

May 17, 2026

*SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
& THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST*

*(†) The congregation is invited to stand or (Sit with Gusto)  
(BOLD-FACED TYPE) Congregation responds*

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

*Silent Prayer and Time for Centering*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP \*\*\*

Despite the world's chaos,

**Love is the root of all.**

Over and beneath men

who fight for power and influence,

**love is the greatest power.**

Though death looms and evil prowls,

**Christ, risen from the dead,**

**is in every time and place.**

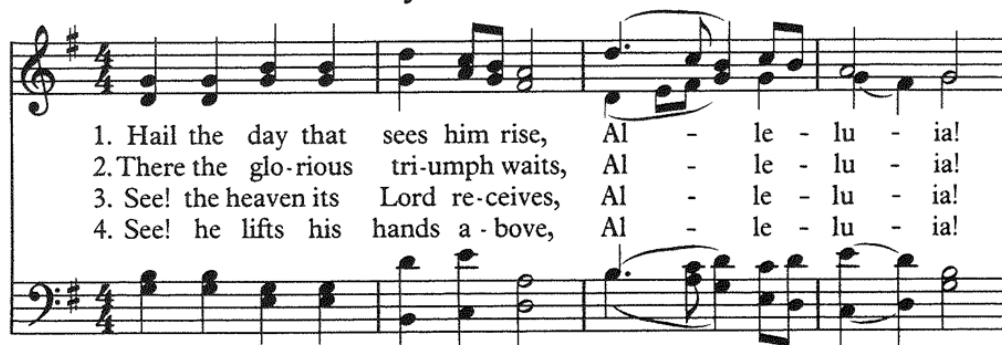
**God, the God of love, is with us.**

**We worship in gratitude and joy.**

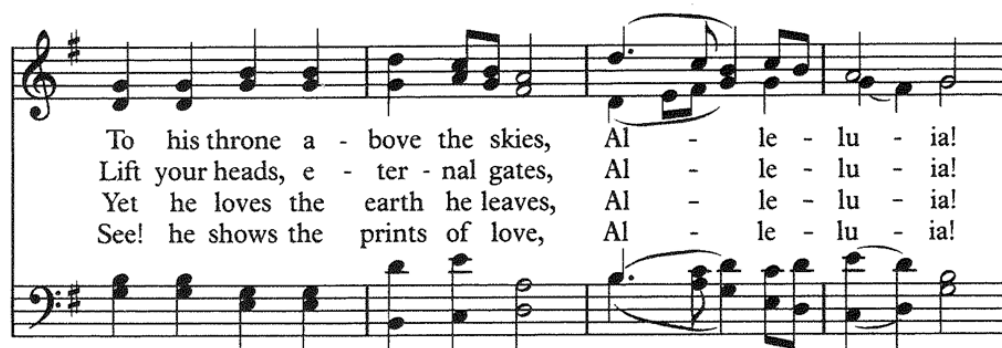
# † HYMN OF PRAISE

RESURRECTION AND EXALTATION

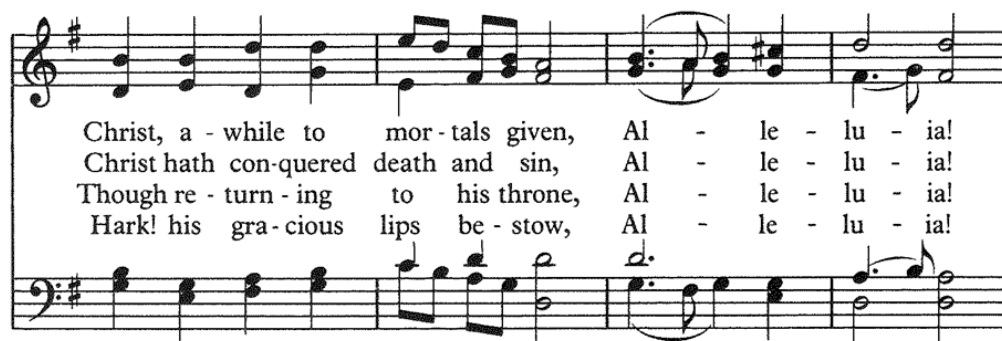
## Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise 312



1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. There the glo - rious tri - umph waits, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. See! the heaven its Lord re - ceives, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4. See! he lifts his hands a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



To his throne a - bove the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Al - le - lu - ia!  
See! he shows the prints of love, Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ hath con - quered death and sin, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Though re - turn - ing to his throne, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!



Re - as - cends his na - tive heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Take the King of glo - ry in, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Still he calls the world his own, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Bless - ings on his church be - low, Al - le - lu - ia!

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## † PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God,**

**when we treat people as though they are just a nuisance.**

**when we are annoyed with others' behavior**

**when people unexpectedly assert themselves**

**when we find it difficult to include those**

**who think or act differently from the norm**

**when we are cruel in our judgements or exclusion.**

**Forgive us, O God,**

**when we do not hear or heed Jesus' prayer for unity.**

**We pray for all who exploit their workers for profit.**

**We pray for all those who experience exploitation**

**and feel their helplessness.**

**Open our eyes to any ways**

**in which we can encourage justice.**

## † WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Choosing to set aside judgment, God gives us justice;

choosing to let go of punishment, God fills us with peace;

choosing to release anger, God's steadfast love rests upon us.

**Forgiven, redeemed, restored—we will tell everyone,**

**through the lives we lead, what God has done for us.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

*New Testament Lesson:*

[Acts 1: 6-14](#)

*(Pg. 884) \*\**

ANTHEM Heavenly Sunlight

Walking in the sunlight all of my journey  
over the mountains thro' the deep vale.  
Jesus has said I'll never forsake thee,  
promise divine that never can fail

*Chorus*

*Heavenly sunlight, heavenly sunlight  
flooding my soul with glory divine.  
Hallelujah I am rejoicing  
singing His praises Jesus is mine.*

In the bright sunlight ever rejoicing  
pressing my way to mansions above;  
Singing His praises gladly I'm walking  
walking in sunlight, sunlight of love

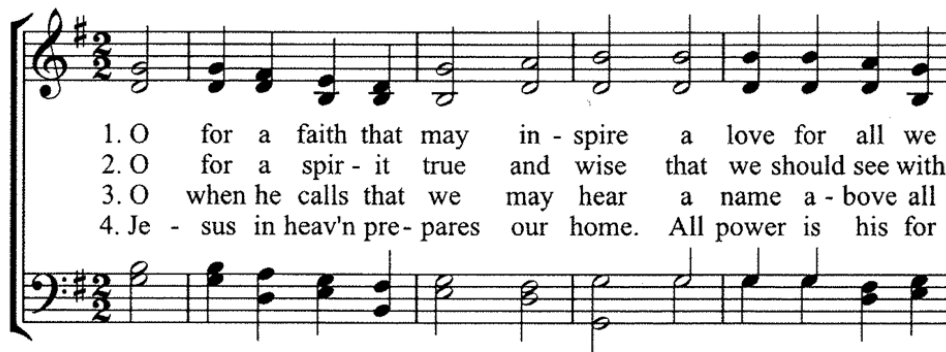
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

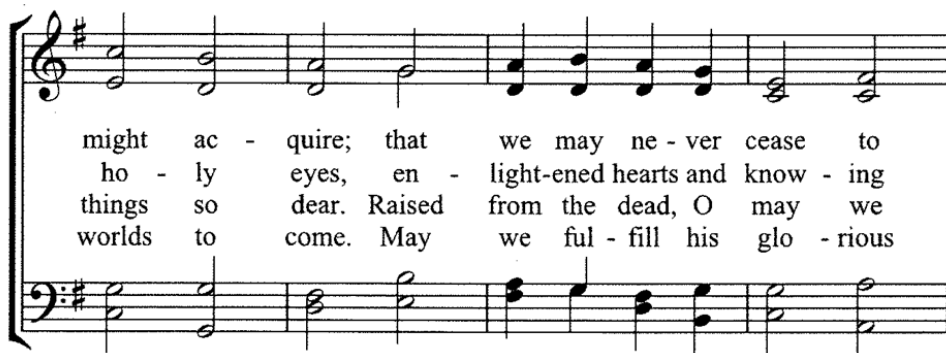
# † HYMN OF PREPARATION

## O For a Faith that May Inspire

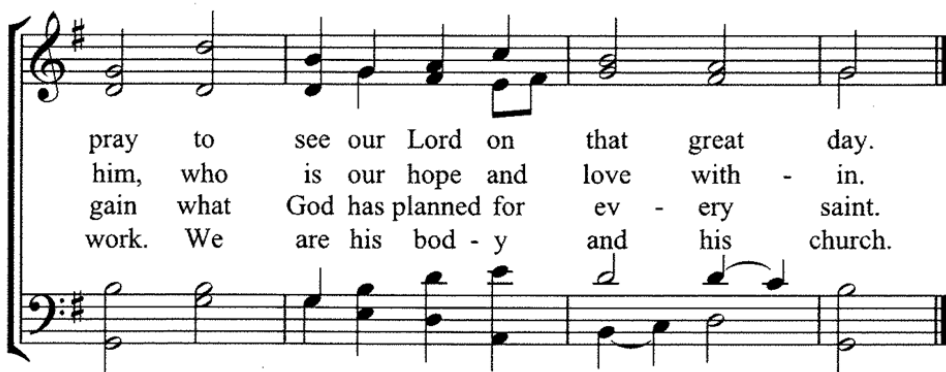
(A Hymn for Ascension Day)



1. O for a faith that may in - spire a love for all we  
2. O for a spir - it true and wise that we should see with  
3. O when he calls that we may hear a name a - bove all  
4. Je - sus in heav'n pre - pares our home. All power is his for



might ac - quire; that we may ne - ver cease to  
ho - ly eyes, en - light-ened hearts and know - ing  
things so dear. Raised from the dead, O may we  
worlds to come. May we ful - fill his glo - rious



pray to see our Lord on that great day.  
him, who is our hope and love with - in.  
gain what God has planned for ev - ery saint.  
work. We are his bod - y and his church.

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MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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# † GOSPEL LESSON:

[John 17: 1-17](#)

(Pg. 879) \*\*

PRESIDER: For the word of God in Scripture,  
For the word of God among us,  
For the word of God within us,

ALL: Thanks be to God!

## † GLORIA PATRI

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is presented in three systems. Each system consists of a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men. A-men." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with clear phrasing.

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SERMON: Rev. Ho-Soon Han

***"Held In Prayer, Sent in Love"***

## THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

## † HYMN

# They'll Know We Are Christians 595

*Unison*

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.  
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.  
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.  
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.  
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.  
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.  
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, his on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.  
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.  
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

*Refrain*

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

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# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Sharing of Joys and Concerns*

## SILENT PRAYER

## PRAYER SONG

### Ubi Caritas

Refrain

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
*Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,*

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.  
*live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.*

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8; *Where charity and love are found, God is there*; Taizé Community, 1978

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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## The Lord's Prayer

(UMH p. 895)

## PRAYER SONG (See Above)

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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## OFFERTORY MUSIC

# † DOXOLOGY

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

## 94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Unison*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;



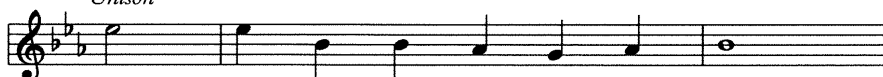
praise God, all crea - tures here be - low:

*Harmony*

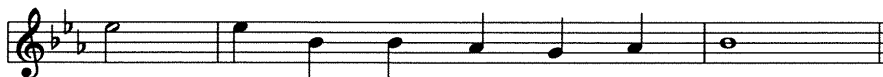
Musical notation for the third line of the doxology, harmony part. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff has a key signature of three flats and a 3/8 time signature. The melody is: G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, followed by a whole note G5. The bass staff provides harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*



Praise God, the source of all our gifts!



Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts!

*Refrain (Harmony)*

Musical notation for the sixth line of the doxology, refrain harmony part. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff has a key signature of three flats and a 3/8 time signature. The melody is: G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, followed by a whole note G5. The bass staff provides harmonic accompaniment.

Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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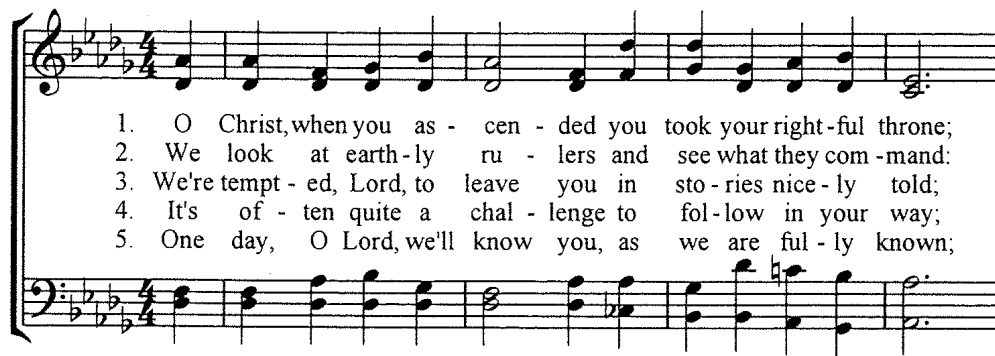
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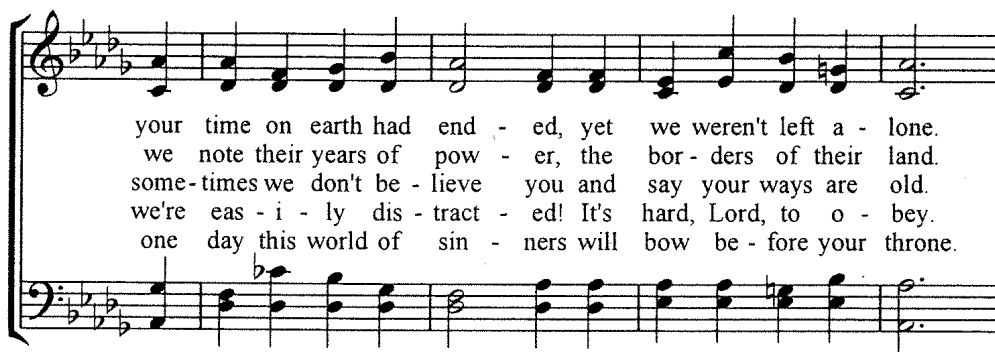
# THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

# † HYMN OF DEDICATION

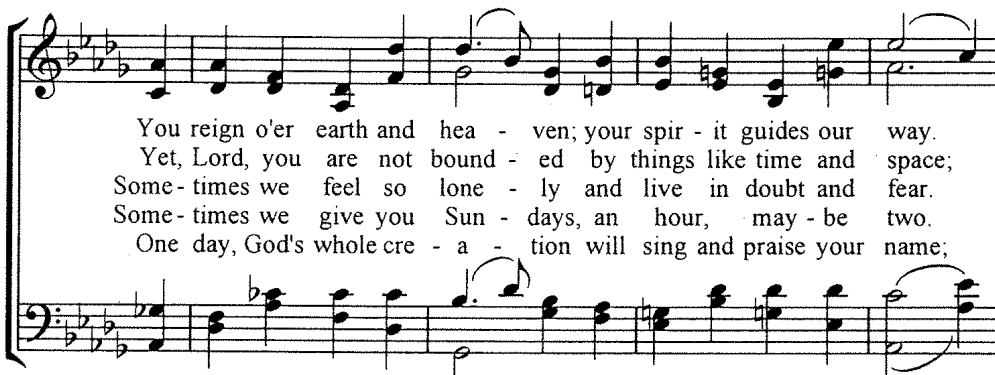
# O Christ, When You Ascended



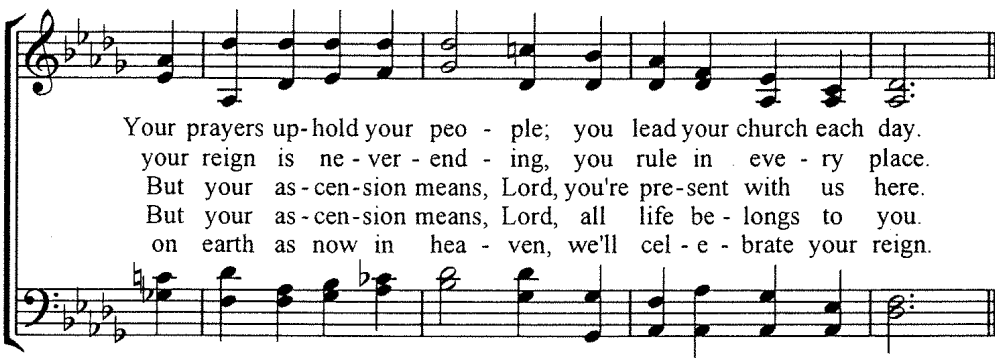
1. O Christ, when you as - cen - ded you took your right - ful throne;  
2. We look at earth - ly ru - lers and see what they com - mand:  
3. We're tempt - ed, Lord, to leave you in sto - ries nice - ly told;  
4. It's of - ten quite a chal - lenge to fol - low in your way;  
5. One day, O Lord, we'll know you, as we are ful - ly known;



your time on earth had end - ed, yet we weren't left a - lone.  
we note their years of pow - er, the bor - ders of their land.  
some - times we don't be - lieve you and say your ways are old.  
we're eas - i - ly dis - tract - ed! It's hard, Lord, to o - bey.  
one day this world of sin - ners will bow be - fore your throne.



You reign o'er earth and hea - ven; your spir - it guides our way.  
Yet, Lord, you are not bound - ed by things like time and space;  
Some - times we feel so lone - ly and live in doubt and fear.  
Some - times we give you Sun - days, an hour, may - be two.  
One day, God's whole cre - a - tion will sing and praise your name;



Your prayers up - hold your peo - ple; you lead your church each day.  
your reign is ne - ver - end - ing, you rule in eve - ry place.  
But your as - cen - sion means, Lord, you're pre - sent with us here.  
But your as - cen - sion means, Lord, all life be - longs to you.  
on earth as now in hea - ven, we'll cel - e - brate your reign.

WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2007 (Acts 1:1-11)  
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Readings for May 24, 2026

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-21 / Psalm 104: 24-35

1 Corinthians 12: 3-13 / John 20:19-23



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