

Worship Plan for Sunday, May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

ELW Holy Communion Setting Eight

DEDICATION TO THE LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Pastor Kristen:

Siblings in Christ, Friends and people of all faiths and of good will: I greet you who are here with the words of the Letter to the Hebrews: “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” We are gathered to ask God’s blessing as we thankfully dedicate this Little Free Pantry to the glory of God. We will pray that those who give and those who receive will be blessed.

Feeding the Five Thousand Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

REFLECTION

One phrase from this passage that has always stood out for me, is that Jesus saw the crowd, “and had compassion for them.” To have compassion, empathy is the beginning of solidarity and all social justice work.

The second thing that we often recognize as the miracle of the loaves and fishes is that when people shared what they had, there was more than enough to go around, so much so that there twelve baskets of leftovers. It is our hope that this Little Free Food Pantry would be a 21st century of the miracle of the feeding of the multitude.

We pray that those who hunger may not be sent away, and that there always be more than enough to share here.

Sharing food is at the heart of Jesus' story and most religious traditions. Sharing food is a sacred activity. After we celebrate Communion this morning, we will give thanks that Christ nourished us in that meal and prayed that we love the world with Christ's own life.

It is a sad commentary that people go hungry in this rich city and country, and I think we all recognize that systemic change is needed in Canadian society. While this Little Food Pantry will certainly not solve the problem of food insecurity in Langley, I see it as a symbol of our commitment to a more equitable society, and social policies that will end hunger. It is an expression of that hope, and a true symbol insofar as it contributes to the hope to which it points.

I would just like to acknowledge some people who played a key role in this project: Dennis Kasprick, who built the cupboard, Ellen van Eijnsbergen who helped coordinate the building of it, Geraldine and colleagues from United Way who brought the idea and will help with the ongoing maintaining of it and finally the BC Synod missions committee who provided a grant for its construction and installation.

If anyone has brought food, to put into the pantry please do so now.

Kristen leads the assembly in giving thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for your abundant gifts.

By your holy wisdom all things have been made to reflect your glory, for the sustenance of life, and for the use and delight of your living creatures. We give thanks for all who contributed to the creation of this pantry.

Send your blessing upon us and upon this Little Food Pantry, which we set apart today to your praise and honor.

Give us joy in all your works, and grant that this pantry may always be a place where your will is done, and your name is glorified.

May those who find food here, and those who contribute food find blessing in giving and receiving. through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

Amen.

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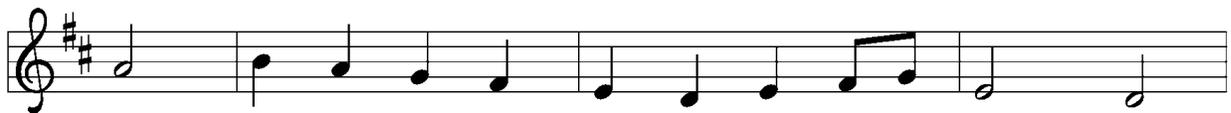
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GATHERING SONG *Come Down, O Love Divine* (ELW 804)

Come Down, O Love Divine



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

GREETING (ELW p. 184)

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

KYRIE (ELW p. 184)

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 185)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.



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

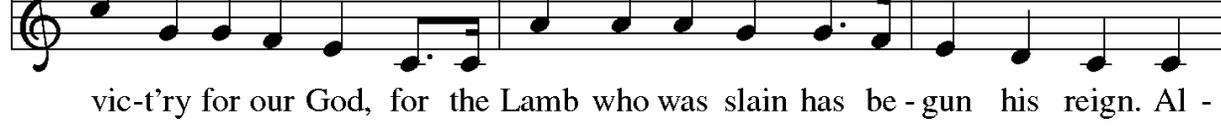


peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and

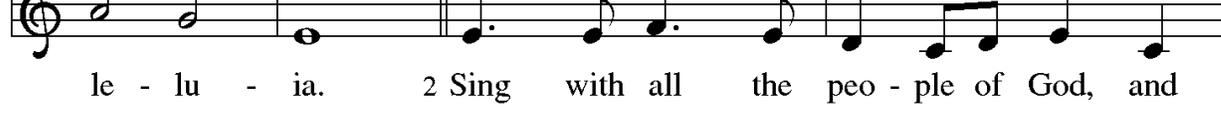
Refrain



hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-



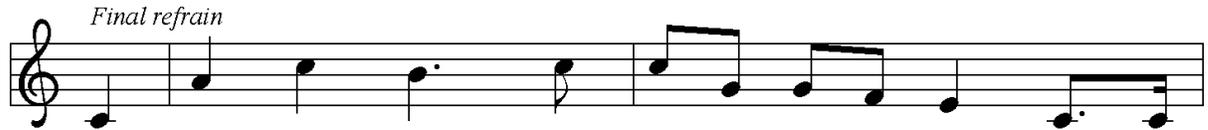
le-lu-ia. 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 188)

Let us pray.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. 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 and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM (The Power of the Cross)

O to see the dawn of the darkest day;
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten,
Then nailed to a cross of wood.

This the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath;
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees;
Now the ground beneath quakes
As its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,
“Finished!” the vict’ry cry:

This the pow’r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath;
We stand forgiven at the cross.

This the pow’r of the cross:
Son of God, Christ was slain for us.

O to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suff’ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love!

This the pow’r of the cross:
Son of God, slain for us.
What a love, what a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

A reading from Acts.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰When 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.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and 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. ¹³On 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. ¹⁴A 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. ¹⁵When 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: *God of Mercy, God of Grace*

God of mercy, God of Grace, show the brightness of your face.
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine; fill your world with light divine;
All your saving health extend unto earth’s remotest end.

Let the people praise you, Lord; be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing glory to their gracious King;
At your feet their tribute pay, and your holy will obey.

Let the people praise you, Lord; earth shall then its fruits afford.
Unto us your blessing give; we to you devoted live,
All below and all above, one in joy and light and love.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

A reading from Revelation.

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices

abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)

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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

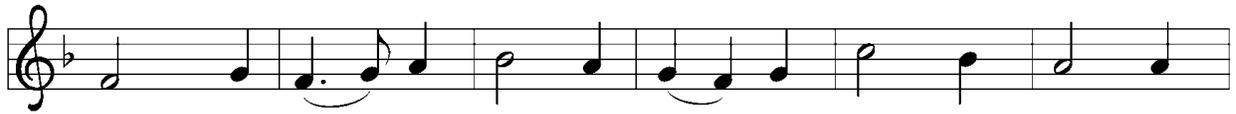
²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (ELW 631)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



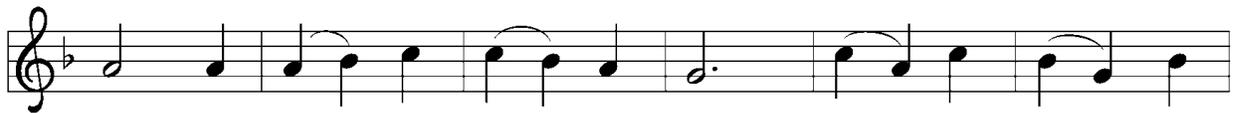
1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
 3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
 4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



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!

SERMON

HYMN *Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove* (ELW 578)

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, de - scend
2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry; to you,
3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's
4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part, and shed



up - on us from a - bove; with grac - es man - i -
the gift of God most high, true fount of life, the
al - might - y hand be - hold; while you with tongues of
your love in ev - 'ry heart; your own un - fail - ing



fold re - store your crea - tures as they were be - fore.
fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
fire pro - claim to all the world God's ho - ly name.
might sup - ply to strength-en our in - fir - mi - ty.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and you, of both, to be but one;
that through the ages all along
your praise may be our endless song.

CREED (ELW p. 189)

**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 was 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

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.

God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace (*especially*). Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all marginalized people (*especially*). Accomplish your will through their efforts. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died (*especially*) when we meet together at your river of life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Amen.

PEACE (ELW p. 189)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

HYMN *When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)* (ELW 785)

When Peace, like a River
It Is Well with My Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE (ELW p. 190)

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.

PREFACE (ELW p. 190)

We lift our hearts in praise to you, God of glory.

because in every time and place

you have shown yourself to your people

and revealed your purpose to dwell with them always.

In the wilderness you have made your place of dwelling in a tabernacle.

In Jerusalem the temple became a theater of encounter with you.

In Jesus Your Son You came among us.

making Your home in human flesh.

In his death he faced the consequences of our sin,

and in his resurrection he made possible

an everlasting home for us at your right hand.

You have prepared for us a holy city of heavenly lights

where we will dwell with you forever.

So with angels and archangels

we join the praises sung forevermore in that eternal city.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 190)

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 190)

Lord God Almighty, from your throne flows the river of life.
 Fed from that river
 your tree of life bears fruit for the healing of the nations.
 Nourish your church in this sacred meal,
 that the bread and wine we receive
 may be poured out through us as life abundant.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
 make your church a healing balm in places of suffering and sorrow.
 Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us
 the body and blood of your Son;
 who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
 broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
 "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Revealing God, whose radiance is all holiness,
make your face to shine upon us that we may be saved.
Look with mercy upon those who turn to you in hope
and long for peace the world cannot give.
Hold in your light of compassion every troubled heart
that waits for the dawn of your one eternal day.
Shine with the fullness of your love into every fear-filled soul,
and make yourself known to all who long to see your face;
until that hour when night is no more,
and there is no need of lamp or sun, when you will be our light,
and when in your eternal radiance
you shall reign forever and ever, one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 191)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 (ELW p. 191)

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

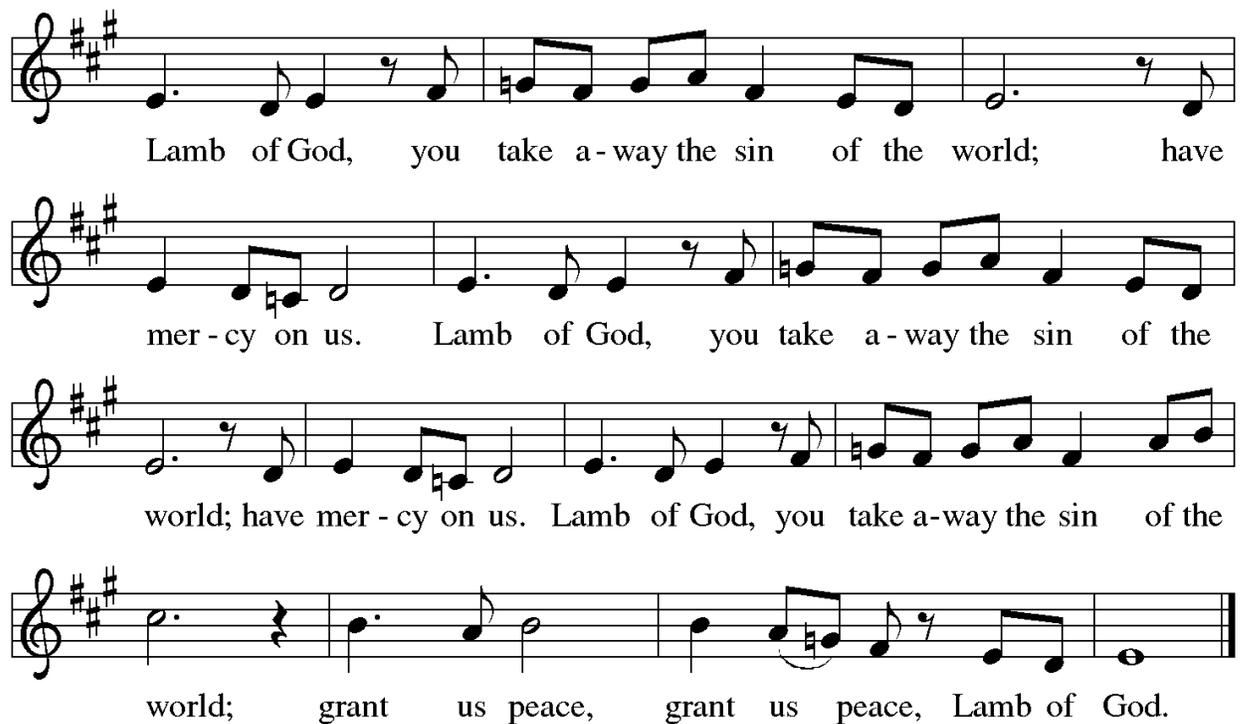
COMMUNION (ELW p. 191)

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 191)



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, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN *The Peace of the Lord* (ELW 646)

The Peace of the Lord

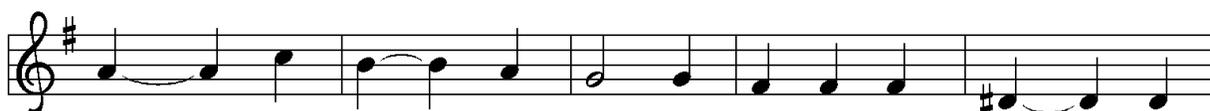
La paz del Señor



1 *La paz del Se - ñor, la paz del Se - ñor, la*
 1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the



paz del Re - su - ci - ta - do: la paz del Se -
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the
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ñor a ti ya mí, a to - dos al - can - za -
 Lord is for you and for me, and al - so for all of God's
 Lord is a - mong us right now, so o - pen your - selves to re -
 Lord kept with - in can - not live, so o - pen your - selves now to



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 chil - dren. The peace of the Lord is for you and for
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 share it. The peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not



mí, a to - dos al - can - za - rá.
 me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.
 now, so o - pen your - selves to re - ceive it.
 live, so o - pen your - selves now to share it.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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. 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 Lord.

Amen.

SABBATICAL BLESSING

Council Representative: *We believe God works in the lives of those who love him, using all things for God's glory. We trust that in this sabbatical time, God will be at work in the life of Pastor Kristen, and the lives of the people of this church, using all things for our good and God's glory. We entrust you to God's care, for God's good works, and rich blessings.*

Pastor: *During this sabbatical time, I eagerly look forward to seeing how God will be at work in the life of this congregation, in my own life, and the life of my family. And so, I entrust you, the congregation of Shepherd of the Valley, to God's care, for God's good works, and rich blessings.*

Congregation: **With joy, we will remember you in our hearts for these three months, praying that God will refresh you in body, renew you in mind, and refill your heart with the depths of God's love for you.**

Pastor: *With joy, I will remember you in my heart for these three months, praying God will bless you with creativity and fill your hearts with His love for you. And knowing the depth of that love, may you continue to bring the truth of God's work, and a demonstration of Jesus' love to people in our community of Langley.*

Worship Assistant: *Whether together or during a time apart, this church body faithfully serves our God with compassion, energy, creatively and love. Let us now, in a unified voice, offer a prayer of commitment and faith to Jesus Christ, and to the work of God in our lives and in our world.*

Leader: *We wish Godspeed to Pastor Kristen as she begins her sabbatical.*

Congregation: **As you journey, Pastor Kristen, we ask God to guard you from harm.**

Sabbatical Recipient: *God's peace be with you as I leave to walk in new places.*

Congregation: **God dwell with you while we are away from one another.**

Sabbatical recipient: *God's blessing on you while I am gone from you.*

Congregation: **God fill you with a light spirit as you spend time with old friends and make new ones; as you study, visit new surroundings, and travel to familiar ones.**

Sabbatical recipient: *I thank God for my ministry with you and the gift of this time you've given me.*

Congregation: **May you experience the gift of spiritual growth in your journey.**

Sabbatical recipient: *I pray God gifts you, also, with the taste of transformation.*

Congregation: **God grant you a trusting heart as you plant your feet and heart in new places. We send you with our blessing.**

Sabbatical recipient: *Pray for me while I am gone.*

Congregation: **We will pray that you return renewed and energized for ministry.**

Sabbatical recipient: *I go seeking those gifts. I will pray that you are keeping the Sabbath so that you, too, might be renewed to serve in God's name.*

Leader: *Let us pray.*

Spirit of God, Renew Pastor Kristen for ministry through this time set aside for reflection and study, the refreshment of a break from daily tasks and routine, and the excitement of new learning and direction. Grace her with your presence and keep her steadfast in the faith while we are gone one from another.

All:

Almighty God, Draw our hearts to you,

Guide our minds and fill our imaginations,

Control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours.

Use us as you will, always to your glory, and the welfare of your people,

Through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Amen.

BLESSING

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* (ELW 579)

Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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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