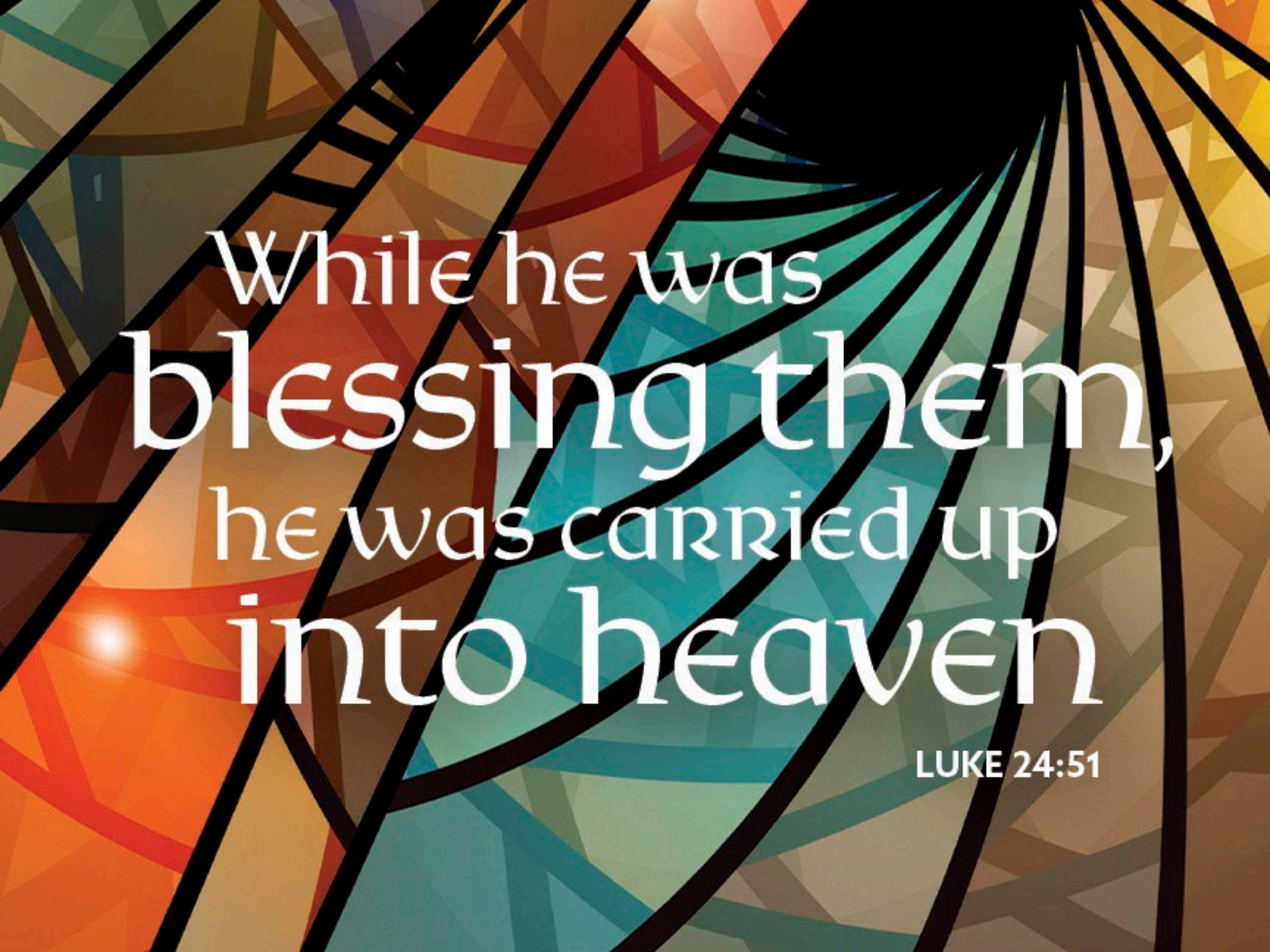


Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, June 1, 2025

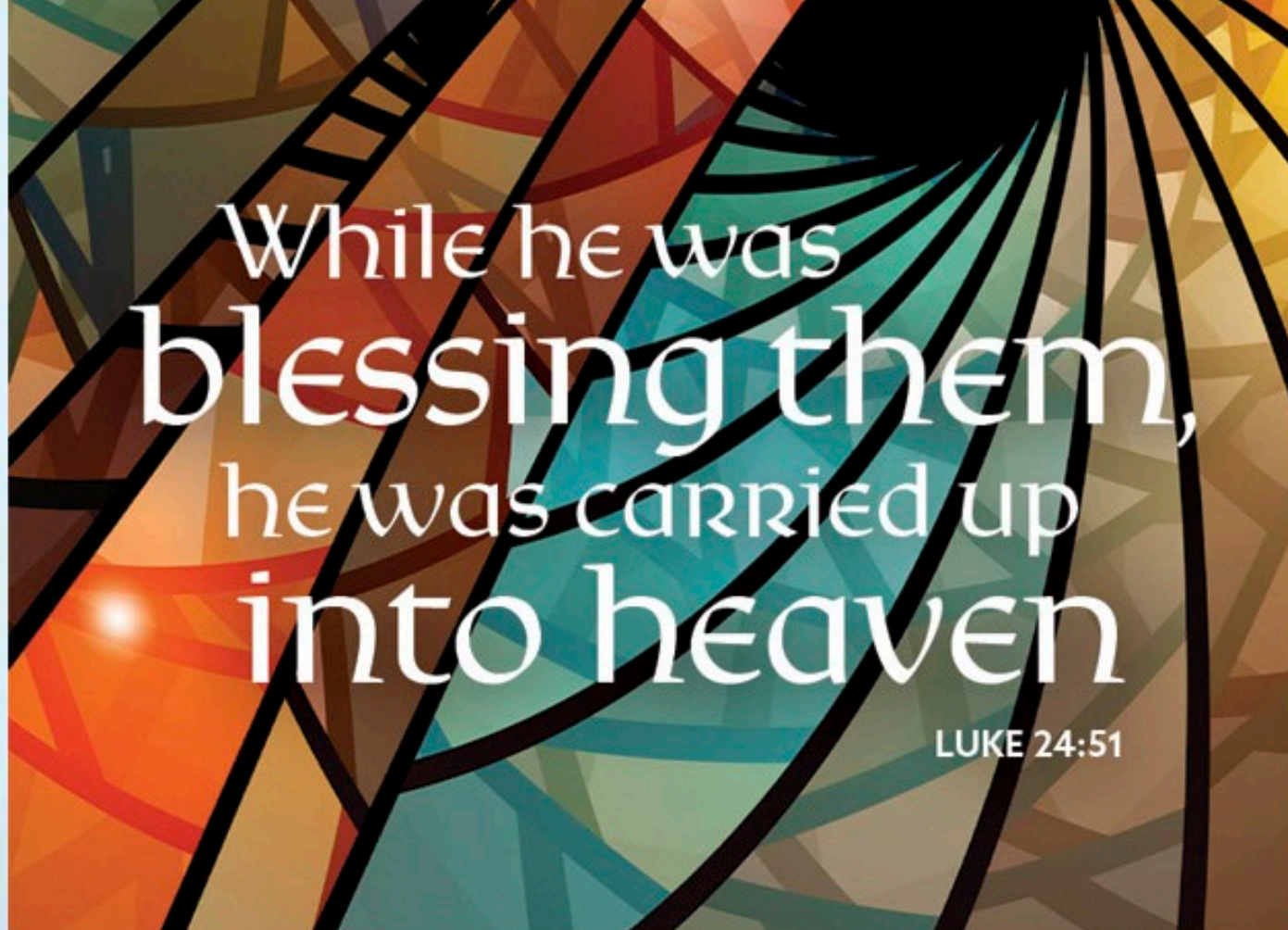
Ascension Sunday

*Altar flowers have been given by
Jim & Carolyn Smith in celebration of
their anniversary.*

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LUKE 24:51



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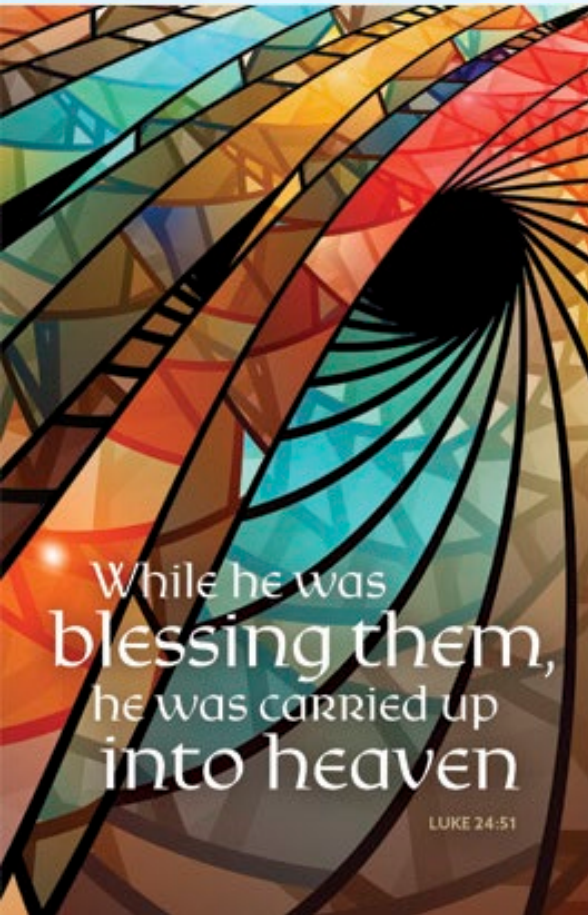
LUKE 24:51

Prelude – Ben Corwyn
The head that once was crowned
(arr. Christopher Tambling)

WELCOME
to Worship!



Opening Hymn



*A Hymn of Glory Let
Us Sing!*

red hymnal, ELW #393

A Hymn of Glory, ELW #393, Verse 1

***A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout
the world shall ring:***

Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God.***

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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A Hymn of Glory, ELW #393, Verse 2

***The holy apostolic band
upon the Mount of Olives stand,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
and with His faithful foll'wers see
their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

A Hymn of Glory, ELW #393, Verse 3

***To whom the shining angels cry,
“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”***

Alleluia! Alleluia!

***“This is the Savior!” thus they say,
“this is his glorious triumph day!”***

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

A Hymn of Glory, ELW #393, Verse 4

***“You see Him now, ascending high
up to the portals of the sky.”***

Alleluia! Alleluia!

***“Hereafter Jesus you shall see
returning in great majesty.”***

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

A Hymn of Glory, ELW #393, Verse 5

***O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to you let earth accord:***

Alleluia! Alleluia!

***You are, while endless ages run,
with Father and with Spirit one.***

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of ✝ the One
who was, who is, and who is to
come.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you,
O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: Grant us grace, love, and life,
O Living One, that our every day
is shaped by these waters that
give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
the Crucified and Risen One.

C: Amen.

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.

Hymn of Praise

***Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love
and freedom.***

Praise and glory forevermore!

***Now is the feast of the Lamb
once slain,
whose blood has freed
and united us
to be one great people of God.***

***Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love
and freedom.
Praise and glory forevermore!***

***Power and riches,
wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ
forever.***

***Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love
and freedom.
Praise and glory forevermore!***

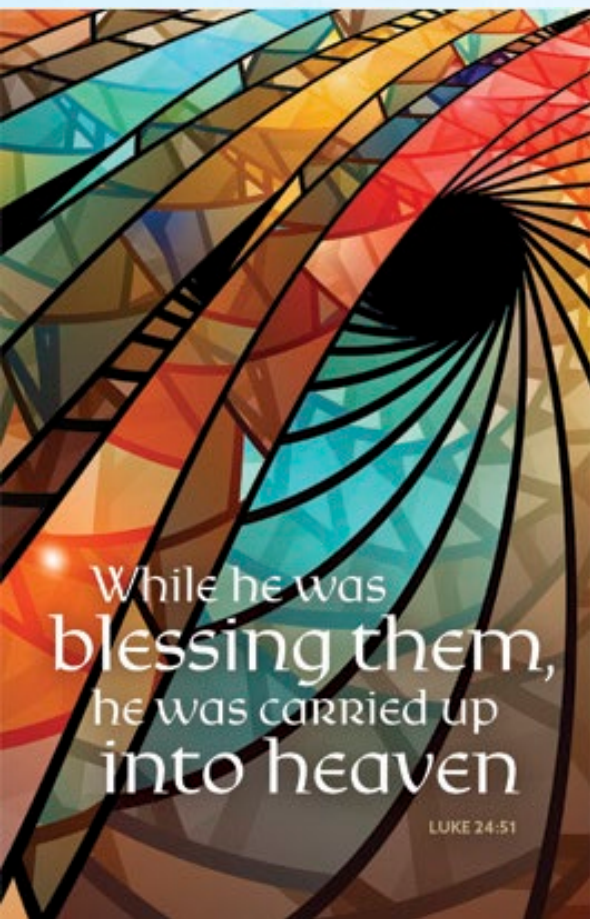
***For God has come to
dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new.***

***Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love
and freedom.
Praise and glory forevermore!***

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. ³After His suffering He presented Himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

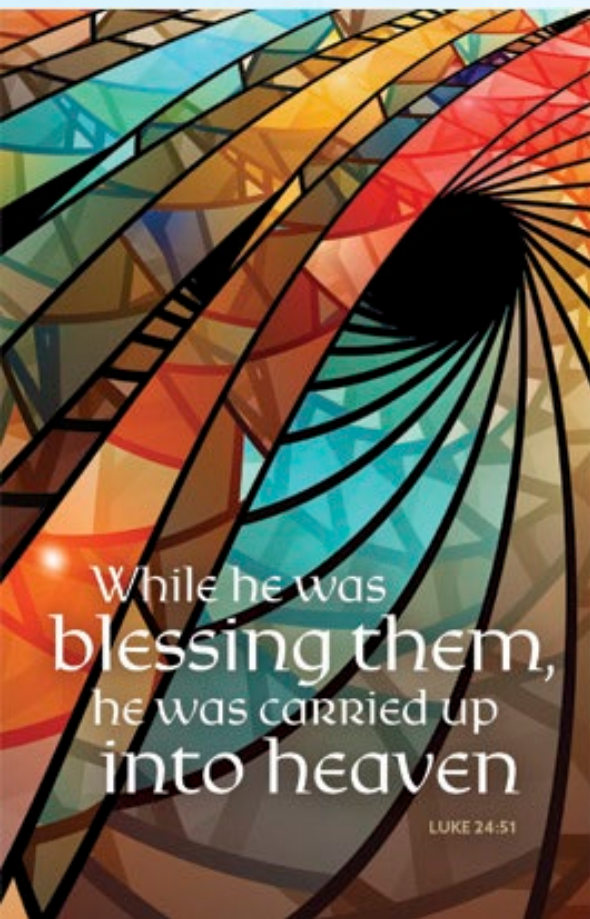
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⁴While staying with them, He ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” He said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked Him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by His own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;

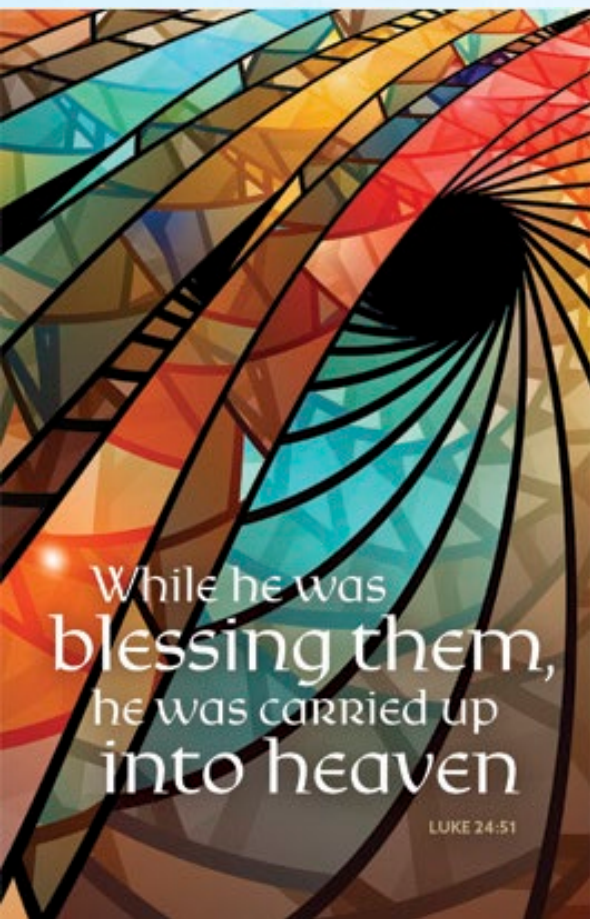
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When He had said this, as they were watching, He was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While He was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.”



L: Word of God,
word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

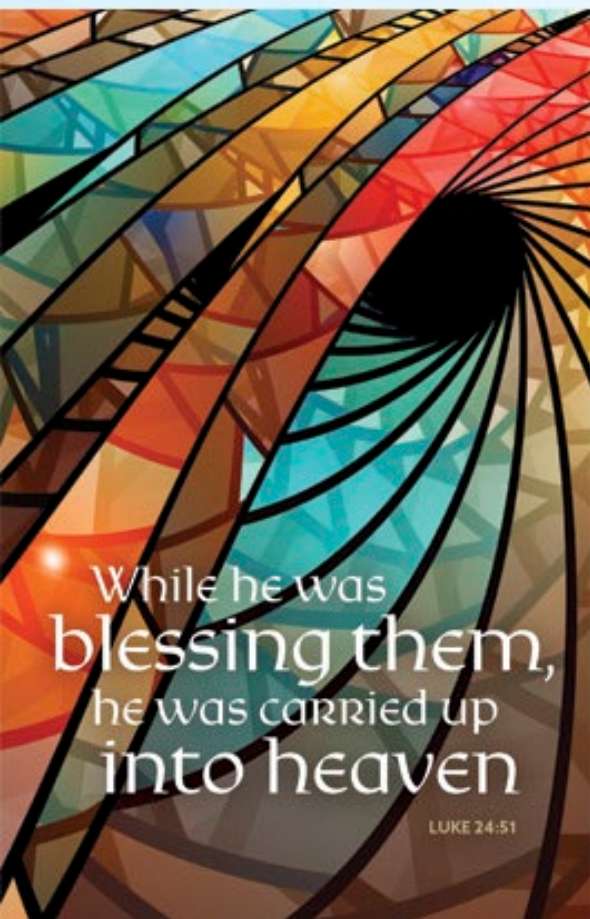
¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know Him,

¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power for us who believe, according to the working of His great power.

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²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

²²And He has put all things under
His feet and has made Him the
head over all things for the church,
²³which is His body, the fullness of
Him who fills all in all.



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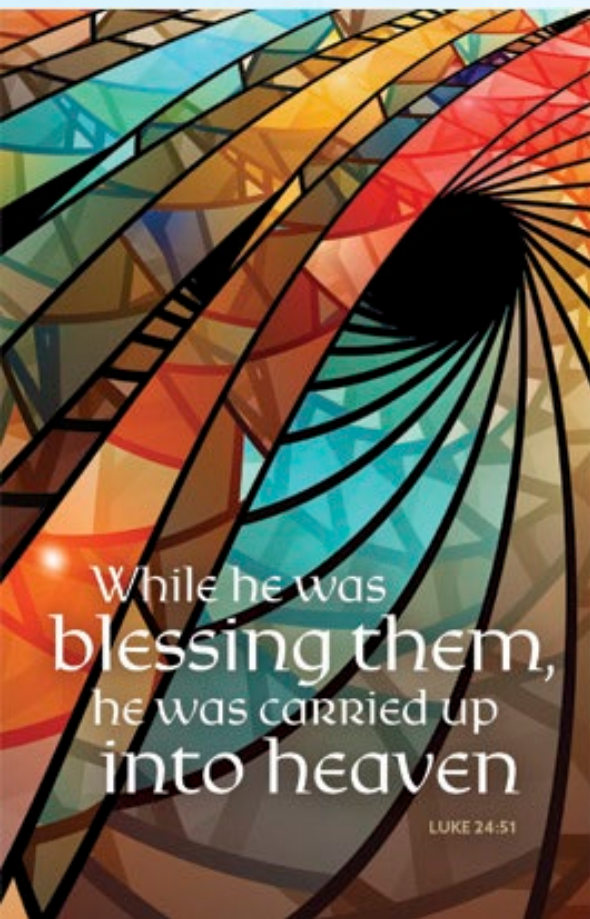
Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.



P: The Holy Gospel
according to Luke.

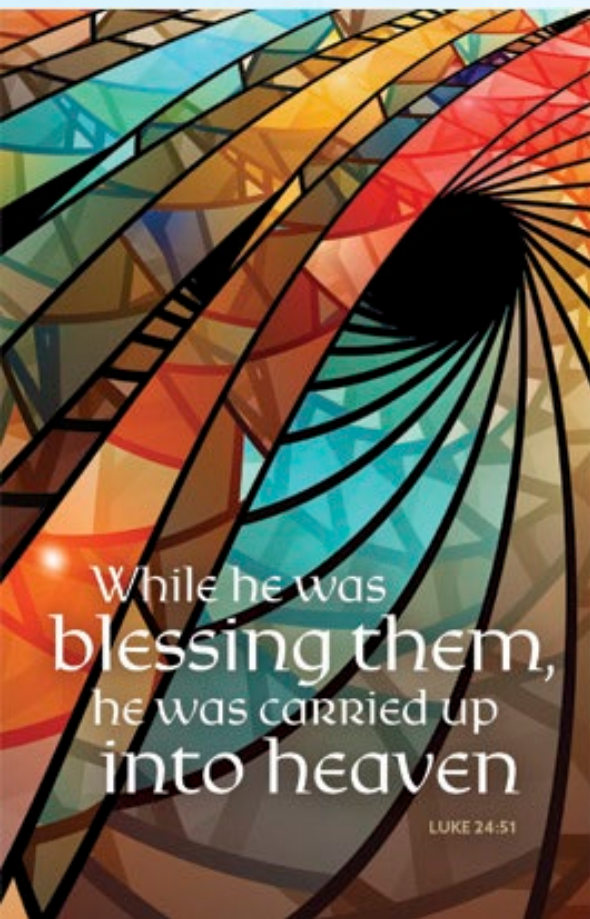
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴[Jesus] said to [the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them,

“Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

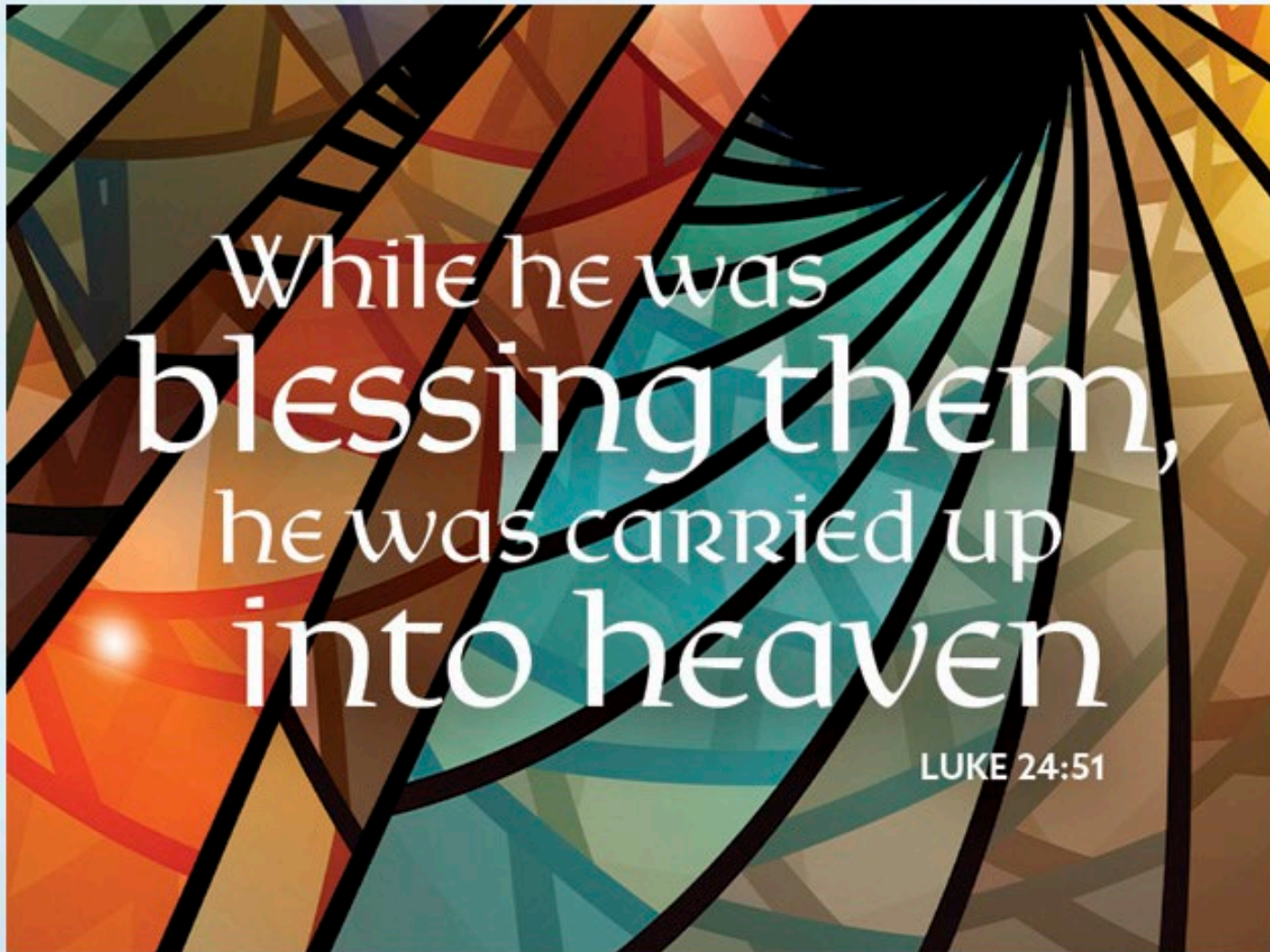
⁵⁰Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up His hands, He blessed them. ⁵¹While He was blessing them, He withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.



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

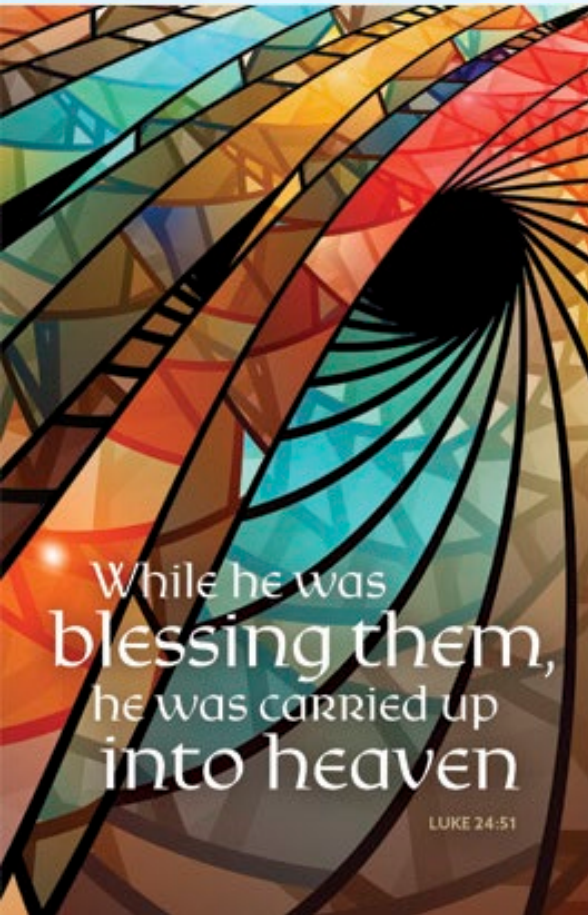


Children's Conversation



Sermon – Pastor Mark Will

Hymn of the Day



*Lord, You Give the
Great Commission*

ELW #579

Lord, You Give, ELW #579, Verse 1, Refrain

***Lord, you give the great commission:
“Heal the sick and preach the word.”
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us
for the work of ministry.***

Lord, You Give, ELW #579, Verse 2, Refrain

***Lord, you call us to your service:
“In my name baptize and teach.”
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community:
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us
for the work of ministry.***

Lord, You Give, ELW #579, Verse 3, Refrain

***Lord, you make the common holy:
“This my body, this my blood.”
Let us all, for earth’s true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children’s liberty:
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us
for the work of ministry.***

Lord, You Give, ELW #579, Verse 4, Refrain

Lord, you show us love's true measure:

“Father, what they do, forgive.”

***Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.***

***May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society:***

***With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.***

Lord, You Give, ELW #579, Verse 5, Refrain

Lord, you bless with words assuring:

“I am with you to the end.”

Faith and hope and love restoring,

may we serve as you intend

and, amid the cares that claim us,

hold in mind eternity:

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us

for the work of ministry.



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

A: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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The prayers conclude:

A: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Gifts

Scan the QR code or go to
stphilip-co.org/giving/ to make a
donation today. Children may come
forward and place their offering
in the basket.



Anthem

God Is Gone Up With a Shout
Sanctuary Choir

Offertory

***As the grains of wheat
once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one
to become our bread;
so may all your people
from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.***

***As this cup of blessing
is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence
of your love.***

***As the grains of wheat
once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one
to become our bread;
so may all your people
from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.***

***Let this be a foretaste
of all that is to come
when all creation shares
this feast with you.***

***As the grains of wheat
once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one
to become our bread;
so may all your people
from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.***

Offering Prayer

A: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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.

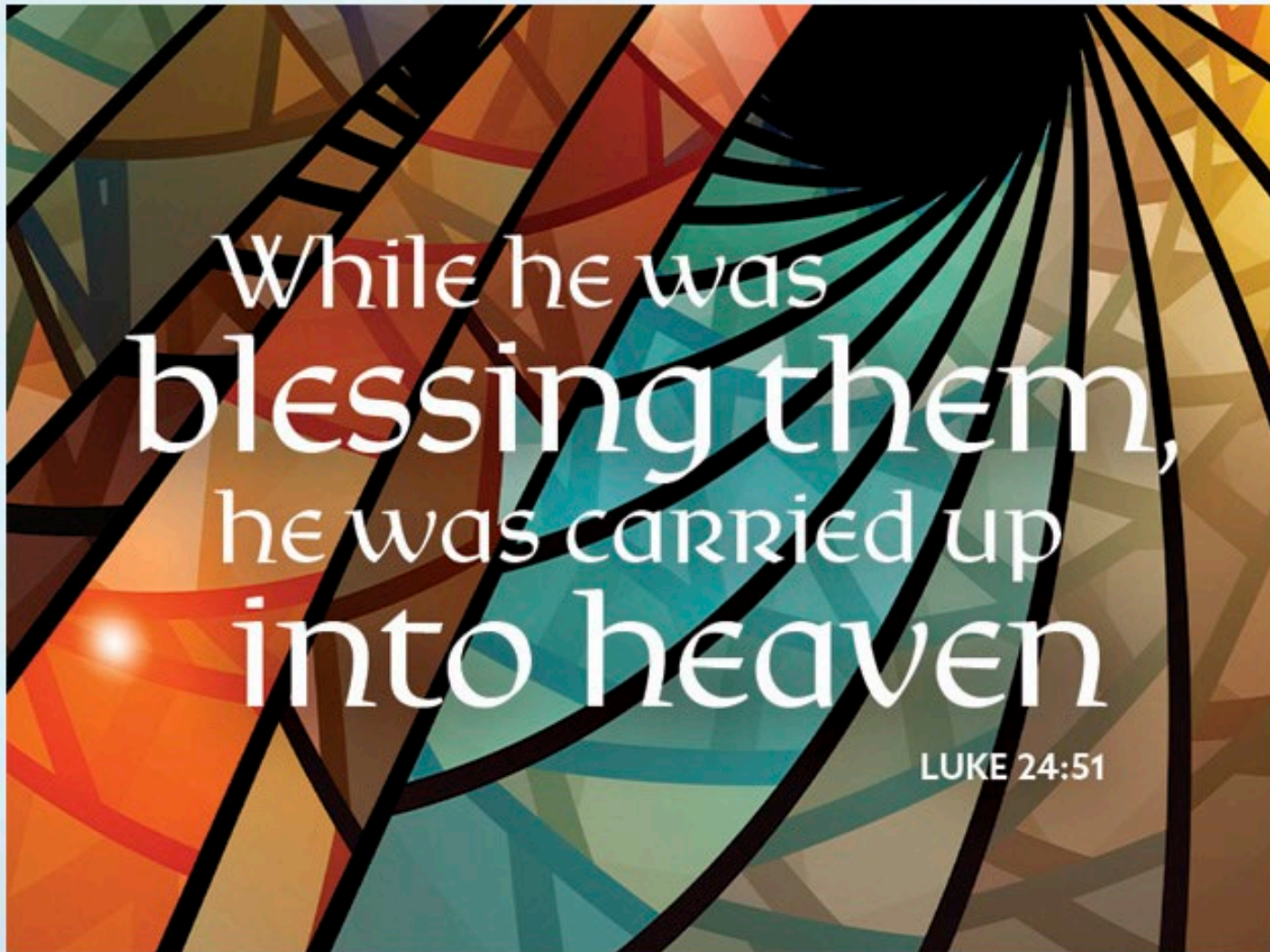
**C: It is right to give our thanks
and praise.**



Preface

Holy Holy

***Holy, holy, holy are you,
God of power and might;
Heaven and earth
are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One
who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest!***



Words of Institution

The 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.**

Communion

You are welcome to move to the aisle as indicated by the ushers. Take an empty cup from the tray or a cup of grape juice.

Gluten-free wafers are available.

Children who are not receiving communion are encouraged to come forward and receive a blessing.

**All are welcome,
for it is the Lord's Table.**



Lamb of God

***Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us,
mercy on us, mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you break the chains
of hatred and fear:
have mercy on us,
mercy on us, mercy on us.***

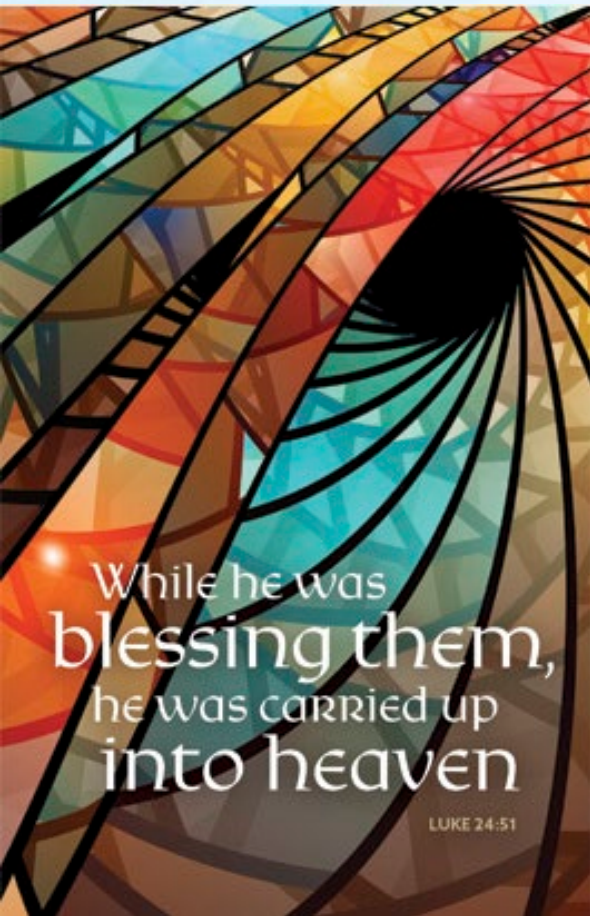
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***Lamb of God, you are the way of
justice and peace:
have mercy on us,
mercy on us, mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you are the way of
mercy and love.
Have mercy on us,
mercy on us, mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace,
grant us peace.***

Communion Hymn



*Come Away to the
Skies*

Verse 1

***Come away to the skies,
my beloved, arise,
and rejoice in the day you were born:
on this festival day,
come exulting away,
and with singing to Zion return.***

Verse 2

***For thy glory we were
first created to share
both the nature and kingdom divine;
now created again,
that our lives may remain
throughout time and eternity Thine.***

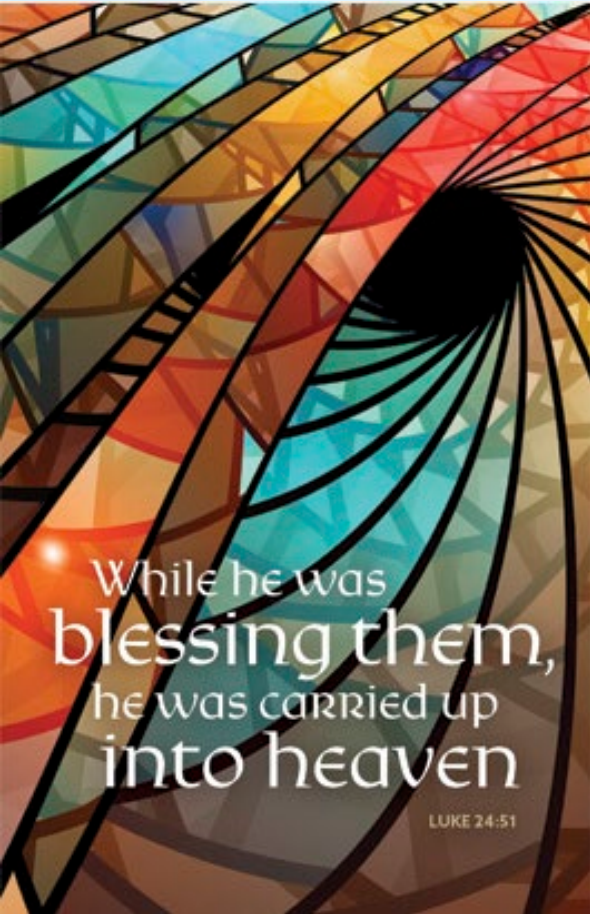
Verse 3

***We with thanks do approve
the design of that love
which has joined us to Jesus' name;
so united in heart,
let us nevermore part,
till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.***

Verse 4

***Hallelujah we sing
to our Father and King,
and our rapturous praises repeat:
to the Lamb that was slain,
hallelujah again;
sing, all heaven, and fall at His feet.***

Communion Hymn



*Hail Thee, Festival
Day!*

ELW #394

Hail Thee, Festival Day! ELW #394, Refrain

***Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day to be hallowed forever;
day when our Lord was raised,
breaking the kingdom of death.***

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Hail Thee, Festival Day! ELW #394, Verse 1

***He who was nailed to the cross
is ruler and Lord of all people.
All things created on earth
sing to the glory of God:***

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Hail Thee, Festival Day! ELW #394, Refrain

***Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day to be hallowed forever;
day when our Lord was raised,
breaking the kingdom of death.***

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Hail Thee, Festival Day! ELW #394, Verse 2

***Daily the loveliness grows,
adorned with the glory of blossom;
heaven its gates now unbars,
flinging its increase of light:***

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Hail Thee, Festival Day! ELW #394, Refrain

***Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day to be hallowed forever;
day when our Lord was raised,
breaking the kingdom of death.***

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Hail Thee, Festival Day! ELW #394, Verse 3

***God the Almighty, the Lord,
the ruler of earth and the heavens,
guard us from harm without;
cleanse us from evil within:***

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Hail Thee, Festival Day! ELW #394, Refrain

***Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day to be hallowed forever;
day when our Lord was raised,
breaking the kingdom of death.***

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Hail Thee, Festival Day! ELW #394, Verse 4

***Jesus, the health of the world,
enlighten our minds, great Redeemer,
Son of the Father supreme,
only-begotten of God:***

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Hail Thee, Festival Day! ELW #394, Refrain

***Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day to be hallowed forever;
day when our Lord was raised,
breaking the kingdom of death.***

Hail Thee, Festival Day! ELW #394, Verse 5

***Spirit of life and of pow'r,
now flow in us, fount of our being,
light that enlightens us all,
life that in all may abide:***

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Hail Thee, Festival Day! ELW #394, Refrain

***Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day to be hallowed forever;
day when our Lord was raised,
breaking the kingdom of death.***

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Hail Thee, Festival Day! ELW #394, Verse 6

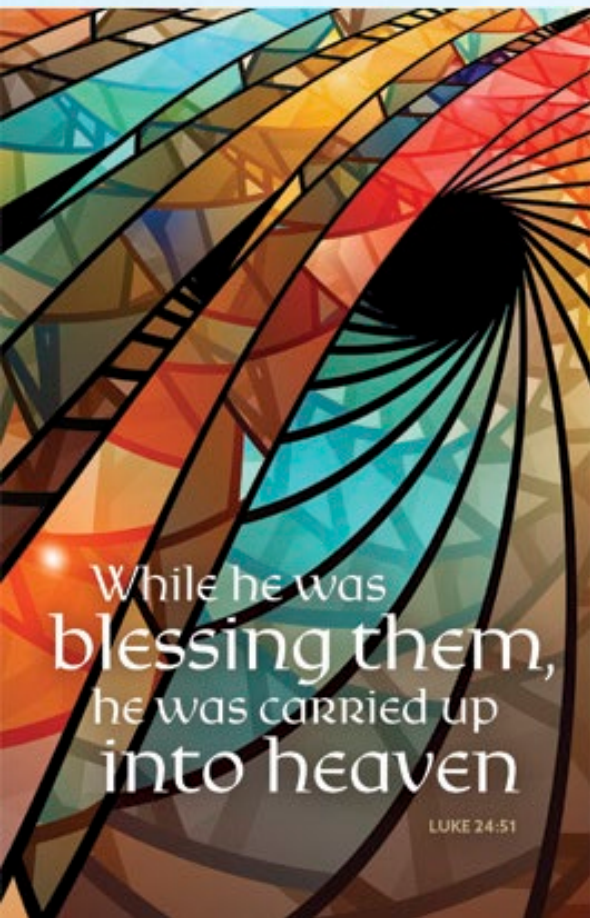
***Praise to the giver of good!
O Lover and Author of concord,
pour out your balm on our days;
order our ways in your peace:***

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Hail Thee, Festival Day! ELW #394, Refrain

***Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day to be hallowed forever;
day when our Lord was raised,
breaking the kingdom of death.***

Communion Hymn



O Christ, Our Hope

ELW #604

O Christ, Our Hope, ELW #604, Verse 1

***O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,
creation's mighty Lord,
redeemer of the fallen world,
by holy love outpoured,
by holy love outpoured:***

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O Christ, Our Hope, ELW #604, Verse 2

***How vast your mercy to accept
the burden of our sin,
and bow your head in cruel death
to make us clean within,
to make us clean within.***

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O Christ, Our Hope, ELW #604, Verse 3

***But now the bonds of death are burst,
the ransom has been paid;
you reign above at God's right hand,
in robes of light arrayed,
in robes of light arrayed.***

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O Christ, Our Hope, ELW #604, Verse 4

***Oh, let your mighty love prevail
to purge us of our pride,
that we may stand before your throne
by mercy purified,
by mercy purified.***

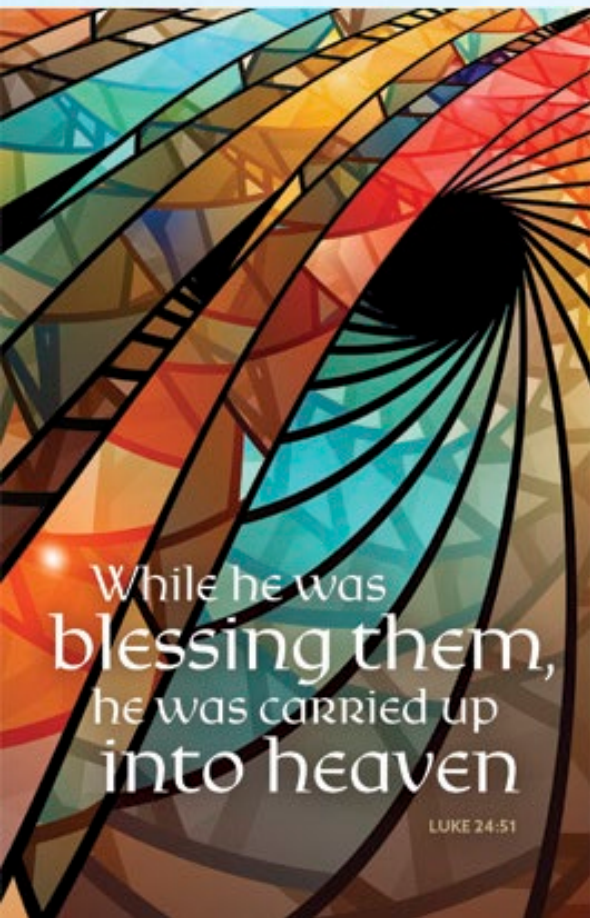
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O Christ, Our Hope, ELW #604, Verse 5

***All praise to you, ascended Lord;
all glory ever be
to Father, Son, and Spirit blest
through all eternity,
through all eternity!***



Communion Hymn



While he was
blessing them,
he was carried up
into heaven

LUKE 24:51

*Blessing, Honor and
Glory*

ELW #433

Blessing, Honor and Glory, ELW #433

***Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.
Death could not hold Him down,
for He is risen!
Seated upon the throne,
He is the Lamb of God!***

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Blessing, Honor and Glory, ELW #433

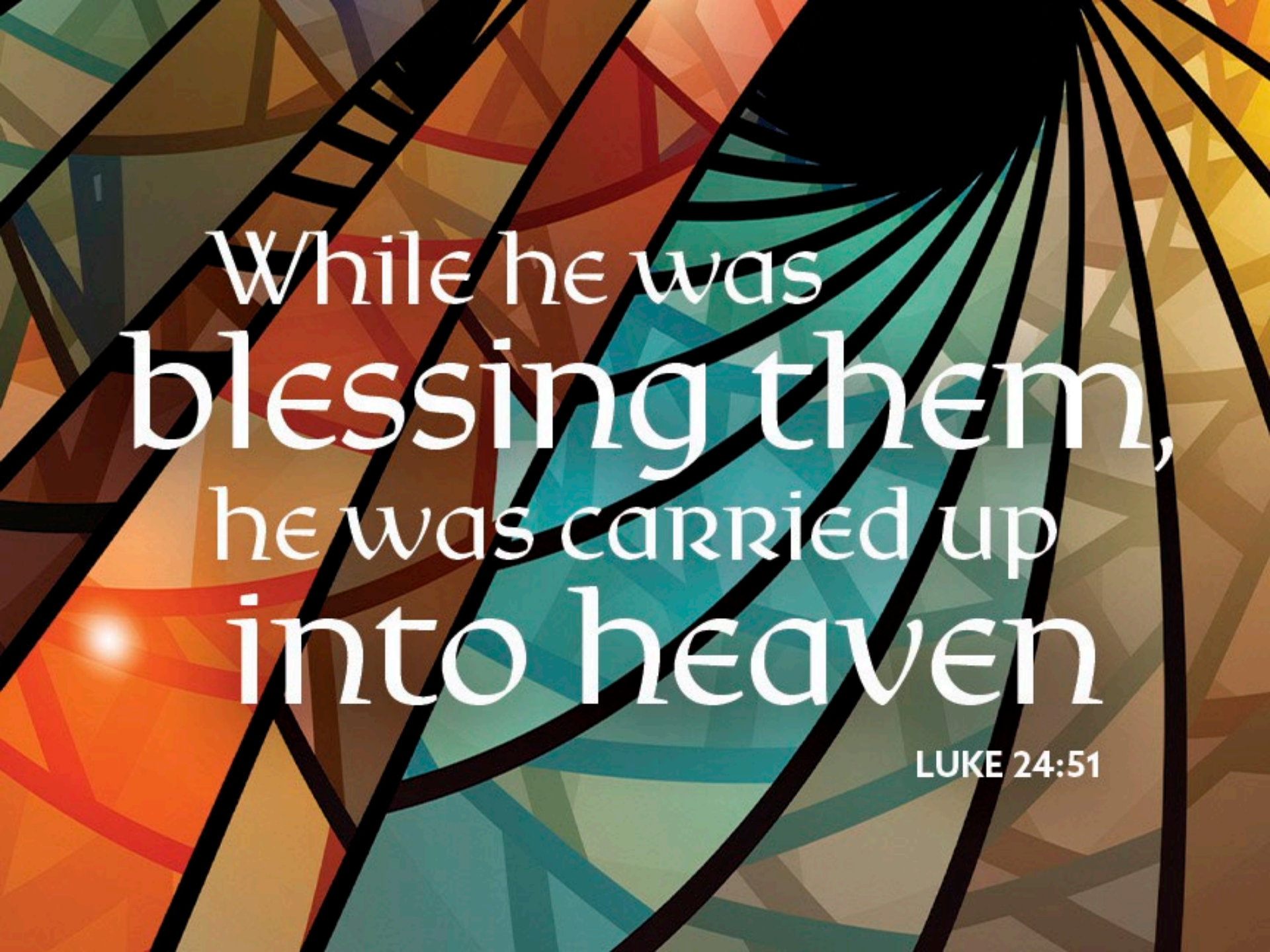
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LUKE 24:51

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

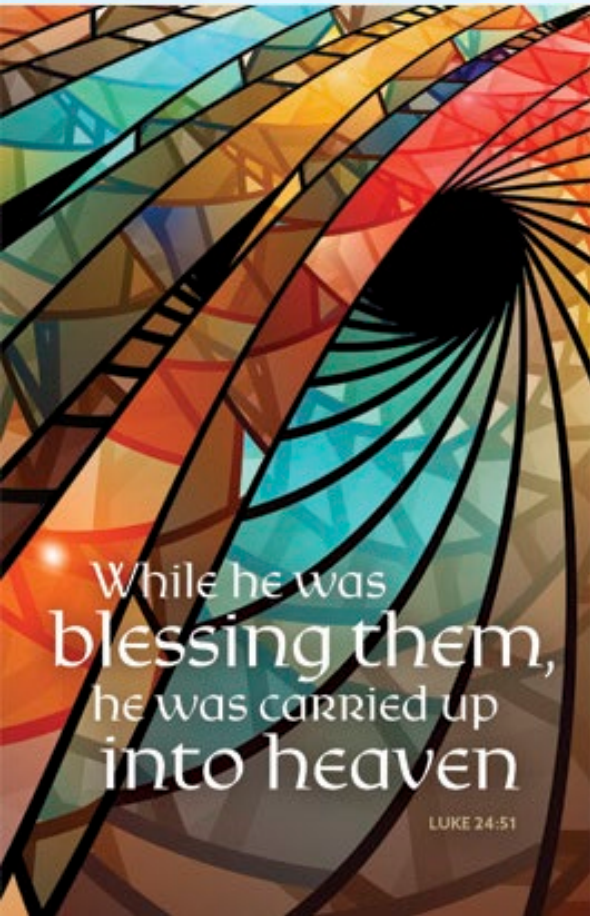
C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The triune God, who was,
who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection
dawn, now and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn



Blessing and Honor
ELW #854

Blessing and Honor, ELW #854, Verse 1

***Blessing and honor and glory and pow'r,
wisdom and riches and strength evermore,
be to the Lamb who our battle has won,
whose are the kingdom,
the crown, and the throne;
whose are the kingdom,
the crown, and the throne!***

Blessing and Honor, ELW #854, Verse 2

***Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name;
let all the earth sing His glory and fame.
Ocean and mountain,
stream, forest, and flow'r
echo His praises and tell of His pow'r;
echo His praises and tell of His pow'r.***

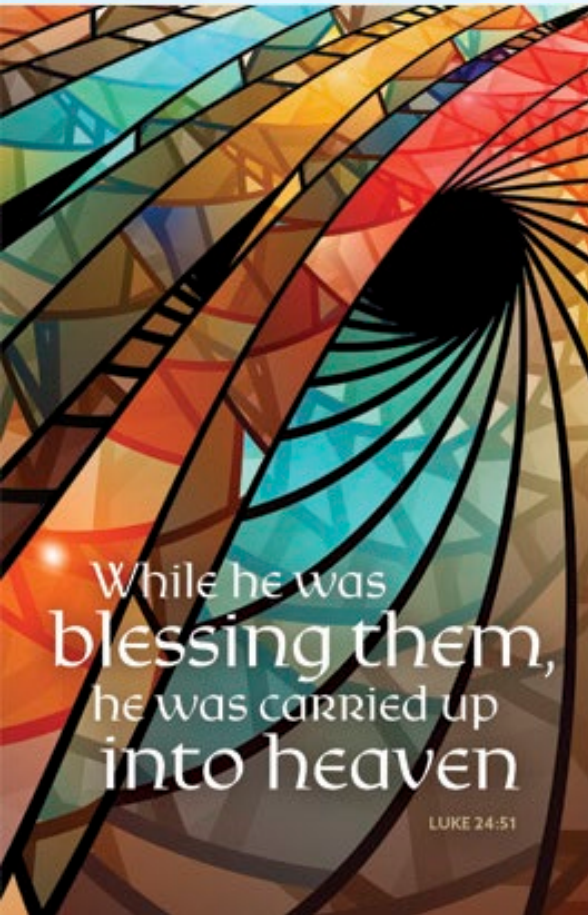
Blessing and Honor, ELW #854, Verse 3

***Ever ascending the song and the joy,
ever descending the love from on high;
blessing and honor and glory and praise--
this is the theme of the hymns
that we raise;
this is the theme of the hymns
that we raise.***

Blessing and Honor, ELW #854, Verse 4

***Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb!
Take we the robe and the harp
and the palm;
sing we the song of the Lamb
who was slain,
dying in weakness and rising to reign;
dying in weakness and rising to reign!***

Dismissal



P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

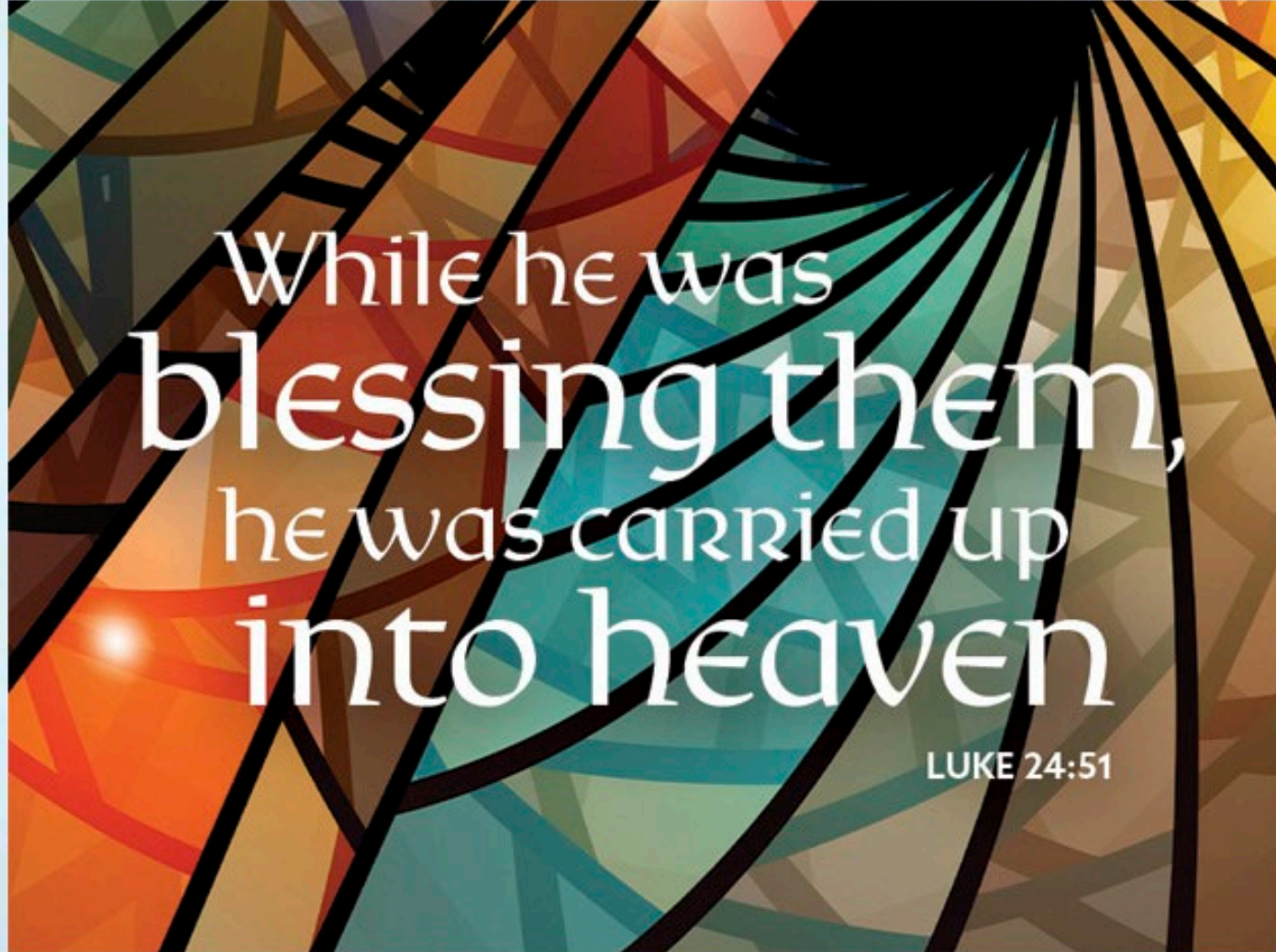
**C: Christ is risen indeed.
Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. In Christ
you are made new.

C: Thanks be to God.

God Bless

H A V E A G R E A T W E E K



While he was
blessing them,
he was carried up
into heaven

LUKE 24:51

Postlude – Ben Corwyn
We know that Christ is raised
(arr. David Cherwien)

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