

Zoar Evangelical Lutheran Church
“Responding in Service to God’s Love”



Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

April 14, 2024

Welcome/Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

Please stand, as you are able.

Gathering Hymn

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

ELW 377

(see page 14)

The Greeting

P: Christ is Risen!

C: **Christ is Risen, indeed, Alleluia!**

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

Assistant:
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:
Lord, have mer - cy.

3rd time to Coda ⊕

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -

Assistant:
For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the
For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you
cy.

world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

⊕ Coda
Help, save, and de - fend us, O
cy.

God.
men.

Ending for Kyrie

Now The Feast

If Kyrie was sung

men.

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,

all of cre - a - tion sings for joy

to the God of life and love and

free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -

er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

Now is the feast of the Lamb once

slain, whose blood has freed and u -

nit - ed us to be one great

peo - ple of God.

To refrain

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *To refrain*

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er. *To refrain*

Salutation

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

1st Reading:

Acts 3:12-21

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

¹²[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? ¹³The 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. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out." Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, ²⁰so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord and that he may send the Messiah^[9] appointed for you, that is, Jesus, ²¹who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm

Psalm 4; Refrain Ps. 4:3



¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender ¹ of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me
and ¹ hear my prayer.

²**You mortals, how long will you dishon- ¹ or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek ¹ after lies?"**

³Know that the LORD does wonders ¹ for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me ¹ when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and ¹ do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- ¹ on your bed. R**

⁵Offer the appointed ¹ sacrifices,
and put your trust ¹ in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us ¹ any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon ¹ us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness ¹ in my heart,
more than when grain and ¹ wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie ¹ down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me ¹ rest secure. R**

2nd Reading:

1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Please stand, as you are able.

Gospel

Acclamation

Congregation:

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

The Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look 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." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then 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." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

P: The gospel of the Lord!

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Children's Time

The Message

Pastor Michelle Manicke

Please stand, as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

“Touch That Soothes and Heals”

ACS 939

(see page 15)

The Prayers of the People

(See “Celebrate” insert.)

(The petitioner will say, “God of grace...”; the congregation will respond with “hear our prayer.”)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

P: On the count of 3, let's all say together, “The peace of Christ be with you always!...”

Please be seated.

The Offering

Please take a moment of silent prayer to consider the many needs and to give thanks for the blessings you've received from God. Ask God to guide you in discerning how you can share some of the gifts God has entrusted to you. (Perhaps you'll feel moved to call someone, to write a card, or to make an extra donation in support of ministries making a difference in our wider community, so that they can continue to bring light and life to our neighbors in need.)

The Offertory

Please stand, as you are able.

The Offering Hymn

“Come to the Table”

ELW 481

(see page 16)

The Offering Prayer

A: 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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And also with
Presider: you. *Congregation:* Lift up your hearts. We
Presider: lift them to the Lord. Let us give
Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface

P: It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy

Congregation: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav-en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

P: Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.
We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us,
healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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The Lord's Prayer

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.

Please be seated.

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.

Lamb of God

The musical score for 'Lamb of God' is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is for the Congregation, with lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the'. The second staff is also for the Congregation, with lyrics 'world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us,'. The third staff is for the Congregation or assistant, with lyrics 'mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you'. The fourth staff is for the Congregation, with lyrics 'take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,'. The fifth staff is for the Congregation, with lyrics 'grant us peace, grant us peace.'.

Congregation: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

Congregation or assistant:

Congregation: world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us,

Final time: Cong. or assistant: mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation: take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

“As We Gather at Your Table”

ELW 522

“Make Me a Servant”

W&P 96

(see pages 17 - 18)

The Distribution

Instructions for those communing online/in their homes:

1. Please take a minute to wash your hands if you'll be touching the bread or cup and offering it to another person.
2. As you are offering bread to another, say these words: “The body of Christ, given for you.”
3. As you are offering the wine or grape juice, say these words: “The blood of Christ, shed for you.”

Please stand, as you are able.

The Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
C: **Amen**

Closing Prayer:

A: 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.**

The Sending Blessing*

P: The God of all,
who raised † Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”
(see page 18)

ELW 674

The Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

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

Postlude



Thank you to our Worship Servers

Assisting Minister	Jeanna Doversberger
Communion Assistant	Mary Wintermantel
Pianist	Mel Kubik
Lay Reader	Pat Parker
Song Leader	Worship Team
Greeters	Myron and Nancy Mohr
Altar Care	Renee Baer & Mary Wintermantel
Sound	John Manley
AV Technician	Anne Manicke
Altar Flowers	ZLCW

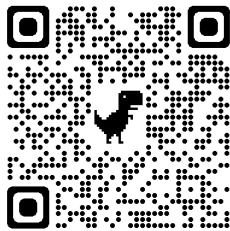
Last Week's Stats & Goals				
April 7, 2024	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Over/Short</u>
This Week to Date	70	\$ 4,287	\$ 5,000	-\$ 1,213
This Month to Date	70	\$ 4,287	\$ 5,500	-\$ 1,213
This Year to Date	73	\$ 87,146	\$ 68,500	\$ 18,646

Restricted Building Fund		\$ 594	Cumulative for 2024	\$ 5,152

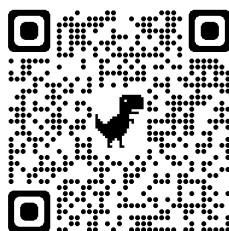
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<i>Thank you for your prayerfully considered gifts.</i>				

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Special Giving



General Fund



Building Fund

Looking Ahead

Upcoming Events at Zoar Lutheran Church

Date	Time	Activity
Today - Sunday - 4/14/2024	9:15 am	Adult Forum: Conference Rm. – will not be meeting
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30-11:30 am	Worship Service-The Third Sunday of Easter: Sanctuary
	12:00 pm	Coffee and Fellowship Time: Narthex
	12:30 pm	Mixed Choir Rehearsal: Sanctuary
	1:30 pm	Ordinary Men Rehearsal: Sanctuary
Monday - 4/15/2024	Pastor's Day Off	
Tuesday - 4/16/2024	2:00-3:00 pm	Knotty Loopers: Narthex
	5:00-6:30 pm	Community Dinner: Narthex
Wednesday - 4/17/2024	7:00-9:00 pm	Spanish Speaking AA Meeting: Kindness Rm.
	9:30am-2:30pm	Sewing Circle: Generosity Rm.
	10:30-5:30 pm	Music Ministries: Sanctuary
Thursday - 4/18/2024	7:00-9:00 pm	Spanish Speaking AA Meeting: Kindness Rm.
	10:30-11:30 am	Thursday Morning Bible Study: Zoom
	1:00-7:30 pm	Music Ministries: Sanctuary
	3:00-7:30 pm	The Living Rm.: Kindness Rm., Narthex
Friday - 4/19/2024	7:00-8:00 pm	Women's Bible Study: Zoom
	7:00-9:00 pm	Spanish Speaking AA Meeting: Kindness Rm.
Saturday - 4/20/2024	10:30 am-12:30 pm	Sewing Circle: Gemerocity Rm.
Sunday - 4/21/2024	9:15 am	Adult Forum: Conference Rm.
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30-11:30 am	Worship Service-The Fourth Sunday of Easter: Sanctuary
	12:00 pm	Coffee and Fellowship Time: Narthex
	12:30 pm	Mixed Choir Rehearsal: Sanctuary
	1:30 pm	Ordinary Men Rehearsal: Sanctuary

Long-term Weekly Scheduled Activities: (unless otherwise noted)

Sunday:	9:15 am	-Adult Forum, Conference Rm.
	9:30 am	- Sunday School
	10:30 am	-Worship
	12:00 pm	-Fellowship Time
	12:30 pm	-Mixed Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	1:30 pm	-Ordinary Men Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Monday:	-Pastor's Day Off	
Tuesday:	5-6:30 pm	-Community Dinner, Narthex
Wednesday:	10:30 - 6:30 pm	-Music Ministries, Sanctuary
Thursday:	1:00 - 7:30 pm	-Music Ministries, Sanctuary
During the school year:	9:00 am -12:00 pm, M W F	-Preschool 4's
	9:00 am -11:30 am, T TH	-Preschool 3's

Long-term Monthly Scheduled Activities:

-The First Tuesday of every month	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Evangelism Team Mtg. – Zoom
-The First Wednesday of every month	10:00 – 11:30 am	Youth & Education Mtg. – In person @ Zoar
-The Monday prior to each Church Council Mtg.	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Property & Management - In person @ Zoar
-The Second Tuesday of every month	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Church Council Mtg. - Zoom
-The Fourth Tuesday of every month	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Executive Council Mtg. - Zoom
-The First Wednesday of every month	10:00 - 11:00 am	Youth & Education - Narthex
-The First Thursday of every month	10:00 - 11:00 am	The Class of 58 get-together – Narthex
-The Third Thursday of every month	3:00 - 7:30 pm	The Living Room - Kindness Rm./Narthex
-The Last Wednesday of every month	9:00 am	Breakfast at Pappy's Greasy Spoon

Music

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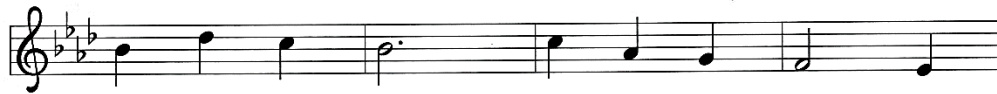
Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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EARTH AND ALL STARS
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Touch That Soothes and Heals

EASTER

See My Hands and Feet

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1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain



"See my hands and feet," said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Je - sus, "live as



ones I died to save."

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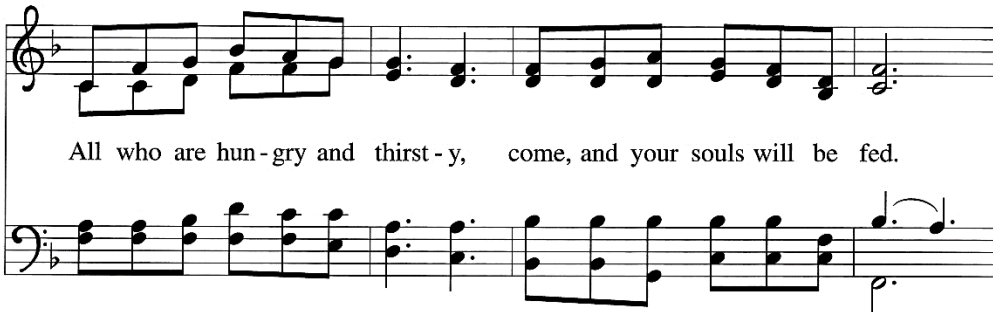
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Come to the Table

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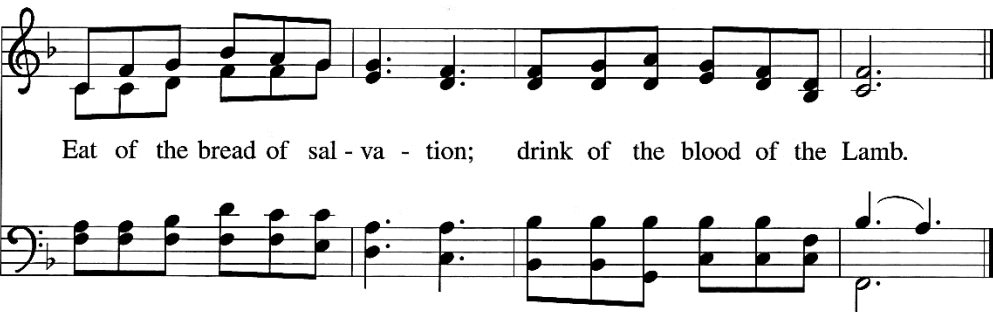
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942
Music: Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956
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COME TO THE TABLE
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As We Gather at Your Table

1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um-phiant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.

Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
 Music: *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932
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IN BABILONE
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Make me a servant

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F Dm⁷ Gm⁷ C⁷
 Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek.
 Gm⁷ B \flat /C C⁷ B \flat /F F F_{sus4} F A
 Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
 Dm Dm/C G²/B Bbm⁶
 And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be:
 F/A Gm⁷ F/A Gm⁷
 Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant,
 F/C C⁷_{sus} F²
 make me a ser - vant to - day.

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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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

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LM and refrain