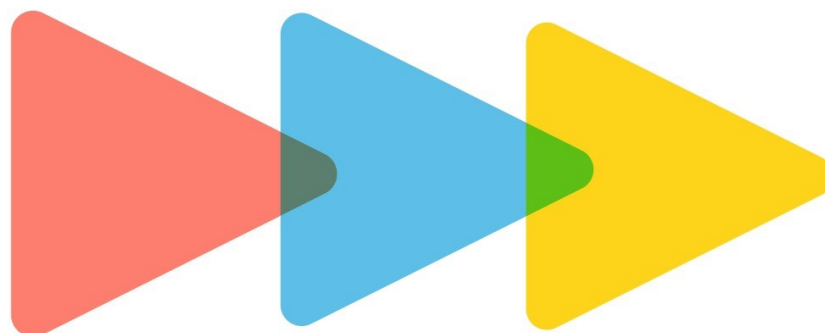


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GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

PRELUDE     *Ametenda Maajabu*

Swahili Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Please rise.*

Leader:    Habari gani? (What's the news?)

Congregation:    Nzuri! (It is good!)

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: **We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

L: The Lord is my strength and my song.

C: **The Lord has become my salvation.**

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness;

C: **I will go through them and praise the Lord.**

L: I shall not die, but live,

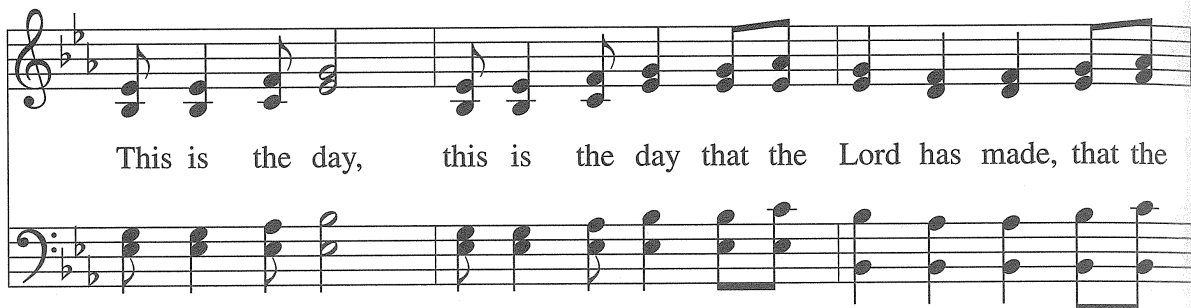
C: **And declare the works of the Lord.**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: **We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

GATHERING HYMN     *This Is the Day*

TFF #262



Lord has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be  
glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the  
Lord has made; we will re-joice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

Text: Psalm 118:24  
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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

- L:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 first born of the dead, and well spring of eternal life,  
 the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always.
- C:** And also with you.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



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



al - le - lu - ia, 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.

*Refrain*



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 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*

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

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

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

*Final refrain*

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

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. Almighty God,  
 you bring to light things hidden in darkness,  
 and know the shadow of our hearts:  
 cleanse and renew us by your Spirit,  
 that we may walk in the light and glorify your name,  
 through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

C: Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

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

### FIRST READING Acts 9:10-20

Reader: A reading from Acts.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>The 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, <sup>12</sup>and 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." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup>But 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; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup>So 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." <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### PSALM Psalm 30

by David Haas

*Please sing the refrain as indicated. Cantor will sing the verses.*

#### REFRAIN

I will praise you, Lord, for you have res - cued me.

I will praise you, Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

## SECOND READING Revelation 5:11-14

Reader: A reading from Revelation.

<sup>11</sup>Then 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, <sup>12</sup>singing 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!” <sup>13</sup>Then 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!” <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL READING Luke 24:13-35

Gospeler: The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?”

They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

G: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

SERMON      The Rev. Richard H. Graham  
Bishop, Metro D.C. Synod



*Please rise at the conclusion of the hymn introduction.*



1. Who are you who walk in sor - row Down Em - ma - us' bar - ren road,  
 2. Who is this who joins our jour - ney, Walk - ing with us stride by stride?  
 3. Who are you? Our hearts are o - pened In the break - ing of the bread.  
 4. Who are we who trav - el with you On our way through life to death?  
 5. "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Is the Eas - ter hymn we sing!



Hearts dis - traught and hope de - feat - ed, Bent be - neath grief's crush - ing load?  
 Un - known Strang - er, can you fath - om Depths of grief for one who died?  
 Christ the vic - tim, now the vic - tor Liv - ing, ris - en from the dead!  
 Wom - en, men, the young, the ag - ing, Wak - ened by the Spir - it's breath!  
 Take our life, our joy, our wor - ship As the gift of love we bring.



Name - less mourn - ers, we will join you, We who al - so mourn our dead.  
 Then the won - der! When we told you How our dreams to dust have turned,  
 Great Com - pan - ion on our jour - ney, Still sur - prise us with your grace!  
 At the font you claim and name us, Born of wa - ter and the Word.  
 You have formed us all one peo - ple Called from ev - 'ry land and race.



We have stood by graves un - yield - ing, Eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.  
 Then you o - pened wide the Scrip - tures Till our hearts with - in us burned!  
 Make each day a new Em - ma - us; On our hearts your im - age trace!  
 At the ta - ble still you feed us, host us as our Ris - en Lord!  
 Make your church your ser - vant Bod - y, Sent to share your heal - ing grace!

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## APOSTLES' CREED

C: 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 THE COMMUNITY

### PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*Please greet those around you with a sign of peace and then be seated for the offering.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### MUSIC DURING OFFERING

*Chakutumaini Sina (My Hope is Built on Nothing Less)*

Swahili Choir

*Please rise.*

### OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Wise and gracious God,  
receive the labor of our hands –  
these gifts of money, bread, and wine –  
along with the offering of our lives.  
Nourish us with the life of your Son,  
that we might be his body in the world,  
making known your abundant mercy  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: Is the Father with us?

C: **The Father is with us.**

L: Is Christ among us?

C: **Christ is among us.**

L: Is the Spirit here?

C: **The Spirit is here.**

L: This is our God.

C: **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

L: We are God's people.

C: **We are redeemed.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

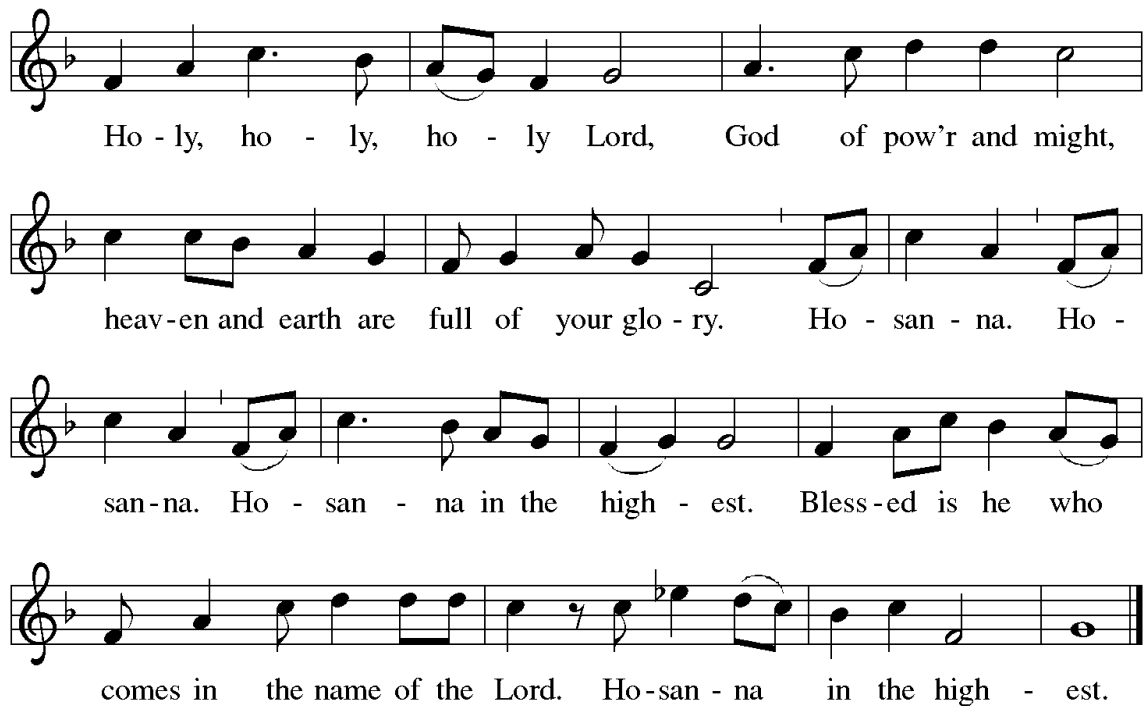
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

L: It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise,  
Great and living God, supreme over the world,  
Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver.  
From a wandering nomad you created your family;  
for a burdened people you raised up a leader;  
for a confused nation you chose a king;  
for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets.

In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image,  
bringing your kingdom, revealing your will,  
dying, rising, reigning, and remaking your people for yourself.  
Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.  
Through flood and across desert, over mountains,  
and along our journeys of sorrow and joy, you are there with us.  
You prepare us for the path ahead and lead us to everlasting life.  
Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors, and all in heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

L: Almighty God, creator of all,  
we thank you for giving your Son to this world,  
risking all to die on the cross for us who owe you everything.  
Pour your refreshing Spirit on us  
as we remember him in the way he commanded,  
through these gifts of your creation.

On the same night that he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying,  
“Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

L: We are siblings through Christ's blood.

**C: We have died together,  
we will rise together,  
we will live together.**

L: Therefore, O God,  
hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy,  
and await the coming of our brother, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

L: As Jesus taught us, so we pray:

C: Our Father in heaven,  
    holy 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.

Do not bring us to the test,  
    and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
    are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Christ is alive forever.

C: We are because Christ is.

L: We are one body.

C: We share one bread.

L: Draw near with faith.

C: Christ is the host and we are his guests.

*Please be seated.*

## AGNUS DEI

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.

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Twende kwa Yesu (Come to the Savior, Make no Delay)*

Swahili Choir



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,  
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,  
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.  
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,

un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.  
 blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,  
 This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:  
 bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.

When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,  
 yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing  
 when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,  
 Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing

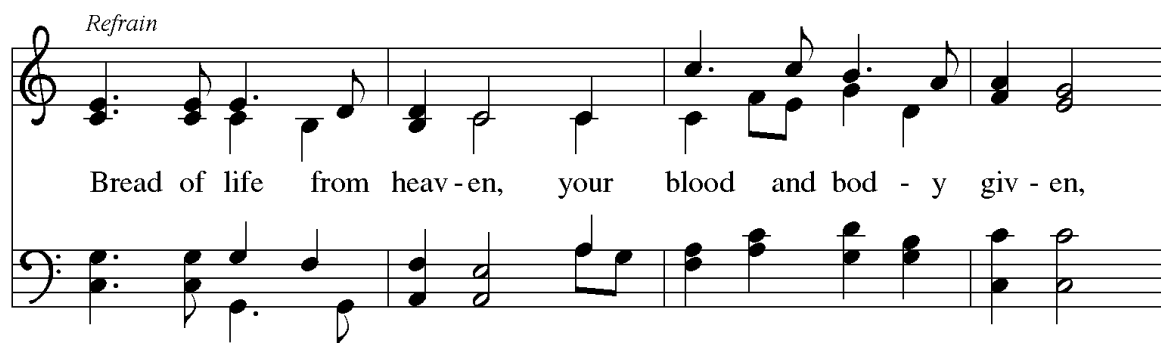
and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
 our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
 there Christ is with us in bread and wine.  
 that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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## Bread of Life from Heaven

*Refrain*



Bread of life from heav - en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,





we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing  
 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your  
 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -  
 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your  
 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be  
 hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the  
 self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is  
 home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly  
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.  
 liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.  
 food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.  
 One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.  
 ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD, Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas

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*Please rise.*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,

This system of music is written for voice and piano. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: F, C, Dm, and Am. The lyrics are: "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.

This system continues the melody and accompaniment. Chords indicated are Bb, F, Eb, and C7. The lyrics are: "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

This system continues the melody and accompaniment. Chords indicated are Am, Dm7, Gm, and C7. The lyrics are: "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

This system concludes the melody and accompaniment. Chords indicated are FM7, Dm7, Eb, and C7. The lyrics are: "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!

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**L:** Let us pray. God of our ancestors, God of all people,  
 before whose face the human generations pass away,  
 we thank you that as the broken bread was gathered into one loaf,  
 the broken fragments of our history are gathered up and healed by the redeeming act of Christ.  
 Send us forth in peace, form us into what we celebrate, the body of Christ in the world.  
 Nourished by this sacrament, give us strength and courage to serve you in daily life  
 with joy and singleness of heart. In the name of Christ we pray.

**C:** Amen.

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### BLESSING

L: All our problems

C: **We send to the cross of Christ.**

L: All our difficulties

C: **We send to the cross of Christ.**

L: All the devil's works

C: **We send to the cross of Christ.**

L: All our hopes

C: **We set on the risen Christ.**

L: Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,  
shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path:  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always.

C: **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*

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1	Al - le - lu - ia!	Je - sus	is	ris - en!
2	Walk - ing the way,	Christ	in	the cen - ter
3	Je - sus the vine,	we	are	the branch - es;
4	Weep - ing, be gone;	sor - row,	be	si - lent:
5	Cit - y of God,	Eas - ter	for	- ev - er,



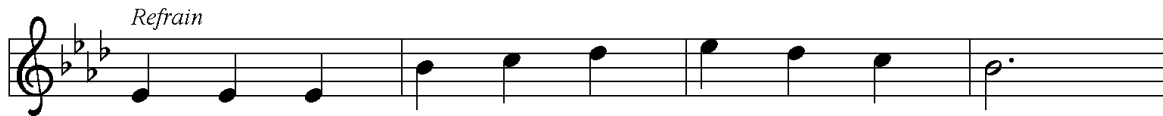
Trum - pets	re - sound - ing	in	glo - ri - ous	light!
tell - ing	the sto - ry	to	o - pen	our eyes;
life in	the Spir - it	the	fruit of	the tree;
death	put a - sun - der,	and	Eas - ter	is bright.
gold - en	Je - ru - sa - lem,	Je - sus	the	Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



*Refrain*  
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## SENDING

L: Go out into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

*Bwana ndiye Mchungaji wangu (The Lord is My Shepherd)*

Swahili Choir

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