

Welcome to worship at New Hanover Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday
April 14, 2022



In a room full to the brim with emotion, Jesus offers a tender, loving, and humble goodbye, stooping low to wash and caress his disciples' feet. Like the water splashing within the washbasin, his actions ripple out: "Go and do likewise. Just as I have loved you, love one another." This scene offers us a poignant and powerful image of discipleship. Our sub-theme is primarily inspired by Peter's experience and the way he initially resists Jesus' offer. How many of us resist vulnerability? How often do we resist receiving love, support, and nurturing from others? Jesus' command to go and do likewise is only possible for us if we, too, learn how to receive. We can't fully give without receiving also; love is designed to be shared. As was the case for Peter, receiving selfless, poured-out love fundamentally changes us. It's a profound act that shows us who we are. It's a practice of surrender and letting go. It reminds us of how God loves us. And so, this Maundy Thursday, take off your shoes. Remove the walls and protective layers you have built up. Allow yourself to be loved fully by God. Allow yourself to be filled to the brim so you can go out and fill others too.

The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

**All worship can be viewed online at
newhanoverlutheran.org,
facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch
and on YouTube.**

**May your worship experience strengthen you
with God's love and grace.**

Welcome

Prelude *At the Midnight Hour* Esther S. Higgins

Call to Worship

“Even now, declares the Lord,
return to me with all your heart.” (Joel 2:12)

Roll up your sleeves.

Let down your guard.

Come in from the storm.

Make yourself at home.

Pull up to the table.

Release the tension in your jaw. Take a deep breath. Return to
God with all your heart.

May it be so.

Call to Confession

Lent can sometimes get a negative reputation. It's viewed as the
season in our faith when we give things up, we prepare for the
worst. However, I cannot help but imagine that God wants more
for us than just six weeks of discipline or six weeks without
chocolate. I cannot help but imagine that God wants a life for us
so expansive that faith, joy, and hope flow over the edges. So let
us confess, not because we have to suffer our way through Lent,
but because the truth moves us one step closer to that expansive
faith. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness

Holy God, we confess: we don't return to you fully. We share with you the pieces of our lives that are convenient. We put on different hats in different rooms. We forget that we are called, invited, and loved with all that we are — including our mess, our beauty, our faith, and our doubt. Forgive us, and give us hearts that long to return.

Friends, God sees you. God hears you. God loves you. You are forgiven and claimed with all that you are. Rest in that good news. **Thanks be to God, amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Lift High the Cross

ELW #660

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

A reading from Exodus.

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.

¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound-ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound -ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel Reading John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my

feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

^{31b}“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Hymn of the Day *Where Charity and Love Prevail* ELW #359

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in an expansive love that healed the sick, welcomed the children, and saw this world as it could be.

We believe that that expansive love runs over the edges of our lives, smoothing our rough places, and pulling us home.

We call that expansive love Yaweh and Mother God, Jesus and Divine Creator.

Thanks be to God for a Love like that. Amen.

Invitation to the Table

Jesus has always been one to invite.

He said, **“Drop your nets and follow me.”**

He said, **“Let the little children come.”**

He said, **“Stand up from your mat, you are healed.”**

Jesus has always been one to invite, and that has not changed.

So friends, you are invited to this Table. Each and every one of us—with our doubts, our fears, our scars, our joy, our dreams, our hopes, our questions—we are invited to God’s table.

And here we will be met. Here we will be fed. Here we are given a taste of an expansive life that is full to the brim with love, overflowing with joy.

So come. Not because you must, but because you can. Come. You are invited. This Table is for you.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God who knows us, we are amazed by you. Your love never runs out, your hope never runs dry, your joy never gives up. We wish that we could be more like you in that way.

In a world that loves scarcity, your abundance is shocking. In a world that knows fear, your joy is compelling. In a world that knows anxiety, your peace is captivating. We long for these things.

So today we ask you—be with us on the hamster wheel. Be with us when compassion fatigue rears her head. Be with us when stress makes it hard to breathe. Be with us when self-doubt pushes in close.

Be with us when exhaustion becomes constant or when loneliness becomes our primary language.

Be with us, and show us the way to the life you long for us.

Show us a life of expansive faith.

Show us a life of overflowing joy.

Show us a life of absorbing beauty.
Show us a life of engrossing purpose.
Show us a life that is as honest, and rich, and meaningful as the
one Jesus led.

And until that expansive and holy day, we will continue to gather
at this Table. Until that day we will continue to look for you in our
midst. So pour out a double portion of yourself onto this bread and
cup so that we might catch a glimpse of your goodness.

God, we are amazed by you. Your love never runs out, so bring
that never-ending love here. Together we pray:

**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.**

Words of Institution

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.

*Today we celebrate Holy Communion. This is the Lord's Table,
open to everyone.*

The body of Christ, given for you. Take and eat.
(The response is “Amen”, then eat the bread).

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Take and drink.
(The response is, “Amen”, the drink the cup).

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Stripping of the Altar Psalm 22

Tonight there is no benediction as Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday are considered one continuing worship.

Please leave in silence.

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Announcements

Sound and video assistants needed for worship broadcast and live stream video. Training will be provided. For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor Scott at pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org or (610) 326-1335 ext. 1.

Sponsors are needed. Suggested donation for the bulletin is \$20 and flowers is \$35. Or, sponsor the *Word in Season* for \$35 a month. Contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at (610) 326-1335 for available dates and to sign up.

Today

The communion is sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Herbert D. Burkhart, by Janet Burkhart.

The *Word in Season* daily devotion books April - June are available in the welcome center and the information box located outside by the Sunday school doors. The books are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Dottie Eisenhart and Karen Trout-Long by Gerald Eisenhart.

Serving This Evening Head Usher: Steve Weidner; Usher: Robin Fatzinger

Good Friday Head Usher: Scott Geiser; Usher: Jim Gross

Easter 8:00 Head Usher: Marty Hauser; Ushers: Bill Allen and Rick Hausch; Children's Sermon: Pastor Scott

Easter 10:00 Head Usher: Steve Weidner; Ushers: Rick Solazzo and Vicki Mutter; Children's Sermon: Lindsey Waltermyer

Upcoming Events

The Easter morning breakfast at church has been cancelled. Worship services will be held at 8:00 and 10:00.

The Flutter Youth group (anyone in grades 6-12 is welcome!) will be heading to the Althouse Arboretum on Sunday, April 24th, from 12:30 - 2:00 for a low-ropes course team-building experience. The cost is \$15/person. We will eat after Sunday School (bring a packed lunch) and then drive over together. Please wear sneakers and bring a reusable water bottle. See Jen Boyer or Lindsey Waltermyer if you are interested in attending this event.

Food Ministry

More than 70,000 meals have been delivered! NHELCC's Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 – 2 PM and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM. Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs. 2) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards, place

monetary donation in the offering plate or mail to the church.

3) Deliver meals. Sign up at

<https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

We need help! NHELCLoaves & Fishes is feeding the homeless and those in need every month on the second Tuesday.

If you can put a piece of food onto a plate, or serve a plate, or greet someone, or help sing a hymn or two, we could use your help.

Meals are served at 5:30 PM at Emmanuel Lutheran Church located in Pottstown. You can sign up to help at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f48adaf28a5f58-nhelc>.

Full to the Brim - An Expansive Lent

Full to the Brim doesn't ignore or deny sin and suffering. It doesn't absolve accountability for wrongdoing. Instead it contextualizes our faith. If love is our beginning, how can we live our lives led by love's promises? It reminds us to live fully—as we pursue justice and hope, or express grief and gratitude. And so, this Lent, let us trust—fully—that we belong to God. Let us increase our capacity to receive and give grace. Let us discover the expansive life God dreams for us. Come join us for a truly expansive experience as we dig deeper into our faith and dream. “Now to the God who can do so many *awe-inspiring things, immeasurable things*, things greater than we ever could ask or imagine through the power at work in us.... --” Eph 3:20

Remember in your prayers

Requests

Toni Rath, Katy Mahon-Miller, Matt Hall, Luann Hanley, Scot Smale, Carol Estes, William Trotter, Kathy Kane, Phil Underkoffler, Maxwell Girard, Pat Fryer, Carol Buchholtz Yost, Enoc Zapien, Jean Renninger, Barbara Morris, Kathy Campos, Pr. Susan Lynch, Richard Norris, Pr. Kork Moyer, Betty Lou Shadle, Julia Hauck, Tony Mancini, Raul Castro, Amy LeVan, Jeffrey Kunsch, Mary Ellen Jonczyk, Hannah Phillips, Braydon Kline, Edwin Sugita, Wilma Lahr, Robert Tadley, Jim Price, Melissa, Bernadette Phillips, Mary Lou, Doug Weaver, Joan Wagner, Jaden Mahlbauer, Robert Ganovsky, Mary Alice Mack, Dorothy Bingaman, Emily Ocelus, Gates family, Eric and Wendy Hess, Sue Care, Josh Young, Herman Richard, Deb Matthews, Marceline, Brendan Avvento, Anne Eshleman, Daniel Johnson, Gwen Grant, Chris Fatzinger, Hank Droneberg, Pena family, Kim Frain, Ken Jacob, Jen Perez, Frank D., Pam Helfrich, Barb and Tom Faust, Andy Van Dyke, Janet, Tom Swanson, Tricia Hoak family, Marilyn Varnum, Jerry Dotterer, Feryl Stein, Laurie Scoggins, Pam Abbott, Holli Muffler, Louise Karns

Peace for the violence in our area and nationally

Long-term

Garrett Coyne, Heather James, Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Shannon, John, Dominic Strock, Sally Kohl, Tina Farrell

Shut-in

Penny Frymoyer

Military

Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods

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Holy Week Schedule



Good Friday

Worship Service

April 15th

7 PM

Easter

Worship Service - Communion

Worship Service - Communion

April 17th

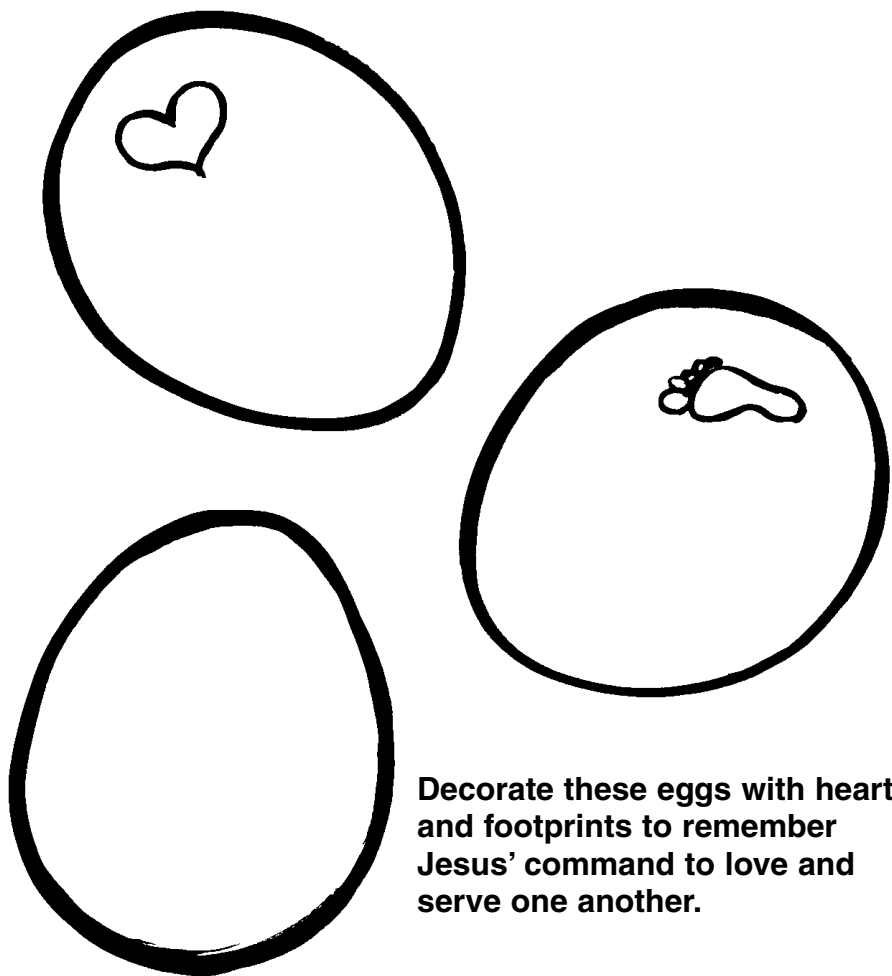
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10 AM

Send

The great promise ahead

Maundy Thursday is a good day to color Easter eggs. The eggs are a reminder of the great promise ahead: the Easter promise of new life.



Decorate these eggs with hearts and footprints to remember Jesus' command to love and serve one another.

This week

Use a white crayon to draw the designs you made here on eggs at home. Then color or dye your eggs.

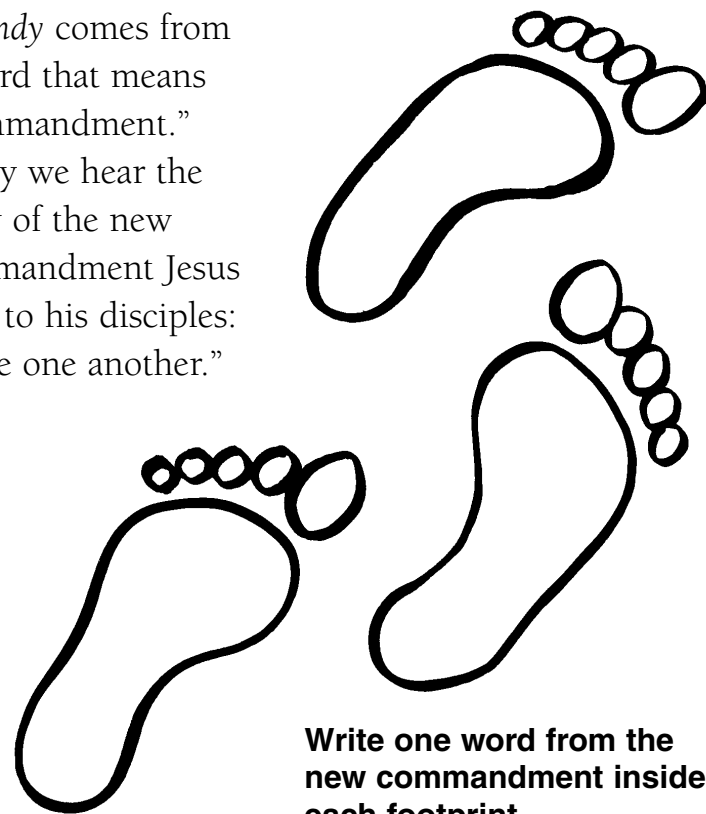
Kids
Celebrate
Maundy Thursday



gather

Welcome to worship. Today is Maundy Thursday, the day Lent ends and the three days when we remember Jesus' death and resurrection begin. What changes do you see in your worship space?

Maundy comes from a word that means "commandment." Today we hear the story of the new commandment Jesus gave to his disciples: "Love one another."

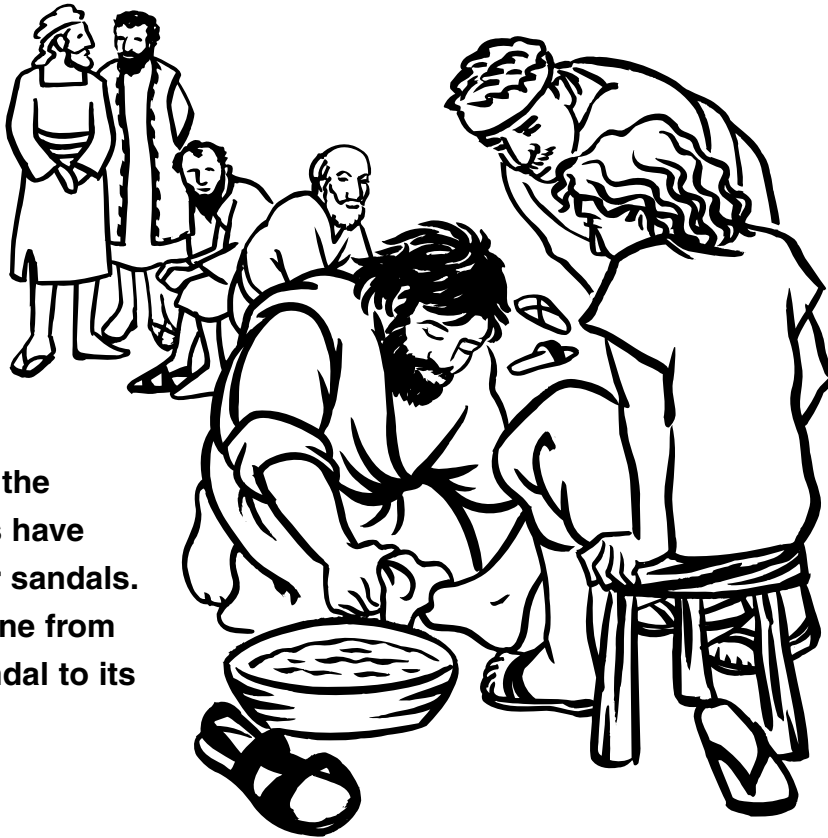


Write one word from the new commandment inside each footprint.

Jesus washes the disciples' feet

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Before Jesus and his disciples ate supper together for the last time, Jesus poured water into a bowl and began to wash their feet. When he had finished, Jesus said to them, "Just as I have washed your feet, you also should wash each other's feet." Later Jesus added, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another."



Some of the disciples have lost their sandals. Draw a line from each sandal to its owner.

Sharing a meal

Jesus shared a meal with his disciples the night before he died. Now Christians share a meal called the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion. Draw your church family sharing communion.



Did you see any feet being washed during worship today?



Help me to serve others, Jesus, like you did. Amen

Lift High the Cross



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



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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Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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