

**St. Luke Lutheran Church and
Lutheran Campus Ministry**
Holy Communion

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 7, 2023
10:00 AM

YOU are welcome here! As a Reconciling in Christ Congregation, the people of St. Luke Lutheran Church are called by God to be a community...because we believe we are one in God's eyes, we welcome the mix of ages, races, gender identities, physical and mental capabilities, and sexual orientations with which God's children are blessed. Everyone is invited to share in God's grace. We rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus--not our wealth, nor our poverty, nor our nationality, nor our political convictions, nor whom we love, nor anything else in all creation.

Everything you need for worship today is contained in this bulletin.

*All are invited to stand as able / Items in **bold** are spoken or sung by the assembly.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Prelude on “Westminster Abbey”

Charles Callahan

WORD OF WELCOME

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ...are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters...

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

*PEACE

The presiding minister will offer a word of peace and the assembly responds:

And also with you.

***GATHERING HYMN 530** Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather
We cannot print this hymn in the bulletin, please use the red ELW hymnal in the pews.

TOKYO

***GREETING**

The presiding minister will greet the assembly and the assembly responds:

And also with you.

***KYRIE**

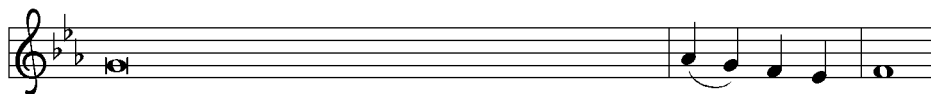
Setting One



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



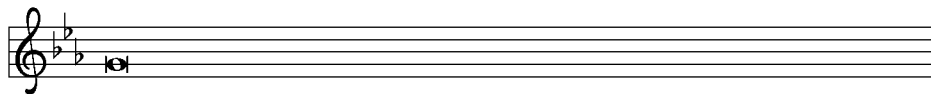
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



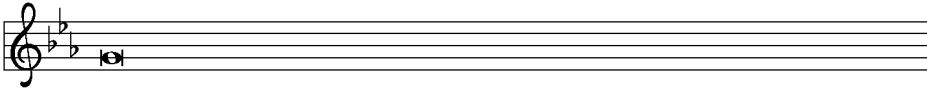
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



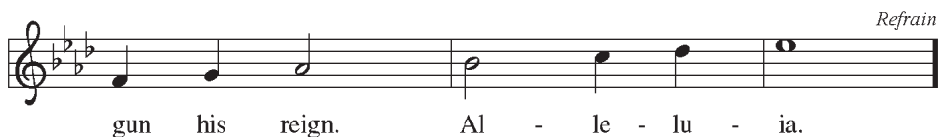
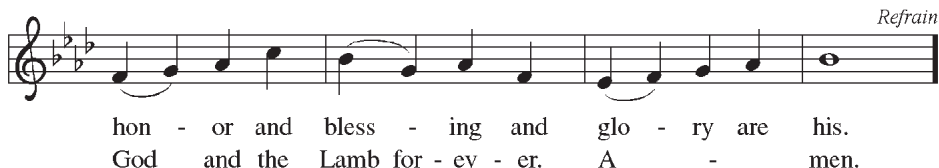
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** This is the Feast

Setting One



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assisting minister offers the prayer of the day and the assembly responds:

Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

The psalm is sung responsively.

¹In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;
deliver me | in your righteousness.

²**Incline your | ear to me;
make haste to de- | liver me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,
for you are my tow- | er of strength.**

⁵Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, | God of truth.

¹⁵**My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who | persecute me.**

¹⁶Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love."

**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 for- | ever. Amen.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting One

The assembly sings the acclamation and repeats it after the choir proclaims the verse of the day.



The holy gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter..

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON



1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a
2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a
3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes his guest.
part; such a heart as joys in love.

***NICENE CREED**

**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

*The response to the petitions, which all end “Hear Us, O God” is “**Your mercy is great.**”*

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An offering is taken to support the mission of the church and the care of those in need. An usher will bring a basket or plate to you, or you may drop your offering in the plates on the table near the back row upon entering or leaving. Offerings can also be made using the QR code or visiting stlukeithaca.org and clicking “donate” in the top right corner.



SETTING THE TABLE

As we prepare the table for the celebration of Holy Communion, the offering is gathered as the choir sings an offertory.

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia. Declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honour of his name,
make his praise to be glorious.

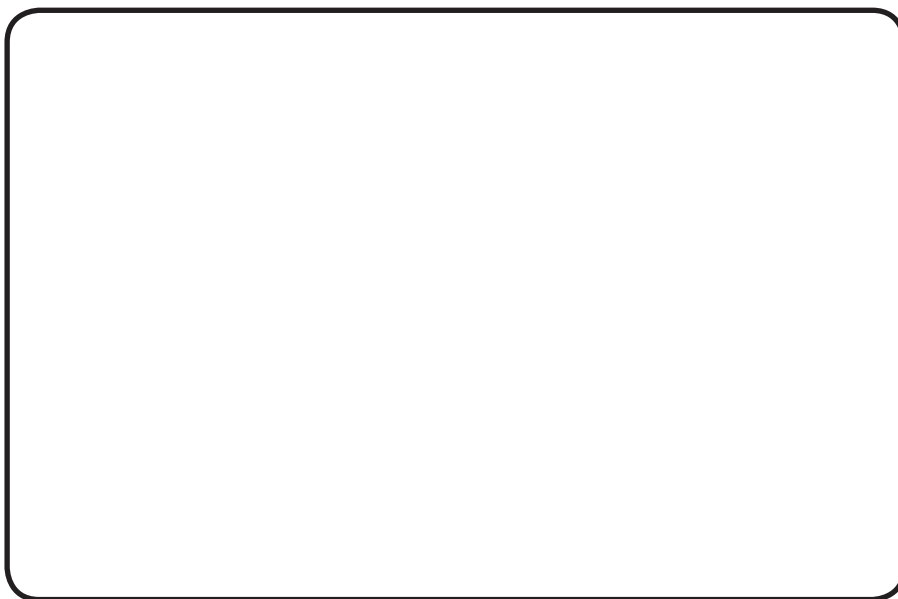
With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia. Alleluia.
Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

During Easter we use **candles** to remind us of the **life** and **light** of Jesus.

There may be a candle that looks like this in your worship space. Do you see one?



Color this candle and then draw pictures of other candles you see in your worship space.





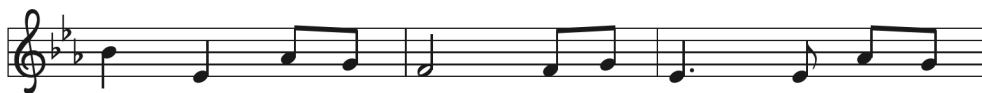
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***ASSEMBLY OFFERTORY SONG 966** Loaves Were Broken JOYOUS LIGHT
STANZA ONE

The assembly stands as the offering and the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward.



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

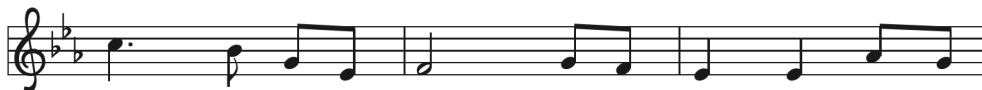


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

*OFFERING PRAYER

The assisting minister will lead an offering prayer and the assembly responds: **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

*DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Setting One

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*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.**

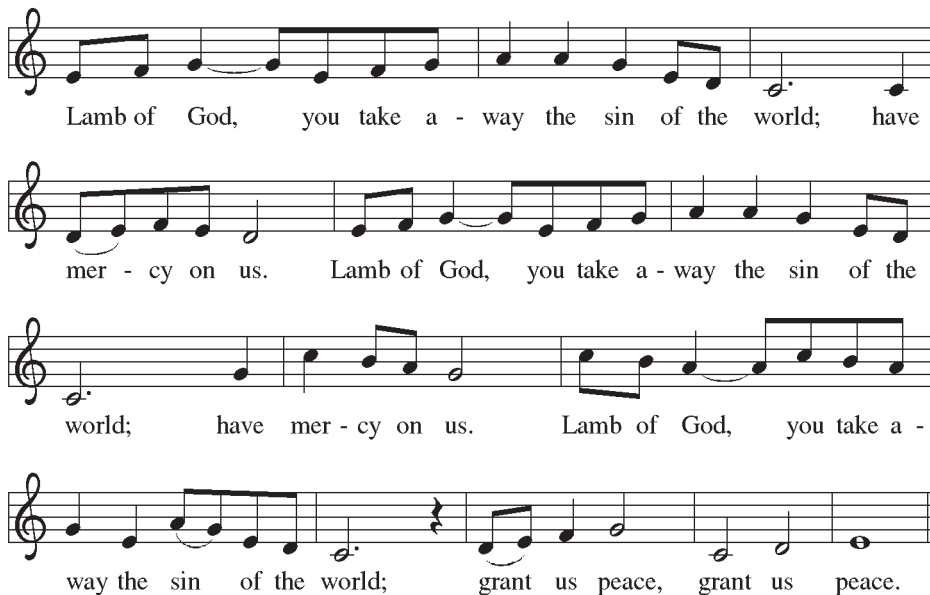
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*LAMB OF GOD

Setting One

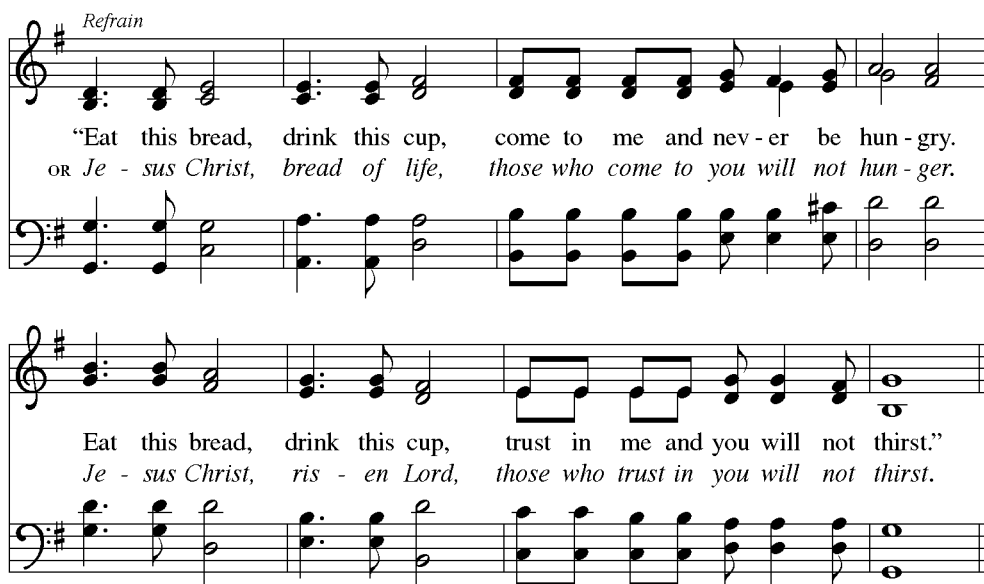


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*COMMUNION HYMN 472 Eat this Bread

BERTHIER

Refrain

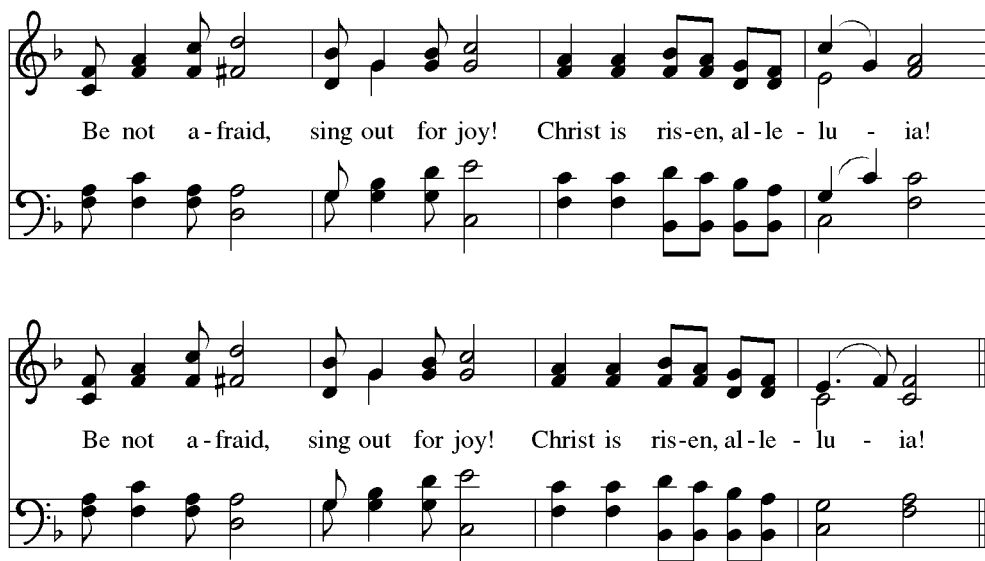


“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

*TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE 388 (Sung three times)



Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assisting minister will lead the Prayer after Communion and the assembly responds: **Amen.***

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING** *The assembly responds: **Amen.

***SENDING HYMN 645** Christ is Made the Sure Foundation WESTMINSTER ABBEY

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the staves, with four verses of text. The first system covers the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the next four lines. The music is written in a simple, clear style, suitable for a church service.

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Finale on "Westminster Abbey"

Charles Callahan

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

St. Luke Ministers:	All the people of this Community
Assisting Minister:	Ketchel Carey
Reader:	Susan Hoskins
Communion Minister:	
Usher:	
Webcast:	
Music Director:	Erik Kibelsbeck
Presider and Preacher:	The Rev. Jason R. Churchill

*The flowers are given in support of Hannah and the Patel family
by Don and Judy Tennant.*

Last week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Diane Conneman.

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UPCOMING READINGS

The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.

Monday

Psalm 102:1-17

Exodus 13:17-22

Acts 7:17-40

Tuesday

Psalm 102:1-17

Proverbs 3:5-12

Acts 7:44-56

Wednesday

Psalm 102:1-17

Proverbs 3:13-18

John 8:31-38

Thursday

Psalm 66:8-20

Genesis 6:5-22

Acts 27:1-12

Friday

Psalm 66:8-20

Genesis 7:1-24

Acts 27:13-38

Saturday

Psalm 66:8-20

Genesis 8:13-19

John 14:27-29

THE READINGS IN THE BIBLE

Acts 7:55-60

Luke's narrative in Acts now makes clear that besides idyllic success, the apostles encountered also hardship and death. The details of the story of Stephen's martyrdom parallel both Jesus' baptism and his crucifixion. Stephen was one of the seven men appointed by the apostles to fill the role of deacon, caring for the poor. Luke also places in his mouth a long speech in which Christ is seen as the replacement of the Jewish temple. Luke's reference to Jesus as the Son of Man allows the persecuted community to trust that at the end of time, Christ will return as apocalyptic judge to vindicate all who have suffered for their faith.

The psalm sung in response to the reading from Acts is **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**. Like Stephen and the psalmist, we encounter severe pain, but we trust that God will deliver us from our enemies, and we commit our spirit to God. If this situation seems inappropriate for any of us today, we can pray it for everyone who is in dire need.

1 Peter 2:2-10

Because the author of 1 Peter hoped in the late first century to console Christians when they faced persecution, chapter 2 describes in a series of positive metaphors the communal life of the baptized. Believers are nursing infants, stones, priests, a unique nation, enlightened by baptism. Typical of early Christians hermeneutic, the author applied to Christ the Old Testament metaphor of the cornerstone. Although the early Christians did not share a political identity, they joined together in the merciful identity of God's people.

John 14:1-14

In the first half of the gospel of John, Jesus enacts a sign and then explains its meaning in a discourse. In the second half, often called the Book of Glory, the order is reversed. In the discourses of chapters 14–17, the theologian John is explaining the meaning of the sign narrated in chapters 18–21, which is the death and resurrection of Christ. Jesus' death will return him to God, his Father; yet the post-resurrection community is comforted, since encountering the Son, which worshipers do weekly, is seeing the Father.

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