The background of the entire image is a soft-focus photograph of pink flowers, likely peonies, with delicate petals and yellow centers. The flowers are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth and texture, with some in sharp focus and others blurred.

*"Peace*  
be with you.  
As the  
*Father*  
has sent me,  
so I send you."

John 20:21, NRSV

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**PRELUDE**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

St. John Choir

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

**P:** In the name of the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

Hymn #384

4 verses

## GREETING AND KYRIE:

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.**

*Assistant:* In peace, in peace,

*Assistant:* Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,  
*Congregation:* Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have  
mer - cy.

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is for the Assistant, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,". The second staff is for the Congregation, with the lyrics: "Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have". The third staff continues the Congregation part with the lyrics: "mer - cy.".

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... **(refrain)** ↑

*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... **(refrain)** ↑

*Assistant:* Help, save and de - fend us, O God.  
*Congregation:* A - - - men.

The musical score is written on two staves. The first staff is for the Assistant, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Help, save and de - fend us, O God." The second staff is for the Congregation, with the lyrics: "A - - - men.".

# NOW THE FEAST

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1:

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great  
peo - ple of God.

*To refrain*

Verse 2


*Congregation or Congregation 2:*



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ



for ev - er. *To refrain*


Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for Verse 2. It consists of three staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with a rest followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The second staff continues with a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note G3. The third staff continues with a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, and a quarter note G2. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Verse 3

*Congregation:*



3. For God has come to dwell with us,



to make us peo - ple of God; to make



all things new. *To refrain*

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for Verse 3. It consists of three staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with a rest followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The second staff continues with a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note G3. The third staff continues with a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, and a quarter note G2. The lyrics are printed below the notes.



## SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9


<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L: The Word of the Lord.... **C: Thanks be to God.**

*Congregation:*



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



go? You have the words of e - ter - nal



life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Repeat optional*

P: Holy Gospel according to St. John

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL**

John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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."

<sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>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."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord...

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

Pastor Shawn O'Brien

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

Hymn # 386

Verses 1, 4-8 (alternate tune)

## **NICENE CREED**

**ALL: 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;  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
And became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
who 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**

Leader: Merciful God,

**ALL: Receive our prayer.**

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

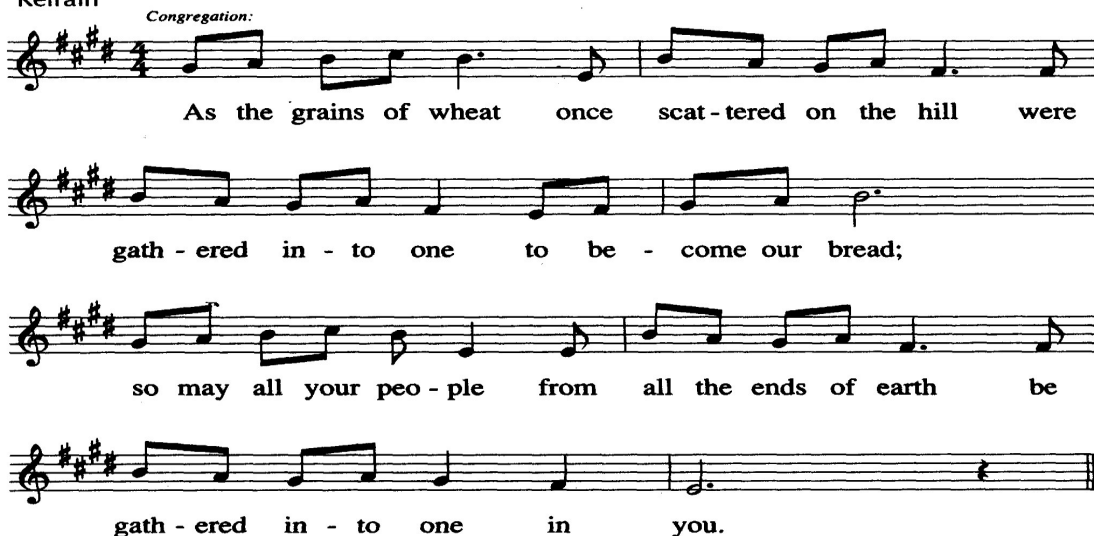
*(Please offer those around you a sign of peace as you are comfortable..  
this can be a handshake, a thumbs up, a fist bump or simply a smile...)*

## OFFERING

### AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

#### Refrain

*Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in - to one in you.

#### Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst, \_\_\_\_\_
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



*To refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful God,

**C: Accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.**

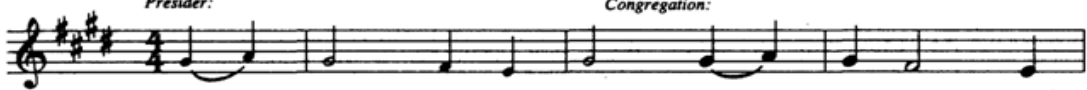
**You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day  
when we will hunger and thirst no more.**

**Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and  
mercy may follow us and bless the world you love.**

**In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



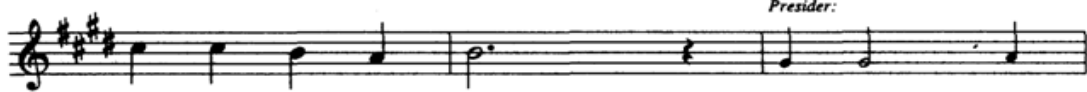
The Lord be with you. And al - so with

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



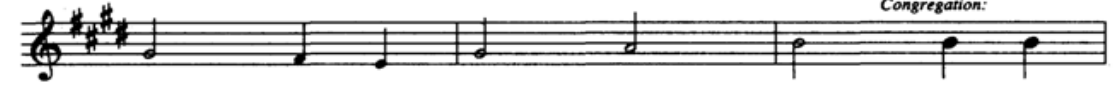
you. Lift up your hearts. We

*Presider:*

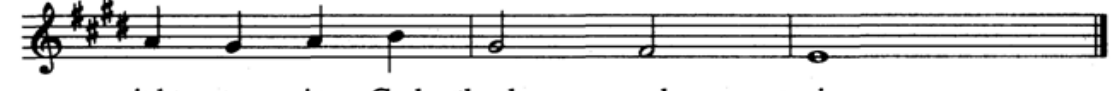


lift them to the Lord. Let us give

*Congregation:*



thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

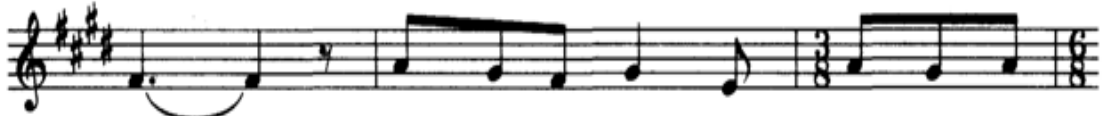
# Holy, Holy, Holy



*Congregation:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the



One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the



high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 1

*Presider:* Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

*Congregation:*

Christ has died. Christ is  
ris - en. Christ will come, come a - gain.

## EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 2

*Presider:* Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen, Come, Lord Jesus.

*Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A -  
men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

## EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 3

*Presider:* Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

*Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A -  
men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

## THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

*Congregation:*

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the  
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is  
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.  
A - men.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

# LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*                      *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God,                      you take a - way the sin of the

*Congregation:*

world:                      have mer - cy on us,                      mer - cy on us,

mer - cy on us.                      Lamb of God,                      you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of the world:                      grant us peace,

grant us peace,                      grant us peace.

# HOLY COMMUNION-The Distribution



## TABLE BLESSING

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and for ever.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Holy One,

**C: Through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus. ALL: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: May God bless us and keep us.

May God's face shine on us and be gracious.

May God look upon us with favor and give us peace.

**ALL: Amen**

## **SENDING SONG**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!

Hymn #369  
4 verses

## **DISMISSAL**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

### ***Welcome!***

St. John practices "open communion". All who are baptized and instructed are welcome to share the Lord's Supper with us today. Starting with the right side of the church, followed by the left when they are finished, the Pastor will distribute the bread and the communion assistant will serve the wine. We will also have pre-sealed elements available for those who would prefer the more hygienic option (or those who wish to receive grape juice instead of wine). Indicate to the Pastor that you would like pre-sealed elements and skip the wine server. Those who wish to receive a blessing should indicate their wishes to the Pastor by crossing their arms over their chest.