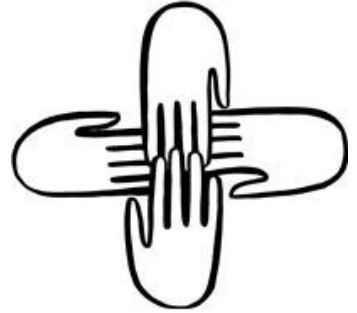


Sunday, May 18, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

GATHERING HYMN

"Oh, Praise the Gracious Power"

ELW 651

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C: Amen.

Children's Church: Kindergarten to 5th Grade gathers in the Chapel.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITIONS:

Sarah and Bryce Kennedy - Thrivent Generosity Heroes

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

**C: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

L: A reading from Acts.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

L: A reading from Revelation.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard

a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Vicar Rudy

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

ELW 359

BLESSING OF THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Caitlyn Hannibal, Corbin Hannibal, Katie Miller, Lane Seidenberger,
Colby Ullrich, Blaine Vickers, Bryce Vickers

APOSTLES CREED

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostles Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe

**in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities.

Response to each petition: AM: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN

"Great God, Your Love Has Called Us"

ELW 358

Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray.

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

COMMUNION

Communion will take place via continuous line (right side) and continuous kneeling (left side). We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are welcome to be brought forward to receive a blessing. Participants to the right will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." Gluten free wafers are available. Next, step to the right, to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses for wine. Lastly, participants will step to the last assistant who will pour the wine and share these words, "the blood of Christ shed for you." Place your glass in the small silver bowl at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. If you wish to come forward and not receive either element, simply cross your arms for a blessing.

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"I Come with Joy"
"Baptized and Set Free"

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TABLE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM: Let us pray.

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

ELW 379

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Musician: Edward Workmon, organ

WORSHIP LEADERS for today, May 18, 2025: Preaching: Vicar Rudy; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Karen Weinstein; **Communion Assistants:** Dave English, Cindy Pique, Bev Seidenschwarz, Janelle Leon-Weinman, Emily Prochnow; **Reader:** Emily Prochnow; **Ushers:** Jacqueline Springs, Rissa Springs, Ilene Cherry, Darlene Zies; **Altar Guild:** Cindy Pique, Dave English, Sheila English; **A/V Tech:** Allan Bode; **Council Greeter:** Darlene Zies; **Hospitality:** Gloria Hanna, Barbara Haas, Doris Jefferies; **Safety Attendants:** TBD

WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, May 25, 2025: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Lory Alves; **Communion Assistants:** Fran Vinyard, Liz Witten, Darlene Zies, Deb Haug, Marsha Schroeder; **Reader:** Deb Haug; **Ushers:** Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz, Barbara McCall; **Altar Guild:** Cathy Anderson, Tonya Darnell, Jimed Darnell; **A/V Tech:** NEEDED; **Council Greeter:** Susan Yeatts; **Hospitality:** Deborah Almquist, Gerry Harrison, Carolyn Blumberg, Sheila English; **Safety Attendants:** TBD

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP is in the sanctuary, online, and aired on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY STUDIES:

- **THE HERITAGE CLASS** (307): 9:15am. This quarter we are studying the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount with Bible texts appropriate for Lent and the Easter season. Please join us.
- **JOY CLASS:** Bible stories and songs for adults with intellectual disabilities. Class meets the first Sunday of each month in the WMR at 9:00am.
- **"WE HAVE SEEN THE LORD" Devotions for the Easter Season** (Family Life Center): April 27 – June 1 at 9am. After Easter, the risen Lord appeared 12 times to his followers. We will follow these experiences of those who were the chosen witnesses, believers who were then sent out – as we are sent – to testify to good news that is absolute fact: Christ is risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** During worship Children's Ministry Coordinator Jordana leads our PK to 5th grade learners to the Children's Church room and returns as we share the peace.
- **THE COMPASS COOPERATIVE** gathers on Sundays with our four church partners- Emanuel's, St. Andrew's, Spirit of Joy, and Friedens Church - at Spirit of Joy campus. Middle School (6-8 grades) from 4-5pm, dinner for everyone at 5pm, and High School (9-12 grades) from 5:30-6:30pm.'
- **CONFIRMATION CLASSES** for our 6th to 8th graders meets today in the church office at 11:45.

WEEKDAY STUDIES:

Faith Circle (Women's Ministry Rm): 3rd Tuesdays at 2:00

Joy Circle (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30, "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts" is the current study.

Ladies Aid (Women's Ministry Rm): 1st Wednesdays at 2:00, not in July

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION SUNDAY is May 18. We thank God for our high school graduates and the beginning of the new chapters in their lives. During this special service, we will pray for and bless each of our graduates. Please take time to congratulate them after worship.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH for our PreK to 5th concludes the season today, May 18. Children's Church will resume on August 24. During the summer break, members of our children's ministry team will be in the Playground area each Sunday starting at 9:15am during the education and worship hours.

PUERTO RICO MISSION TEAM PLANNING is in the Women's Ministry Room **today, May 18** following worship.

SAFETY TEAM meets **today, May 18** after worship in the Family Life Center. Safety and Security are top priorities for our campus, especially as we consider how many visitors, church members, and ministry groups meet weekly. If you are interested in participating in Emanuel's safety and security plan, join us.

PATHWAYS TO HEALING support group reflects on the journey through grief while learning to navigate life with loss. We gather **today, May 18** at 2pm in the Family Life Center. Donna Simmons, Emanuel's Bereavement Care Coordinator, donna@elcsequin.org.

END OF YEAR SPLASH & CHURCH PICNIC is at Park West on **Sunday, May 25** following worship. We have reserved the large pavilion and invite all of our youth, their friends, and our church family and friends to a picnic and water time in the splash pad. This will be a marvelous time to celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer. Please bring drinks, chairs, hats, sunscreen, and swimsuits. The burgers, hotdogs, ice cream, and all the fixings will be provided!

JUNE CELEBRATIONS:

- **Confirmation Sunday is June 1.** We will have a special moment to celebrate our 8th grade confirmand as she affirms the promises of her baptism.
- **Pentecost is Sunday, June 8.** Don't forget to **WEAR RED!**
- **Ladies Aid Father's Day Bake Sale is Sunday, June 15.**

GIVING ENVELOPES: The church office is in the process of updating our Giving Envelope program. If you are currently receiving Emanuel's giving envelopes in the mail but no longer need them, having transitioned to our on-line giving platform, please call or email the church office. Also, if you are not part of the program and would like to receive weekly giving envelopes, please let us know as well! To access the on-line giving platform, please use this link: <https://onrealm.org/EmanuelLutheranChurch/give/now>

SUMMER OF PRAYER: Emanuel's ... let us pray. Sweet Hour of Prayer is sponsoring a "Summer of Prayer" series lifting in prayer following events and their participants: Emanuel's annual beach trip; Camp Chrysalis and Ebert Ranch Camp youth; God's Explorers youth and chaperones; Vacation Bible School at Friedens Church kids and volunteers; and the Puerto Rico mission trip participants. Our team has prepared colored sheets of paper with sample prayers for each group's trip, as well as a calendar to sign-up if you would rather pray on a specific day for a specific trip. Stop by and visit with one of our prayer team members in the Narthex throughout May to get connected.

EMANUEL'S FAMILY BEACH TRIP is our annual, congregation-wide trip to Port Aransas on **June 5-8, 2025**. Come for the entire time, for just the weekend, or even just a single evening. Individuals, groups, and families are all invited to call Pioneer Beach RV Resort, 361-749-6248, to reserve an RV slot. If you are joining us there or nearby, email or call Pastor Marcus so that planning information can be shared.

GOD'S EXPLORERS: FAITH & SCIENCE COME ALIVE is open and making a waitlist for registration for all 3rd to 8th grade youth. Hosted **June 30 to July 3**, from 8am to 5pm, this incredible group of youth, chaperones, and pastors will traverse central Texas visiting the USS Lexington, the Alamo & Tower of the Americas, the Dinosaur Park, and the Safari at Natural Bridge Caverns. We will eat together, have Bible studies, and explore each of these fascinating locations. All participants must have turned in their registration form in order to participate. The only costs incurred by each youth will be any souvenirs they wish to purchase. Reach out to Pastor Marcus for more details.

"YEE HAW! CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATEST GIFT" VBS at Friedens Church is **June 24-25** from 5:30-8:30pm for Pre-K to 5th graders. We are once again partnering with our Compass Cooperative community for another fabulous vacation bible school experience. This evening event is geared for busy families to make time for each other, a little food and games, and a whole lotta fun and Jesus! Call the church office to register your kids.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Contact Vicki Wilson 830-660-7588 or the Friedens Church office at 830-303-7729 if you can be a crew or station leader.

WESTERN GEAR NEEDED such as cowboy hats, weathered ropes, lanterns, bandannas, cowboy boots, and saddles that can be borrowed. Label with your name and bring to the front of the church.

"WAVES OF GRATITUDE" VBS at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is **July 7-11** from 9-Noon for rising kindergartners through 5th graders. The ocean-themed program focused on gratitude through a biblical lens. They will have water activities, crafts, music, movement, STEAM projects, and much more! Snacks and t-shirt are provided. 201 E. Nolte St with drop off at the church garden. Call 830-372-4330 if you have any questions. Registration is currently open online. There is a great need of volunteers, too!

"WONDERFUL WORDS!" HYMN STUDY: Last year we gathered in the Family Life Center on two occasions to delve into the wonders of church music from a historical/structural perspective. This summer we will hold two more sessions of hymn discussions focusing on the lyrics of the hymns. To get thing started, I have chosen "Rock of Ages", " Love Divine", and " When I Survey the Wondrous Cross". Then we will branch off in all directions. I look forward to seeing you wordsmiths on the 5th Sundays of both June and August. Tom Engler, session leader.

RADIO BROADCAST this morning is given by Karen Vogel in
memory of George Vogel and Becky Vogel.

EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL and Ministry Team Liaisons

President, Rissa Springs, *Worship Team*

Vice President, Bryce Kennedy, *Outreach & Service Team*

Secretary, Paul Sims, *Education Team*

Treasurer, Susan Yeatts, *Congregational Care Team*

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Darlene Zies, *Outreach & Service Team*

ALL TEAM MEETING NIGHT

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

5:30pm in the Women's Ministry Room

All of Emanuel's Ministry Teams gather on a single evening each month to share a meal, collaborate, plan, and schedule upcoming events and ministry projects.

EMANUEL'S STAFF

Senior Pastor, The Rev. Marcus Bigott, 830-377-8643 cell, pastormarcus@elcseguin.org

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EMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT: "To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."

GIVING AT EMANUEL'S: Donations and tithes to the church may be given by envelopes in the pews, mailed to the church, online, or scanned with QR Code below.



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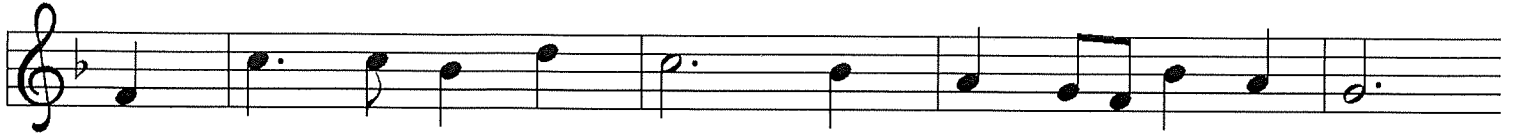
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Oh, Praise the Gracious Power



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
- 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
- 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
- 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
- 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
 a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
 with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

Refrain



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

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| <p>6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,
 the love, the word, the tide.
 Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
 praise Christ the crucified: <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>7 Oh, praise the living Christ
 with faith's bright songful voice!
 Announce the gospel to the world
 and with these words rejoice: <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: CHRISTPRAISE RAY, Carol Doran, b. 1936

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Where Charity and Love Prevail



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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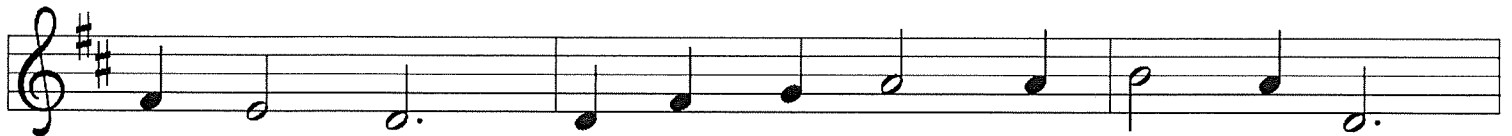
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Great God, Your Love Has Called Us



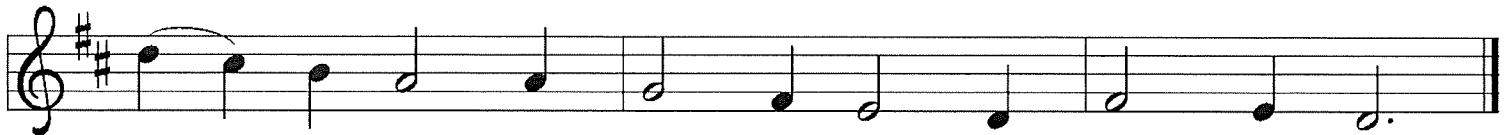
1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

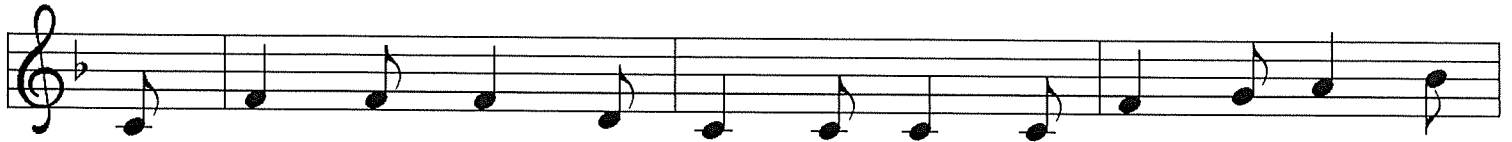
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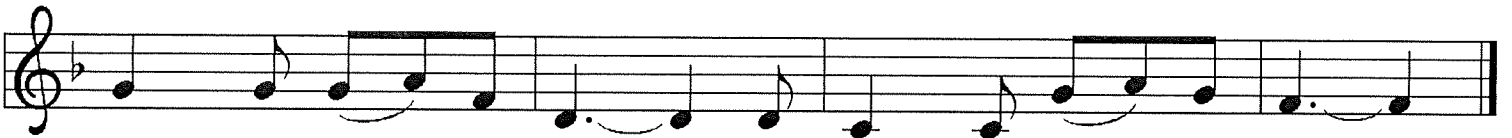
I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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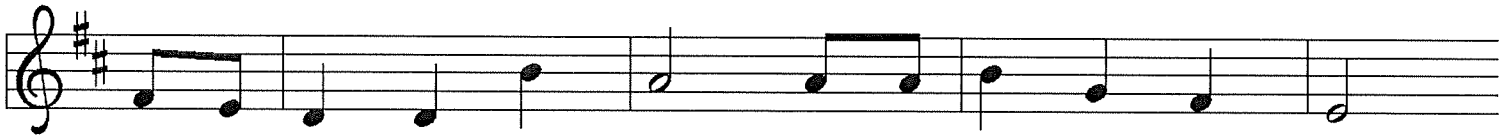
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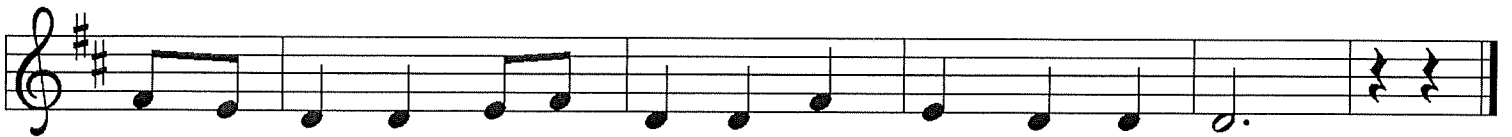
1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be

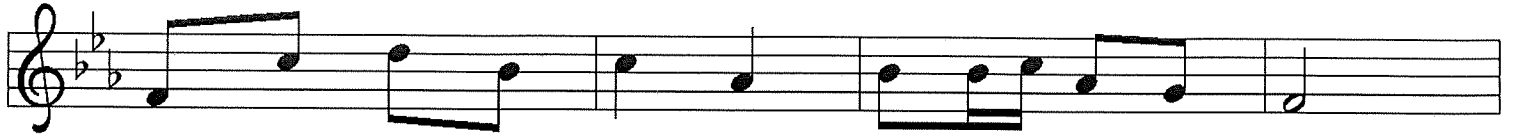


to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

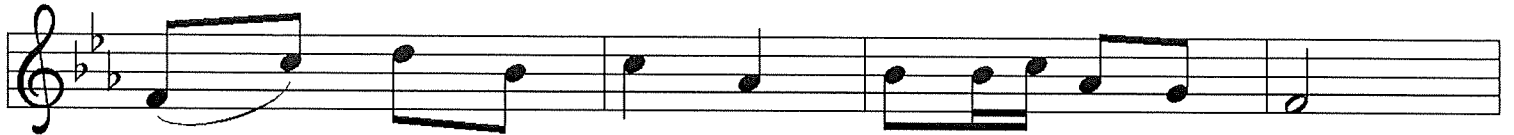
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Now the Green Blade Rises



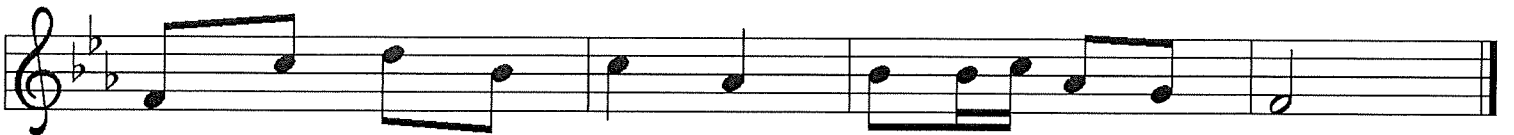
1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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