



**Eastern Synod**  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

**Ordination of**  
**Ále M. Suárez**

**Called to:**  
**Specialized Ministry at Peterborough Regional Health Centre**

**Date**  
**September 20, 2026**  
**3:00 pm**

**St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church**  
**Peterborough ON**



## WELCOME AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/ WELCOME TO THE LAND

As we gather together in the wonder of God's creation,  
let us take a moment to feel our feet on the ground.

*A moment of silence.*

Holy Creator, breathe your Spirit into us again.  
Quiet our minds, soften our hearts.

Righteous God,  
We give thanks for the land that has long sustained life.  
We give gratitude and thanks to Michi Saagiig, Anishinaabeg  
and Chippewa Nations who have cared for these lands for countless generations before  
us, with wisdom, ceremony and responsibility.

**We give thanks for their enduring care  
and we honour the living traditions  
of the original peoples of this land.**

Holy God, with grieving hearts we long for justice.  
We acknowledge the injustices of colonization  
and the harm done and we confess the ways  
we continue to fall short of justice and reconciliation.

**May we be called into right relationship with one another  
and with all creation. May we love as Christ has loved us.**

Creator, you who breathed life into every living being,  
guide us into a loving relationship with every creature,  
every tree, every river, and all people.  
May we walk gently upon this earth,  
grateful for this place we call home.

**Amen**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

**B:** Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting  
wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honour to you for cloud and rain,  
for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You

are the fountain of resurrection. We bless you for these gifts of water: the Kawartha Lakes and the Otonabee river, for Rice Lake and for Little Lake.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through water, a sign of your saving power:

Noah's family, and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. The Ethiopian eunuch is washed in the waters of baptism, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through water, calling all the baptized to live out their unique vocation in daily life, in the church and in the world. Shower us with your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your love.

Clothe us and all people with your grace.

Pour out your Spirit upon the church that it may be:

faithful in service, prophetic in witness, and missional in loving response to your world.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Satisfy the thirst of all with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly stands for the Entrance Song and remains standing through the Prayer of the Day.*

**ENTRANCE SONG**

All Creatures Worship God Most High

# All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth-er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth-er sun, in splen-dor  
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,  
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in  
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:  
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -  
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:  
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
 waiting to hush our final breath:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
 fair is the night that leads us home.  
 Alleluia.

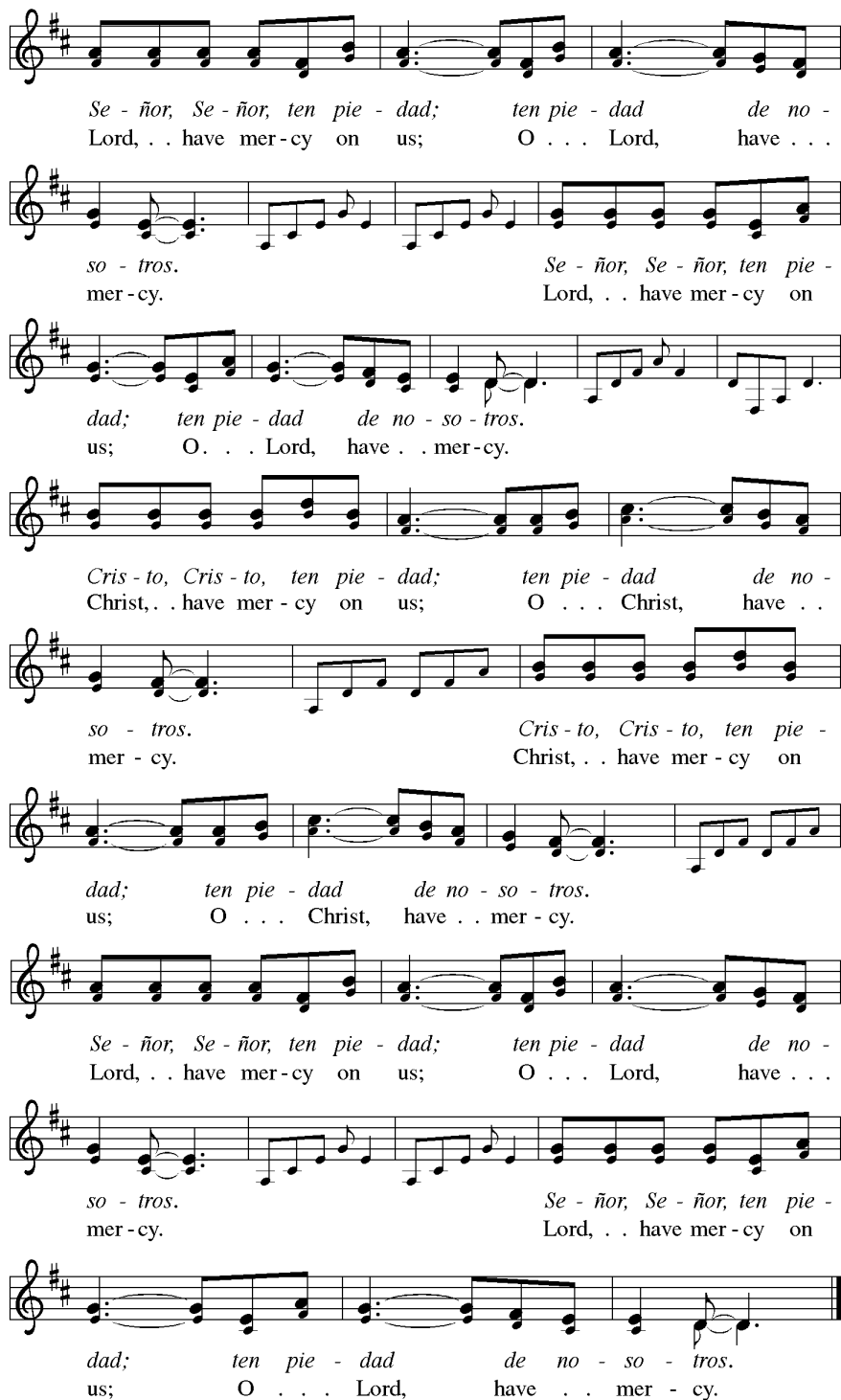
- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
 and worship God with humble heart:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
 Alleluia.

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## GREETING

### KYRIE and/or Canticle of Praise



The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of nine staves of music. The melody is simple and repetitive, using mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are in Spanish and English, alternating between the two languages. The lyrics are: "Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no - Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . . so - tros. mer - cy. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - Lord, . . have mer - cy on dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no - Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . . so - tros. mer - cy. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - Christ, . . have mer - cy on dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no - Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . so - tros. mer - cy. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - Lord, . . have mer - cy on dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy."

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -  
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . .

so - tros. mer - cy. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -  
Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -  
Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .

so - tros. mer - cy. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -  
Christ, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -  
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . .

so - tros. mer - cy. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -  
Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION/CALL AND PRESENTATION OF THE ORDINAND

*The presiding bishop meets the Ordinand and Presenter of the Ordinand in front of the Communion table.*

**P:** I present Ále M. Suárez who has been called to serve as a pastor.

**B:** Our church rejoices that the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada has chosen Ále as pastor. Let their call be certified.

**P:** I certify the call of Ále M. Suárez as pastor.

**B:** Dear servants of God, witnessing on behalf of the whole church, is it your will to ordain Ále to serve as a pastor with prayer and laying on of hands?  
**Yes, by the grace of God.**

**B:** Ále before your ordination, join now with the whole assembly in attending to the word of God.

We pray together:

*The assembly joins in silence for prayer.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### FIRST READING

Samuel 1: 3-10

<sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." ' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

## My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; my spir - it  
 2 For you a - lone, O God of might, have done a -  
 3 Your arm is strong; your strength is great. You scat - ter  
 4 You feed the hun - gry as your own; the wealth - y  
 5 Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or

leaps, by joy pos - sessed. You keep me in your kind re -  
 maz - ing things for me. Your mer - cy flows; your name like  
 those of proud in - tent and cast them down from high es -  
 leave with emp - ty hands. You give your help to Is - ra -  
 to the in - car - nate Word, and praise the Pow'r of God most

gard; all gen - er - a - tions call me blessed.  
 light re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.  
 tate; then give the low your nour - ish - ment.  
 el; your gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.  
 high, from age to age by all a - dored.

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*The assembly stands for the Gospel Acclamation and for the reading of the Gospel.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*¡A - le - lu - ya,      a - le - lu - ya,      a - le - lu - ya!*  
Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!

*¡A - le - lu - ya,      a - le - lu - ya,      a - le - lu - ya!*  
Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!

*¡A - le - lu - ya,      a - le - lu - ya,*  
Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia,

*a - le - lu - ya!      ¡A - le - lu - ya!*  
al - le - lu - ia!      Al - le - lu - ia!

## GOSPEL

John 20: 11-18

*The assembly is seated.*

## SERMON

*Following the sermon, the assembly joins in silence for reflection. The assembly stands for the Hymn of the Day.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Como Busca La Cierva

Country: USA  
Language: Spanish/English

## SALMO 41/42: COMO BUSCA LA CIERVA

RESUESTA: (♩ = ca. 74) 1ª vez: Cantor, Todos repiten; después: Todos

Si m  
B m

Mim6  
Em6

Co-mo bus - ca la cier - va co - rrien - tes de a - gua,

Teclado

Fa#m7  
F#m7

La  
A

Fa#  
F#

1-5  
Si m  
B m

(1ª vez: al §)  
a las Estrofas

a - sí mi al - ma te bus - ca a ti, Dios mí - o.

1-5  
(1ª vez: al §)  
a las Estrofas

Final  
Si m  
B m

Si m7  
B m7

Si m6  
B m6

Sol7M/Si  
Gmaj7/B

mí - o.

Final

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Sim Bm Mim Em Sim Bm Fin

ESTROFAS 1, 3: Cantor

Fa#m F#m La A Fa# F# Sim Bm

1. Mi al - ma tie-ne sed de Dios, del \_\_\_\_ Dios vi - vo: \_\_\_\_  
 3. En - ví - a tu \_\_\_\_ luz y ver - dad; que e-las me guí - en \_\_\_\_ y

Fa#m F#m La A Fa# F# Sim Bm

1. ¿cuán - do en - tra - ré \_\_\_\_ a ver el ros - tro de \_\_\_\_ Dios? \_\_\_\_  
 3. me con - duz - can has - ta tu mon - te, tu mo - ra - da \_\_\_\_

Re D La A Sim Bm Fa# F# al S

SALMO 41/42: COMO BUSCA LA CIERVA (Peña), cont. (3)

ESTROFAS 2, 4: Cantor

Mim Em Mim/Re# Em/D# Mim/Re Em/D Sim Bm Re D

2. Có - mo mar - cha - ba la ca - be - za del gru - po ha - cia la  
4. Que yo me a - cer - que al al - tar de Dios, al Dios de mi

Mim Em Fa# F# Mim Em Mim/Re# Em/D# Mim/Re Em/D

2. ca - sa de Dios, en - tre can - tos de jú - bi - lo y a - la -  
4. a - le - grí - a; que te dé gra - cias al son de la

Sim Bm Re D Mim Em Fa# F# al S

2. ban - za, en el bu - lli - cio de la fies - ta.  
4. ef - ta - ra; gra - cias, Dios mí - o, mi Dios.

Scripture references:  
Psalms 42 & 43

Day: The Sacred Paschal Triduum The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night  
Liturgical: The Liturgy of the Word Responsorial Psalm  
Ritual: Order of Christian Funerals Funeral Liturgy  
Order of Christian Funerals Vigil for the Deceased  
Rite of Anointing (Care of the Sick)  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults General Use

*The presiding bishop joins the ordinand at the font at the conclusion of the Hymn of the Day. The assembly is seated.*

## **THE PROMISES**

- B:** Gathering people through water and the word, God builds the church of living stones in which Christ is the cornerstone. Through baptism, all of God's people are called to use their gifts to bear the good news into the whole world. As the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada—a missional, prophetic, and diaconal church, we are called by Christ to serve people, communities, and creation in the mission of God. The Spirit calls us to uphold the unique baptismal vocation of every person in service of God's mission, nurturing the understanding and practice of Christian faith in action. The Spirit calls us to risk-taking and new ideas, paying particular attention to those in minorities, their voices and representation. The Spirit calls us into partnerships with others in compassion for God's world and awareness of community needs. The Spirit calls us to invite into the Christian journey those who are seeking good news and liberation in the gracious promise of God in the risen Christ.

Pastors have a particular calling to inspire the whole church for mission through word and sacrament, to provide leadership in the church's mission, to work collegially with all public ministers, communicating God's care for all people and all creation.

Pastors are equipped to teach the people they serve to reflect theologically about their vocations in relationship to God's mission and encouraging them to serve the common good.

Pastors are empowered to serve people with the Gospel in words of scripture, the water of life, and the meal of grace, to share the traditions of the church and bring fresh ideas to their communities, and to continue in their own learning, formation, and growth.

- B:** By acclamation of God's people, *Ále*, you are chosen to serve as pastor.

Believing that you are called by God to take up the work of a pastor, will you exercise this call to ordained ministry honouring God, equipping God's people, serving God's world through living and speaking the Gospel promise?

- O:** May God give me a spirit of thanksgiving. I will, by the grace of God.

- B:** Will you be faithful in prayer and worship, immersed in the Holy Scriptures and sustained by the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people, giving and receiving consolation from them?

- O:** May God give me an understanding of the heart and mind of Jesus Christ. I will, by the grace of God.
- B:** The church in which you are ordained confesses that the Holy Scriptures are the word of God and are the foundation of its faith and life. Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the Holy Scriptures, the ecumenical Creeds, and the Confessions of the Lutheran church?
- O:** May God lead me in joyful witness to Christ crucified and risen. I will, by the grace of God.
- B:** Will you work to build up the whole Body of Christ, together with pastors, deacons, bishops, and all people of the church, in our missional, diaconal, and prophetic call?
- O:** May God equip me to promote wholeness in the church and in creation. I will, by the grace of God.
- B:** Will you faithfully offer hospitality in Christ, welcoming the stranger, practicing inclusion, working towards equity, and striving for justice and peace in God's world?
- O:** May God give me ears to hear, eyes to see and hands to embrace the stranger, the outcast and the broken-hearted. I will, by the grace of God.
- B:** Will you live in the promise of the resurrection, caring for creation as an active witness to the mystery of God's love that is making all things new?
- O:** May God anoint me in gladness with all the earth as I pray and serve. I will, by the grace of God.

*The presiding bishop addresses the assembly.*

- B:** Will you, the gathered people of God and speaking for the whole church, receive Ále, as pastor? Will you support their ministry among you, partner with them in serving our neighbours and our communities, learn together, pray together, share the meal together, and work to unify the church in God's call to love and reconcile the world?
- We will, by the grace of God.**

*The presiding bishop makes the sign of the cross on the ordinand's forehead in remembrance of their baptism and sealing in the Holy Spirit.*

- B:** Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.
- Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

**A:** We confess the faith of the church, the faith in which all our vocations are given expression:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried,  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

*When the Creed is concluded the presiding bishop addresses the assembly.*

**B:** You are baptized servants of God.  
**We are anointed; yes! — ministers of Christ!**

*The ordinand kneels, if able.*

## PRAYERS OF ORDINATION WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

**B:** Through baptism, all of God's people are called to use their gifts to bear the good news into the whole world. By God's commission and according to apostolic usage, we set apart Ále as pastor. We pray together.

*Silent prayer is offered.*

## ORDINATION HYMN

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

## Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright  
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing  
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of

morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry  
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of  
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and

breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.  
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

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*At the conclusion of the Ordination Hymn, those laying on hands arrange themselves around the ordinand. The presiding bishop prays, hands upraised in thanksgiving:*

**B:** Blessed are you, Holy and Ever-living God, you call forth light and hope and a world to come, shining throughout the ages with boundless love for all creation, creating a people to love and serve you.

Blessed are you, Only-Begotten One,  
you save and shepherd us, laying down your life for ours.

You passed through the great depth of the  
cross to lead us beside still waters of  
saving health.

You are risen, renewing your people with gifts for your ministry of  
peace as you are making all things new.

Blessed are you, Purifying Advocate,  
you gather into one your people to serve you throughout the world, to hallow your  
sacred name and do your perfect will.  
Renew your church that people may come to faith and creation may be restored.

In your mercy, anoint your servant Ále,  
stirring up in them your power and gifts for ordained ministry.

*The presiding bishop lays both hands on the head of the ordinand. Others who are participating in the laying on of hands place or extend hands on/toward the ordinand.*

*Following a time of silent prayer, the presiding bishop continues, praying for the ordinand.*

**B:** Send your Holy Spirit upon Ále filling them with your grace, to make them a pastor of your church, ordained to serve you.

O Blessed and Holy Trinity, give to your servant, power in their proclamation of the word, perseverance in faithful service and wisdom in feeding your people. May their life so reflect your grace.

Strengthen their leadership to call your church to faith, unity and discipleship throughout all of creation. Form them to follow Christ in joyful service and courageous trust, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

**Amen.**

*The ordinand stands and faces the assembly. The following is said for each ordinand.*

**B:** Receive Ále as a messenger of God, praying and serving together as witnesses to Christ.

**We receive you as a messenger of Christ, serving together in God's everlasting household of peace. Thanks be to God.**

## **SIGNS OF MINISTRY**

*The new pastor is presented with a stole.*

**B:** Receive this stole as a sign of your work, and live in obedience to Christ Jesus, serving all people and remembering Jesus' promise: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

**O:** Amen.

**S 1:** Receive this chasuble as a sign of your calling to the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

**O:** Amen.

**S 2:** Receive the Holy Scriptures as a sign of your calling to ministry.

**O:** Amen.

### **ENCOURAGEMENT AND ACCLAMATION**

**B:** “Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called.” (1 Timothy 6:11-2)

**V1:** “Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son.” (Acts 20:28)

**V2:** “Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.” (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

**B:** “God has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love  
kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

**V1:** Care for God’s people, bear their burdens and do not betray their  
confidence.

**V2:** Be faithful in life and in teaching that you uphold truth, giving no occasion for false security or illusory hope. Cross every barrier that stands between the church and its ministry in the world. Seek out those places where the gospel of Jesus Christ meets the world’s need. Give and receive comfort as you serve those in need, care for the sick, comfort the distressed, and, through word and actions, witness faithfully to God’s love for all people.

**B:** And be of good courage, for God has called you, and your labour in God is not in vain.

**B:** We want to honour you as you are today: Ále Miel Suárez and we honour where you come from, born and loved as a child of God as: Melinda Alegria Suárez;

Let it be acclaimed that Ále M. Suárez is a called and ordained pastor in the Church of Christ. Ále has Christ’s authority to serve God’s people as together we bear God’s creative and redeeming love to all the world.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly offers acclamation with applause.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The assembly may stand or sit for the prayers of intercession.*

**A:** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

You entice your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace. Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Under your watch not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Safeguard plant and animal habitats threatened by melting glaciers, rising oceans, and receding coastlines. Amplify the voices of those calling for responsible stewardship of the earth's resources. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Our world is enduring violence and destruction. Rescue your people in nations experiencing conflict or crisis where human dignity has been threatened by violence, repression, disasters, occupation and neglect. Thwart the efforts of those who sow chaos and terror, and guide those working to bring about peace and reconciliation. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You have counted even the hairs of our heads. Reassure anyone experiencing poverty, homelessness, unemployment, or exploitation that every life has value. Look favorably upon all who struggle. Answer us, for your steadfast love is good. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Even when we experience rejection your love invites us to new life. Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded on account of their gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or any other human distinction. Make your people one. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

All who have died with Christ also live with him. We give thanks for Philipp Melanchthon and all the saints whose faithful confession inspired our own discipleship, and raise us, with them, to eternal life. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

**O:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*After the people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, the Holy Communion continues with the liturgy of the Meal.*

## **MEAL**

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**O:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**O:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**O:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**O:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the gospel and teach all nations, and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age.

And so with St. John of the Cross and the glorious company of the apostles, with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn;

## HOLY, HOLY HOLY



- O:** All praise to you, glorious God of grace.  
Throughout the ages you have blessed us with foremothers of the faith.  
With Sarah, we bless you for your gift of life.  
With Ruth, we praise you for family and food.  
With Miriam, we celebrate our escape from the foe.  
Remembering Deborah, we honor the words of your prophets.  
Remembering the woman at the well, we laud you for living water.  
Remembering Junia, we thank you for those who minister among your people.  
One with the daughter of Jairus, we wake to life in you.  
With Mary, we magnify your name:
- C:** **My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**
- O:** Remembering Martha and Mary, we join Jesus at this meal.  
Living, he healed the bleeding woman;  
dying, he cared for his mother;  
risen, he sent Mary Magdalene in mission.

On the night before he died, he 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.

With Mary, again we magnify your name:

**C: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

**O:** Mighty God of mercy,  
as you heard the prayers of Hannah, so now hear us.  
Send your Spirit on this bread and wine, that sharing the body and blood of Christ we become  
his body in the world.  
Send your Spirit on us, that like Phoebe,  
we serve one another with zeal.  
Send your Spirit on the church, that like Anna,  
we tell others of your mercy.  
Send your Spirit into our hearts, that like Dorcas,  
we care for the poor and needy.

With Mary, once more we magnify your name:

**C: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

**O:** All praise to you, powerful God of peace.  
We adore you, our God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
you who mother and feed and comfort us,  
today, tomorrow, and forever.  
Amen.

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

**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**

## COMMUNION

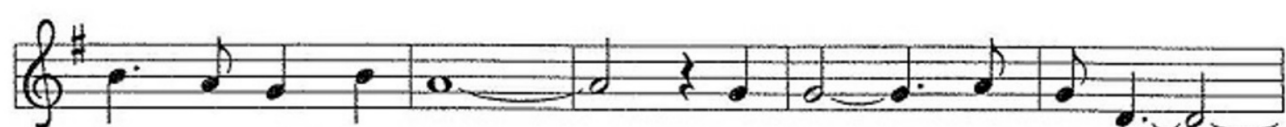
### COMMUNION SONGS

### One Bread, One Body

*Refrain*



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



*Refrain*

wom-an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath-ered to one for all.

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore  
*Tú has venido a la orilla*



1 Tú has ve - ni - do\_a la\_o - ri - lla, no\_has bus -  
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing  
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther  
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing  
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni\_a sa - bios ni\_a ri - cos; tan só - lo  
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly  
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my  
 love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's  
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.  
 ask - ing for me to fol - low.  
 fish - nets and will for work - ing.  
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.  
 Friend, you have come to call me.

*Refrain / Estribillo*



Se - ñor, me\_has mi - ra - do\_a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,  
 Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la\_a - re - na he de - ja - do mi  
 you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to\_a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.  
 small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

2 Tú sabes bien lo que tengo:  
 en mi barca no hay oro no espadas;  
 tan sólo redes y mi trabajo.  
 Estribillo

3 Tú necesitas mis manos,  
 mi cansancio que a otros descansen,  
 amor que quiera seguir amando.  
 Estribillo

4 Tú, Pescador de otros mares;  
 ansia eterna de almas que esperan.  
 Amigo bueno, que así me llamas.  
 Estribillo

## God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

### God of the Sparrow

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It consists of three lines of music. The first line has four measures of music, each with a four-part vocal harmony (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and lyrics. The second line has four measures of music, each with a four-part vocal harmony and lyrics. The third line has four measures of music, each with a four-part vocal harmony and lyrics. The lyrics are arranged in four columns, corresponding to the four parts of the harmony.

1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the swirl - ing  
2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet  
3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty  
4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the prod - i -

stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe  
grave How does the crea - ture say Grace  
gal How does the crea - ture say Care

How does the crea - ture say Praise  
How does the crea - ture cry Save  
How does the crea - ture say Thanks  
How does the crea - ture say Life

5 God of the neighbor  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

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### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A:** Consecrate us with the Spirit of your love, O Blessed Trinity, and by this holy food teach us to adore one another and the world you so love; strong in faith, serving in mission, and united in peace through Jesus Christ our saving God.

**Amen.**

### SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

Heaven Is Singing For Joy

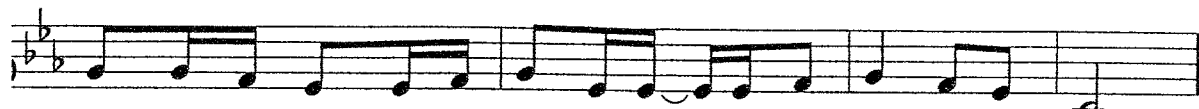
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# Heaven Is Singing for Joy

*El cielo canta alegría*



*El cie-lo can-ta\_a-le - grí - a, ¡a - le - lu - ya!,*  
1 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,  
2 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,  
3 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,

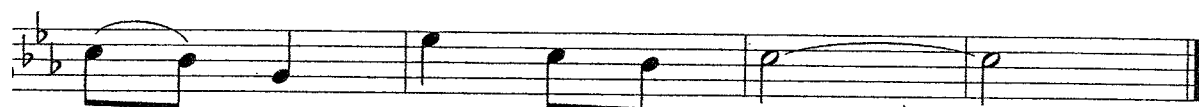


*por-que en tu vi - da y la mí - a bri - lla la glo - ria de Dios.*  
for in your life and mine is shin - ing the glo - ry of God.  
for your life and mine u - nite in the love of our God.  
for your life and mine will al - ways bear wit - ness to God.

*Refrain / Estribillo*



*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le -*  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



*lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

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