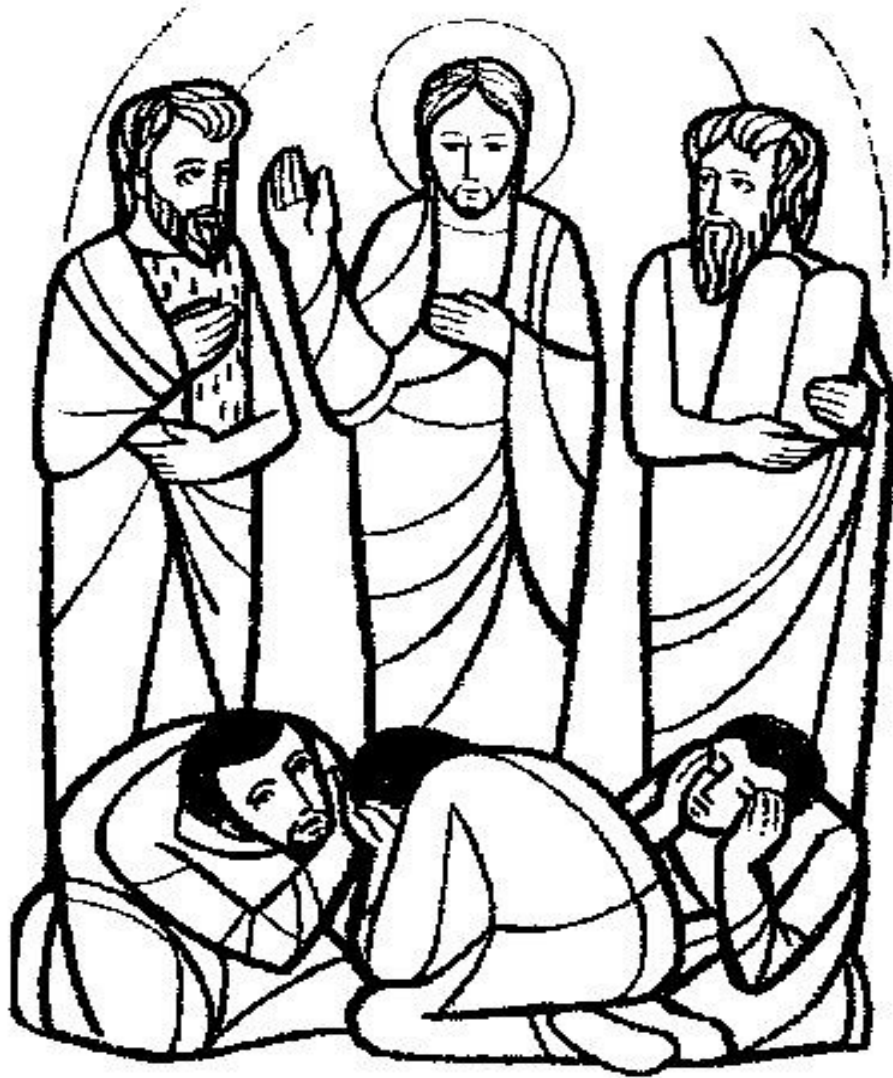


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Welcome to All in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence for self examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn

#194
Green

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

The musical score is written for a two-part setting. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the staves.

1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized shall see the Lord's sal -
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray, grant us your Ho - ly

va - tion; bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, they are a
Spir - it; help us in our in - fir - mi - ty through Je - sus'

new cre - a - tion; through Christ's re-demp-tion they will stand a -
blood and mer - it; grant us to grow in grace each day by

mong the glo-rious heav'n-ly band of ev - ry tribe and na - tion.
ho - ly bap - tism, that we may e - ter - nal life in - her - it.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860–1943, alt.
Music: ES IST DAS HEIL, *Eitlich christlich Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1524

Apostolic 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

Kyrie eleison. **C: Lord have mercy.**
Christe eleison. **C: Christ have mercy.**
Kyrie eleison. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises,

that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through 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.**

The assembly is seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading — *Genesis 12:1-4a*

A reading from Genesis

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

P: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes ¹to the hills; from where is my ¹help to come?

²**My help comes ¹from the LORD, the maker of heav- ¹en and earth.**

³He will not let your ¹foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not ¹fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, he who keeps watch ¹over Israel shall neither slum- ¹ber
nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD himself watches ¹over you;
the LORD is your shade at ¹your right hand,

⁶**so that the sun shall not strike ¹you by day, nor the ¹moon by night.**

⁷The LORD shall preserve you ¹from all evil; it is he who shall ¹keep you safe.

⁸**The LORD shall watch over your going out and your ¹coming in,
from this time forth for- ¹evermore.**

Second Reading — *Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

A reading from Romans

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say?

"Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the

ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**The Son of Man must be lifted up,*
that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.** [John 3:14,15]

Holy Gospel — John 3:1-17

P: The holy gospel according to St. John. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷"Indeed, God

did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn
of the
Day
#323
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God Loved the World

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Nicene Creed

Together with the whole Church, we confess our faith:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator 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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**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.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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

P: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray to the Father for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P: O God, raise up leaders for your church who care for your people. Bless lay theologians, seminary and college professors, and all who are called to the ministry of teaching, that they faithfully form and inspire us for the work of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Guide the work of researchers, scientists, and activists who love your earth and inspire us to care for the natural world. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Uphold leaders who resist tyranny and oppression. Strengthen organizations that promote peace and harmony. Direct their work to alleviate human suffering and to address its root causes. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Draw near to all who live with mental illness, depression, or addiction, and accompany them in healing and recovery. Hear the cries of those who look to you in their distress, especially those we name before you now..... Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Bless the children in our midst, and delight us with their joy, wonder, and curiosity. Use us all to form them for faithful discipleship. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: As our ancestors in the faith have been a blessing to us, so inspire us by their example of holy living to be a blessing to those who come after us. Sustain us by the faithfulness of the saints as we await the day of Christ's glorious coming. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Peace

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection. God does not hold our sins against us. This is true peace, Like Jesus with his disciples, pastor shares the word of reconciliation from God to us.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

We share Christ's forgiving and reconciling love with one another, binding ourselves to one another as community. As we are at peace with God, so we are also at peace with one another.

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Thanksgiving For the Word

P: Let us pray.

P: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we humbly thank you for your goodness to us and to all that you have made. We praise you for your creation, for keeping us and all things in your care, and for all the blessings of life. Above all we bless you for your immeasurable love in redeeming the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with thankful hearts we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service and by living in your gifts of holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all worship and praise, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us how 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,
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.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Benediction

P: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn

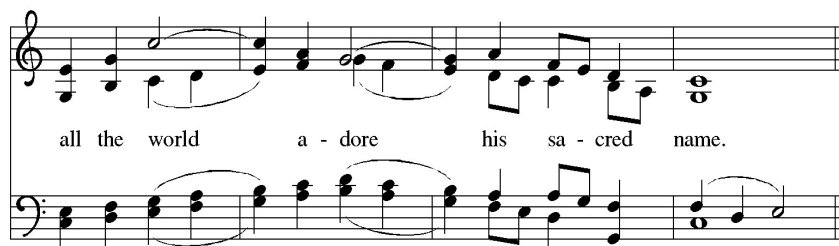
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Lift High the Cross

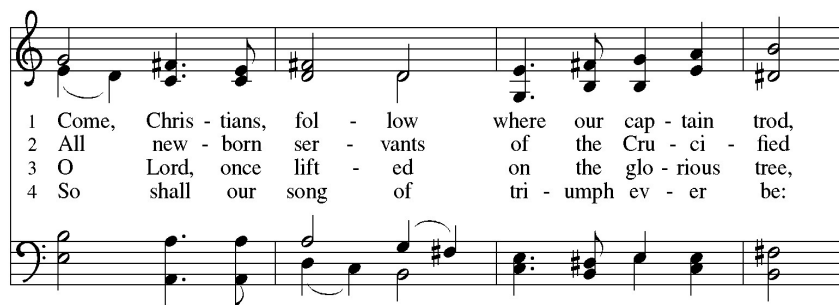
Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

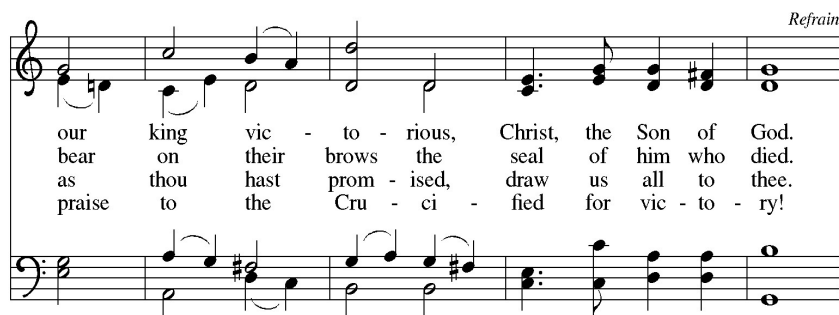
The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lift High the Cross'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are placed below the melody. The word 'Refrain' is written above the first measure of the melody. The lyrics are: 'Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till'. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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A Tribute Gift to the Memorial Fund was given to the glory of God

In memory of *Fran Thatcher* by Carol Kunkle.

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Preacher: Christopher Waddail Text Romans: 4:1-5, 13-17

Leader: Rev. Beth Schlegel

MARCH 15: "Reconciled to God By Christ's Death"

Preacher: Tristian Ericson Text: Romans 5:1-11 Leader: Rev. William Snyder

MARCH 22: "Awake From Sleep, Live As Children of Light"

Preacher: Rev. Stan Reep Text: Eph. 5:8-14 Leader: Rev. William Snyder

MARCH 29: "Life In the Spirit"

Preacher: Nancy Bennett Text Romans 8:6-11 Leader: Rev. Beth Schlegel

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