

MEDITATION (a time to prepare your hearts for worship)

PRELUDE “To God Be the Glory” arr. Joel Raney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SILENCE—Prayer for World Peace

GATHERING

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HYMN 367 “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds!”

- 1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

2. **Eternal is the gift he brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
And by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
3. **Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
4. **Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

C: And also with you.

KYRIE [*Congregation sings responses*]



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



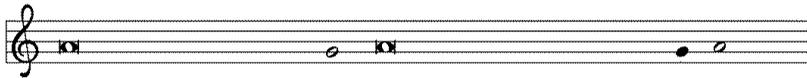
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



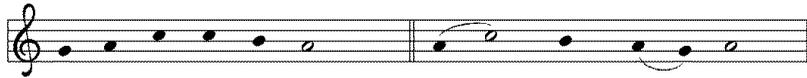
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

“This Is the Feast”



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

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, **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 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, **C: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Children are welcome to bring coins for the piggy bank to help support Jasmin Ibisate, a girl from the Philippines through Compassion, International.)

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: JOHN 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to St John, the thirteenth chapter, verses 31-35.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“A Jubilant Psalm”

arr. Johnson

SERMON

SONG 377 “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!” (vv. 1, 3, 5)

1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

3. **Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain***

5. **City of God, Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain***

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**COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTER(S)
PRESENTATION
REQUESTS
VOWS**

[addressing the congregation]

Now, we ask you, members of Good Hope Lutheran Church, to open your hearts to the ministry of these people and to pray for them, that they may be effective servants of Christ. Are you prepared to meet this request? If so, answer, “Yes, with the help of God.”

Congregation: Yes, with the help of God.

Will you accept their ministry when you need help and allow these individuals to work with you as you face struggles in your life, that you might receive support and help from your Christian brothers and sisters?

Congregation: Yes, with the help of God.

**BLESSINGS
COMMENDATION
PRAYER**

CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and w
as buried;
he descended to the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

arr. D. Lasky

OFFERING PRAYER

**For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something
to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. (Matthew 25:15) Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING [*Congregation sings responses*]

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

SONG “Holy, Holy, Holy” [*Congregation sings*]

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

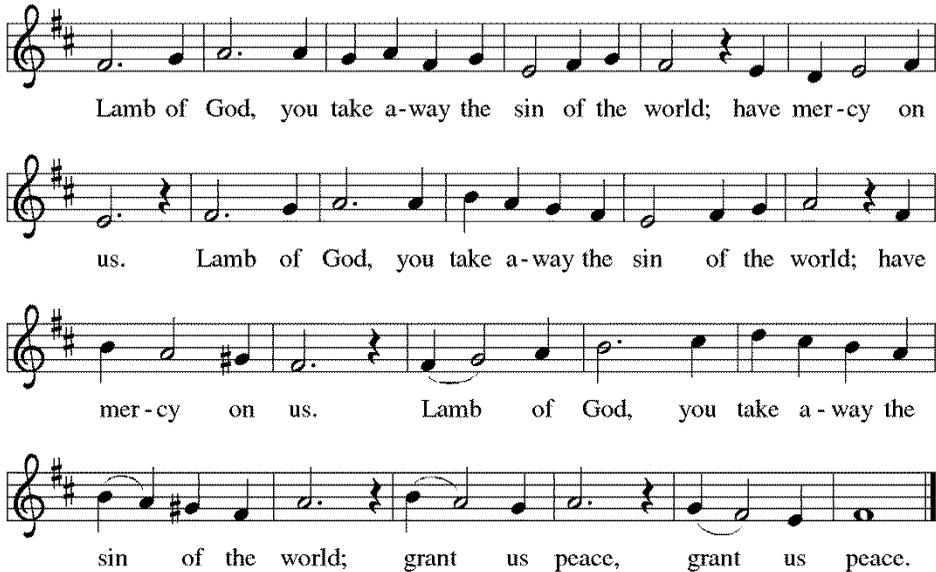
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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

SONG "Lamb of God" [*Congregation sings*]



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

"Let Us Break Bread Together" (v. 1) Public Domain

1. **Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.**

Refrain

**When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

“I Am the Bread of Life” (v.1)

1. **"I am the Bread of life.**

**You who come to me shall not hunger,
And who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."**

Refrain

**"And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day."**

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“There’s Something about That Name”

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; there's just something about that name!
Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain;
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all Heaven and earth proclaim:
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
But there's something about that name!**

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER C: Amen.

*Home Communion givers come up to the altar to stand
on the side where the statue of Jesus is located.*

SENDING OF COMMUNION

BENEDICTION C: Amen.

People of Good Hope, we are grounded in faith, gathered in love, and sent with a purpose; so that others may gain the Kingdom!

HYMN 389 “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” (vv. 1, 4-5)

SENDING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Major

-William Walond