

2024 Season of Easter

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The Season of Easter

Welcome to Worship

Prelude

Invocation

The congregation is invited to stand and face the baptismal font.

Pastor: We gather this holy morning to celebrate Christ's victory over death and the grave. And we give God thanks for the power of the resurrection born in us through the waters of our Baptism. Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Leader: Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word, you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

Pastor: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

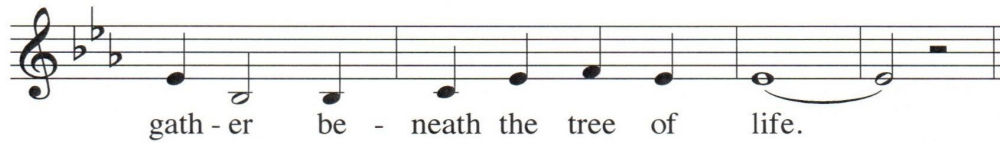
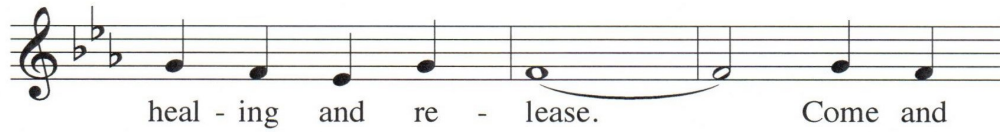
People: Amen.

Opening Hymn: *Beneath the Tree of Life*

As we process and sing you are invited to reverence the cross as it passes you by.

Refrain





Verses



1. Here we raise the sav - ing cross of
3. Come and drink the wa - ters of sal -
5. Root - ed in the rich earth of your



Je - sus, sing - ing praise to him who
va - tion, come and die to sin, rise
Gos - pel, may we bear the fruits your



To Refrain

leads us on from death in - to new life.
up to life with - in the Reign of God.
Word has plant - ed deep with - in our hearts.

The Apostolic Greeting

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

People: **And also with you.**

Kyrie



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord:



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



Lord, have mer - cy, mer-cy on us all. **A** 1. For the
A 2. For your



reign of God, and for peace through-out the
peo - ple here who have come to give you



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



Lord:
Lord: **C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, and de-

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



fend us, O God: **C** A - men.

Hymn of Praise: *Glory to God*



Refrain



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple,



peace to God's peo - ple, peace to God's peo - ple on



earth. earth. earth.

Verse 1



☐ Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry.


Verse 2



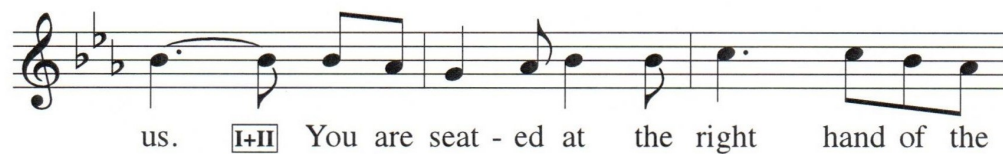
☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



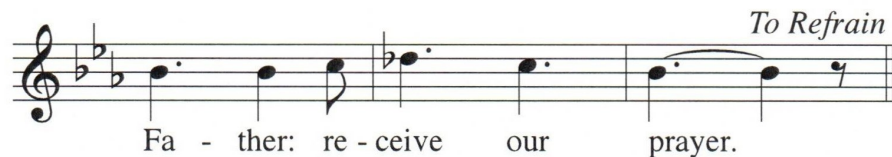
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world: have mer - cy on

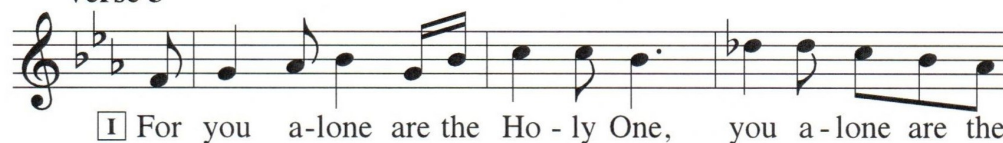


us. [I+II] You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. *To Refrain*

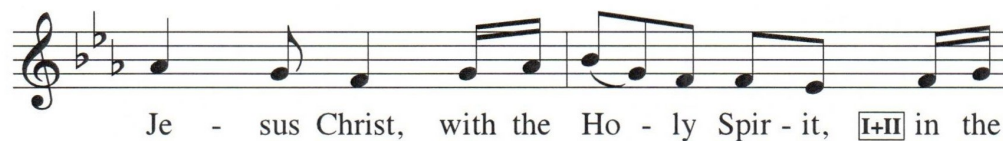
Verse 3



[I] For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the



Lord, [II] you a-lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, [I+II] in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. *To Refrain*

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...

People: Amen.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

First Lesson

4/7	2 nd Sunday of Easter	1 John 1:1—2:2
4/14	3 rd Sunday of Easter	1 John 3:1-7
4/21	4 th Sunday of Easter	1 John 3:16-24
4/28	5 th Sunday of Easter	1 John 4:7-21
5/5	6 th Sunday of Easter	1 John 5:1-6
5/12	7 th Sunday of Easter	1 John 5:9-13

After the lesson, the following response is spoken:

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

The congregation is invited to sing while the children make their way to the front of the worship center.

Hymn: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

The congregation is invited to stand.



Al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For



you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -



ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel According to ...

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

4/7	2 nd Sunday of Easter	St. John 20:19-31
4/14	3 rd Sunday of Easter	St. Luke 24:36b-48
4/21	4 th Sunday of Easter	St. John 10:11-18
4/28	5 th Sunday of Easter	St. John 15:1-8
5/5	6 th Sunday of Easter	St. John 15:9-17
5/12	7 th Sunday of Easter	St. John 17:6-19

After the lesson, the following response is spoken:

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O risen Christ.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

The congregation is invited to stand.

4/7	<i>We Walk By Faith</i>	page 15
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5/5	Sacred Choral Sunday	—
5/12	<i>I Come With Joy</i>	page 19

Nicene Creed

Leader: We have been made God's people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith.

**People: 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 Intercession

Peace

Pastor: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

The Pastor and congregation greet one another in the name of God. Example: "The peace of the Lord be with you." or "God's peace to you." The congregation is invited to be seated.

Offertory

Offering Special Music

Offertory Hymn: *Come, Let Us Bring*

The congregation is invited to stand.



1. Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.
2. Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.
3. Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.



Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.
Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.
Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.



Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.
In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.
Blest are they who share the feast of ju - bi - lee.



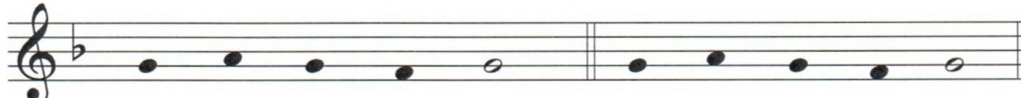
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In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.
Blest are they who share the feast of ju - bi - lee.

Offertory Prayer

Leader: 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.

People: **Amen.**


Great Thanksgiving




L The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



L Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.




C It is right to give our thanks and praise.


Preface

Pastor: It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, Holy God, mighty and immortal, through Christ, our Lord. The day of your final Jubilee dawned in your Son, Jesus, your Anointed One who announced good news to the poor, bound up the broken-hearted, and set the captive free. And so with earth, sky, and sea and all their creatures, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:


Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy*



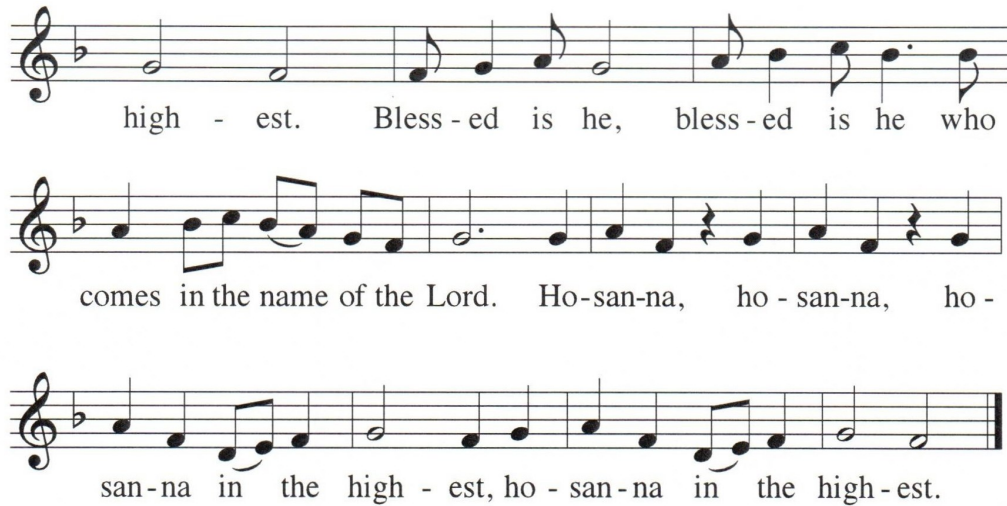
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,



God of power and might, heav-en and earth are full of your



glo-ry. Ho-san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, ho - san-na, ho -
san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: O Holy God, we give you thanks that on this day we have seen the resurrected face of our Savior and Redeemer Jesus Christ. Through all generations you have sustained your people with new life;

In the chaos of the flood you gave a sign of promise.
To the barrenness Abraham and Sarah you gave a child.
In Egypt you heard Israel cry and liberated your people.
In the wilderness you upheld their life with daily bread.
In exile you promised your people the hope of a new land.
And in Jesus you revealed the depth of your forgiving love.

*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 in 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.*

We praise you for bringing your people through slavery, exile, and the wilderness giving faith to all to proclaim your death and resurrection:

People: Christ had died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Send you Spirit upon those gathered for this glorious feast and upon the body and blood of your Son. Lead us this day out of the darkness of the tomb to the glory of resurrection light. Through him, with him, in him through the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory, honor, deliverance, and mercy are yours now and forever.

People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer *(Pray in the language or translation of your choice.)*

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**People: 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.**

**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 to Communion

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


People: Thanks be to God.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

Distribution of the Sacrament

We invite all worshippers to join us in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The Pastor and Leader will distribute the body of Christ and the Communion Assistants will stand at either corner of the chancel holding trays of small glasses of the blood of Christ, either wine or grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.


Hymn: Lamb of God




Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the



world: have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the



world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Special Music

Communion Hymn: *Jesus Remember Me*

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn "Jesus Remember Me". Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics "Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom." are written below the treble clef staff of each system. The music is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat).

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community
Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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Blessing

The congregation is invited to stand.

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you,
and keep you in God's grace.

People: Amen.

Prayer After Communion

Leader: 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.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

People: Amen.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

Our Life Together

Closing Hymn: *By Your Hand You Feed Your People*

The congregation is invited to stand

Verses



1. By your hand you feed your peo - ple food of
2. In this meal we taste your sweet - ness, bread for
3. Send us now with faith and cour - age to the



an - gels, heav - en's bread. For these gifts we did not
hun - ger, wine of peace. Ho - ly word and Ho - ly
hun - gry, lost, be - reaved. In our liv - ing and our



la - bor; by your grace have we been fed.
wis - dom, sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
dy - ing we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain



Christ's own bod - y, blest and bro - ken, Cup o'er -



flow - ing, life out - poured, giv - en as a liv - ing



to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

We Walk By Faith (verses 1, 2, 4, 5)



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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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-phant 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: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradansen*, 1710

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The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877

Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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There in God's Garden (verses 1, 2, 4, 6)



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending
 this my resurrection;
 into your hands, Lord,
 I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it, take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

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I Come With Joy (verses 1, 3, 4, 5)



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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We Are Welcomed into God's Love
just as we are

We Are Sent into God's World
to be a reflection of Christ

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ... God proves love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. [Romans 5:1, 8]

Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." [St. Matthew 28:19-20]