



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Divine Service Setting One

Cover art: *The Stoning of St. Stephen* from the *Saint Stephen Triptych* (1616-1617) by Peter Paul Rubens

Welcome to worship! If you are a visitor, we are especially glad to have you join us for worship. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you put your email address on the pew card in front of you, we will send our newsletter. An Elder is in the church narthex to answer questions or assist you.

All children—even noisy ones!—are welcome in the sanctuary to worship with the congregation. If desired, there is a ‘Cry Room’ located adjacent to the Sanctuary for your convenience.

We are blessed to have the Lord feed us through the miracle of His Supper! In this meal of grace, Jesus gives us His true body with the bread we eat and His true blood with the wine we drink in order to forgive our sins, strengthen our faith, and renew our lives! All baptized Christians who believe this and have been instructed are invited to partake of His precious meal. Children who have not yet received communion instruction are encouraged to come forward for a blessing. If you have any questions, please see the pastor or an elder, we would love to meet you. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Both the Common Cup and Individual Cups are offered. For those unable to drink wine, there is grape juice in the center ring of each Communion tray.

This Week’s Calendar

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
M-W	4-6		Mid-South East Pastor’s Conference in Pigeon Forge	
Tues	5	10:00am	Men’s Prayer Group	<i>Library</i>
Wed	6	10:00am	No Bible Class	<i>(Pastors Conference)</i>
		6:30pm	Choir Practice	<i>Music Room</i>
Thurs	7	10:00am	Zoom Bible Class.....	<i>Zoom</i>
		6:30pm	BOD Meeting.....	<i>Room 224</i>
		7:00pm	No Zoom Bible Class.....	<i>(BOD Meeting)</i>
Sun	10	9:30am	Sunday School	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
		10:30am	Matins Service.....	<i>Sanctuary</i>

Flowers: Today’s flowers are given by Ken & Janelle Smith in honor of their 3rd wedding anniversary.

Hymn of the month: The nephew of famed poet William Wordsworth, Christopher (1807-1885) was gifted as his uncle was, not only in words but also in theology; he was a reformer in the Church of England, and wrote some hymns you may know (LSB 394, 477, 906). *See the Lord Ascends in Triumph* exults in the ascended Christ who fulfills all of the great Old Testament figures (here we mention Enoch, Aaron, Joshua, and Elijah); and gives thanks that He has raised our human nature with him in his ascension.

494 See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph



1 See, the Lord as - cends in tri - umph; Con - qu'ring King in
 2 Who is this that comes in glo - ry With the trump of
 3 While He lifts His hands in bless - ing, He is part - ed
 4 Now our heav'n - ly Aar - on en - ters With His blood with -
 5 He has raised our hu - man na - ture On the clouds to



roy - al state, Rid - ing on the clouds, His char - iot, To His
 ju - bi - lee? Lord of bat - tles, God of ar - mies, He has
 from His friends; While their ea - ger eyes be - hold Him, He up -
 in the veil; Josh - ua now is come to Ca - naan, And the
 God's right hand; There we sit in heav'n - ly plac - es, There with



heav'n - ly pal - ace gate. Hark! The choirs of an - gel voic - es
 gained the vic - to - ry. He who on the cross did suf - fer,
 on the clouds as - cends. He who walked with God and pleased Him,
 kings be - fore Him quail. Now He plants the tribes of Is - rael
 Him in glo - ry stand. Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels;



Joy - ful al - le - lu - ias sing, And the por - tals
 He who from the grave a - rose, He has van - quished
 Preach - ing truth and doom to come, He, our E - noch,
 In their prom - ised rest - ing place; Now our great E -
 Man with God is on the throne. By our might - y



high are lift - ed To re - ceive their heav'n - ly King.
 sin and Sa - tan; He by death has crushed His foes.
 is trans - lat - ed To His ev - er - last - ing home.
 li - jah of - fers Dou - ble por - tion of His grace.
 Lord's as - cen - sion We by faith be - hold our own.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-85, abr., alt.; Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813-79
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(The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism)

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8-9

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

[John 20:19-23]

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit

Psalm 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 149:1

A Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

A I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

C O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

A O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

C Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

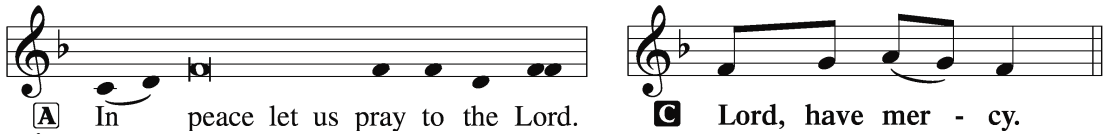
A For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

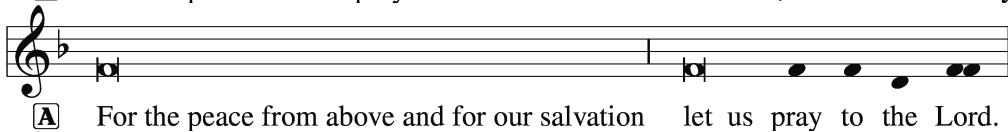
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his praise in the assembly of the godly!

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



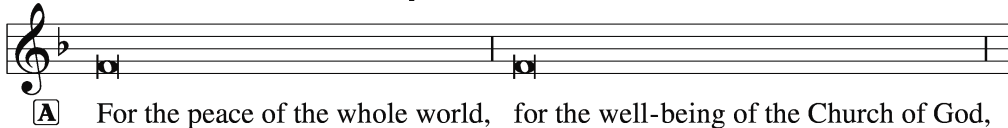
A In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise
 let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.
C A - men.

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Refrain

C 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
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(You may be seated)

Old Testament

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

L The Old Testament reading comes from Acts, chapters six and seven.

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

²And Stephen said:

“Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Lead Me Lord

by Samuel S. Wesley, Lorenz Publishing Co.

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, Make thy way plain before my face.
Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, Make thy way plain before my face.*

*For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, That makest me dwell in safety
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, That makest me dwell in safety*

*Lead me, lead me in thy righteousness, Make thy way plain before my face.
Lead me, lead me in thy righteousness, Make thy way plain before my face.*

*For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, That makest me dwell in safety
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, That makest me dwell in safety*

Epistle

1 Peter 2:2-10

L The Epistle reading comes from Peter, chapter two.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the first staff, the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the" are written. The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes. Below the second staff, the lyrics "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written. A common time signature (C) is placed at the beginning of the second staff. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the

Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(You may be seated)

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - umphant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall
give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

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Sermon

(Please stand as you are able)

Nicene Creed

☐ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For all God's adopted children in Christ, that they would long for the pure spiritual milk of the Word, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the ministers of the Word, that they may be devoted to their task and to prayer; and for many servants in God's Church, that neither the preaching nor the care of His people may fall into neglect; and especially for Grace Lutheran Church in Knoxville, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For parents, that they would raise up their children to know Christ as their help and hope, and not put their trust in princes in whom there is no salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For good government; for Donald, our president; the Congress of the United States; Bill, our governor; and all civil servants, that they may honor the holy God, establishing order and justice, encouraging virtue, and protecting all life, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For all who have requested our prayers, [especially _____,] that the Father of glory, whose Son declared Himself to be the way, the truth and the life, would give them a sure and steadfast hope in Him who has prepared a place for them where pain and sickness are no more and all things are made new, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the Church, God's chosen race, royal priesthood and holy nation, that He would preserve us by this Sacrament in true faith as the people of His own possession, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A In thanksgiving for Stephen, whom Christ has received into glory, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For faith and love in imitation of the Church's first martyr, that we may speak Christ's truth with boldness, forgive those who persecute us, and fall asleep in Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A To Him we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To

You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord’s Prayer

C 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.

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C 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.

(You may be seated)

Distribution Hymns

517 By All Your Saints in Warfare

sts. 1, 7, 3



1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For
 2 Praise for the first of mar - tyrs Who
 △ 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And



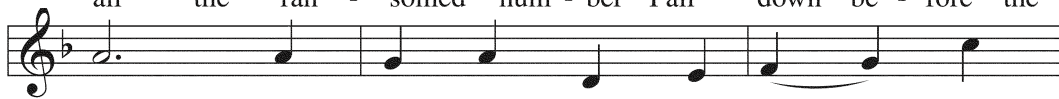
all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
 saw You read - y stand To help in time of
 wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the



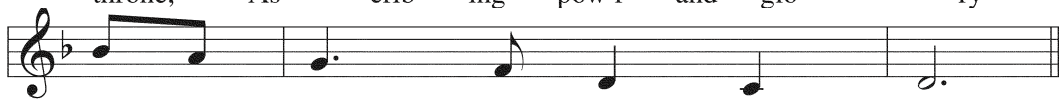
Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For
 tor - ment, To plead at God's right hand. Like
 Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till



You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the
 You, our suf - f'ring Sav - ior, His en - e - mies he
 all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the



crown; And now they shine in glo - ry
 blessed, With "Lord, re - ceive my spir - it,"
 throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry



Re - flect - ed from Your throne.
 His faith, - by death, con - fessed.
 And praise to God a - lone.

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846 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old



1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
 2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
 3 O be our great de - liv - 'rer still,



Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver
 Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and
 The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,



ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.
 fren - zy calmed Re - vealed You, Lord of light.
 soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.



To You they came, the blind, the mute,
 And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
 To hands that work and eyes that see



The pal - sied and the lame, The lep - ers in their
 Al - might - y as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by
 Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and



mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.
 beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.
 weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

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 Tune: English; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958, alt.
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703 How Can I Thank You, Lord



1 How can I thank You, Lord, For all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
2 It is Your work a - lone That I am now con - vert - ed;
3 Lord, You have raised me up To joy and ex - ul - ta - tion
4 Grant that Your Spir - it's help To me be al - ways giv - en
△ 5 O Fa - ther, God of love, Now hear my sup - pli - ca - tion;



That You have pa - tient - ly Borne with me in my blind - ness!
O'er Sa - tan's work in me You have Your pow'r as - sert - ed.
And clear - ly shown the way That leads me to sal - va - tion.
Lest I should fall a - gain And lose the way to heav - en.
O Sav - ior, Son of God, Ac - cept my ad - o - ra - tion;



When dead in man - y sins And tres - pass - es I lay,
Your mer - cy and Your grace That rise a - fresh each morn
My sins are washed a - way; For this I thank You, Lord.
Grant that He give me strength In my in - fir - mi - ty;
O Ho - ly Spir - it, be My ev - er faith - ful guide



I kin - dled, ho - ly God, Your an - ger ev - 'ry day.
Have turned my ston - y heart In - to a heart new - born.
Now with my heart and soul All e - vil I ab - hor.
May He re - new my heart To serve You will - ing - ly.
That I may serve You here And there with You a - bide.

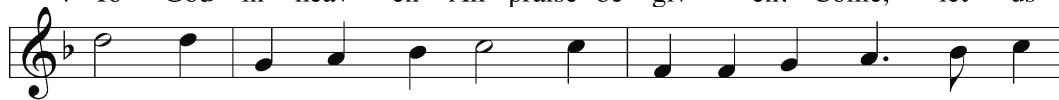
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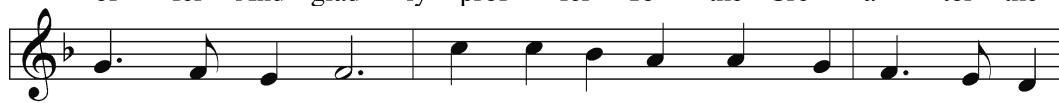
726 Evening and Morning



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, Sun - set and dawn - ing, Wealth, peace, and
2 Fa - ther, O hear me, Par - don and spare me; Calm all my
3 Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me; Though bil - lows
4 To God in heav - en All praise be giv - en! Come, let us



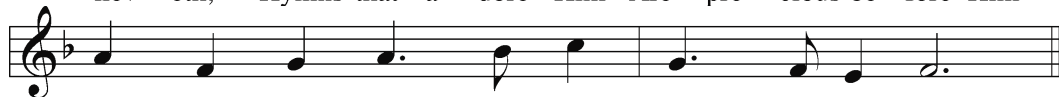
glad - ness, Com - fort in sad - ness: These are Thy works; all the
ter - rors, Blot out my er - rors That by Thine eyes they may
tow - er, And winds gain pow - er, Af - ter the storm the fair
of - fer And glad - ly prof - fer To the Cre - a - tor the



glo - ry be Thine! Times with - out num - ber, A - wake or in
no more be scanned. Or - der my go - ings, Di - rect all my
sun shows its face. Joys e'er in - creas - ing And peace nev - er
gifts He doth prize. He well re - ceiv - eth A heart that be -



slum - ber, Thine eye ob - serves us, From dan - ger pre - serves us,
do - ings; As it may please Thee, Re - tain or re - lease me;
ceas - ing: These shall I trea - sure And share in full mea - sure
liev - eth; Hymns that a - dore Him Are pre - cious be - fore Him



Caus - ing Thy mer - cy up - on us to shine.
All I com - mit to Thy fa - ther - ly hand.
When in His man - sions God grants me a place.
And to His throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76; (sts. 1-2): tr. Richard Massie, 1800-87, alt.; (sts. 3-4): tr. Hermann H. M. Brueckner, 1866-1942, alt.
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Prayer List

April 30, 2026

Thanksgiving

- **Pam Ogden** is pain-free and her hip prosthesis is in good shape.

Grief

- **Bill Ebert** died April 20.

Cancer

- **Karen Stevenson**, lung cancer
- The Johnsons' friend **Jack Nolan**, cancer
- Mairzy Truex's friend **Jesse Sneed**, cancer
- **Eddie Ryan**, Tracy's brother-in-law, now requires extra oxygen to breathe.
- **Regina Hinkle** has recurrent breast cancer.
- Bret's brother, **Ross Cole**, has cancer in his brain stem.
- Jeannie Nelson's cousin, **Gary Vilbaum**, has not fully recovered from lung cancer.
- Mairzy's friend, **Emy Center**, has a recurrent pelvic cancer.
- Debra Cole's friend, **Frank Mazzariello**, has stage three lung cancer.
- Bob and Suzanne's niece, **Alicia Smith**, has stomach cancer.

Health and other concerns

- Linda Debner's daughter, **Amy**, has severe chronic pain.
- **Hunter Brown**, Jane Miniard's grandson, multiple health issues.
- **Deborah Phillips**, Jane Miniard's friend, has heart problems.

- The Ogden's friend, **Ricky Radomski**, has been placed in palliative care.
- Linda's brother-in-law, **Ron Debner**, declining health.
- Lloyd Hinkle's friend, **Elise Erickson**, has chronic pulmonary insufficiency.
- **Annette Hansel**, Scott's sister-in-law, heart failure and complications from surgery
- Mairzy's friend, **Paul Reutter**, severe ongoing medical issues and pain.
- Mairzy's friend, **Megan**, age 30, has disseminated cancer.
- Mairzy's friend, **Barbara Leonard**, has a painful fracture from a fall.
- **Tina Schmitt**, spinal problems.
- Carol Noe's friend, **Rosa Schutz**, had a stroke.
- **John Kuehl** needs strength and energy at home.
- **Emma Clark's friend** at the hospital is having family problems.
- Jill Wilson's friend's premature baby, **Bailee Grayce**, needs protection and growth.
- **Bonnie Saupp**, recovering from shoulder surgery Apr 16.
- **David Benzenhafer**, Tom's brother, has severe viral pneumonia.
- **Mairzy Truex** had shoulder surgery Apr 23.
- Wachob's son's future MIL, **Kay Bloemer**, had a Cerebellar Stroke.

Shut-Ins

Marti Aperans	Bill Koch	Natalie Paret
Virginia Miller	Marvin Owens	Karen Stevenson
Leon and Doug Cochran		