

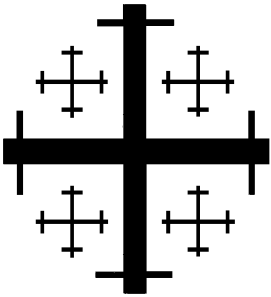
Easter III

4 May 2025

9:30 am



The Liturgy at Calvary



The disciples make a big splash and breakfast with the risen Jesus in the gospel. Wading in the water (remembering our baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating the holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us, with Peter, again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

Today we commemorate Philip and James, Apostles.

Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." He later responded to an Ethiopian official's request for teaching and baptism. Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James.

Prelude "Partita on 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past'" Paul Manz

Please face the Baptismal font

Penitential Rite *Let There Be Praise (W&P 87)*

F C/E F Dm Dm/F Gm Gm² Gm C

Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts.

Am Am⁷ Dm Dm/F Gm F/A B \flat F/C C⁷ F

For - ev - er - more let his love fill the air, and let there be praise.

F C/E F Dm Dm/F Gm Gm² Gm C
 Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts.

Am Am⁷ Dm Dm/F Gm F/A B \flat F/C C⁷ F
 For - ev - er - more let his love fill the air, and let there be praise.

L To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!" (Psalm 30:8-10).

Silence is kept for confession and reflection

L O LORD my God,
C I cried to you for help, and you healed me. You turned my mourning into dancing and clothed me with joy (Psalm 30:2,11).

L Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning (Psalm 30:4-5).

Reprise *Let There Be Praise*

Apostolic Greeting

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

C And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison [*Greek, Lord Have Mercy*]

All

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Cantor

For peace in the world, for the health of the church for the un - i - ty of all

for this ho - ly house for all who wor-ship and praise. let us pray to the Lord:

All [Kyrie Eleison]

Cantor

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for Spir - it kind-led love

for our life in Christ, which fills us with joy, let us pray to the Lord:

All [Kyrie Eleison]

Hymn Of Praise

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1. Wor - thy is Chirst, 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

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

3. For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign, Al - le - lu - - ia.

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

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

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

lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer Of The Day

P The Lord be with you

C **And also with you**

P Let us pray... Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please sit for today's readings from scripture.

First Reading Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the

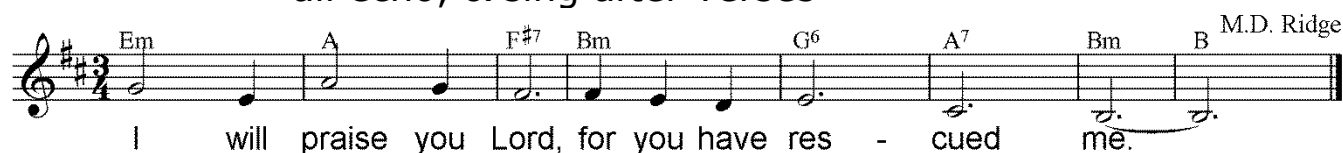
synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 30 Cantor/Choir sings **Refrain**,
all echo, & sing after verses



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1. When I was struck down, you did not let me die, nor let my enemies exult over me. You raised me up and restored me to life; I called and you heard my cry. **Refrain**
2. Sing praise to the Lord, all who trust in his name; give thanks to him and remember his love. His anger lasts but a moment in time; his mercy is without end. **Refrain**
3. From the terror of death to the hope of new life, you changed my sadness to dancing and joy, and now my heart will be silent no more, forever sing your praise! **Refrain**

Second Reading **Revelation 5:11-14**

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,

¹²singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

Alleluia, Verse/Gospel Acclamations

Hal - le hal - le hal - le lu - jah!

Hal - le hal - le hal - le lu - jah!

hal - le hal - le ha - le lu -

jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter
C **Glory to you, O Lord**

¹After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

P The Gospel of Our Lord
C **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon *Intern Rebecca*

Hymn of the Day

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla



1	Tú	has	ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla,	no has bus -
1	You	have	come down to the lake - shore	seek - ing
2	You	know	full well what I have, Lord:	nei - ther
3	You	need	my hands, my ex - haus - tion,	work - ing
4	You	who	have fished oth - er wa - ters;	you, the



ca - do	ni a sa - bios ni a	ri - cos;	tan só - lo
nei - ther	the wise nor the	wealth - y,	but on - ly
trea - sure	nor wea - pons for	con - quest,	just these my
love for	the rest of the	wea - ry—	a love that's
long - ing	of souls that are	yearn - ing:	O lov - ing



quie - res	que yo	te	si - ga.
ask - ing	for me	to	fol - low.
fish nets	and will	for	work - ing.
will - ing	to go	on	lov - ing.
Friend, you	have come	to	call me.

Refrain / Estribillo



Se - ñor,	me has mi - ra - do a los	o - jos;	son - ri - en - do,
Sweet Lord,	you have looked in - to my	eyes;	kind - ly smil - ing,



has	di - cho mi nom - bre.	En la a - re - na	he de - ja - do mi
you've called out my name. . .	On the sand I	have a - ban - doned my	



bar - ca;	jun - to a ti	bus - ca - ré	o - tro mar.
small boat;	now with you,	I will seek	oth - er seas.

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Creed

A Let us profess our faith in the Triune God.

C 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 he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Instrumental Intro

In the si-lence Lord, Hear our prayer.

In the still-ness Lord, Hear our prayer.

Our spo-ken words, our si-lent thoughts:

these we hum-bly share.

In this mo-ment Lord, Hear our prayer.

after each petition

A Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

concluding with

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord

C Amen

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you

Please share a sign of peace

Offertory ***Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling***
Dale Wood



Two Ways to Give

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through this **QR code**
Use smart phone camera; click link



Please stand as our gifts are presented, singing,

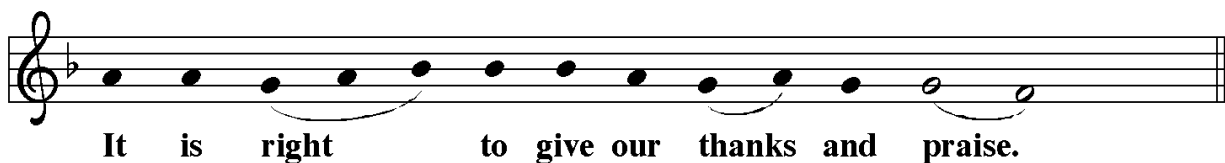
We lift our voices. We lift our hearts, we lift our
lives up to you: we are an of-fer- ing. Lord, use our voic - es. Lord, use our
hearts. Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer- ing.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be we
give to you, we give to you.
We lift our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

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first
given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions,
signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake
of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Great Thanksgiving

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.



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus *Holy & Blessed, Latin*

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er - more
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here.
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Musical score for two staves. The first staff contains the melody for 'Sing ho-san-na in the high-est!' with chords Dm, Gm, C7, and Fmaj7. The second staff contains the melody for 'Sing ho-san-na! Sing ho-san-na to our God!' with chords Bb, Gm, A7, and Dm.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Acclamation

Musical score for two staves. The first staff contains the melody for 'We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel-e-brate your ris-ing; we' with chords C, G7, Am, F, G7, and C. The second staff contains the melody for 'break this bread and share this cup un-til you come a-gain.' with chords F, G7, C, Am, F, G7, and C.

P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

All 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

P Body of Christ given for you. Blood of Christ shed for you.

Agnus Dei *Lamb of God, Latin*

O Lamb of .. God, you.. take a - way the sin of the world:

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

O Lamb of .. God, you.. take a - way the sin of the world:

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

O Lamb of .. God, you.. take a - way the sin of the world:

Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are written below the staff. The first staff has the lyrics 'O Lamb of .. God, you.. take a - way the sin of the world:'. The second staff has the lyrics 'have mer - cy up - on us, — have mer - cy up - on us.'. The third staff has the lyrics 'O Lamb of .. God, you.. take a - way the sin of the world:'. The fourth staff has the lyrics 'have mer - cy up - on us, — have mer - cy up - on us.'. The fifth staff has the lyrics 'O Lamb of .. God, you.. take a - way the sin of the world:'. The sixth staff has the lyrics 'Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.'. The music features several chords: Em, Am, D7, G, Am/F#, B7, E7, and B7/F#. There are also triplets indicated by a '3' under a bracket.



HOLY COMMUNION

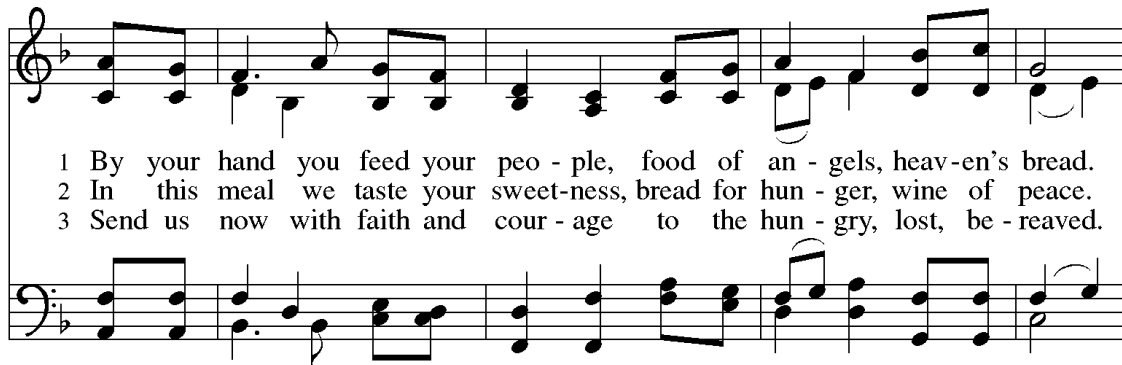
In-Person: We commune at the Altar. Ushers will guide.

Online at Home: If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to communion each other and bless children who have not received First Communion.

Consider giving this blessing:

“Know that the promises of Jesus’s love are for you.”

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

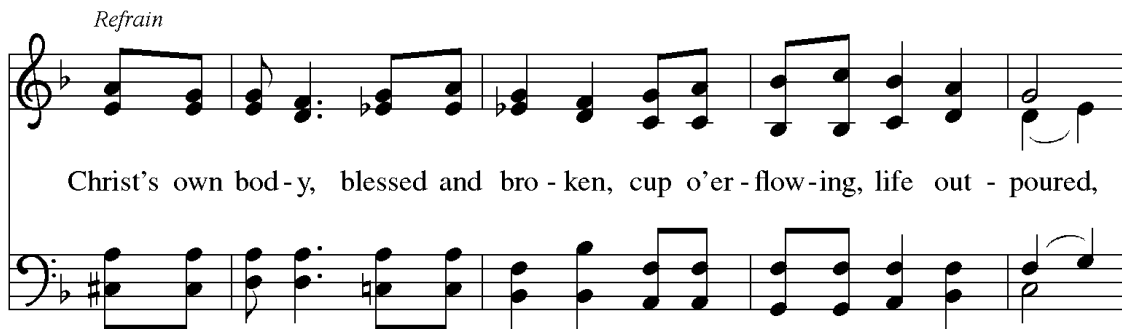


1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

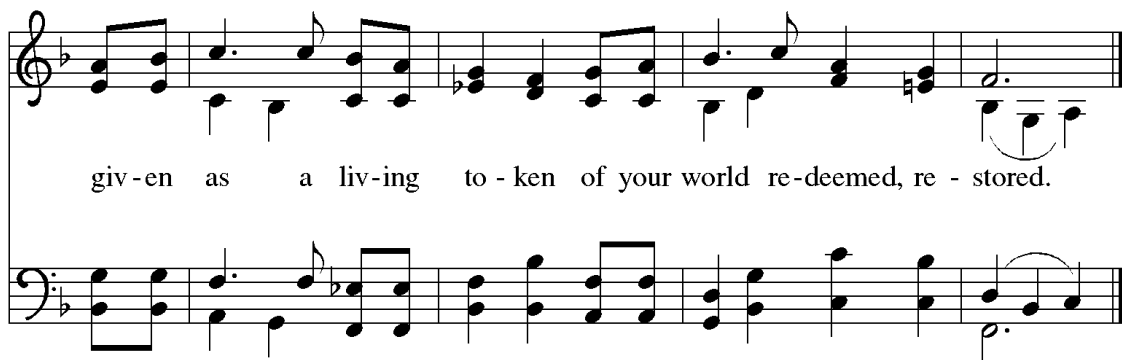


For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain



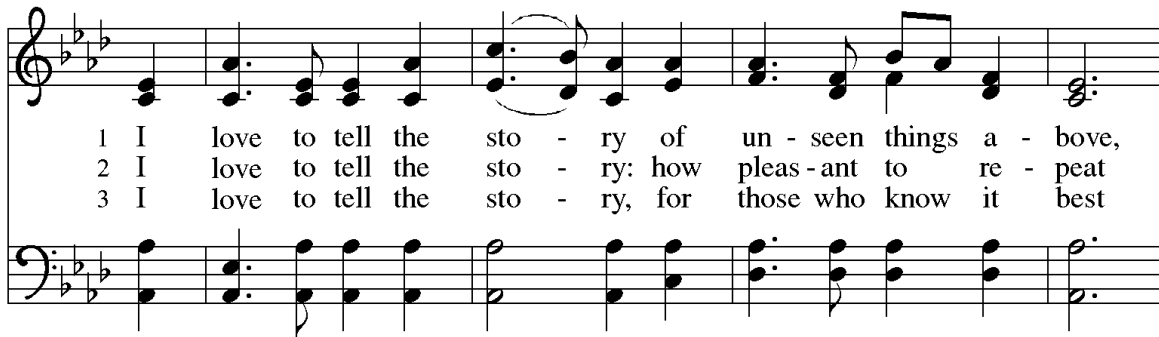
Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

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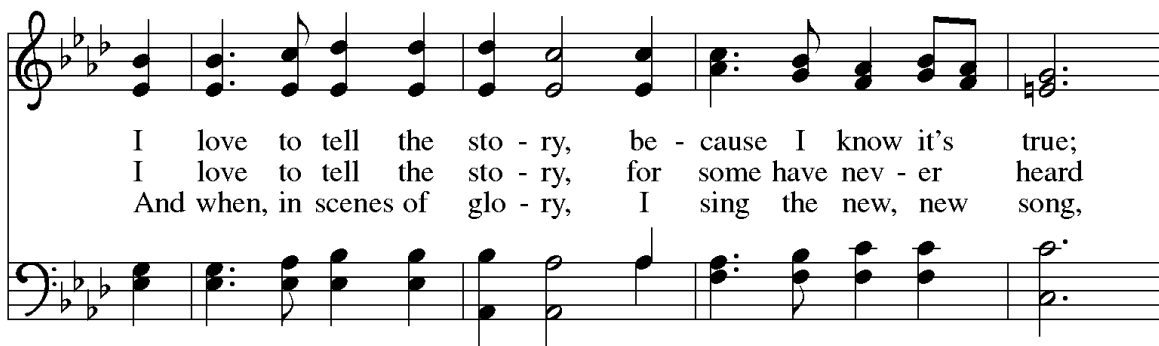
I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911
 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
 and keep you in God's grace.
- C** **Amen**

Post Communion Canticle

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the
 Ho - ly One, give thanks be-cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the
 Ho - ly One, give thanks be-cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
 rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
 now, let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
 rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us, Give thanks!

A Let us pray... We give you thanks, generous God,
 for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven
 and earth where hunger and thirst are no more.
 Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
 that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C Amen

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor
 and ✕ give you peace.

C Amen

Recession

He Is Exalted

He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high; I will praise him.

He is ex-alt-ed, for-ev-er ex-alt-ed, and I will praise his

name. Je-sus is Lord, for-ev-er his truth shall

reign; heav-en and earth re-joice in his ho-ly

name. He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff continues the melody. The fifth staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line.

Text: Twila Paris

Music: HE IS EXALTED, Twila Paris

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A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *Prelude in C Major*
J. S. Bach

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Commemorations This Week

Philip and James, Apostles

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James.

Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 373

Friday, May 2, 2025

Best remembered for defending the teaching that Christ was fully God against those who taught otherwise, Athanasius was an influential church leader around the time of the Council of Nicea. He was banished from Alexandria five times for his forthright views.

Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.

Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, died around 1416

Thursday, May 8, 2025

When she was about thirty years old, Julian (or Juliana) reported visions that she later compiled into a book, *Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love*, now a classic of medieval mysticism. The visions declared that love was the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love.

Victor the Moor, martyr, died 303 (TFF)

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Also known as Victor Maurus, this native of the northwest African nation of Mauritania was a soldier in the Roman Praetorian Guard. Under the persecution of Maximian, Victor died for his faith at Milan.

**Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church,
hymnwriter, died 1760**

Friday, May 9, 2025

When he was 22, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on Zinzendorf's land. He agreed, and eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these missions, and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.
