

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Grow in Faith. Live in Hope. Share God's Love.

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**The Seventh Sunday of Easter:
The Sunday after Ascension Day
June 1, 2025 + 10:30 a.m.**

The Holy Eucharist

Preparation for Worship in God's Name

Please silence all phones and electronic devices.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

*As the people gather before the service begins,
we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.*

O God, we seek to be a people of the resurrection, a people of Easter joy. Be known among us; grant us the assurance of your presence, your love, and your renewing power. Through your Spirit, reveal to us your purpose in our lives; in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN “Alleluia! sing to Jesus” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! His the scept - ter, his — the throne;
2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phas are we left in sor - row now;
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the Lord of lords we own:



Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone:
Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us, faith be - lies, nor ques - tions how:
Al - le - lu - ia! born of Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne:



Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;
thou the cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty days were o'er,
thou with - in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest;



Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise, “I am with — you ev - er - more”?
thou on earth both Priest and Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

—Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Music *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Remain standing; everyone sings.*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace_____ to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al -

might-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— High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God_____ the Fa - ther. A - men.

—Setting: Robert J. Powell (1932–2025)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Remain standing; silence is kept.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON *Seated.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (16:16–34).

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi of Macedonia, a Roman colony, and as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 97 *Spoken responsively by whole verse.*

- 1 The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O Lord.
- 9 For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

SECOND LESSON

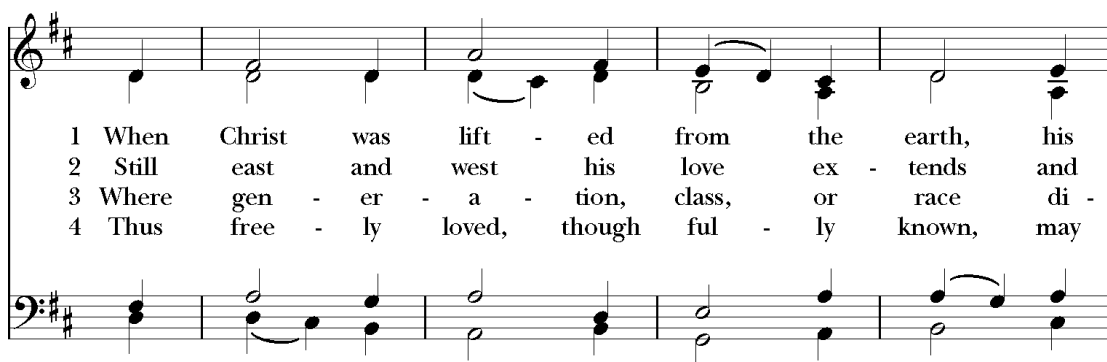
A reading from the Revelation to John (22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21).

“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

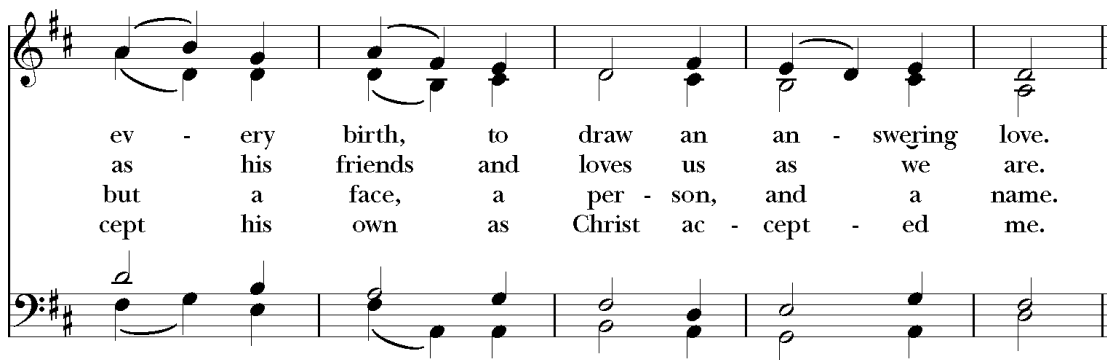
HYMN “When Christ was lifted from the earth” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may



arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
 al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
 vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
 I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -



ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
 as his friends and loves us as we are.
 but a face, a per - son, and a name.
 cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

—Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936)

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GOSPEL *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (14:23–29).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said, “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Children may join Laura Airhart and Melanie Gillespie for Children’s Chapel.
They will return at the Peace.*

SERMON

A time of silent reflection follows the sermon.

CREED *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 We be-lieve in God al-might-y, Au-thor of all things that be,
2 We be-lieve that Je-sus suf-fered, scourged and scorned and cru-ci-fied;
3 We be-lieve in God's own Spir-it, bond-ing all the saints with-in



Mak-er of the earth and heav-ens, keep-er of the sky and sea.
tak-en from the cross, was bur-ied, True Life there had tru-ly died.
one church catho-lic, one church ho-ly, where for-give-ness frees from sin;



We be-lieve in God's Son Je-sus, now for us both Lord and Christ,
We be-lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,
in the bo-dy's res-sur-rec-tion, for the break-ing of death's chain



of the Spir-it and of Mar-y, born to bring a-bun-dant life.
then as-cend-ed to God's right hand. He will come a-gain to save.
gives the life that's ev-er-last-ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

—Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955–1993), alt.

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Music: Nettleton, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Remain standing.*

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence.*

For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
 People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
 People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For all bishops and other ministers;
 People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the needs and concerns of this congregation: for those in the military, especially those who have been deployed; for the wider community of our families and friends, our parishioners whom we now name, and those we hold in our hearts. We pray especially for...

ED Archer	MARGE Hudson	MARILYN Randall
ANN & PAUL Backus	MARLENE Latture	JANE Reed
CHIP Beets	FRANCIS Lloyd	RARA Schlitt
KEN Bell	KEITH Mandrell	GARY Sharp
PEGGY Bradley	ANN McClain	SARAH Sheppard
BEVERLY Burns	MARCELLUS Mitchell	THE STAPLETON FAMILY
DAVID & NANCY Cazalet	DALE Oakley	DENISE Tibedo
GAIL Cox	PAT Pagni	IDALEE Vogel-Jackson
RON Dearolf	KENT Parish	SUE Wager
DANA & DEWELL Downey	BELLE Parman	ALICE & FRED Wegmann
DOUG Embler	ALLAN Philp	and
BEVERLY Guiler	MARCIA Power	MICHELE Welsh

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Leader: Hear us, Lord;
 People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. We will exalt you, O God our King;
 People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom; and we remember their families and friends who grieve. We pray especially for the repose of the soul of Gerry Backus, brother of Paul Backus.

Silence.

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

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

PEACE *Standing.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Seated.*

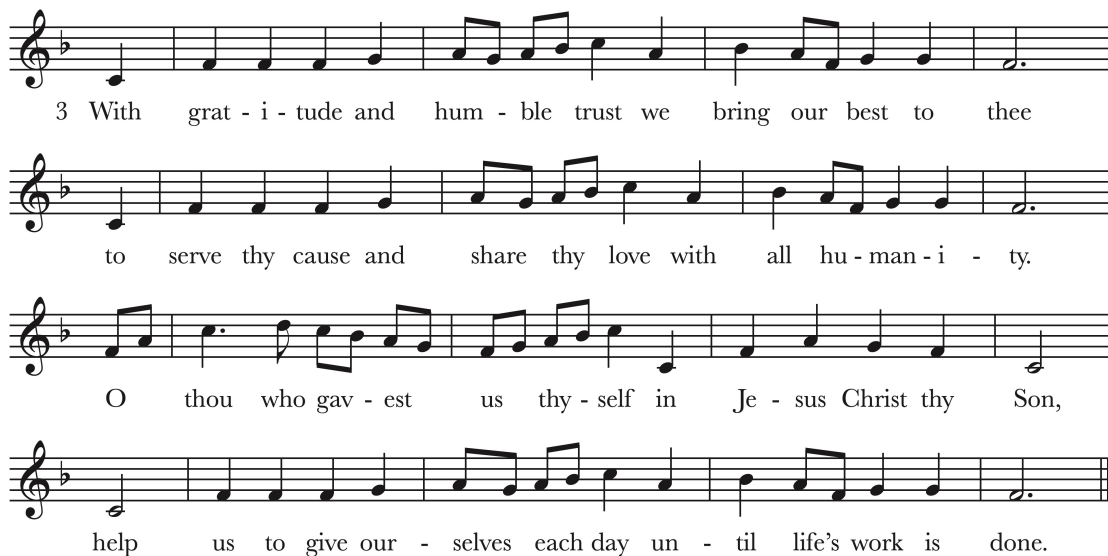
Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. (*2 Corinthians 9:7*)

ANTHEM *Sung by the Choir.*

HYMN “With gratitude and humble trust” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



3 With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to thee
to serve thy cause and share thy love with all hu - man - i - ty.
O thou who gav - est us thy - self in Je - sus Christ thy Son,
help us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

—Words: Frank von Christerson (b. 1900), alt. (Hymn 705, verse 3.)

Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Remain standing.*

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:

Everyone sings:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

—Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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.”

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

All: AMEN.

Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.

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

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

—Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

INVITATION

Celebrant: This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which our Lord became incarnate. This is the table of Jesus Christ. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. It is Christ who invites you to be known and loved and fed here.

DURING COMMUNION

HYMN “Let us break bread together” *Everyone sings.*



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____



Refrain

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____



3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____



let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____



Refrain

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

—Words and Music: *Let Us Break Bread*, African-American Spiritual

DOXOLOGY *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be -

low; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove ye heaven - ly

host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

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

— Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), with alleluias.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that
those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body
and blood. We are who are many are one body,

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

BLESSING *Remain standing.*

HYMN “Crown him with many crowns” *Everyone sings.*



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
- 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
- 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
- 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
- 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown



- 1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
- 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
- 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
- 4 once on earth the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
- 5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown



- 1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
- 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
- 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
- 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
- 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown



- 1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
- 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
- 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
- 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
- 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

—Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)
 Music: *Diademata*, George Job Elvey (1816-1893)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
 People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



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