



# St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, April 21, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



## DO YOU NOTICE THE LITURGICAL CHANGES OF EASTER?

**Color:** Easter is the season of white and gold, the colors of joy and resurrection.

**Flowers:** Easter is the only season in which St. Francis has flowers present at the altar each week. This highlights the importance and celebration not just of Easter Day, but of the entire 50-day Easter season.

**Seating:** In Lent, our seating was “choir style” or facing one another as we confess our sins and weakness to God and to one another. In Easter, we face forward toward the white, gold, flowers, and signs of “Alleluia!”

**Candles:** We add the tall Paschal Candle next to the altar in Easter. Paschal means “passover.” We believe Jesus “passed over” from death to life. The Paschal Candle is lit and prominently placed next to the altar to convey in sign and symbol a central theme of Easter—the unconquered light of Christ.

**Liturgical language:** “Alleluia” means “God be praised!” This is an Easter word. Can you find the places where “Alleluia” is used in the liturgy? How does it change those pieces of the liturgy?

**Readings from Sacred Story:** Throughout the year, the first reading comes from Hebrew Scriptures. Only during Easter is the first reading from the New Testament, the Book of Acts. Acts shares the story of Jesus’ followers in the days, weeks and months after Jesus’ death.

**Confession:** Where did it go? In Lent, we opened our liturgy with the Penitential Rite which includes the Kyrie (Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy) and the confession. For the seven Sundays of Easter, we omit the confession altogether. This liturgical change emphasizes Christ’s definitive reconciling power for us all.

**Eucharistic Prayer:** We use the Eucharistic Prayer One from Enriching Our Worship during the Easter season this year. Enriching Our Worship is a liturgical resource from the Episcopal Church that provides additional resources to assist worshipping communities to expand the language, images and metaphors used in worship. As we pray the Eucharistic prayer together, what parts speak particularly well to the themes of the Easter season?

**“No mistakes in worship:”** At St. Francis’, we say, “there are no mistakes in worship.” Of course we make mistakes, but this is our way of saying that our focus is praise, thanks and dwelling with God as a community. If we sing off key, stand or sit at the wrong time, or make some other error, God is still praised. That is our priority! So if you make a mistake while you are with us, welcome to the club and God be praised!

**Cover Art:** The photograph on the cover of our bulletins during the Easter season was taken by parishioner Ann Widner.

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### GATHERING HYMN 8:00AM

### I COME WITH JOY

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*Stand and sing v. 1. Music on page 16.*

### GATHERING HYMN

### THE STRIFE IS O'ER

H 208

*Stand. At 10:30am only*

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*



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



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread



1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and



1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*



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

## OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

People Amen.

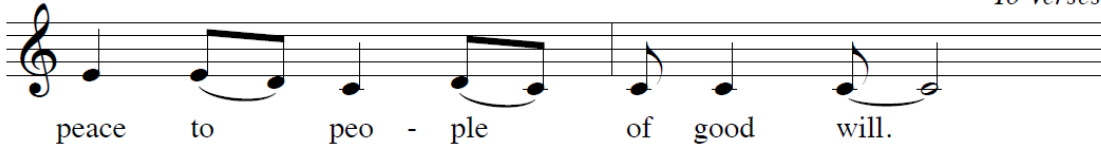
# GLORIA

At 8am, sing refrain three times. At 10:30am, sing all.

Refrain:



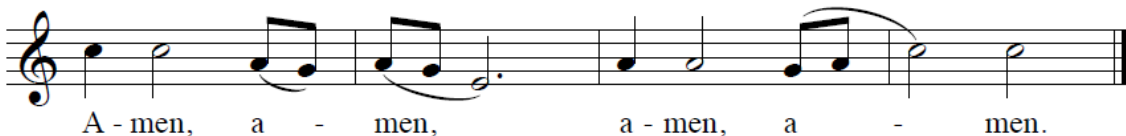
*To Verses*



1. We praise you,  
we bless you, we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us. **Refrain**

3. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. **To Amen below**



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*St. Julian of Norwich, 14th c.*

Presider            The Lord be with you.

People             **And also with you.**

Presider            Jesus, our true Mother, who is all love and bears us into joy and endless living: Be with us in the breaking of bread, that you may dwell in us and we in you, both now and for ever.

People             **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS *Sit*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Reader            A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

People             **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM OF THE DAY

## SHEPHERD ME, O GOD

At 8am, spoken. At 10:30am, the congregation sings the antiphon one time through before the spoken verses.

### Refrain

Shep - herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -  
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

### Verses

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. **refrain**
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. **refrain**
3. Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff,  
my comfort and my hope. **refrain**
4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. **refrain**
5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore. **refrain**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from the first letter of John.

3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Stand and sing twice.*

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

### THE GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

10:11-18

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf

coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**GOSPEL ANTIPHON** *Sing the music on previous page one time through.*

**SERMON** *Sit*

**THE REV. DAVID LUCKES**

**THE NICENE CREED** *Stand*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary  
and was made human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

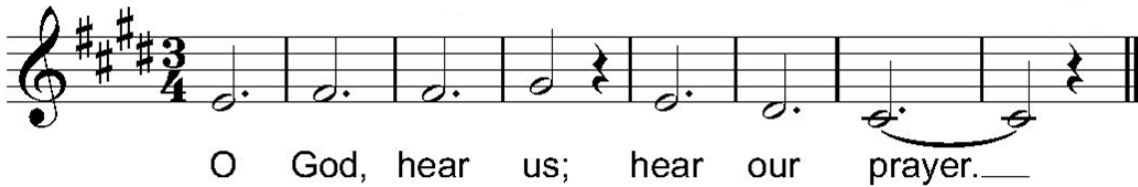


who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon            God of hope, we bring our prayers to you as we sing.

*The congregation sings the response one time after each prayer.*



Presider            Lord, hear the prayers of your family and fulfill our desires and petitions as may be best for us through your child Jesus Christ.

People            **Amen.**

*Please see our parish Prayer Lists, which can be found on the bulletin, for biddings and concerns. If you would like to make a prayer request, please complete our Prayer Request Form which can be accessed at [StFrancisEureka.com](http://StFrancisEureka.com) or on paper at the back of the church.*

## THE PEACE

Presider            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People            **And also with you.**

*We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

We return with thanksgiving the gifts God has given us. This includes bread and wine of the earth and financial offerings from our labor. Representatives of the congregation bring these to the common Eucharistic table.

OFFERTORY 8:00am

SHEPHERD ME, O GOD

BY MARTY HAUGEN

OFFERTORY 10:30am

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

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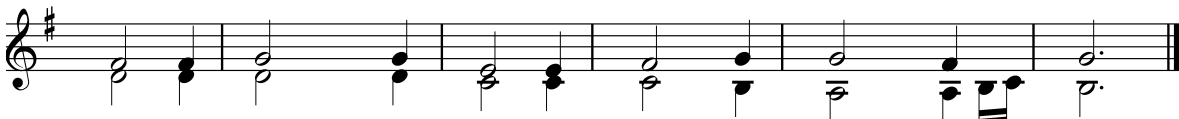
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er



bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

At 10:30am , the following is sung as ushers present the offerings. Please stand.

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above you heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Stand*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say/sing:

*Say at 8am:* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Sing at 10:30:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed the  
one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Presider

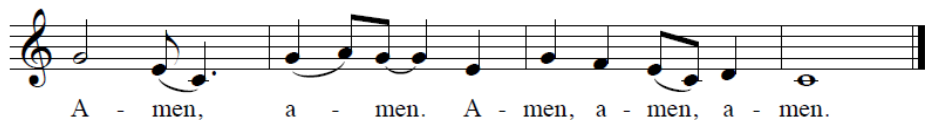
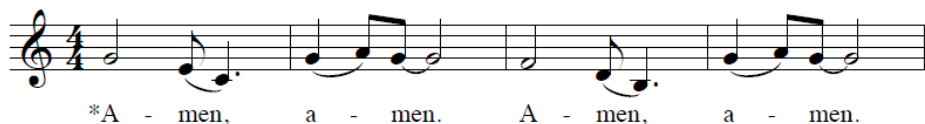
Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled + with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Mary, St. Francis, St. Clare, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

**AMEN** *Sing twice.*



*\*Pronounced: Ay-men.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider

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

People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

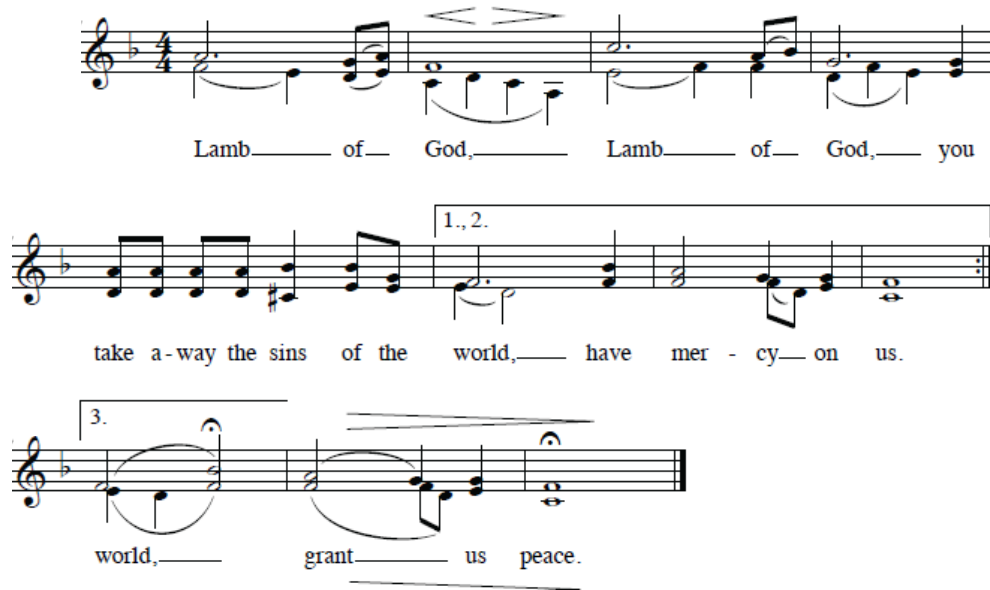
## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## FRACTION ANTHEM



Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.  
world, grant us peace.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Deacon The table of Christ's body and blood is now made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus. It is the table of sharing with the poor and lowly of the world, with whom Jesus identified.

Presider So come to this table you who have much faith or you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come. It is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

People **Amen. As the bread and wine we now eat are transformed, may we be changed into the likeness of Christ; bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh, loving and caring for the world.**

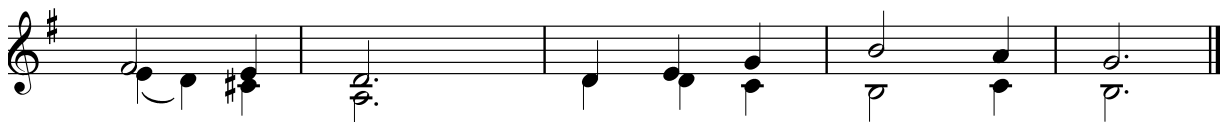
*Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-free. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.*



1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy



pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
 word of grace, in strength of which we  
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with  
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that



wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After all have received communion the Presider says*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

People **Loving God,**

**we give you thanks**

**for restoring us in your image**

**nourishing us with spiritual food**

**in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

**Now send us forth**

**a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;**

**that we may proclaim your love to the world**

**and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.**

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

Presider            May Christ who out of defeat brings new hope and new alternatives, bring you new life, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life be with you always.

People              Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

## I COME WITH JOY

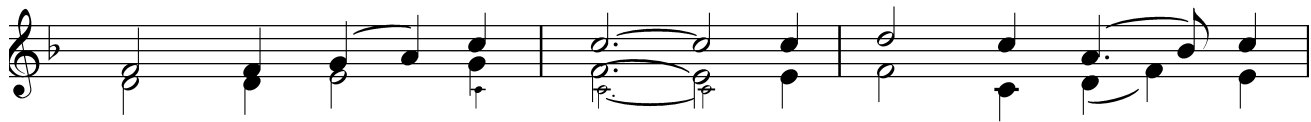
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At 8am, sing v. 4 and 5. At 10:30am, sing all.

*Unison or harmony*



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 \_giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

## DISMISSAL

Deacon            Share the love of the risen Christ with the world and go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People              **We will share the love of Christ with the world! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**