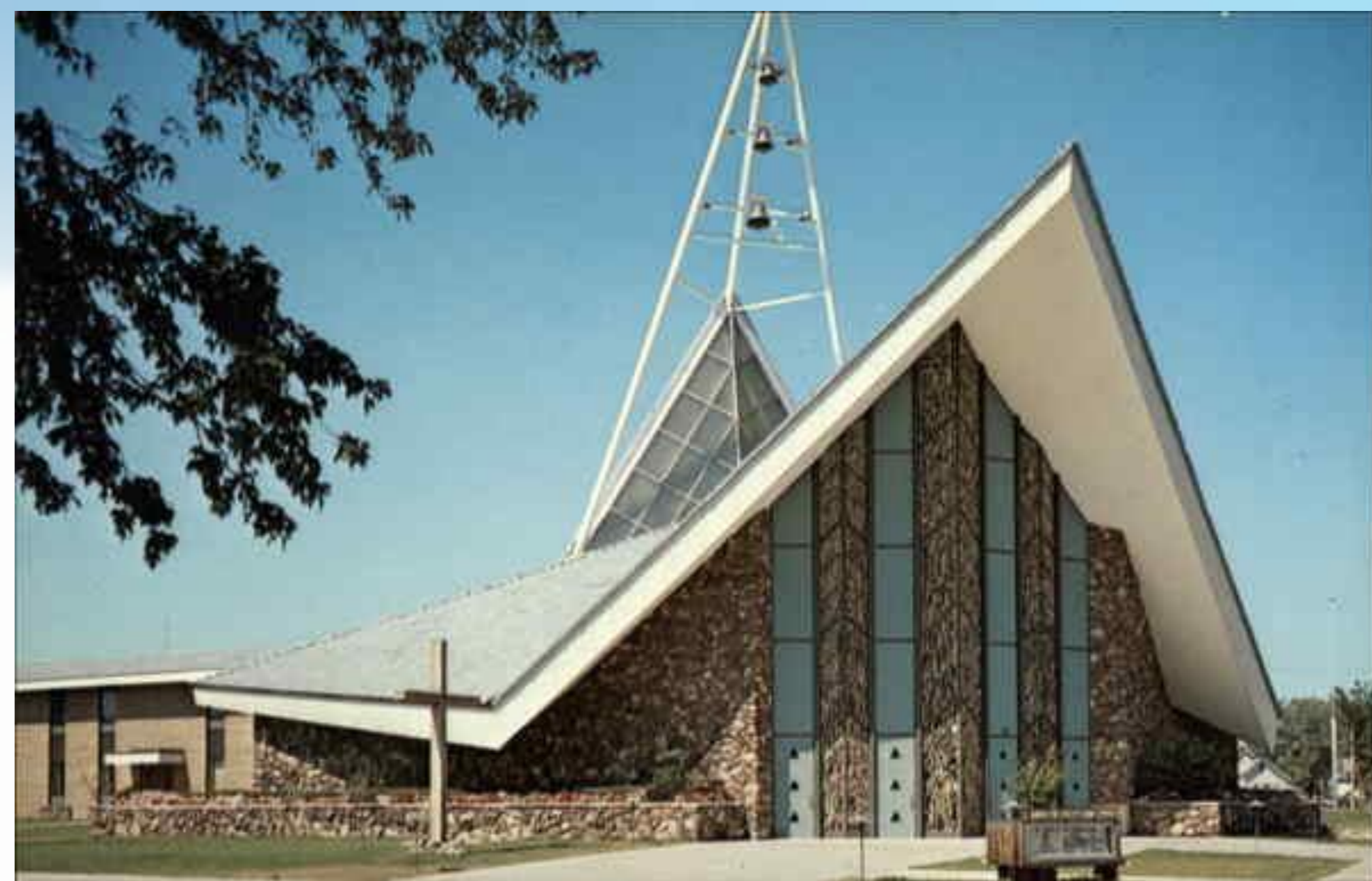


Power point for the
Sunday, April 28
Fifth Sunday of Easter
& Exam Sunday
DS1C
8:00 am

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St. Martin Lutheran Church & School

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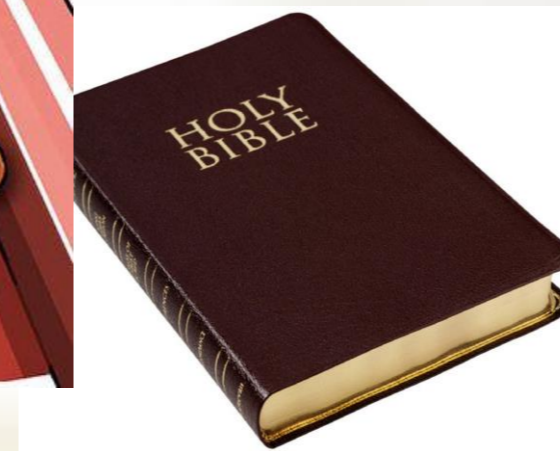


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As We Gather

When Jesus uses the image of the vine and speaks of vineyards, He is choosing something very familiar to His hearers. As branches grafted to the Vine that is Christ, we are vitalized by His power. As we worship, God's life-supporting power infuses us! It is time to continue growing!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come
down!**

**Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit

Into ev'ry troubled breast;

Let us all in Thee inherit;

Let us find Thy promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning;

Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning,

Set our hearts at liberty.

700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;

Let us all Thy life receive;

Suddenly return, and never,

Nevermore Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,

Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,

**Pray and praise Thee without
ceasing,**

Glory in Thy perfect love.

700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**4 Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Exhortation

- ☐ **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- ☐ **C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

***Silence for reflection on God's Word
and for self-examination.***

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart;**

Confession of Sins

☞ we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit ~ Psalm 145

P A little while, and you will see me no longer;

C **and again a little while, and you will see me.**

P I will extol you, my God and King,

C **and bless your name forever and ever.**

Introit ~ Psalm 145

P Every day I will bless you

C **and praise your name forever and ever.**

P The LORD is gracious and merciful,
**slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love.**

Introit ~ Psalm 145

P All your works shall give thanks to you, O
LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

P My mouth will speak the praise of the
LORD,

C **and let all flesh bless his holy name
forever and ever.**

Introit ~ Psalm 145

**☩ Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

Kyrie

- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

Kyrie

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

This Is the Feast

☐ This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This Is the Feast

☐ This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This Is the Feast

☐ This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This Is the Feast

☐ This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise,

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P** that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 8:26–40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot,

First Reading: Acts 8:26–40

and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

First Reading: Acts 8:26–40

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” ³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth,

First Reading: Acts 8:26–40

and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water,

First Reading: Acts 8:26–40

the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: 1 John 4:1-11

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming,

Epistle Reading: 1 John 4:1-11

and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us.

Epistle Reading: 1 John 4:1-11

By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. ⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

Epistle Reading: 1 John 4:1-11

¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

“I Am the Vine”

**St. Martin
Worship Choir**



*I am the Vine
and you are the branches
Remain in me as I in you
If you remain in Me
what you ask it shall be given
Then you will show yourselves
to be My disciples*

*As the Father has loved me
So have I loved you
Remain in My love
And bear much fruit*

*I am the Vine
and you are the branches
Remain in me as I in you
If you remain in Me
what you ask it shall be given
Then you will show yourselves
to be My disciples*

*Whatever you ask in My name
The Father will give you
This is my command
Love each other*

*I am the Vine
and you are the branches
Remain in me as I in you
If you remain in Me
what you ask it shall be given
Then you will show yourselves
to be My disciples
Be My disciples*

Alleluia and Verse

☐ Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: John 15:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

The Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8

³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me,

The Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8

he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

691 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

**1 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing,
May we ripen and increase,
Fruit to life eternal growing,
Rich in love and joy and peace.**

691 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

**2 Laden branches freely bearing
Gifts the Giver loves to bless;
Here is fruit that grows by sharing,
Patience, kindness, gentleness.**

691 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

**3 Rooted deep in Christ our Master,
Christ our pattern and our goal,
Teach us, as the years fly faster,
Goodness, faith, and self-control.**

691 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

**4 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending,
May we grow till harvests cease;
Till we taste, in life unending,
Heaven's love and joy and peace.**

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Sermon Theme:

"Stretching the Boundaries"

Text: Acts 8:26-40

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and
invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all
worlds,**

Nicene Creed

**☩ God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the
Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our
salvation came down from heaven**

Nicene Creed

☐ and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

Nicene Creed

☐ and sits at the right hand of the Father.

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,**

Nicene Creed

**☩ who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,**

Nicene Creed

☐ and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

Ways to support our ministries at St. Martin

- Your designated envelopes
- Envelopes provided in pew, put your name on
- Electronic giving information in pew
- Offering plates are in the back of the church by each door.

Offertory

**Q What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Prayer of the Church

David Boettcher, Clarence Fenner, Harold Fischer,
Milo Holth, Walter House, Bentley Koepke,
Duaine Kussmann, Tyler Nuthals,
Herman Pankow, Wendy Perry, Bob Prellwitz,
Lyle Sanderfoot, Jeff Schneider,
Diann Schroeder, Marilyn Siebert,
Lori Tomsovic, Jenni Yaeger.

Preface

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 Him thanks and
praise.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world.

Proper Preface

P By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

**☪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r
and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your
glory.**

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is He who comes in the
name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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**

Lord's Prayer

**© 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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, . . . This do in remembrance of Me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, . . . This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you
always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

☪ Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

**1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side.
Alleluia!**

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

**2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!**

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

**3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the
sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the
foe.**

Alleluia!

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

**4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was
shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!**

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

**5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!**

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

**6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.**

Alleluia!

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

**7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.**

Alleluia!

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

**8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!**

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*At the Lamb's
High Feast
We Sing*

611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

**1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.**

611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

**2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous
thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.**

611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

**3 Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.**

611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

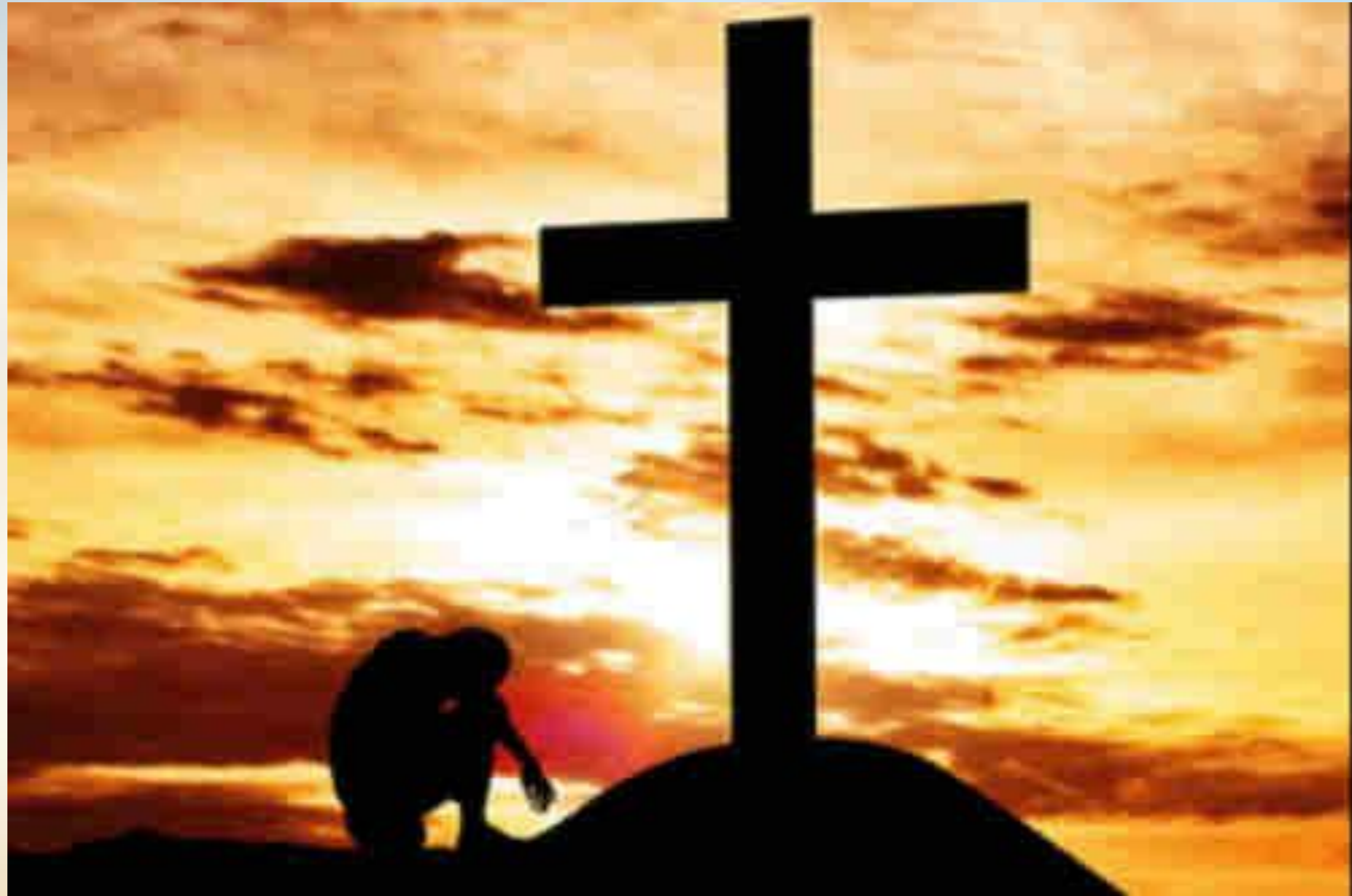
**4 Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.**

611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

**5 O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would
stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.**

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544 O Love, How Deep

**1 O love, how deep, how broad, how
high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should
take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!**

544 O Love, How Deep

**2 He sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And to this world Himself He came.**

544 O Love, How Deep

**3 For us baptized, for us He bore
His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.**

544 O Love, How Deep

**4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;
For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus
Still seeking not Himself but us.**

544 O Love, How Deep

**5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and
death;
For us He gave His dying breath.**

544 O Love, How Deep

**6 For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to
cheer.**

544 O Love, How Deep

**7 All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.**

A serene sunset over the ocean. The sky is a clear, pale blue, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a shimmering path of golden light across the water's surface. The waves are gentle and rhythmic. In the middle ground, a simple wooden cross stands upright in the shallow water, its silhouette dark against the bright, reflective surface. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

O love,

how deep,

how broad,

how high

Thank the Lord

**☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and
proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His
people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia,
alleluia.**

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,

Post-Communion Collect

P our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and
be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and
give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

1 Alleluia!

Jesus is risen!

**Trumpets resounding in glorious
light!**

**Splendor, the Lamb,
Heaven forever!**

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

**2 Walking the way,
Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread,
Giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant
surprise.**

Refrain

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

**3 Jesus the vine,
We are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth,
Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me.**

Refrain

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

4 Weeping, be gone;

Sorrow, be silent:

**Death put asunder, and Easter is
bright.**

Cherubim sing:

“O grave, be open!”

Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise:

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

**5 City of God,
Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life,
Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM!**

Refrain

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**



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