



The Second Sunday in Easter Year C

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, April 27, 2025, 10:00 am

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Redwood City

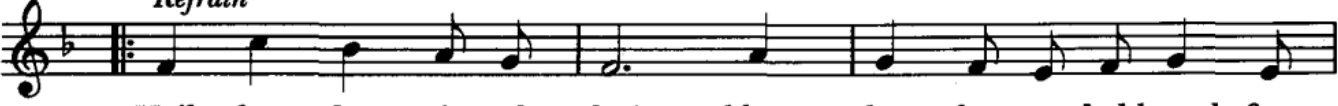
The Rev. Mary Blessing
Guest Clergy

The Processional hymn


(the people stand)

Hail thee festival day
Salve Festa Dies/Vaughan Williams
Hymnal 1982 #225


Refrain




Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal-lowed for




ev - er, day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the




world with God's grace. grace.



1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a -
3 Hark! for in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his —



wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the
cho - sen a - pos - tles, preach to the



Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly de - scends:
ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:

2 Forth from the Fa - ther he comes with seven - fold
4 Praise to the Spi - rit of Life, all praise to the

mys - ti - cal of - fering, pour - ing on all hu - man
fount of our be - ing, light that dost light - en

souls in - fi - nite rich - es of God:
all, life that in all dost a - bide:

Repeat Refrain

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. *English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.
Music: *Salve festa dies*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Irr.

The people face the back of the sanctuary as the service begins and gradually turn their bodies to face the cross as it moves to the chancel, bowing to it optionally as it passes.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Powell, *Hymnal* 1982 #S-280

The Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



The Collect of the Day

a "Collect" (CALL-ect) is a prayer said by one person on behalf of the entire gathering

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant

Let us be seated for the lessons

The First Lesson

Acts 5:27-32

Lector

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any

human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 150

*The Lector and the People will read from the Psalms responsively at the half-verse (marked by an asterisk *).*

Gender-transcendent God language is indicated in brackets.

1 Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy temple; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; *
praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath *
praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Revelation 1:4–8

Lector:

A reading from the book the Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn

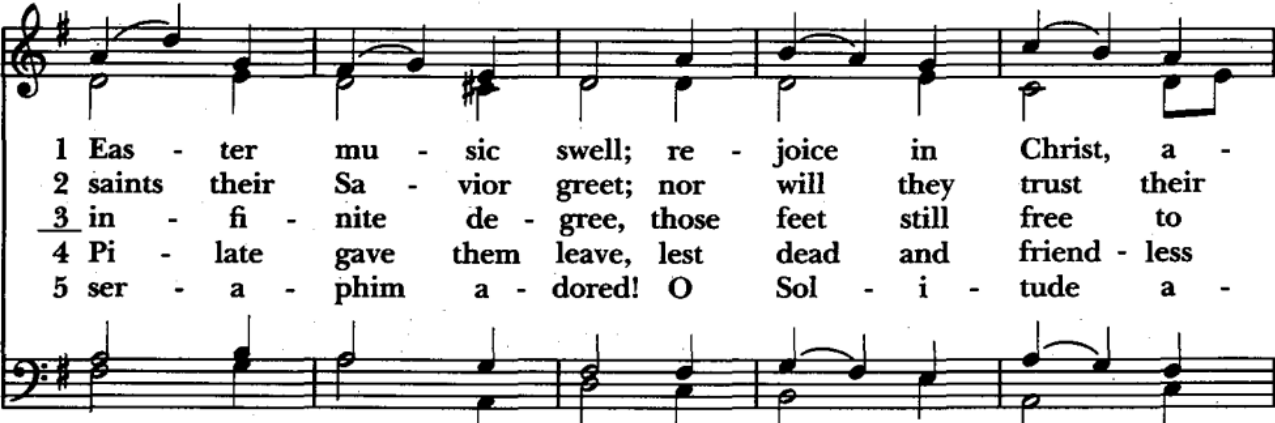
Awake, arise, lift up your voice!

Smart, *Richmond/Haweis*

Hymnal 1982 #212



1 A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let
2 Oh, with what glad - ness and sur - prise the
3 those hands of lib - eral love in - deed in
4 His en - e - mies had sealed the stone as
5 O Dead a - rise! O Friend - less stand by



1 Eas - ter mu - sic swell; re - jice in Christ, a -
2 saints their Sa - vior greet; nor will they trust their
3 in - fi - nite de - gree, those feet still free to
4 Pi - late gave them leave, lest dead and friend - less
5 ser - a - phim a - dored! O Sol - i - tude a -



The People stand. A member of the clergy carries the Gospel among the People for the Proclamation. The People turn to face the Gospel.

Traditionally, as the clergy member says "The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ at the beginning of the proclamation, the people may make three small crosses over the forehead, lips, and heart.

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

Clergy:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People:

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Clergy:

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he

said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Mary Blessing

The Nicene Creed

The People stand.

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son [s]he is worshiped and glorified.
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 of the People

A moment of silence follows.

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| <i>Intercessor</i> | For all people in their daily life and work; |
| <i>People</i> | For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone. |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | For this community, the nation, and the world, especially those leaders to whom civic authority is entrusted; |
| <i>People</i> | For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace. |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | For the just and proper use of your creation; |
| <i>People</i> | For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression. |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; |
| <i>People</i> | For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy. |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | For the peace and unity of the Church of God; |
| <i>People</i> | For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth. |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | For Sean our presiding bishop, and Austin our bishop; for Pamela our priest and Skip our deacon; for Nancy, Paul, RuthAnne, Dianne, Teri, Deborah, and Elaine , our vestry members; and all other ministers of the People of God. |
| <i>People</i> | For all who serve God in the Church. |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially today
For Ellen Berning, Jenille Oribello, Martin Shepherd, Diane Robertson, Pamela Stevens and family, Jim Redman, Phil Boland, Shira Marin, Esmerelda Berrera, Nick Boyce, Alejandro Mejia, Ken Spira, Kathy Runyeon, Joanne Runyeon, Eva Mejia, Wendy Dickman, Jerry Berning, Fr. Vern Jones, David Elms, Jenny Cornell, Joan Brumleve,

and those whom we name silently or aloud. |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for these blessings we name silently or aloud. |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, |

praying especially for **Pope Francis, Karen Weiske, David Malm, Dennis Bleything, Kerry Stratton, Nancy Stevens, Wally Currey, Peggie Trei**, and these whom we name silently or aloud.

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them
People **Who put their trust in you.**

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

(the people remain standing)

Celebrant
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of silence follows.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People exchange a no-touch sign of the peace, typically hands in prayer position with a small bow saying, "Peace," or some other greeting such as "May the Peace of the Lord be with you."

Observances of Life Events

The Celebrant will invite the congregation to offer prayers for blessings of those with birthdays and anniversaries with the following prayers.

For Birthdays

Watch over your children, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever they may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Marriage Anniversaries

O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants N. and N., that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel [in particular _____]; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

News and Announcements

The Sr. Warden will share the news of the day and upcoming events.

The Offertory

The Celebrant will announce the commencement of the Offertory.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

Ushers will pass the plate for an optional offering to the church for its mission and ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

The Offertory Hymn


In the breaking of the Bread
Udis-Kessler

5 C C C/E F C/E Dm7 F

In the brea - king of the bread, in the tel - ling of the sto -
pas - sing of the peace, in the prac - tice of com - pas -
hea - ling of the sick, in the emp - ty - ing of pri -

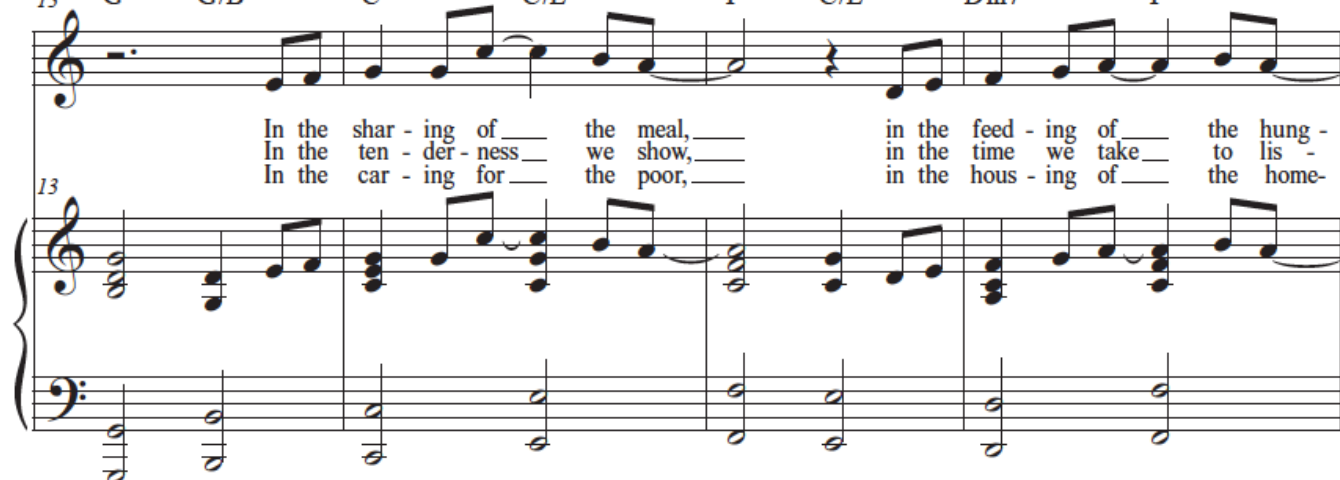
9 G G/B Am C/G F C/E G sus

- ry, in the drink - ing of the cup, love comes to life.
- sion, in the wel - come we em - brace, love makes a way.
- sons, in the work we do for jus - tice, love is spread.

To Coda 


13 G G/B C C/E F C/E Dm7 F


In the shar - ing of the meal, in the feed - ing of the hung -
 In the ten - der - ness we show, in the time we take the lis -
 In the car - ing for the poor, in the hous - ing of the home -



17 G C/E F G C sus

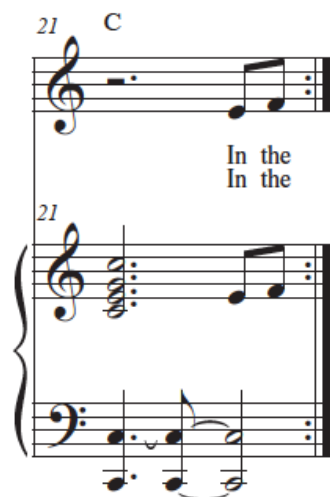
- ry, we re - mem - ber all the gifts that love pro - vides.
 - ten, we em - bo - dy love's great bles - sing ev - ery day.



Coda 

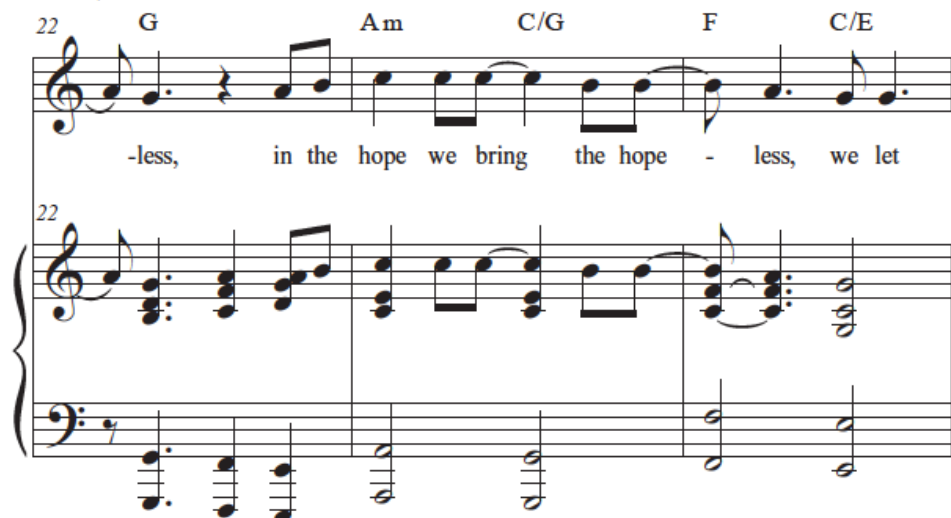
21 C

In the
 In the



22 G Am C/G F C/E

-less, in the hope we bring the hope - less, we let



25 Dm7 Fmaj7 G C/E F C/E Dm7 G F/G

go of — our a-lone - ness and are one in the break= — ing of the bread.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP

The People stand.

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give [God] thanks and praise.**

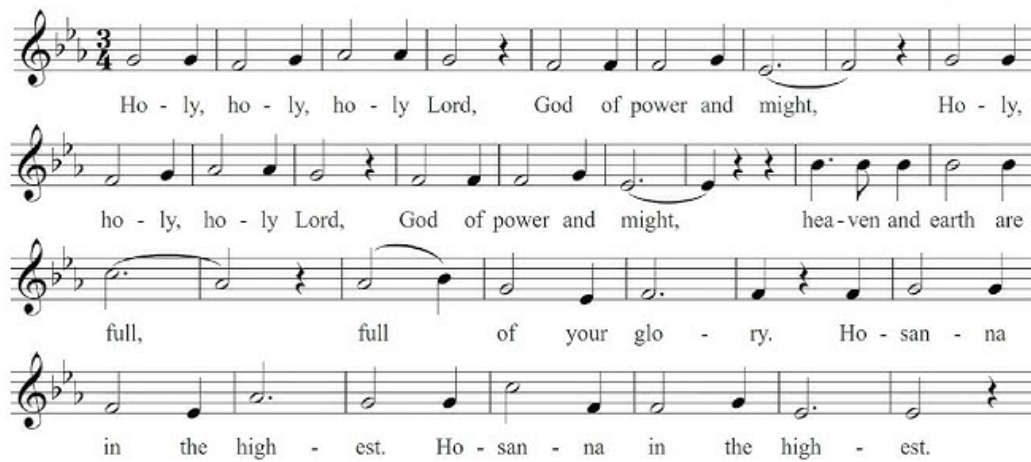
Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

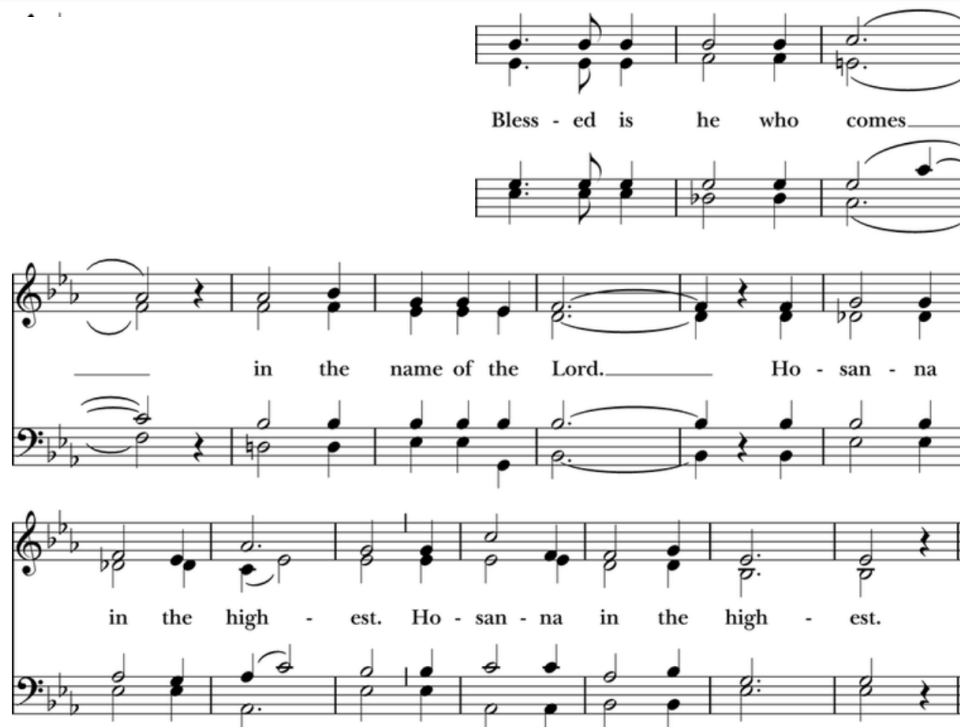
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Holy, holy holy
Schubert, *Deutsche Messe*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly,
ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have

delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

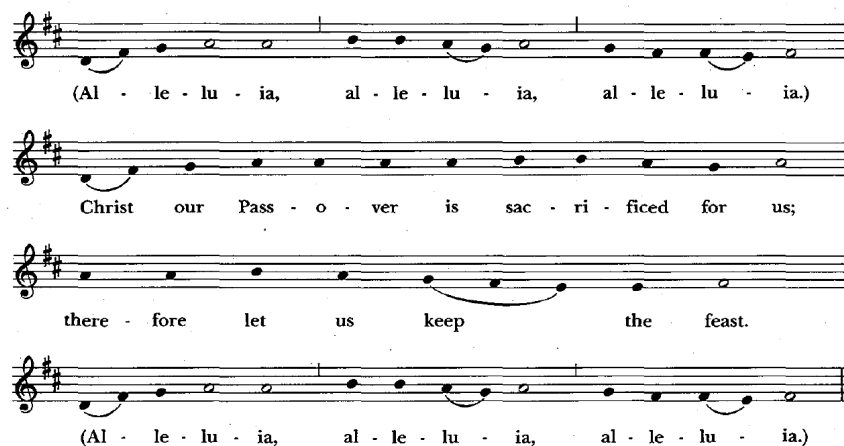
The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with **St. Mary and St. Peter** and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Fraction Hymn
(subsequent page)

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
Hurd, *Hymnal 1982* S-154



Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (h. 1950)

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught
us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with
thanksgiving.

The Administration of Communion

At St. Peter's it is our practice is to receive the host, then dip (intinct) it into the wine before consuming it.
Wine and grape juice are available, as is gluten-free host.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

The Communion Hymn

Offered by Dr. Jenny Beyer Cornell

The Prayer After Communion

Celebrant
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant

May seeking hearts beat within us, directing us to look for and follow the bright light that pierces the darkness of the world. And may the blessing of the all-loving God, Father Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. Amen


The Recessional Hymn

Praise to the Lord the almighty

Neander, LOBE BIN

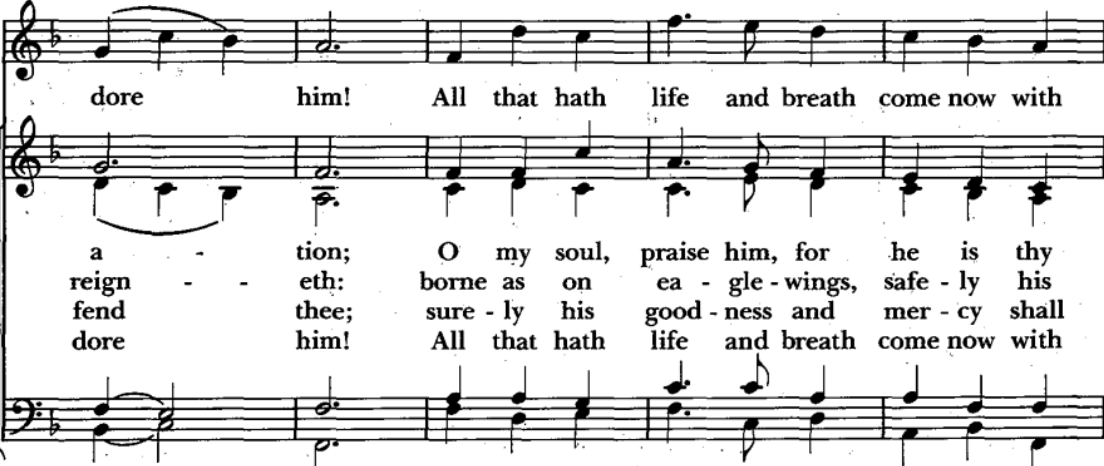
HERREN/Lang, Hymnal 1982 #390

Descant




4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



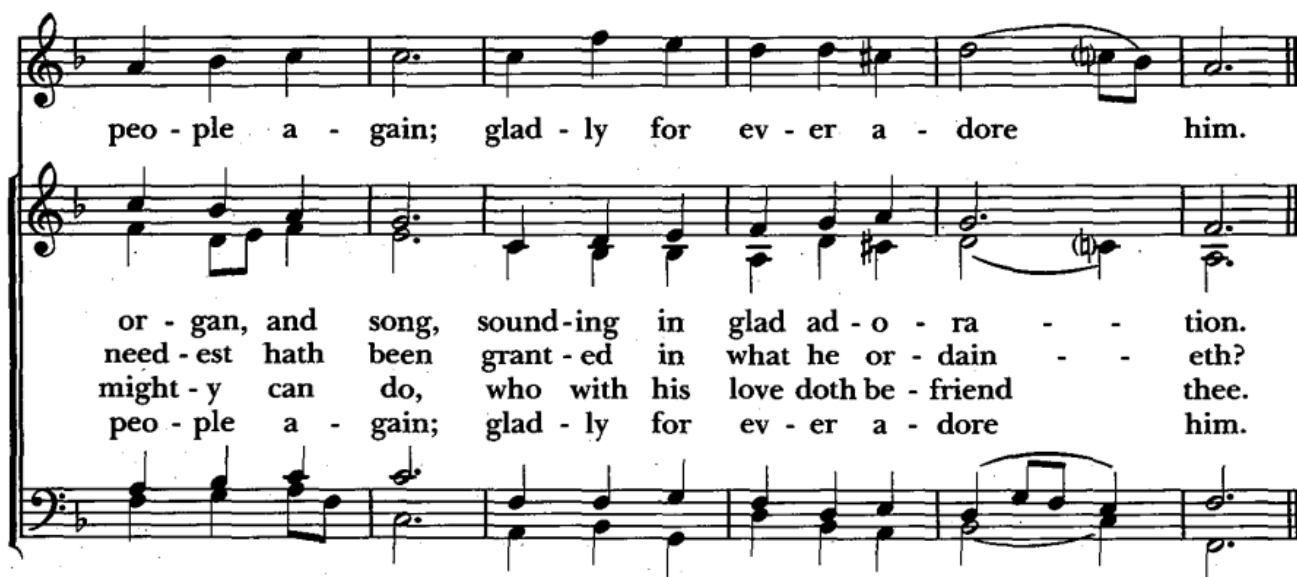
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with



prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound - from his

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

The altar party will recess, following the cross. The People, following the cross, turn to face the back of the sanctuary.

The Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God Alleluia, Alleluia.

