



# The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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## GATHERING

Gathering Music: Praeludium

George Francis Blatch

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**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Words of Welcome

Prelude: Interludium

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L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly.

**C: Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams – including the Missouri, Sun and Roe – bless you. All life is sustained by you, our Source.**

L: We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.

**C: Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.**

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation.

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Gathering Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

ELW #392

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark! The sounds of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."
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Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day.  
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be with you all.                      **C: And also with you.**

Glory to God

ELW p. 204

1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
2. Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
On the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

L: Let us all pray: **C: Holy Giver and Receiver of life, your martyr, Stephen, shined with the light of your Holy Spirit. When his opponents took his life, he offered up his spirit to you, and prayed mercy for theirs. Make Stephen an example of faith and courage for all your followers, for the sake of the one who brought light and life to this world, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## WORD

Gospel Acclamation:

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Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel: Luke 23:33-34a, 46                      **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60

Children's Time

Sermon

Rev. Tammy Bull

1. Praise, praise! You are my rock. The wind, the waves are high.  
You hold me when the waves are strong. You hold me lest I die, I die.

**Refrain:** Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

2. Praise, praise! You are my rock. My desert sand is dry.  
You break the rock, a river flows. You hear me when I cry, I cry. (refrain)
3. Praise, praise! You are my rock. You calm the fear and pain.  
One word of faith and I am well, I rise to praise and walk again. (refrain)
4. Praise, praise! You are my rock. You host the table set.  
We break the bread, we drink the cup; we know whom we have met, have met. (refrain)
5. Praise, praise! You are my rock. The Easter grave is sealed;  
You roll the stone – you, God, alone – then sin and death are healed, are healed. (refrain)
6. Praise, praise! You are my rock. You stood high on a hill.  
A holy cloud: you are on high. Be still, my heart, be still, be still. (refrain)

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed. ELW p.104

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

P: Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.  
(petitions end: "Hear us, O God... **Your mercy is great.**")

P: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

### MEAL

The Offering (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God as an act of thankfulness and worship. Following the command of Jesus, we care for people in our congregation, our community, and the world in his name. We appreciate the faithfulness of our members in making regular contributions of your time, energy, prayers, and money to this work! If you are worshiping with us as a guest on-line or in-person, we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world! Gifts of any size are greatly appreciated, and can be made on-line by tapping the easy-to-use GIVE button in our New Hope app, available for your smart phone here: <https://tithely.app.link/new-hope-lutheran-church>, by using the automatic bill paying service offered by your bank, or by sending a check to New Hope via US mail (3125 5th Ave S. GF, 59405). As the music plays, please take a moment to reflect on God's goodness, and consider what your gift of thanksgiving and worship might be. Thank you!)

Offertory: Pastorale

George Francis Blatch

Offertory Prayer: **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The 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.**

Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer

**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: These are the gifts of God, for the people of God. Eat and drink knowing that the body and blood of Christ is given and shed for you. If you are unable to receive Communion today, you are invited to make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder that you are a beloved child of God.

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you, comfort you, and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us all pray... **C: 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. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Post Communion Canticle: Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

ELW #206

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.

Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy... with shouts of thanksgiving. Al-le-lu-ia!

### SENDING

L: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy! Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn: Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ELW #579

1. Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,  
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:

Refrain: With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

2. Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,  
Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community: (refrain)
3. Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood."  
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heaven-ward,  
Asking that the world around us share your children's liberty: (refrain)

4. Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."  
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society: (refrain)
5. Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend  
And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity: (refrain)

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news! Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Postlude: Minuet

George Francis Blatch

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**Organist:** James F. Rickley

**Song Leaders:** Kameron Kantor

**Prayer Focus: Commitment** (In your prayers this week you are invited to deepen your commitment to Christ.)

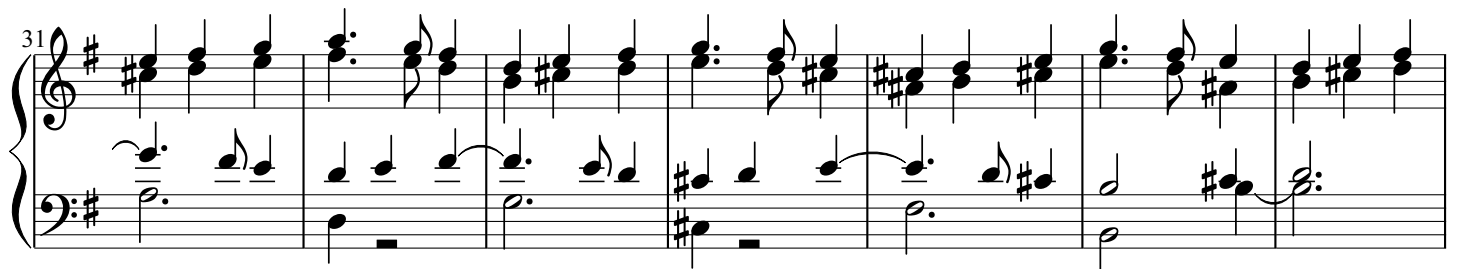
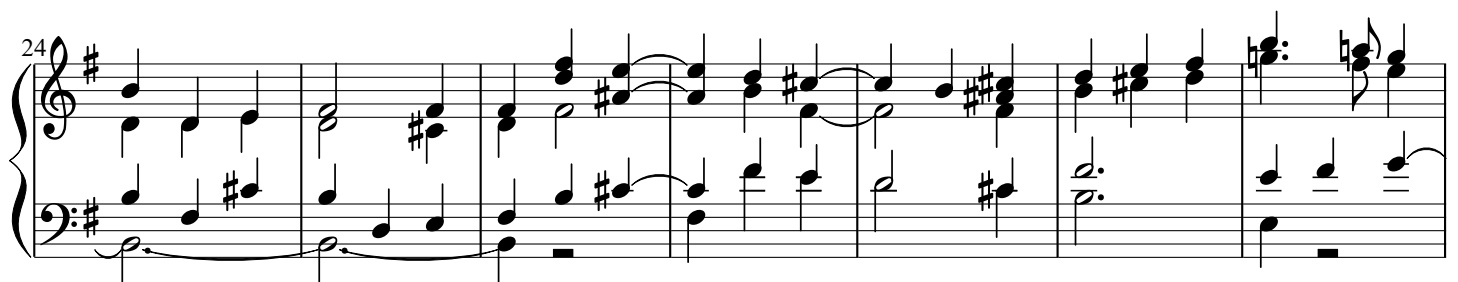
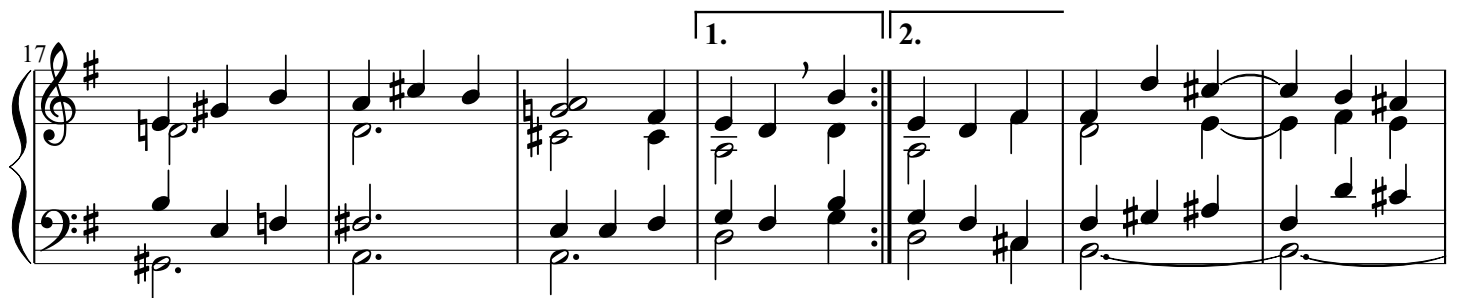
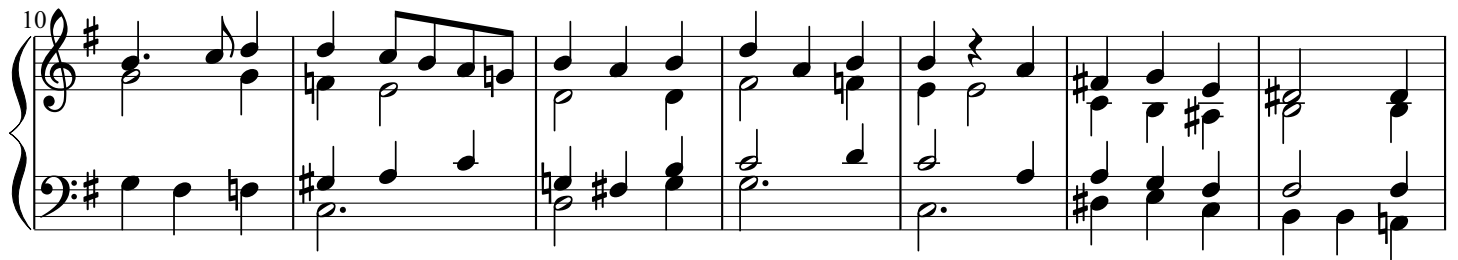
**Announcements:**

- GF Area ELCA text study group will meet via Zoom at 12:30 pm on Tuesday, April 20.
- Church Council will meet on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm via Zoom.
- Adult study of Spiritual Practices will begin this Wednesday, April 21 from 7:00-8:30 pm

# Präludium

"Melody in G", Moderato

George Francis Blatch (1856-1921)



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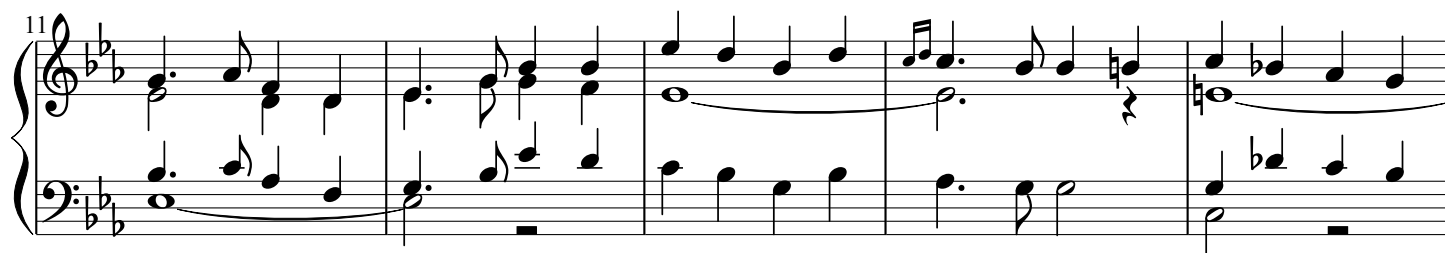
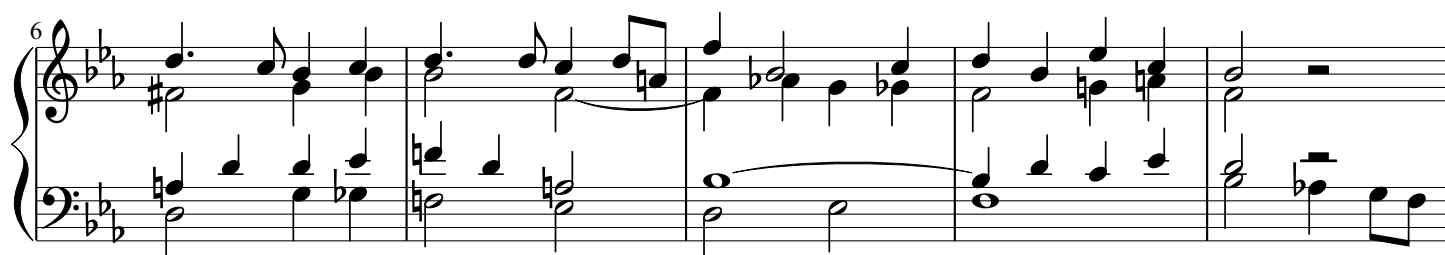
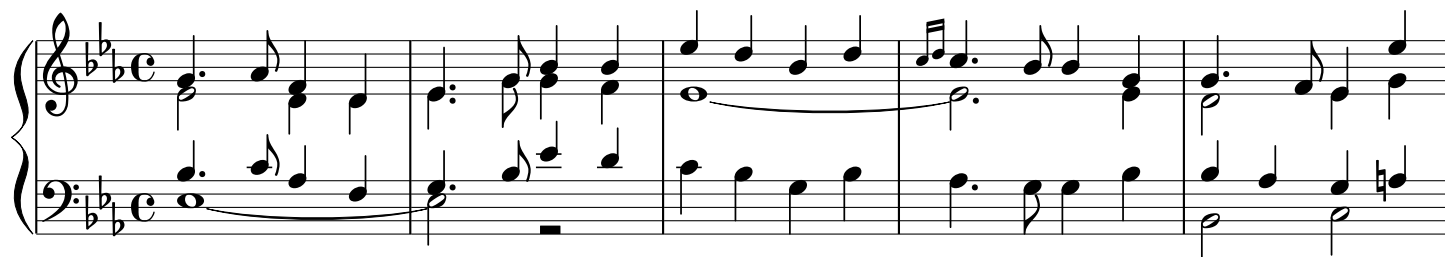
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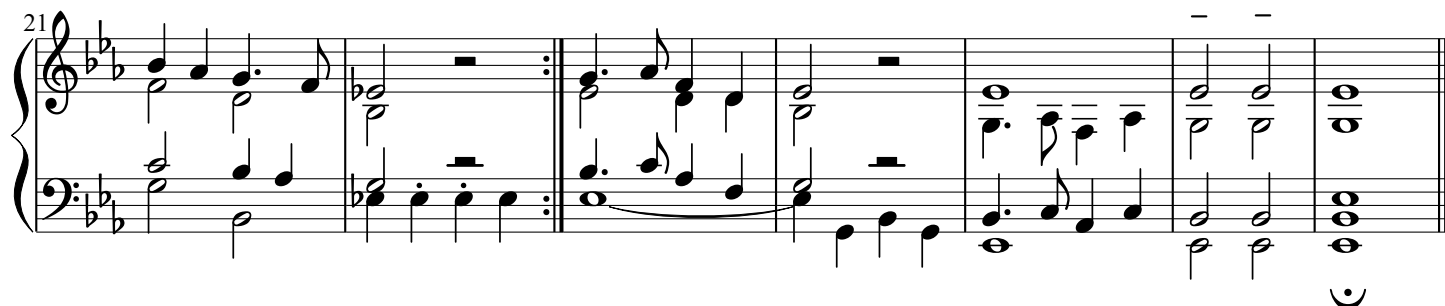
# Interludium

Andantino

George Francis Blatch (1856-1921)



*Wh. ad lib.*



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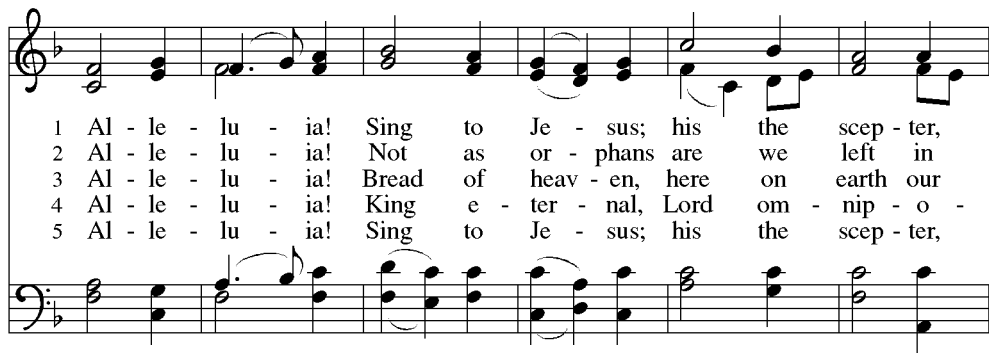
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Gathering Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

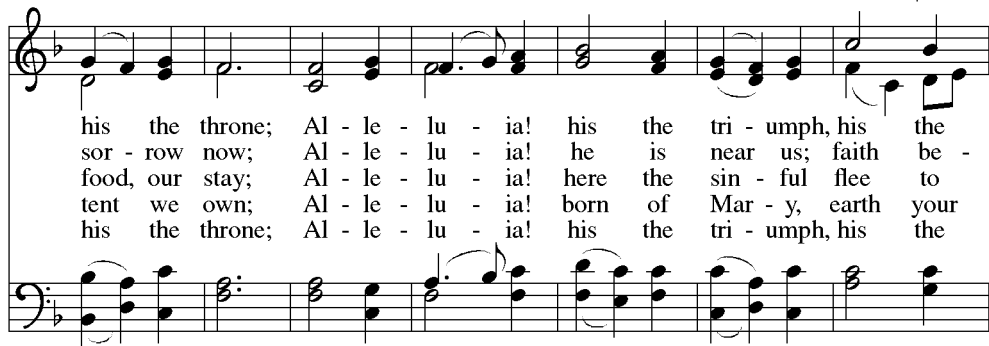
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# Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



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 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
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Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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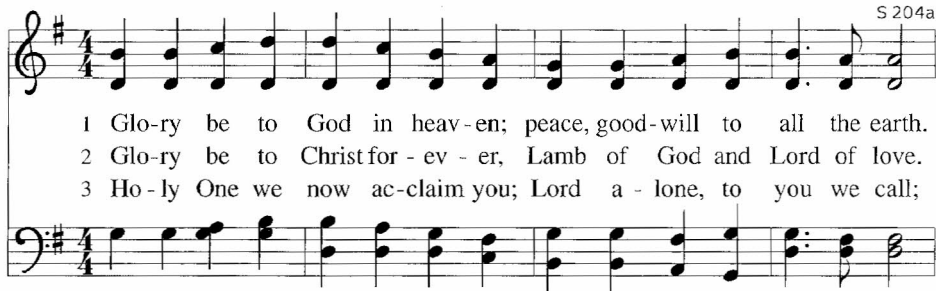
Glory to God

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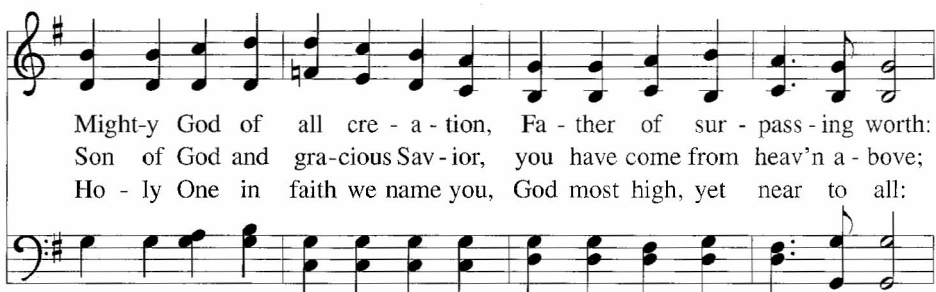
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For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

One of the following or another canticle of praise may be sung.

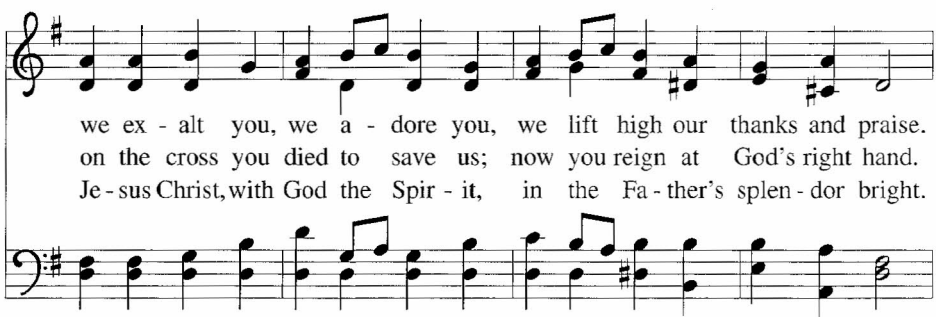
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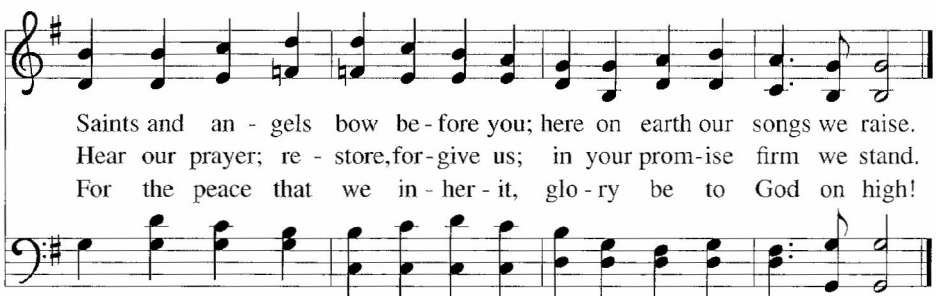
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2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

**L: Let us all pray: C: Holy Giver and Receiver of life, your martyr, Stephen, shined with the light of your Holy Spirit. When his opponents took his life, he offered up his spirit to you, and prayed mercy for theirs. Make Stephen an example of faith and courage for all your followers, for the sake of the one who brought light and life to this world, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **WORD**

Gospel Acclamation:

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Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

# Word

## First Reading

*The reading may be announced: A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.*

*The reading may be concluded: The word of the Lord. **OR** Word of God, word of life.*

*The assembly responds: **Thanks be to God.***

## Psalm

*The psalm for the day is sung.*

## Second Reading

*The reading may be announced and concluded in the same way as the first reading.*

## Gospel Acclamation

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

S 205a

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal ensemble (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system is for the 'Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.' The second system is for 'Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.' The third system is for 'Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.' The score includes a variety of musical notations such as whole, half, quarter, and eighth notes, as well as rests and bar lines. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding vocal staves.



Gospel: Luke 23:33-34a, 46

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 23:33-34

New Revised Standard Version

33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus[a] there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]][b] And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

Luke 23:46

New Revised Standard Version

46 Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60

Acts 6:1-7

New Revised Standard Version

Seven Chosen to Serve

6 Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. 2 And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables.[a] 3 Therefore, friends,[b] select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, 4 while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." 5 What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. 6 They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

7 The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Children's Time

Sermon

Rev. Tammy Bull

Hymn: Praise, Praise! You Are My Rock

ELW #862

1. Praise, praise! You are my rock. The wind, the waves are high.  
You hold me when the waves are strong. You hold me lest I die, I die.

**Refrain:** Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

2. Praise, praise! You are my rock. My desert sand is dry.  
You break the rock, a river flows. You hear me when I cry, I cry. (refrain)
3. Praise, praise! You are my rock. You calm the fear and pain.  
One word of faith and I am well, I rise to praise and walk again. (refrain)
4. Praise, praise! You are my rock. You host the table set.  
We break the bread, we drink the cup; we know whom we have met, have met. (refrain)
5. Praise, praise! You are my rock. The Easter grave is sealed;  
You roll the stone – you, God, alone – then sin and death are healed, are healed.

(refrain)

6. Praise, praise! You are my rock. You stood high on a hill.  
A holy cloud: you are on high. Be still, my heart, be still, be still. (refrain)

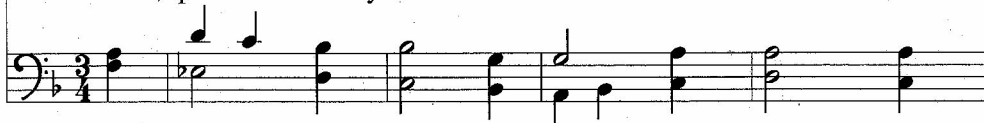
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Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.  
ELW p.104

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

P: Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation. (petitions end: "Hear us, O God... **Your mercy is great.**")

P: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

### **MEAL**

The Offering (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God as an act of thankfulness and worship. Following the command of Jesus, we care for people in our congregation, our community, and the world in his name. We appreciate the faithfulness of our members in making regular contributions of your time, energy, prayers, and money to this work! If you are worshiping with us as a guest on-line or in-person, we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world! Gifts of any size are greatly appreciated, and can be made on-line by tapping the easy-to-use GIVE button in our New Hope app, available for your smart phone here: <https://tithely.app.link/new-hope-lutheran-church>, by using the automatic bill paying service offered by your bank, or by sending a check to New Hope via US mail (3125 5th Ave S. GF, 59405). As the music plays, please take a moment to reflect on God's goodness, and consider what your gift of thanksgiving and worship might be. Thank you!)

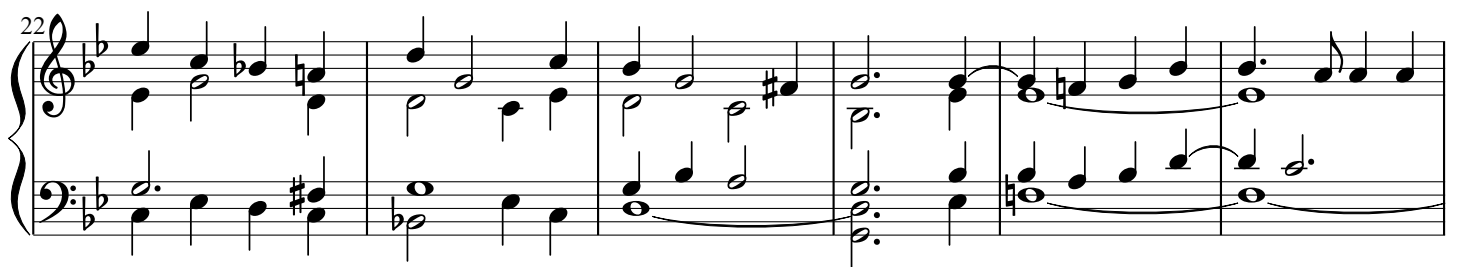
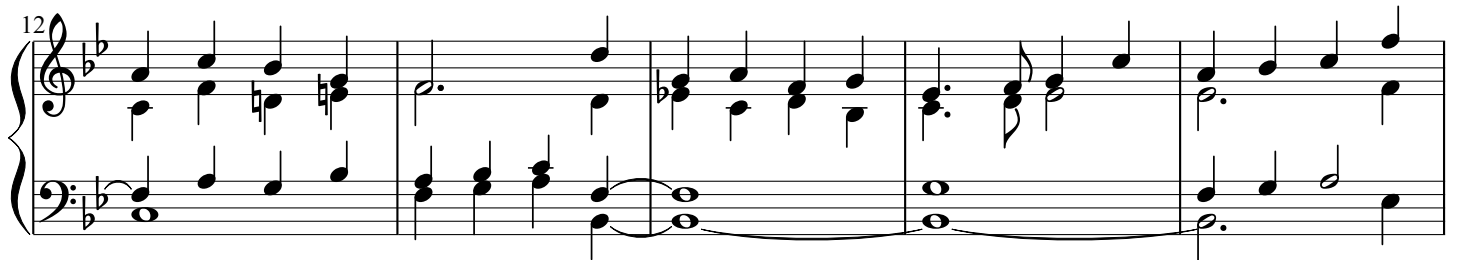
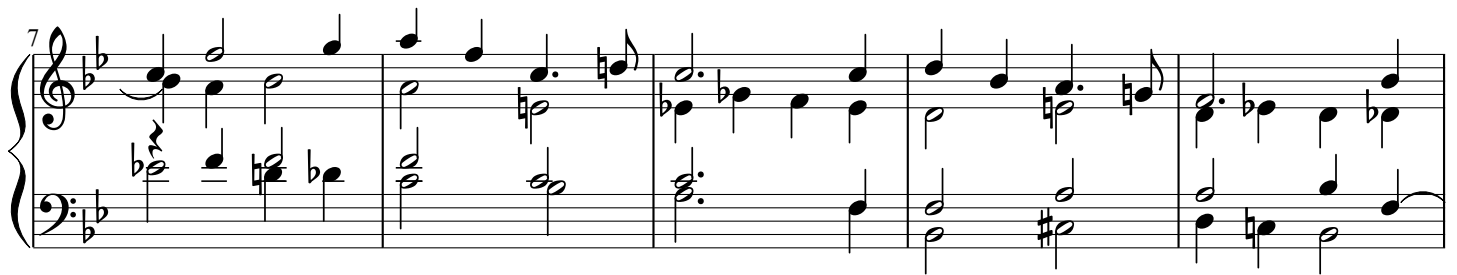
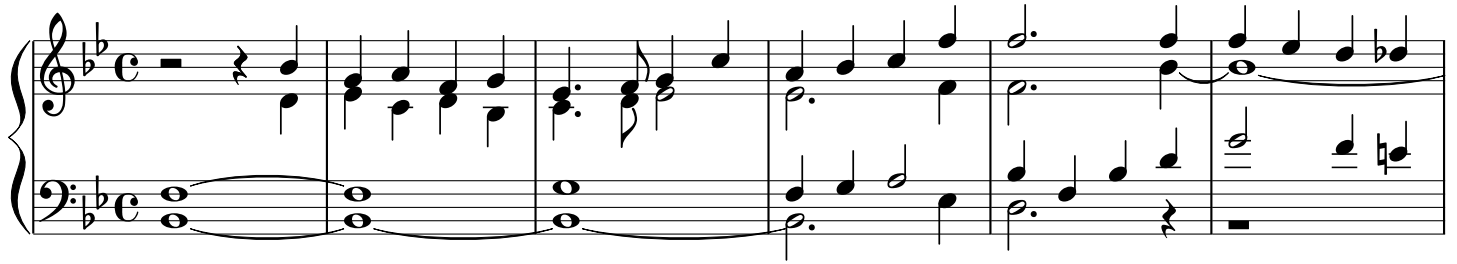
Offertory: Pastorale

George Francis Blatch

# Pastorale

Moderato

George Francis Blatch (1856-1921)



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Measures 28-33 of a musical score in B-flat major. The right hand features a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of eighth notes. The piece concludes this section with a half note in the right hand and a whole note in the left hand.

34

Measures 34-39 of the musical score. The right hand continues its melodic line with some chromaticism, including a sharp sign. The left hand maintains its accompaniment pattern. The section ends with a half note in the right hand and a whole note in the left hand.

40

*rall.*

Measures 40-45 of the musical score, marked *rall.* (rallentando). The right hand plays a series of chords and single notes, while the left hand continues with eighth notes. The piece ends with a final chord in the right hand and a whole note in the left hand.

Offertory Prayer: **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The 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.**

Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer

**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: These are the gifts of God, for the people of God. Eat and drink knowing that the body and blood of Christ is given and shed for you. If you are unable to receive Communion today, you are invited to make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder that you are a beloved child of God.

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you, comfort you, and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us all pray... **C: 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. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Post Communion Canticle: Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

ELW #206

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.

Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy... with shouts of thanksgiving. Al-le-lu-ia!

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## Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

*Optional introduction*

Optional introduction musical notation in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass line consists of half notes.

Musical notation for the first line of the song. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -". The chords are: F, Gm/F, C/F, F, Bb.

Musical notation for the second line of the song. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "one what God has done. Let all who seek the". The chords are: C, C/Bb, A, Dm, F, Gm/F.

Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly

C<sup>7</sup>/F Dm Dm/C B<sup>b</sup> C

name. Send us with your prom - is -

F Dm A/C<sup>#</sup> Dm

es, O God, and lead us forth in

G/B C<sup>sus</sup> C B<sup>b</sup> C



joy with shouts of thanks - giv -

A Dm F<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup> C F<sup>sus</sup>

The first system of the musical score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat major). The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. Chord symbols A, Dm, F<sup>7</sup>, B<sup>b</sup>, C, and F<sup>sus</sup> are placed below the piano part.

ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

F B<sup>b</sup> C F<sup>sus</sup> F

The second system continues the musical piece. The vocal line has a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern. Chord symbols F, B<sup>b</sup>, C, F<sup>sus</sup>, and F are placed below the piano part. The system concludes with a double bar line.

## SENDING

L: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy! Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn: Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ELW #579

1. Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,  
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:

Refrain: With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

2. Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,  
Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community: (refrain)
3. Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood."  
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heaven-ward,  
Asking that the world around us share your children's liberty: (refrain)
4. Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."  
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society: (refrain)
5. Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend  
And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity: (refrain)

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*Refrain*



With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.



L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news!  
Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Postlude: Minuet

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# Menuett

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