

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Cantate*

29 April 2018 Anno Domini

**INTROIT** (*Ps. 98:1b, 3-4; antiphon: Ps. 98:1a, 2b*)



*Sing to the LORD a new song, Alle- / luia, \**

*for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.  
Alle- / luia.*

**His right hand and his | holy arm \***

**have worked salva- | tion for him.**

*He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house  
of / Israel. \**

*All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation / of our God.*

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth; \***

**break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning, \***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

## VERSE

*Alleluia. The right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the  
Lord does valiantly! Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised  
from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion  
over him. Alleluia.*

**Old Testament: Isaiah 12:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me." <sup>2</sup>"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." <sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted." <sup>5</sup>"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup>Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

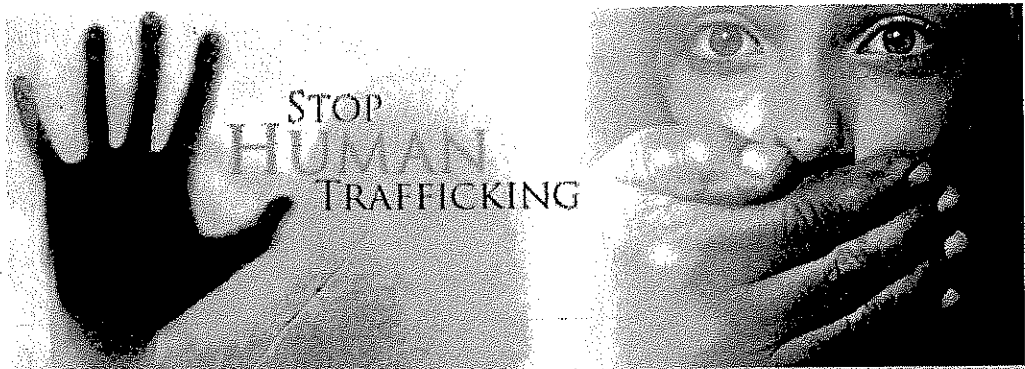
**Epistle: James 1:16-21**

<sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup>Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. <sup>21</sup>Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with

meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

**Holy Gospel: John 16:5-15**

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus said:] "Now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'" <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. <sup>12</sup>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."



# STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING** is one of the greatest human rights issues of our century. It is happening throughout the world, in rural areas and cities in the U.S. and *it is happening in NEBRASKA*. The FBI, law enforcement, community coalitions and many individuals are working to combat it; however, it takes all of us, working together, to stop the escalation of this evil.

## Learn how YOU can help STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING!

**What is Trafficking?** Trafficking is taking persons by force, fraud, or coercion and exploiting them for sex or labor. The vast majority of those trafficked for commercial sex are girls and young women. The average age of a girl getting into the sex trade is 13 years old and getting younger. The internet (the 21<sup>st</sup> century auction block) facilitates this multi-billion dollar, illegal business because it allows a trafficker or predator to purchase individuals, treating them as commodities.

**Thursday, May 3, 2018      7-8:30 pm**  
**St. Michael's Church – Theisen Hall**  
715 Creighton Ave, Hastings, NE

**All are Welcome! Bring a Friend! Free Will Offering**

**Main Speaker:** Sister Margaret Nacke, CSJ Ed.D. is a Sister of St Joseph of Concordia, Kansas who founded U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking, a faith-based national network that offers education, supports access to survivor services, and engages in advocacy to eradicate modern day slavery. Margaret has worked to combat human trafficking for the past ten years by educating the public about various aspects of the way people are bought, sold, and discarded as human beings.



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- The disciples are too grief-stricken to hear everything Jesus has to say. Later, when they can bear it, the Paraclete, the “Spirit of Truth” will guide the disciples into the truth. The Paraclete declares what He hears. He does not draw attention to Himself. He does not make disciples for His own glory. The Paraclete declares what is happening in the end times. The Paraclete glorifies Christ. It is His work to take Jesus’ words and declare them to the Church. Jesus has all the authority of the Father given to Him. The Paraclete points back to what Jesus did and said for the salvation of the world. The Paraclete reminds the believer that Christ alone is our righteousness.
- “We have (God be praised!) the Holy Gospel and Holy Scripture, which Christ calls “all truth,” and the true doctrine for children, the Catechism, namely, the Ten Commandments, the Articles of the Creed, the Daily Prayers, and the Our Father; along with the true Christian ceremonies: Baptism, the Absolution, and the Sacrament of Christ’s body and blood; and in addition, the Table of Duties, questions from divine Holy Scripture in which we are to exercise and improve ourselves daily; that the Holy Spirit, whom Christ obtained for us, may here strengthen us in the faith, sustain us in all trials, recall and explain for us Christ’s words, and so guide us into all truth, and finally bring us to the heavenly fatherland of eternal life. Amen.” (Spannenberg, 194).



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## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# CANTATE

*Sing You All*

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Travis Loeslie

### Collect of the Day:

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

### Introit:

Psalm 98:1b, 3-4 – *Sing to the LORD a new song, Alleluia*

### Psalm:

Psalm 66:1-8 (antiphon: v. 5) – *Shout for joy to God*

### Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 12:1-6 – *For the LORD God is my strength and my song*

### Gradual:

*(During the celebration of Easter and Pentecost, the Gradual is omitted and the verse is expanded.)*

### Epistle:

James 1:16-21 – *Every good and perfect gift comes from the unchanging Father of Lights*

### Verse:

Psalm 118:16, Romans 6:9 – *Alleluia. The right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly! Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.*

## John 16: 5-15 ESV

### Author and Date:

The Holy Spirit caused the Apostle John to write the precious words of this Gospel in AD 90. These words were compiled in the great farewell discourse of Jesus to His sorrowful disciples in John 14-16. These words were uttered on Holy Thursday, the night Jesus was betrayed. This great farewell discourse is the heart of the preaching in the one year lectionary from Easter 4-6. The theme is the sorrow of the disciples at Jesus' departure and the promises Jesus has for His Church, namely, the Person of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>5</sup> "But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart."

- Jesus spoke of "going to the Father." This departure to the Father is the disciples' salvation. It includes the culmination of Jesus' work for sinners: His death on the cross, His resurrection from the grave and even His ascension to the right hand of the Father. Sorrow fills the heart of Jesus' disciples at the difficulties He must go through to go to the Father. They grieve as those who lose a loved one.

<sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

- Jesus will not leave His disciples friendless orphans in the world. It is for their good that He departs. Jesus promises to send the 'Helper' (KJV: 'Comforter,' 'Advocate'). The Greek word for Helper is "Paraclete." The Paraclete is the One who pleads and intercedes for His disciples, thus becoming their necessary help and comfort. This is the promise of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
- Jesus continues to fulfill the outline of the history set in motion in His incarnation. In the age of the Messiah, the gift of the Spirit was richly promised (e.g. Isaiah 11:1-10; 42:1-4; 44:1-5; Ezekiel 36:24-27; Joel 2:28-32). This promise will culminate with the tongues of fire and the boldness of a confession of Christ on Pentecost.

<sup>8</sup> "And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."

- Jesus describes what the Paraclete's work will be. Verses 8-11 are Jesus' clearest single statements (*sedes doctrina*) of the Holy Spirit's office. Every Christian should memorize these verses to understand the work of the Holy Spirit in the world. The Paraclete convicts, or reprove, the world concerning three things: sin, righteousness, and judgment.
- Spannenberg notes: "Christ says that when the Holy Spirit comes, "He will reprove the world" – not hack away with sword and armor, not make new ordinances and laws, but cause the Word of God and the Gospel to be preached. In Christ's kingdom there is to be no office of administration, but an office of correction. All men are to submit to correction through the Gospel if they would at all have God's favor and grace and finally be saved." (Spannenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 192).
- The Paraclete will reprove the world of sin. This is his first work. The externals sins and vices display the inner sins of the heart. The Paraclete cuts through externalities to the chief sin, original sin. He convicts everyone of this. If one rejects being called a sinner or sinful, they are rejecting this first convicting work of the Paraclete. This sin is ultimately unbelief. The world sets up false saviors to cover this unbelief: "the Jews Moses, the Turks Mohammed, the Gentiles their false gods, false Christians their own works and little inventions, the rich mammon, the wise their fallible wisdom, the powerful their power, the heretics and factions their opinions. The Holy Spirit reproves these." (Spannenberg, 193).
- The Paraclete convicts of righteousness. This righteousness is not fleshly righteousness or the virtue of men called "justice." The righteousness here is "the righteousness that avails before God, namely, that Christ died for our sins and rose again and ascended into heaven to the Father, and regained for us the righteousness and innocence which Adam lost in the fall" (Spannenberg, 193).
- The Paraclete convicts of judgment – "because the ruler of this world is judged." The Paraclete cuts through the arrogance of man's sin. He attacks the very point where the devil has convinced men of his reign. This is spiritual judgment of the soul and conscience. Christ has conquered the devil in His saving work. The Holy Spirit preaches this truth until the last day when Satan and all his hoard will be cast into the lake of fire. All demonic activity, all the lies of the devil have been conquered in the blood of Jesus Christ, the Lord of all truth. "This means that...Christ alone through His Word...is to be the only measure, standard, and norm, indeed reprove and judge of all things." (Spannenberg, 194).

## News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

After the early service, join us from 9:15am-9:30am for Coffee & Goodies in the new Fellowship Hall! Stick around for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class! We are currently studying the Old Testament book of Leviticus in our Adult study.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Lessons for PreK-8th Grade from 9:30-10:15am in Education Wing.

**FAMILY NIGHT** has finished our normal school year calendar and you are invited to our closing PICNIC at 6:00pm this Wednesday at 6:00pm! Please bring a dessert and/or side dish. Burgers & Hot Dogs provided! There will be carnival games for the children. Thanks to all who made this a great year!

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** Thursday May 2nd. The Sanctuary will be open from 12noon-1:00pm if you would like to stop in and pray. May God yet bless and preserve our country.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** 5/01 Judy Jacobs, Justin Ham  
5/08 Jerammie Uecker

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:** 5/01 John Martinez, Leila Martinez, Maria Martinez 5/02 Tim Stutheit 5/04 Marian Kerr 5/05 Bill Fintel

**HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS & PORTALS OF PRAYER** available in the Narthex April 1st-May 19, 2018. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

**TEAM NEBRASKA FUNDRAISER** - Monday, April 30th from 5pm-8pm at Runza East includes Drive-up. A percentage of sales will help Team Nebraska at Salt Lake City (August) for the Transplant Games. Janelle Ham

**MENS' STEAK NIGHT** Monday, May 7th at 6pm Join Us!

**LADIES OF PEACE:** LWML Fellowship and Topic meeting Thursday, May 3rd at 1:30 p.m. Hostess, Marian Kerr.

**GIVE HASTINGS DAY - THURSDAY, MAY 10TH** online at [www.GiveHastings.org](http://www.GiveHastings.org) or 800 W 3rd ST, Suite 232 open 8am-8pm. for more Information check table in the Narthex.

**2018 NEBRASKA LCMS DISTRICT CONVENTION JUNE 15-16** Members - Registration forms are located in the Narthex (table), or Church Office and District Website, <http://convention.ndlcms.org/guests/>. Please send Registration Form/Fee to the District Office by Friday, May 11th.

**LIFEQUOTE** "When we see the unborn ... vulnerable, helpless, destined for destruction—we are compelled to speak and defend and help. And not because it is the right thing to do or the moral thing to do, but because it is the *Christ* thing to do. His hands that were pierced and His body that died and rose again were formed in a womb, giving value to all who have resided there." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

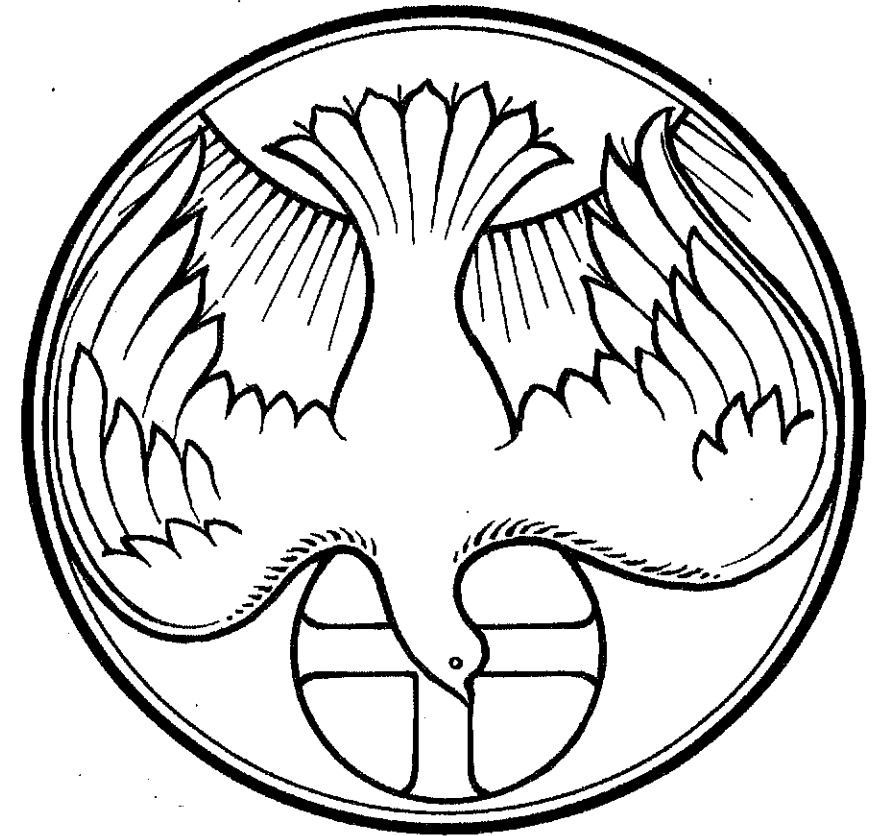
**TEACHING THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's teachings include: Dating, Marriage & Good Spouses, 4th Century Bishop of Alexandria Athanasius, The Theology of the Cross & Missions, Jacob & Esau, Ezra and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

**LCMS STEWARDSHIP** Easter 5 (Cantate)

James 1:17 - "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights." God is the source of all goodness. When we do good, therefore, we imitate Him and reflect His light to all the world. Christians give freely because God has first given so freely to us: we are only imitating our Father, growing up into His likeness.

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April 29th  
8:00am & 10:30am



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## Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Mackay 402-831-1084.

**The Lord's Supper is a Gift.** . . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion.

**All Guests** must visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

**The Divine Service** utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

## Prayers of the Church

**Mourning** + Family of Tori Lintz Hospice, Recovering, Surgery, or Hospitalization + Al Kress + Viola Melvin + LeRoy Thom Health Issues + Carol Smith + June Rose + Randy Russell + Carol Krause + Jesse Beran + Jo Metzger Cancer + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston Military + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

## In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Marcus J. Mackay

Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk

Acolytes: 4/29 8:00am Merrick Russell 10:30am Rylie McAleese

Crucifers: James Ellis Hunter Fowler

5/06 8:00am Violet Nunnenkamp 10:30am Merrick Russell

Altar Guild: Apr. Dianne Botsch, Tonda Wolfe May Bertha Alvidrez, Kathy Hromadka

Ushers: 8am Tucker Kehoe 10:30am Shannon, Collin, Hunter Fowler

Elders: 4/29 Roger B. 308-390-3484 5/06 Dale G. 308-641-6658

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## Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	188	<u>Weekly Year to Date Attendance</u>	189
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 2,787.25	<u>Jan-Mar Income</u>	\$ 68,350.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,534.12	<u>Jan-Mar Expense</u>	\$ 57,280.00

<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Jan-Mar Income</u>	\$ 19,264.00
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Remaining Balance</u>	\$ 211,751.51

## The Lord's Week

Sunday, April 29th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:15am	Last Sunday School Class-Summer Break Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service
Monday, April 30th	7:00pm	Right to Life Board
Tuesday, May 1st	9:30am	Bible Study
Wednesday, May 2nd	6:00pm	Family Night Picnic!
Thursday, May 3rd	12noon-1:00pm	National Day of Prayer (sanctuary open)
	1:30pm	L.W.M.L.
Sunday, May 6th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:15am	Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service

*Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush, Church Office 402-462-9023 or peace.lutheran.hastings@gmail.com*

## Our Journey is Complete . . . He is Risen!

Our theme for this past Lenten Season was, "Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey." Every journey is unique in its starting and ending, and this journey has proven to be unique as well. Now in the Easter Season, our journey is complete. From the Mount of Transfiguration to the empty tomb, we have come a long way. We have journeyed through gardens, looked upon trees, explored mountains, traveled through the wilderness, and crossed rivers. We have eaten meals and descended into pits. But now we have arrived at the end of our journey, the fulfillment of our journey. However, while the empty tomb points us to our final destination, the tomb is not the destination. The tomb is empty; it is not and never will be our home. Heaven is our home because Christ has risen and ascended; and where He is, there also we shall be! Heaven is our home, where we gather around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom.



**DIVINE SERVICE**  
*Setting One*

Prelude & Ringing of Bells

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Hymn of Praise *"This is the Feast"*

Salutation & Collect

Old Testament Reading

Epistle Reading

Alleluia & Verse

Gospel Processional

Nicene Creed

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*"Into ALL the Truth"*

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Sanctus & Prayer

Lord's Prayer

The Words of our Lord

Pax Domini & Agnus Dei

Distribution & Hymns

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*"Thank the Lord"* & Collect

Benediction

Recessional Hymn #478

Postlude