

Saints Triumphant Sunday

November 15, 2020 – Outdoor Service

Cristo Rey Lutheran Church
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OPENING HYMN

For All the Saints
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- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
All who their faith before the world confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Hoy, por los santos que descansan ya,
Después de confesarte por la fe;
Tu nombre oh Cristo, hemos de alabar. ¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya!
- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine,
Yet all are one within your grand design. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors comes their rest.
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 Oh bendecida y santa comunión
Del quienes luchan, o en la gloria están
Un solo cuerpo porque tuyos son. ¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya!
- 7 From earth's wide bounds to ocean's farthest coast
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

OPENING RITE

Based on Psalm 84

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: My soul yearns, even faints,

C: **for the courts of the Lord;**

P: my heart and my flesh cry out

C: **for the living God.**

P: Blessed are those who dwell in your house;

C: **they are ever praising you.**

P: Better is one day in your courts

C: **than a thousand elsewhere;**

P: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

C: **than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

P: For the Lord God is a sun and shield;

C: **the Lord bestows favor and honor;**

P: no good thing does he withhold

C: **from those whose walk is blameless.**

P: Lord Almighty,

C: **blessed is the one who trusts in you.**



CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Almighty and merciful Father,**
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.
We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.
We have done those things that we should not have done,
and we have not done those things that we should have done.
Have mercy on us, Lord!
Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

P: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

P: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory Be to God in Heaven

Tune: BEACHSPRING

- 1 **Glory be to God in heaven,
Peace to those who love him well.
On the earth let all his people
Speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
Mighty Father, heaven's King;
Hear our joyful adoration,
And accept the thanks we bring.**

- 2 **Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
Now with him in triumph seated—
For your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Savior, you are God alone
In the glory of the Father
With the Spirit, Three in One!**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P:** Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:1-6

- ¹ Awake, awake, Zion,
clothe yourself with splendor!
Put on your garments of splendor,
Jerusalem, the holy city.
The uncircumcised and defiled
will not enter you again.
- ² Shake off your dust;
rise up, sit enthroned, Jerusalem.

- ¡Despierta, Sión, despierta!
¡Revístete de poder!
Jerusalén, ciudad santa,
ponte tus vestidos de gala,
que los incircuncisos e impuros
no volverán a entrar en ti.
- ² ¡Sacúdete el polvo, Jerusalén!
¡Levántate, vuelve al trono!

Free yourself from the chains on your neck,
Daughter Zion, now a captive.

³For this is what the Lord says:

“You were sold for nothing,
and without money you will be redeemed.”

⁴For this is what the Sovereign Lord says:

“At first my people went down to Egypt to live;
lately, Assyria has oppressed them.

⁵“And now what do I have here?” declares
the Lord.

“For my people have been taken away for nothing,
and those who rule them mock,”
declares the Lord.

“And all day long
my name is constantly blasphemed.

⁶Therefore my people will know my name;
therefore in that day they will know
that it is I who foretold it.
Yes, it is I.”

¡Libérate de las cadenas de tu cuello,
cautiva hija de Sión!

³Porque así dice el Señor:

«Ustedes fueron vendidos por nada,
y sin dinero serán redimidos».

⁴Porque así dice el Señor omnipotente:

«En tiempos pasados,
mi pueblo descendió a Egipto y vivió allí;
en estos últimos tiempos,
Asiria los ha oprimido sin razón.

⁵»Y ahora —afirma el Señor—,
¿qué estoy haciendo aquí?

Sin motivo se han llevado a mi pueblo;
sus gobernantes se mofan de él.

No hay un solo momento
en que mi nombre no lo blasfemen.

⁶Por eso mi pueblo conocerá mi nombre,
y en aquel día sabrán
que yo soy quien dice: “¡Aquí estoy!”»

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

¹³Hermanos, no queremos que ignoren lo que va a pasar con los que ya han muerto, para que no se entristezcan como esos otros que no tienen esperanza. ¹⁴¿Acaso no creemos que Jesús murió y resucitó? Así también Dios resucitará con Jesús a los que han muerto en unión con él. ¹⁵Conforme a lo dicho por el Señor, afirmamos que nosotros, los que estemos vivos y hayamos quedado hasta la venida del Señor, de ninguna manera nos adelantaremos a los que hayan muerto. ¹⁶El Señor mismo descenderá del cielo con voz de mando, con voz de arcángel y con trompeta de Dios, y los muertos en Cristo resucitarán primero. ¹⁷Luego los que estemos vivos, los que hayamos quedado, seremos arrebatados junto con ellos en las nubes para encontrarnos con el Señor en el aire. Y así estaremos con el Señor para siempre. ¹⁸Por lo tanto, animense unos a otros con estas palabras.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

⁶“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

⁷“Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

⁹“‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

¹⁰“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

¹¹“Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

¹²“But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

¹³“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

¹»El reino de los cielos será entonces como diez jóvenes solteras que tomaron sus lámparas y salieron a recibir al novio. ²Cinco de ellas eran insensatas y cinco prudentes. ³Las insensatas llevaron sus lámparas, pero no se abastecieron de aceite. ⁴En cambio, las prudentes llevaron vasijas de aceite junto con sus lámparas. ⁵Y, como el novio tardaba en llegar, a todas les dio sueño y se durmieron. ⁶A medianoche se oyó un grito: “¡Ahí viene el novio! ¡Salgan a recibirlo!” ⁷Entonces todas las jóvenes se despertaron y se pusieron a preparar sus lámparas. ⁸Las insensatas dijeron a las prudentes: “Dennos un poco de su aceite porque nuestras lámparas se están apagando”. ⁹“No —respondieron estas—, porque así no va a alcanzar ni para nosotras ni para ustedes. Es mejor que vayan a los que venden aceite, y compren para ustedes mismas”. ¹⁰Pero mientras iban a comprar el aceite llegó el novio, y las jóvenes que estaban preparadas entraron con él al banquete de bodas. Y se cerró la puerta.¹¹ Después llegaron también las otras. “¡Señor! ¡Señor! —suplicaban—. ¡Ábrenos la puerta!” ¹²“¡No, no las conozco!”, respondió él.

¹³»Por tanto —agregó Jesús—, manténganse despiertos porque no saben ni el día ni la hora.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

In Christ Alone
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- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

- 2 In Christ alone—who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev’ry sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

- 3 There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

- 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

SERMON

Caught Up Together with In the Clouds
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18



NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

I 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 fully 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: O God, Heavenly Father: we thank you today for calling us your saints. In spite of our unholy lives you look at us and see Jesus' perfect life and death covering ours. Thank you for this grace, the grace we received when we were baptized.

Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer

P: Thank you for every Christian who has helped us on our journey and encouraged us to keep believing when we felt like giving up. Thank you for all those who taught us the faith. Thank you for those who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives to ensure others could hear of your love in Christ.

Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer

P: We remember the saints in heaven. Thank you for releasing them from the burden of sin and death in this life and for keeping your promise to them. We especially remember those from our community who have passed away in the past year. Give comfort to all those who grieve over loved ones no longer with us on earth. Give them the hope only your Word can offer us.

Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer

P: We pray for your church on earth, that it may remain faithful to the teaching of the prophets and apostles and that it may always strive for unity. We pray for all Christians, especially those under persecution, that they may imitate the martyrs in bold witness to the gospel. We pray for those who are not yet part of your church and for those who have left it, asking your Spirit to convince them of your love for them in Jesus. And we pray for the enemies of the church, and even those who curse your saints.

Lord in your mercy:

C: **Hear our prayer**

P: Bring peace to those nations in conflict and where there is political instability. Protect those who are poor and hungry and give them hope. Move those with plenty to share with those who have little. Help all people to love their neighbor as themselves.

Lord in your mercy:

C: **Hear our prayer**

P: God of life, we give thanks for the love you have shown to the world through all your saints, and we celebrate our continuing communion with them whenever we worship. We look forward to being part of the crowd around your throne in heaven on the last day. In the meantime, keep us looking to Jesus and help us to keep giving a clear witness to him, living the holy lives you have called us to live by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In Jesus holy name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

OFFERING

For those worshipping “in-person,” please place your offering in the plate on the table on the altar when leaving our service. For those worshipping online, offerings may be sent to our church or made through our safe and secure online giving feature:

<https://cristoreylutheran.com/giving/>

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- 1 Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest—
The sight of it refreshes The weary and oppressed.
I know not, oh, I know not What joys await us there,
What radiancy of glory, What bliss beyond compare.
- 2 They stand, those halls of Zion, All jubilant with song
And bright with many an angel And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them; The daylight is serene;
The pastures of the blessed Are ever rich and green.
- 3 There is the throne of David, And there, from care released,
The shout of them that triumph, The song of them that feast;
And they who with their leader Have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever Are clad in robes of white.
- 4 Oh, sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!
Oh, sweet and blessed country That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us To that dear land of rest;
You are with God the Father And Spirit ever blest.

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is indeed right and good, Lord God, holy Father, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord; and we praise you this day for the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us and by whose testimony you have fixed our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.
You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.
I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of six staves of music in C major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below each staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo - ry. You are my God, and I will ex - alt you. I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal - va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.'

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga a nos tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad,
así en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas
como también perdonamos
los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en la tentación
más líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino el poder
y la gloria
por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, Lord God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Your Word brought all things into being, and your Word will call all things to an end.

We thank you, heavenly Father, that in mercy you sent your Son to redeem us.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

We remember, O Lord, with thanksgiving the saving work of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Renew us that we may joyfully serve you in your kingdom of grace now and in your kingdom of glory forever.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

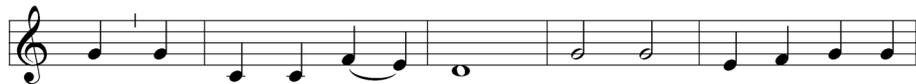
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

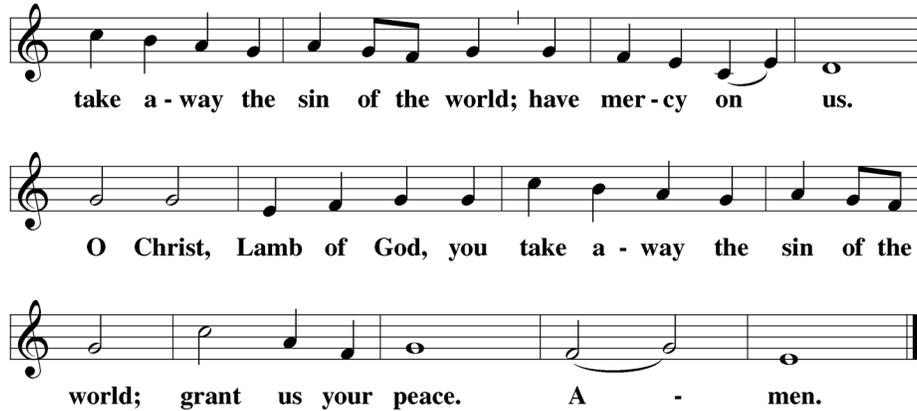
LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

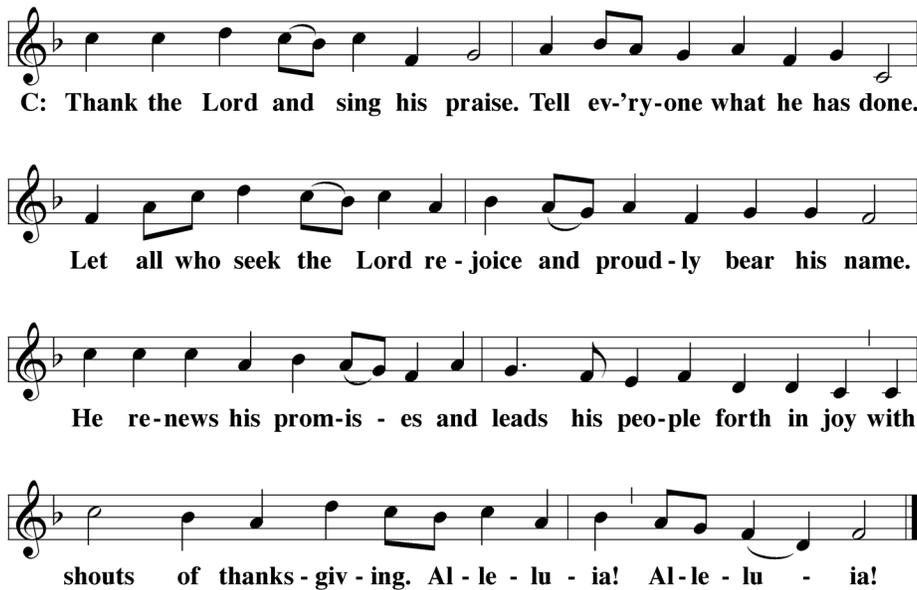
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

Our communicant members are invited to approach the altar while maintaining social distancing. To minimize contact and close-contact speaking, our pastor will offer you the bread and the wine saying, “*This is the body of Christ. This is the blood of Christ.*” After everyone has communed, the pastor will provide the final blessing and dismissal.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.

He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CLOSING PRAYER

- P:** Almighty God, you bring your people together in one holy communion, the body of our Lord. Lead us to follow your saints and to know the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:** **Amen.**

BLESSING

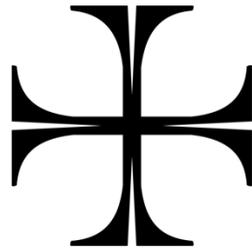
- P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor † and give you peace.
- C:** **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

Me Guía Él Medley

- 1 He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.**
- 2 Me guía Cristo con su amor; Me guía siempre mi Señor;
El me dirige a serle fiel. ¡Con cuanto amor me guía Él!
Me guía Él, me guía Él. ¡Con cuanto amor me guía Él!
No abrigo dudas ni temor, Pues me conduce el buen pastor.**
- 3 And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.**
- 4 Y mi carrera al terminar Y ya mis ojos al cerrar
No habrá en mi corazón temor Pues me guiará mi buen pastor.
Me guía Él, me guía Él. ¡Con cuanto amor me guía Él!
No abrigo dudas ni temor, Pues me conduce el buen pastor.**

- 5 **When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before his throne.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**



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Welcome to Cristo Rey

It's a big step to check out a new church! We're so glad you did. If you are looking for a place to learn more about God's Word, grow in your faith, and be connected to other Christians, please worship with us again soon.

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