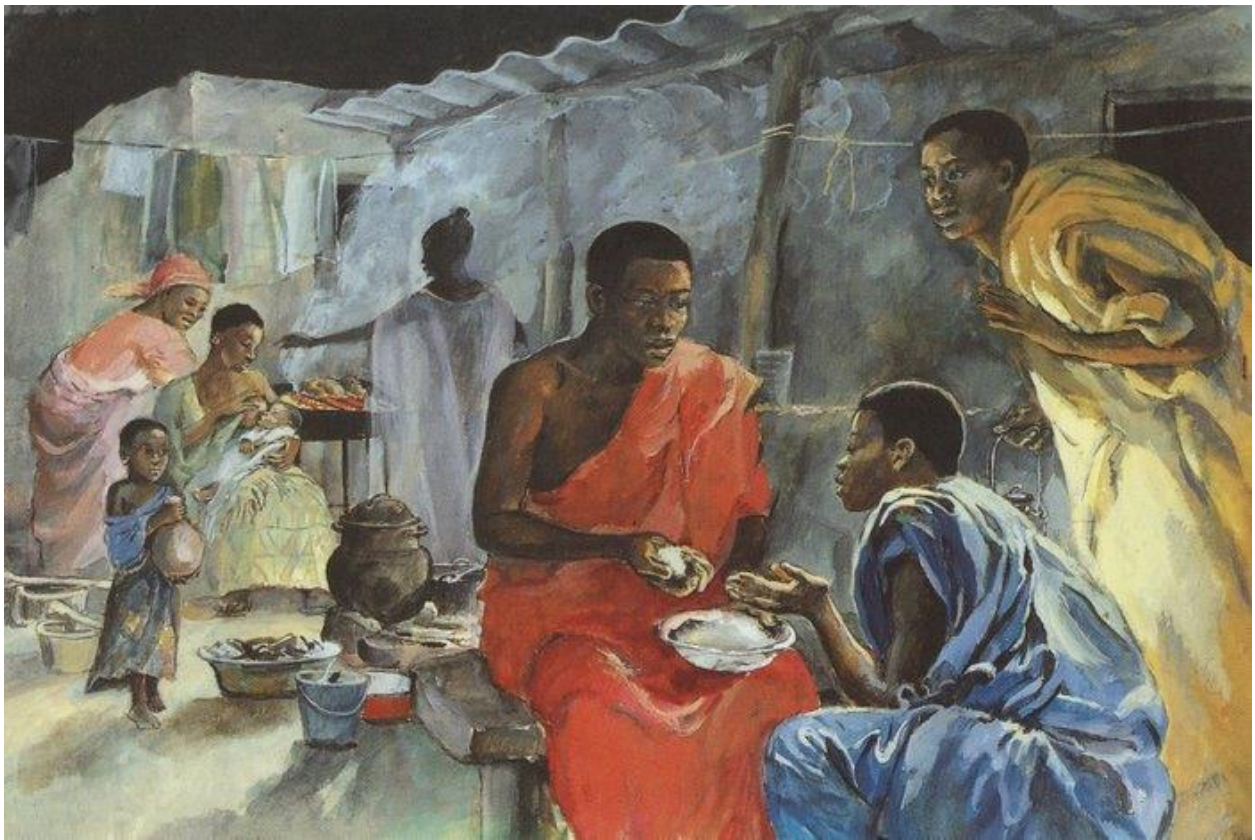




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# Easter

April 14, 2024 † The Third Sunday of Easter



**The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.**

Masks are welcomed, especially for those who have not been boosted, cannot be vaccinated, are at higher risk, or simply prefer to do so.



Ebenezer is a *Reconciling in Christ* Congregation. **You are welcome here.**

**Welcome** to long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to this faith. **Welcome** to friends new and old. **Welcome** to people of every age and size, color and culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; every socioeconomic and marital status, political conviction, ability and challenge.

**Welcome** to believers and questioners, and questioning believers.

**Welcome.**



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Please **silence** phones and other devices during the liturgy.



A **platform lift** is available to access the Sanctuary, Education Center, and Restrooms. Please see an usher for assistance.



**Restrooms** are located up the stairs under the model ship, or down the stairs on the west side of the narthex entry area.



**Postures** are a way in which we engage the body in worship. These movements (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross) are optional; please engage in them only as you are comfortable or able.



**Children** are always welcome in worship at Ebenezer. A nursery is available (the attendant is vaccinated). A quiet play area is located in the narthex entry area.



**Holy Communion**, or the Eucharist, is offered to all who seek the presence of Christ. This is a welcome table.

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**All are invited for a time of refreshments and fellowship  
downstairs following the liturgy.**

**Adult Education follows; the nursery attendant remains available throughout.**

# Gathering

## Words of Welcome

Prelude                                      Only Child    Bill Evans

*Silence follows; then, the ringing of bells.*

*Rise in body or spirit.*

## Confession and Forgiveness

In the names of the Creator, † Christ, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Since we have such a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ our Lord, let us with confidence draw near to God, that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your lovingkindness. In your great mercy, wash away our sins and heal us in our brokenness. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not remove us from your presence; do not take your Spirit away. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your Spirit. Amen.**

God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by Christ's authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, in the name of the † Triune God. **Amen.**



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.

Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.

For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 and in its con - quest his might did show.  
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

*Refrain*

Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain*
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922  
 Music: Tanzanian traditional

## Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# Word

## The First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

*Peter* addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

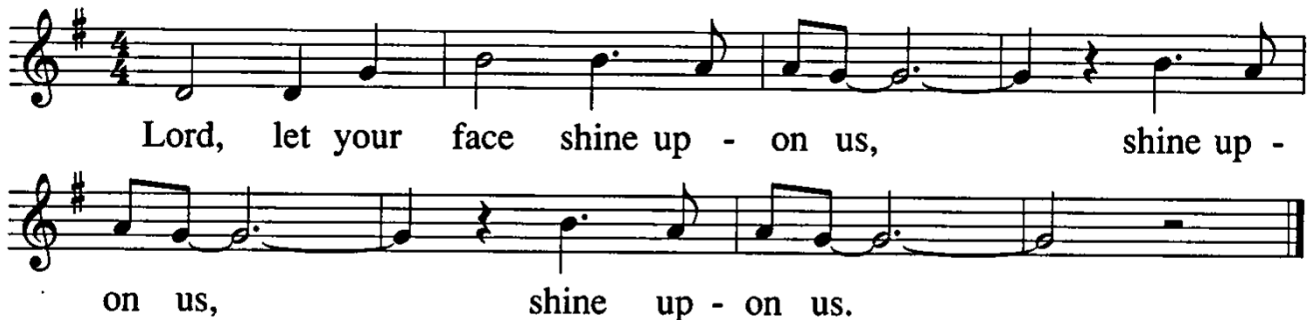
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 4

*The Cantor sings the refrain; all repeat it.*

*The verses are sung by the cantor/choir and the refrain by all.*

### Refrain



Lord, let your face shine up - on us, shine up -  
on us, shine up - on us.

### Verses

1. Listen to my song, hear me when I call, Oh Lord, my God, be gracious, hear my prayer.
2. You have called my name, set your seal upon my heart, you hear me when I call.
3. Fill me with your joy, grant to me your peaceful rest, to dwell in safety with my Lord.

Text: Psalm 4:2, 4, 9; Marty Haugen  
Music: Marty Haugen

## The Second Reading      First John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Rise in body or spirit.*

### Welcoming the Gospel

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
Hal - le - lu - jah.  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954  
Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

*All repeat the Alleluia.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus himself stood among *the disciples* and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Sermon

Pastor Michael Fick

*Silence for reflection follows.*





Rise in body or spirit.

## Hymn of the Day      Around You, O Lord Jesus



1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still  
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;  
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.  
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.  
we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my  
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your  
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"  
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.  
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. composite  
Music: O JESU, ÅN DE DINA, H. Thomissön, *Den danske Psalmebog*, 1569

**Creed**      *The Apostles Creed, the church's most ancient, developed from early baptismal rites. Father is original to this text. Other forms of address may be used.*

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

Children's Message

Prayers of Intercession      *The response to each intercession is: **Hear our prayer.***

# Meal

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Share a sign of peace with those around you, being mindful about whether touch is welcomed, or a verbal greeting is preferred. Check your neighbor's name tag:*

A **yellow square** indicates a distanced elbow or fist bump is preferred.

A **red circle** indicates your neighbor prefers a verbal, distanced greeting only.

For members of the Ebenezer community, an offering is part of our expression of gratitude to God. If you are visiting with us today, your presence is already a great gift.

*Please be seated.*

## Offertory

*An Easter Carol*

The Ebenezer Choir

Text by Christina Rossetti; music by John Elmquist

Spring bursts to-day,

For Christ is risen and all the earth's at play.

Flash forth, thou Sun,

The rain is over and gone, its work is done.

Winter is past,

Sweet Spring is come at last, is come at last.

Bud, Fig and Vine,

Bud, Olive, fat with fruit and oil and wine.

Break forth this morn

In roses, thou but yesterday a Thorn.

Uplift thy head,

O pure white Lily through the Winter dead.

Beside your dams

Leap and rejoice, you merry-making Lambs.

All Herds and Flocks

Rejoice, all Beasts of thickets and of rocks.

Sing, Creatures, sing,

Angels and Men and Birds and everything.

All notes of Doves

Fill all our world: this is the time of loves.

*Rise in body or spirit.*

## Offering Song

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and  
fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from  
the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer.  
Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence;  
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on ten staves of a single treble clef. The melody is in a major key with one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Text: John Arthur, 1922-1980

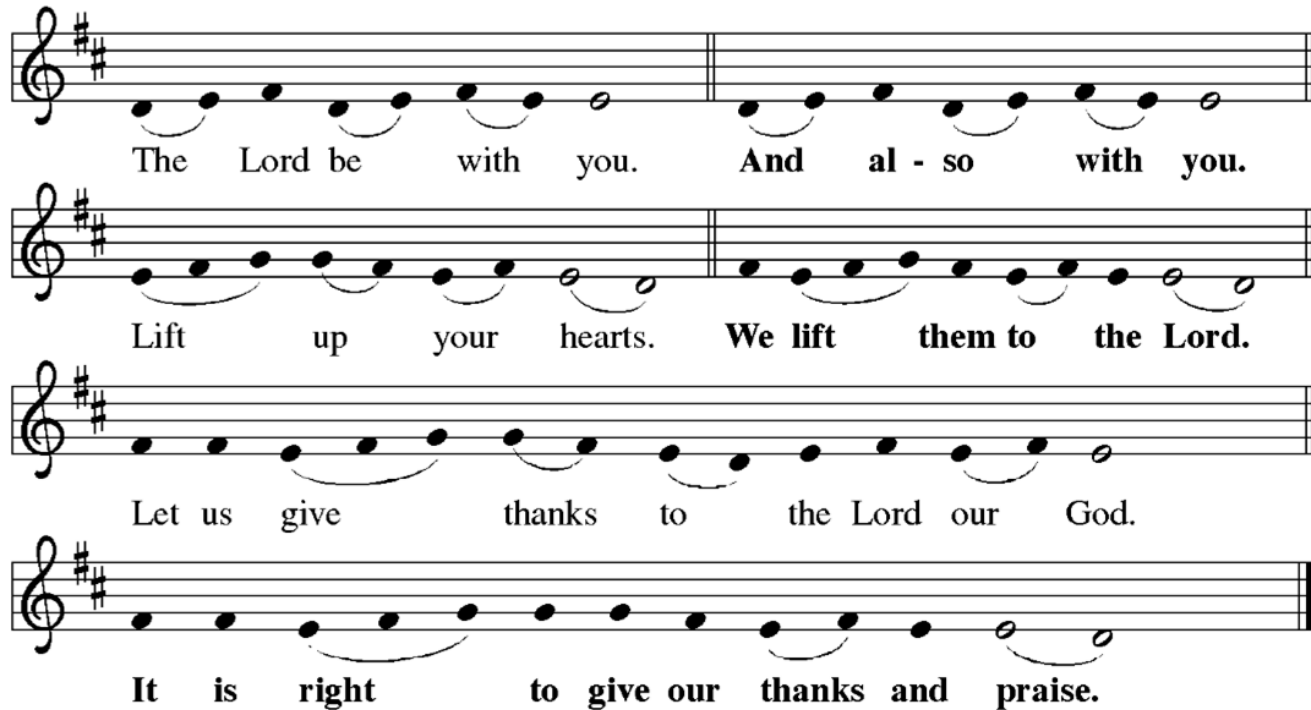
Music: Tillis Butler and Hames Harris, *Detroit Folk Mass*

## Offering Prayer

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

# Great Thanksgiving

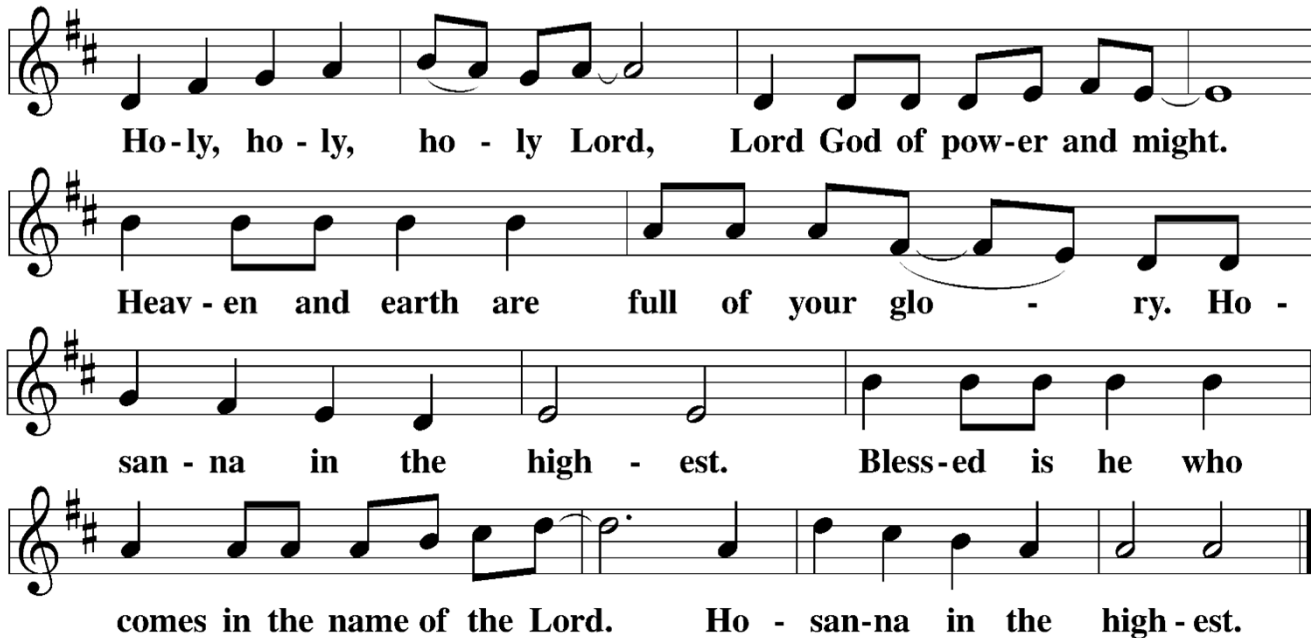
## Dialogue



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Preface

### Sanctus Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might.  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

## Lord's Prayer

*You may pray this prayer in these words; or, in language close to your heart.*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

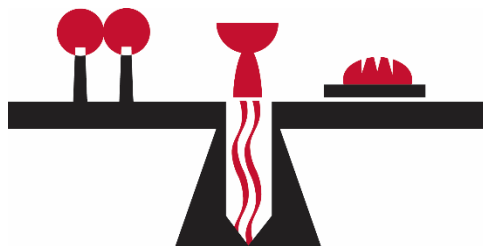
## Invitation to the Table

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

All are welcome at God's table.

*Please be seated.*

All who seek Christ's presence in the sacrament are invited. This is a welcome table. At the invitation of the usher, you may come forward down the center aisle to receive the bread or a gluten-free wafer. Then, dip the wafer in the cup of **red wine** or **white grape juice**, receiving the elements together. Ask the server if you prefer to drink from the chalice; one will be made available.



Agnus Dei

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.



Anthem

My Mind Is Made Up Clark Sisters Dion Walton, soloist

Instrumental

Wonder Why Brodsky-Cahn

Hymn

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

*The refrain is sung at the beginning and end of the hymn.*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Just a Closer Walk with Thee'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

*Refrain* Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it,  
 1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus,  
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I  
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for

Je - sus, is my plea, dai - ly walk - ing close to  
 keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as  
 fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den  
 me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
 long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
 o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.

*Rise in body or spirit.*

Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep us in grace.

**Amen.**

## Prayer

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

## Sending

### Benediction

May God bless us and keep us. May God's face shine on us with grace and mercy. May God look upon us with favor, ☩ and give us peace. **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

### Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

*Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

### Dismissal

Go in peace. You are witnesses of these things.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

Saturday Night Fish Fry Walsh-Jordan