

# Third Sunday of Easter



April 19, 2026

9:30 a.m.

St. Mark's and St. John's Episcopal Church

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We love that you are with us today.

We'd love to get to know you better. Name tags are available. We'd like to make one for you if you'd like.

Help yourself to coffee or tea in our "cafe," and feel free to bring it to your pew. We're casual.

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# PRELUDE

*Instrumental*

## OPENING SENTENCE

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible”

*1982 Hymnal, 423*

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

## Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a,36-41

*A reading from the book of Acts, the second chapter...*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my  
supplication,  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I  
called upon him.

**The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.**

Then I called upon the Name of the LORD:

"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

**How shall I repay the LORD**

**for all the good things he has done for me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation

and call upon the Name of the LORD.

**I will fulfill my vows to the LORD**

**in the presence of all his people.**

Precious in the sight of the LORD

is the death of his servants.

**O LORD, I am your servant;**

**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;**

**you have freed me from my bonds.**

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

and call upon the Name of the LORD.

**I will fulfill my vows to the LORD**

**in the presence of all his people,**

In the courts of the LORD's house,

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Hallelujah!

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-23

*A reading from the letter (Epistle) of First Peter, the first chapter...*

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors,

not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.

Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### SEQUENCE HYMN

*Please stand - **Choir Only***

"Alleluia"

WLP, 783



He - le - lu - yan,    he - le - lu - yan:    he - le, he - le - lu - yan;  
Al - le - lu - ia,    al - le - lu - ia:    al - le, al - le - lu - ia;



he - le - lu - yan,    he - le - lu - yan:    he - le, he - le - lu - yan.  
al - le - lu - ia,    al - le - lu - ia:    al - le, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 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?" 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, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 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. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 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. 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.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 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. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 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?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Community of Iona Abbey*

*During the Easter Season*

**We believe in God**

**in whom is power and compassion.**

**We believe in the Creator who gave birth to the universe,  
set solar systems dancing into space,  
shaped molecules and mountains,  
and conceived beauty beyond our imagining.**

**God's power topples tyrants,**

**and brings down walls of separation;**

**God's love embodies the tenderness of a mother and father,  
encouraging and caring for each of us.**

**We believe in Jesus, born in poverty in an occupied land;  
a human being, vulnerable to hunger, thirst,  
persecution and grief.**

**He understood the power of love and confronted  
the powers of evil, spoke truth with courage and clarity,  
forgave his enemies and changed lives.**

**In his living, dying and rising again he showed  
love strong enough to save the world.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit**

**who sustains, comforts and empowers us,  
opens the scriptures, opens our minds,  
and illuminates earth's darkness. Amen.**

## PRAYER INTENTIONS AND MEDITATION

*Please be seated*

*As we commemorate this third Sunday in the season of Easter, we invite you to share prayer intentions that are close to your heart. Write your intentions on the prayer boards, light a candle for healing, and let its glow join the prayers of this community as you place it in the sand.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*(Silence)*

For all people in their daily life and work;

We pray - **for our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

We pray - **for those who labor to feed the hungry and those who advocate for the forgotten.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

We pray - **for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble. We especially pray this day for...

We pray - **for those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For those who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled. We especially pray this day for *(we especially pray for - please share your petitions silently or aloud)*

We pray - **for all who are grieving.**

*Celebrant:* Risen Lord, you revealed yourself to the disciples and now hear our prayers. As we have been fed by your Word, send us forth with joyful faith to be the hands and hearts of your Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Living Bread. **Amen.**

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters in Christ, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

*Eucharistic Ministers bring the Communion elements and offering forward*

# OFFERTORY

# "We are Marching in the Light of God"

*Eucharistic Ministers process to the Altar*

WLP 787 (Sing 2x)




Staff 1: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The accompaniment consists of a bass line with a half note G3 and a half note A3, and a treble line with a half note G4 and a half note A4. The lyrics "We are march - ing in the light of God, we are" are written below the staff. A triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) is marked above the staff.

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are



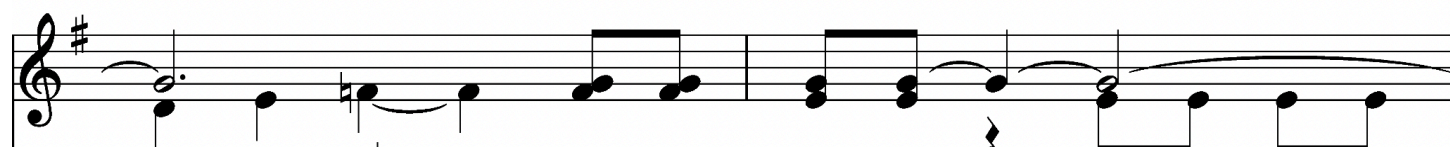
Staff 2: Continuation of the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics "march - ing in the light of God, We are march - ing in the" are written below the staff. A triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) is marked above the staff.

march - ing in the light of God, We are march - ing in the



Staff 3: Continuation of the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics "light of God, we are march - ing in the light of, the" are written below the staff. A triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) is marked above the staff.

light of God, we are march - ing in the light of, the



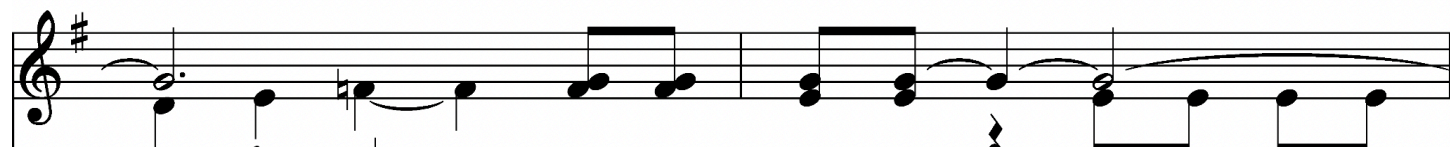
Staff 4: Continuation of the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics "light of God. We are march - ing, march - ing, we are" are written below the staff. A triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) is marked above the staff.

light of God. We are march - ing, march - ing, we are



Staff 5: Continuation of the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics "march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of, the" are written below the staff. A triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) is marked above the staff.

march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of, the



Staff 6: Continuation of the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics "light of God. We are march - ing, march - ing we are" are written below the staff. A triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) is marked above the staff.

light of God. We are march - ing, march - ing we are



Staff 7: Continuation of the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics "march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of God." are written below the staff. A triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) is marked above the staff.

march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of God.

# “Crowded Table”

by Brandi Carlile, Natalie Hemby,  
and Lori McKenna - Text adapted for worship

**Refrain: I want a church with a crowded table**

**And a place at the altar for everyone**

**Let us take on the world while we're fed and able**

**And bring us back together when the day is done**

**Verse: If we want a garden we're gonna have to sow the seed**

**Plant a little happiness - let the roots run deep**

**If it's love that we give - then it's love that we reap**

**If we want a garden we're gonna have to sow the seed**



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

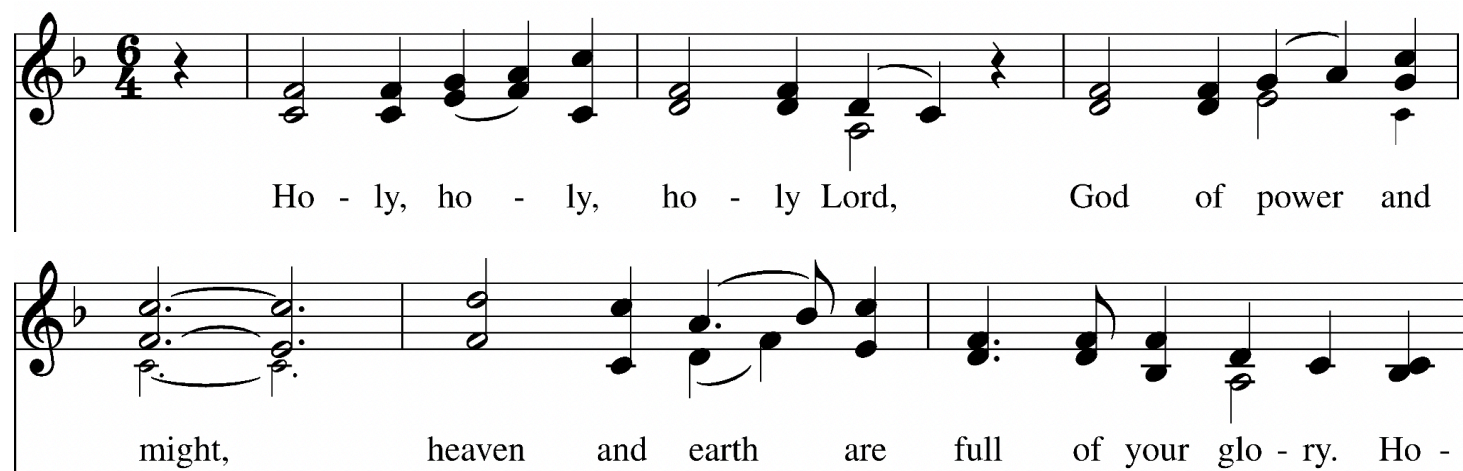
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right that we should praise you, God of love, our source and our fulfillment, for you create all things, and in you we live and move and have our being. Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky. When the times had at last grown full and the earth had ripened in abundance, you made us in your image for yourself.

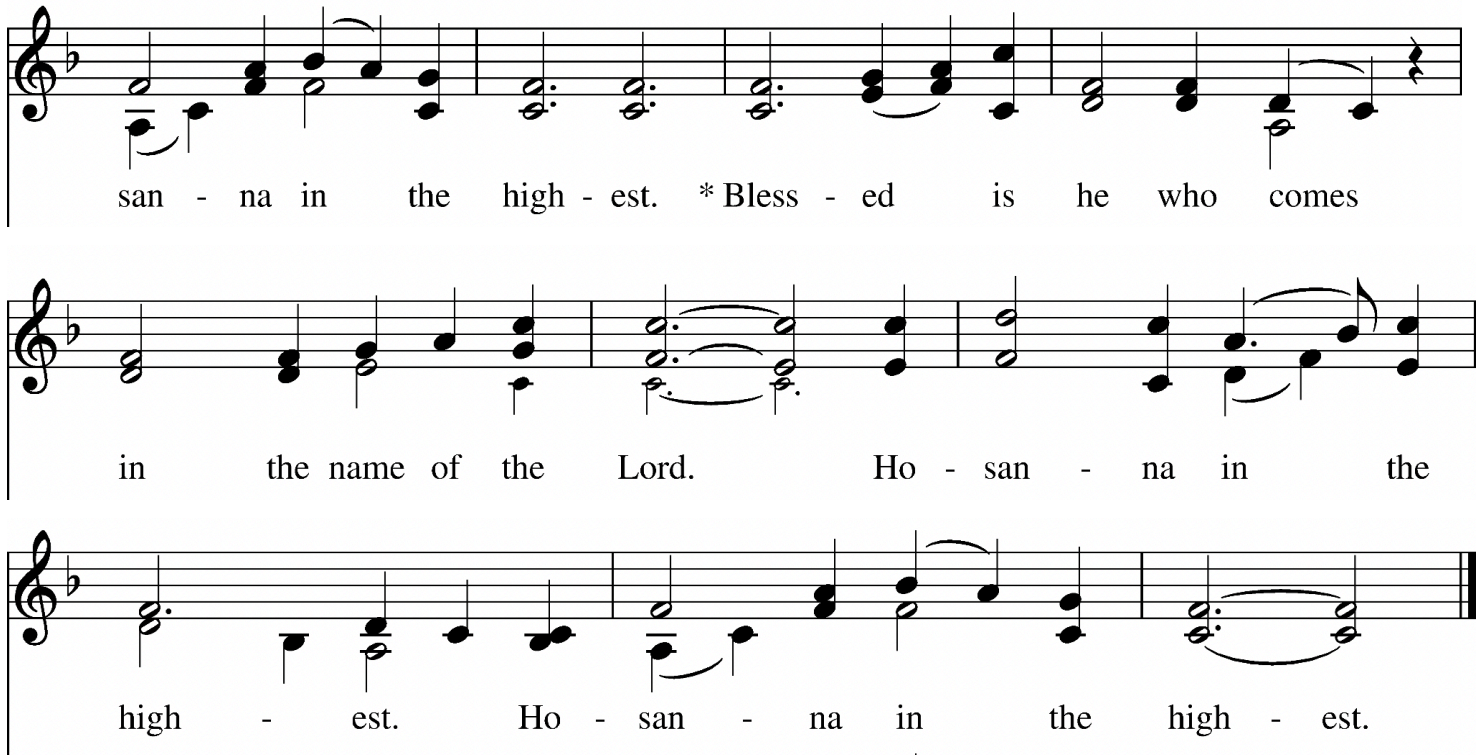
And even though we turn from you, again and again you call us to yourself, and in every age, promise liberation. As a parent tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own to rear them in your way of compassionate love. From your own being you sent Jesus among us, incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary our sister and Joseph our brother.

Jesus revealed your care for all you have made. You send forth your Holy Spirit ever giving birth and rebirth to your church.

Now we join hands around your table, and with all creation we sing your hymn of unending love,



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

To you indeed be glory, almighty God, on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

**Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.**

After supper, he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said:

**This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.**

And so, in this sacrament, we celebrate and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's life, death, and resurrection, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon us and this celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your resurrected body offering hope to the world.

Unite us in Christ and give us your peace. Through your Holy Spirit, burning as a flame, gentle as a dove, may we who receive these gifts live lives of justice, love, and prayer, and be a voice for those who have not been heard. In union with your whole church we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**Our Father in Heaven,**

**hallowed be your Name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD


We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we share in this one bread.**

# FRACTION ANTHEM


## "Be Known to Us Lord Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread" WLP 875

*Cantor or Choir*




Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, }  
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus } in the

1. *Congregation* | 2. *Cantor or Choir*




break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The




bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com -

*Congregation*



mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be  
The dis -



known to us, Lord Je - sus, }  
ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus } in the break - ing of the

*Cantor or Choir*



bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though

*Congregation*



man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord  
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord



Je - sus, }  
Je - sus } in the break - ing of the bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God take them in remembrance of Christ's life, death, and resurrection and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**All are invited to come to the table.**

*Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing just let us know.*

All who thirst, all who hunger, come and be filled with the goodness of God.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Taste and See“

WLP, 764

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness  
of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and  
see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.  
2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.  
3. Wor - ship the Lord all you peo - ple.

His praise shall al - ways be on my  
To - geth - er let us all praise his  
You'll want for noth - ing if you

lips; \_\_\_\_\_ my soul shall  
name. \_\_\_\_\_ I called the  
ask. \_\_\_\_\_ Taste and

glo - ry in the Lord; \_\_\_\_\_ for  
Lord and he an - swered me; \_\_\_\_\_ from  
see that God is good; \_\_\_\_\_ in

he has been so good to me. \_\_\_\_\_  
all my trou - bles he set me free. \_\_\_\_\_  
him we need put all our trust. \_\_\_\_\_ *D.C.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Rekindle in us the fire of hope, that the spark of this Easter season may become a steady flame within our hearts. Amen.**

## A BLESSING

“Aotearoa”

*Aotearoa is the Māori name for New Zealand, widely translated as "Land of the Long White Cloud." The Māori are an indigenous people who have called New Zealand their home for 700-800 years.*

**The Lord bless you and keep you,  
make Her face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn Her face toward you and give you peace. (2x)**

**Amen, amen, amen.**

**Amen, amen, amen.**

**May Her favor be upon you and a thousand generations  
And your family and your children and their children,  
and their children. (2x)**

**Amen, amen, amen.**

**Amen, amen, amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FINAL BLESSING

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

# "I'm so Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

Sing 2x

LEVAS 185

1. I'm so glad \_\_\_\_\_ Je-sus lift-ed me \_\_\_\_\_ I'm so glad \_\_\_\_\_  
Je-sus lift-ed me \_\_\_\_\_ I'm so glad \_\_\_\_\_ Je-sus lift-ed me\_\_ sing-ing  
glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus lift - ed me.\_\_\_\_

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases ending in a half note. The lyrics are placed below the staff, with lines indicating where the notes align with the words.

## DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Save the Date: “More Than Just Coffee”** Starting **May 3rd**, we're beginning a new monthly tradition on the first Sunday of each month! If you're interested in bringing something to share please sign-up on the sheet in the back. If you would like more information see Heather G.

**Food Shelf** - We serve between 40-70 households each week with emergency food assistance for neighbors across Monroe County. If you'd like to be part of this mission-critical volunteer force, please contact Pastor Maria at [mhartz@stmarksandstjohns.org](mailto:mhartz@stmarksandstjohns.org). Our next **Foodlink delivery** will be **this Tuesday - April 21st** - we'd love your help!



**A Season of Change: Our Gardens** - As we look toward a new season of growth, our leadership has made the prayerful decision to return stewardship of our two Denver Street Gardens to the City Roots Community Land Trust, effective April 30th.

While change can be bittersweet, this transition allows us to focus our energy and care more fully on our other gardens. We are excited to share how this renewed focus will provide even more food to our neighbors over the coming month.

Stay tuned for our Spring/Summer **weekly gardening schedule**, which will be posted soon. We look forward to seeing you working in the soil soon.

# SMSJ Weekly Calendar

April 20-26, 2026

Monday, 4/20	2:30-5:30 pm - Seed Sowers & Storytellers
Tuesday, 4/21	Morning - Foodlink Food Delivery 2:30-5:30 pm - Seed Sowers & Storytellers
Wednesday, 4/22	10:30 am-Noon - Food Shelf 2:30-5:30 pm - Seed Sowers & Storytellers
Thursday, 4/23	2:30-5:30 pm - Seed Sowers & Storytellers
Sunday, 4/26	9:30 am - Holy Eucharist 10:30 am - Vestry Meeting (Board Rm)

## April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Steve C. - April 6 Heather G. - April 15 Joe C. - April 20	Samantha & Jason G. - April 6

Let us know if you have an upcoming **Anniversary or Birthday in May.**

## Worship Leader Schedule - Lectors

<b>Date</b>	<b>Crucifer</b>	<b>First Lesson &amp; Psalm</b>	<b>Second Lesson</b>	<b>Greeter &amp; Prayers of the People</b>
4/19	Dave	Ella	Tom	Bobby C.
4/26	Joe	Heather	Walt	Deb
5/3	Sharon	Helena	Bobby C.	Sharon
5/10	Scott	Joe	Bonnie	Steve

## Eucharistic Ministers

<b>Date</b>	<b>Common Cup</b>	<b>Single Cup Tray</b>	<b>Collect Cups</b>
4/19	Walt	Paul	Joe
4/26	Bob	Sharon	Mary
5/3	Terri	Steve	Mary Ellen
5/10	Dave	Terri	Michele

## This Week in Church History - **Hadewijch of Brabant**

Poet and Mystic, 13th Century

Hadewijch of Brabant, a 13th-century mystic and poet, remains one of the most enigmatic yet influential figures of the Middle Ages. Living in the Duchy of Brabant, which encompasses parts of modern-day Belgium and the Netherlands, she was likely a member or leader of the Beguines. These were laywomen who sought a life of apostolic poverty and service without the permanence of monastic vows. This movement provided women with a rare degree of autonomy, allowing them to live in semi-communal settings where they could focus on intellectual and spiritual pursuits. However, this independence also placed them in a precarious position, as they often operated on the fringes of Church authority and were frequently scrutinized for their unconventional devotion.

Within this vibrant and often tense religious climate, Hadewijch developed a profound "mysticism of love" that revolutionized spiritual writing. She cleverly adapted the secular conventions of courtly love, typically found in the songs of troubadours, to describe the soul's intense and often painful longing for God. By writing in her native Middle Dutch rather than the traditional Latin of the clergy, she helped establish the vernacular as a legitimate vehicle for complex theological expression. Her work portrays Divine Love, or *Minne*, as a demanding and transformative force that requires the total surrender of the self. Though her writings were largely forgotten for centuries after her death, their eventual rediscovery revealed her to be a sophisticated intellectual whose influence reached great thinkers like Jan van Ruusbroec and continues to resonate in the study of medieval mysticism today.



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