

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

**Choral Variations on "Creator Spirit"**

**Maurice Duruflé**

*Dr. Karen Black, organ*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION MILESTONE BLESSING

Deb We are delighted to recognize the high school graduates of St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School today. It is our privilege to affirm these members of our congregation who have completed one phase of their lives and move with great expectations to another.

*We will have the graduates introduce themselves, then pick up their quilt and stand in the front for a prayer.*

Deb Let us pray. Gracious God, you bless your servants with many achievements. We give thanks especially for the milestones that our graduates have attained. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they also know your love and experience your peace in all the experiences they encounter. Bless also the parents of these students, who have raised their children and nourished them in the Christian faith. Give them strength in your continuing presence and give them many joyful reunions with their sons and daughters, who may be leaving home soon to begin new and varied ventures, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

You are invited to rise.

**OPENING HYMN**

**"O Day Full of Grace"**

**ELW 627**



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the  
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the  
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new  
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may  
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -  
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the  
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be  
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all  
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the  
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.  
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.  
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.  
Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842  
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*You are invited to rise.*

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Look, here is water!

**C** **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**P** Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

**P** Look, here is water!

**C** **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**P** At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Look, here is water!

**C** **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

### **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.**

# KYRIE

The assisting minister sings the verses. The assembly sings the refrains only.

**Refrain**



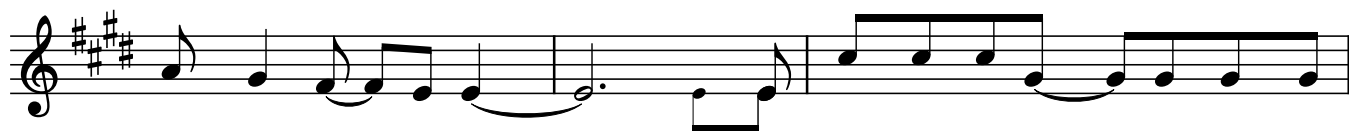
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



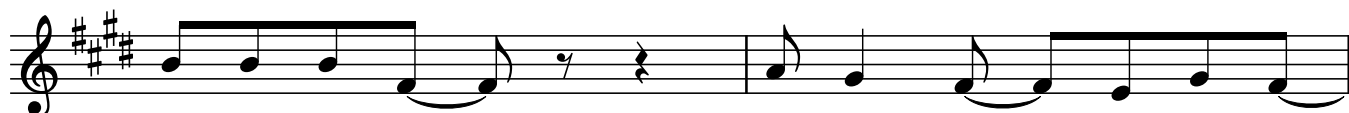
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-ry day.



1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2. That we may live out your im-pas-sioned re-sponse to the
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for
4. For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for this ho-ly house, for all who  
hun-gry and the poor; that we may live out truth and  
friends and fam-i-ly; for life and for love, for our  
wa-ter and the Word; that you nour-ish our souls with your



wor-ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord,  
jus-tice and grace,  
work and our play,  
bod-y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord.

**to refrain**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.** *Please be seated.*



<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your | works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

**<sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,  
living things both | small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships | to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

**<sup>27</sup>All of them | look to you  
to give them their food | in due season.**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they | gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

**<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, | they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;

and so you renew the face | of the earth.

**<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the Lord en- | dure forever;  
O Lord, rejoice in | all your works.**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth | and it trembles;

you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

**<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the Lord as long | as I live;  
I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of | mine please God.

I will rejoice | in the Lord.

**<sup>35b</sup>Bless the Lord, | O my soul.  
Hal- | lelujah!**

## SECOND READING

Romans 8:22-27

L A reading from Romans.

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*You are invited to rise.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



AHe - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. AHe - lu - ia. AHe - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.  
AHe - lu - ia. AHe - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

**John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**C** **Glory to you O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. <sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet 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 hearts. <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 Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. <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, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

**P** The Gospel of our Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDRENS MESSAGE

## SERMON

**Pr. Patricia Shaw**

You are invited to rise.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Gracious Spirit, Hear Our Pleading"**

**ELW 401**



*Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.*  
 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.  
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.  
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



*Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.*  
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

*Refrain*



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
 nor rootless liberty;  
 turn disquiet to contentment,  
 doubt into certainty. *Refrain*
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness,  
 unswayed by earth's allure.  
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
 which you alone assure. *Refrain*

Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922.  
 Music: NJOORWETU, ROHO MWEMA, Wilson Niwagila  
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**APPOSTLES' CREED**

**P** Let us confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

**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 THE CHURCH

A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. *A brief silence.*

A We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way, especially Randy Horst and Kathy Nelson. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For all high school graduates and St. Paul's 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduates we give thanks and celebration. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith, especially Marlyn Minnaert and Sara Spurbeck. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**C Amen.**

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

# MEAL

## OFFERING MUSIC

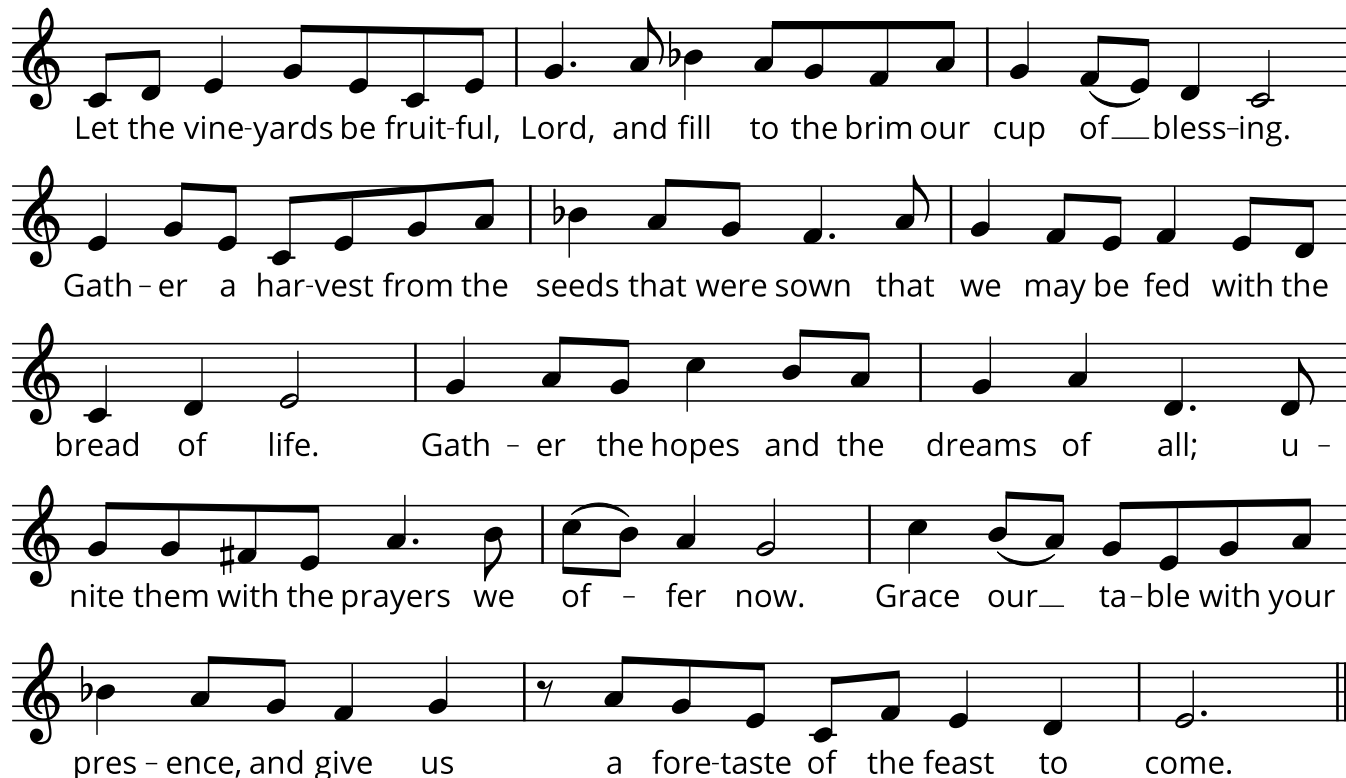
### "Walk Worthy"

Joseph Martin

*Chancel Choir; Mark Lehmann, director; Karen Black, piano*

*You are invited to rise.*

## OFFERTORY



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 the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our\_\_ ta-ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray. 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.

**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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORDS PRAYER

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

**C 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 COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

*We trust that Jesus Christ is truly present in the meal of Holy Communion. All baptized Christians who share that trust are welcome to Christ's meal.*

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away 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, Lamb of God.

SONG DURING COMMUNION "Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove

ELW578



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, de - scend  
 2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry; to you,  
 3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's  
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part, and shed



up - on us from a - bove; with grac - es man - i -  
 the gift of God most high, true fount of life, the  
 al - might - y hand be - hold; while you with tongues of  
 your love in ev - 'ry heart; your own un - fail - ing



fold re - store your crea - tures as they were be - fore.  
 fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
 fire pro - claim to all the world God's ho - ly name.  
 might sup - ply to strength-en our in - fir - mi - ty.

- 5 Keep far from us our cruel foe,  
 and peace from your own hand bestow;  
 upheld by you, our strength and guide,  
 no evil can our steps betide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
 and you, of both, to be but one;  
 that through the ages all along  
 your praise may be our endless song.

Text: Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. composite  
 Music: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER, J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543



- 1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;  
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;  
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;  
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;  
 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.  
 kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.  
 by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.  
 speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.  
 be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892  
 Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625  
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*You are invited to rise.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Let us pray. 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.

**C** Amen.

# SENDING

## BLESSING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

C **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

### “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

ELW 400



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -  
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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**CHORAL BENEDICTION**    **"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"**  
*Chancel Choir; Mark Lehmann, Director*

**John Rutter**

**DISMISSAL**

**A**     Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

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

**POSTLUDE**

**Variation on "Creator Spirit"**  
*Dr. Karen Black, organ*

**Maurice Duruflé**

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