and you shall . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in me, e - ven . . though you
 Son of God, who have



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world. . . .

Refrain
All

“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.”

Once all have received the Bread of Heaven and Cup of Salvation, we are invited to stand in body or spirit.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace. **Amen.**

SEND

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

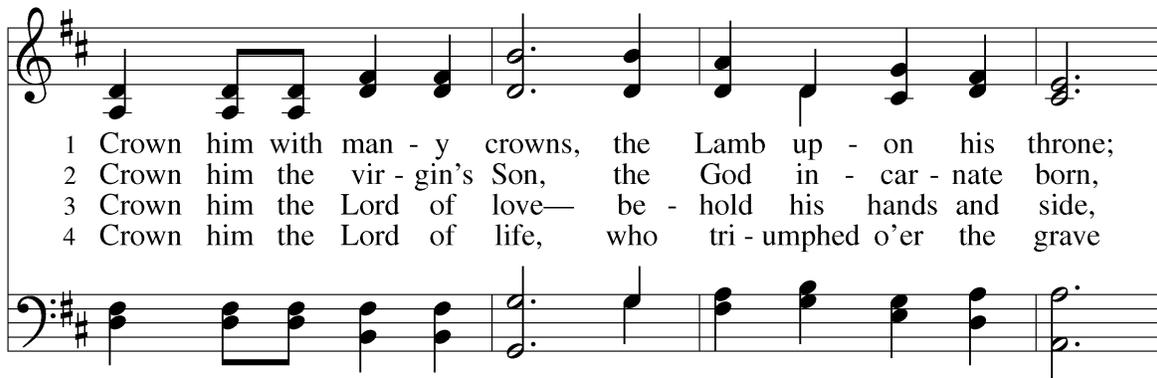
COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

Your chains are broken; your prison doors are open. Go forth, then, with joy to live as one with the God who sends you out. Let the hope that is in you, free you daily that through you, the Holy Spirit may free others.

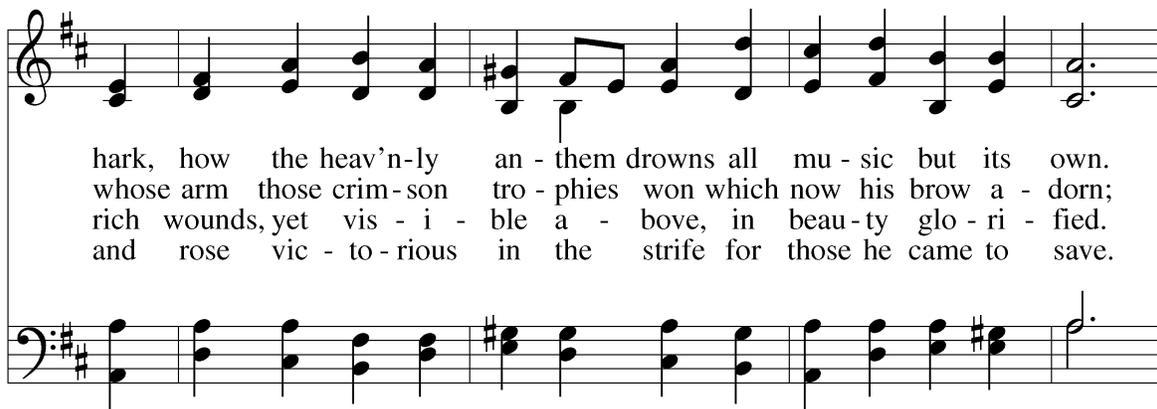
Now may the power that is in Christ Jesus, the strength of the Holy Spirit to baptize and save, and the fierce love of God, the Creator, keep you in grace and truth. May Christ love incarnate – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – bless and guide you this day and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

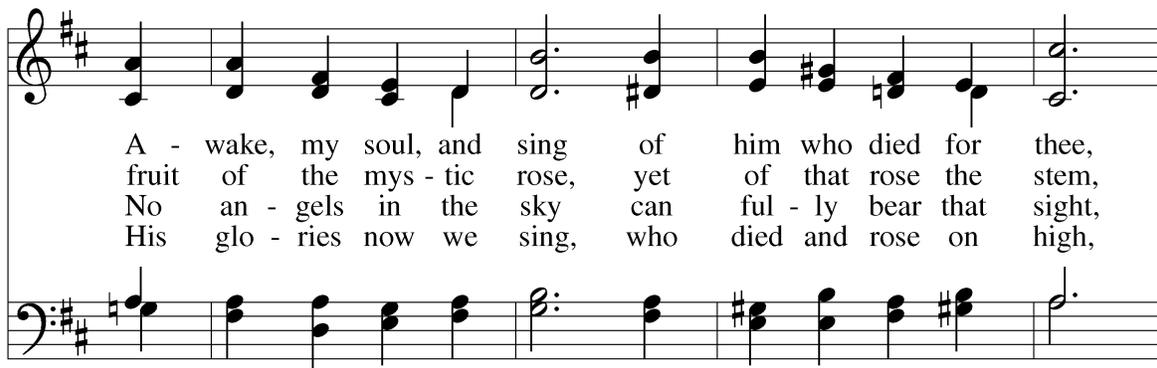
Crown Him with Many Crowns



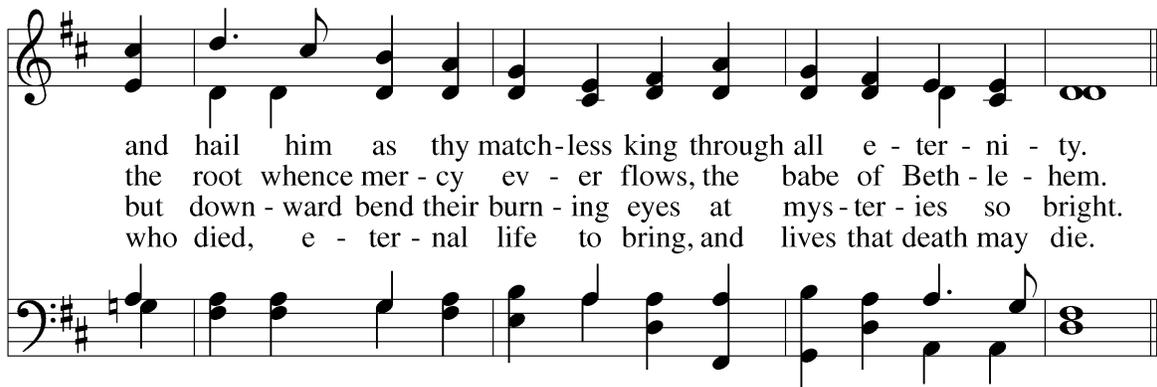
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**