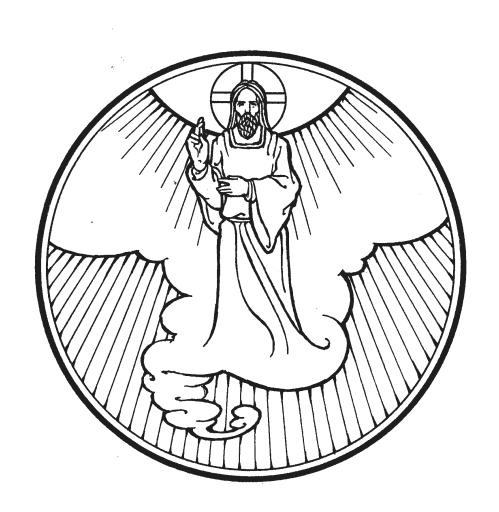
St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



Ascension of Our Lord (Observed) May 12, 2024



If you are a guest with us today, we welcome you in the name of Jesus! If you have questions or prayer requests or want to get in touch with us, please sign the guest book in the lobby (or use this QR code) or email or call.



Give thanks to the Lord for He is good! Thanks for joining us in worship this morning.

Children's bulletins are available in the narthex.

Children's church bags with soft activity books, quiet toys and other "surprises" are available in the narthex.

Children's Nursery Area is available downstairs in the Parish Hall. The service streams on the monitor and there is a soft rug, chairs, books and toys available. Turn right out of the sanctuary and down the stairs.

Prelude: Please use the prelude as a time for quiet prayer and meditation before worship.

For Those Who Desire to Receive the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. Paul in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. (Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion trays.)

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

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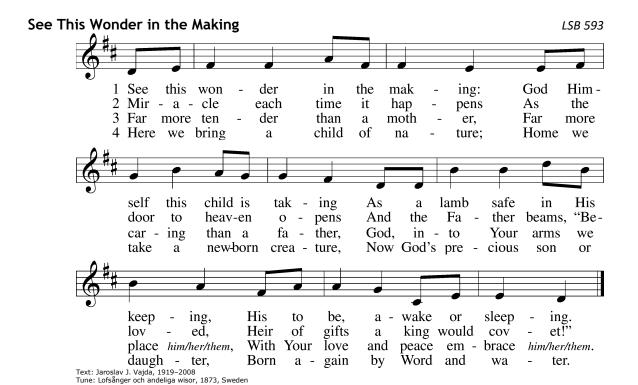
Pastor Gregory Alms Renata O'Reilly, Organist & Choir Director

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Prelude: Hymnum Canamus Gloriae: Sing We Triumphant Hymns of Praise

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Sing we triumphant hymns of praise, new hymns to heaven exulting raise: Christ, by a road before untrod, ascendeth to the throne of God.



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Rite of Holy Baptism

Andrew Curtis Oldhouser

The Order of Holy Baptism is found on page 268 in the *Lutheran Service Book*.

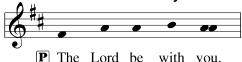
Apostles' Creed

- P Do you believe in God, the Father?
- C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
- C Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

 The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- C Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life T everlasting. Amen.



Salutation and Collect of the Day





P Let us pray.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Anthem: God Is Gone Up with a Shout

Eric H. Thiman (1900-1975)

God is gone up with a shout: The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

First Reading Acts 1:1–11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you 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, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed 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 and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

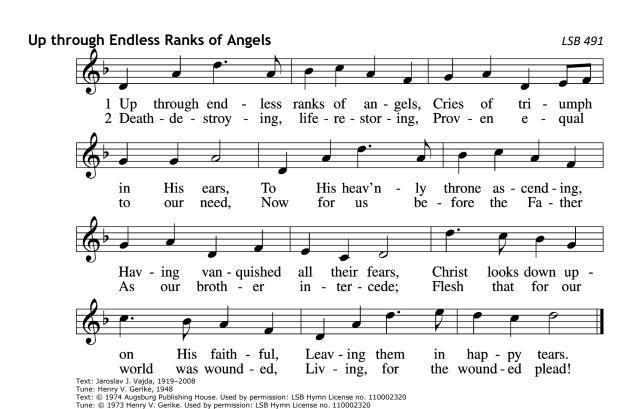
- P Christ has risen from the dead.
- C God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.
- P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
- C he has put all things under his feet.

Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked 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 one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44–53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are 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 blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Ρ This is the Gospel of the Lord.





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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

> And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

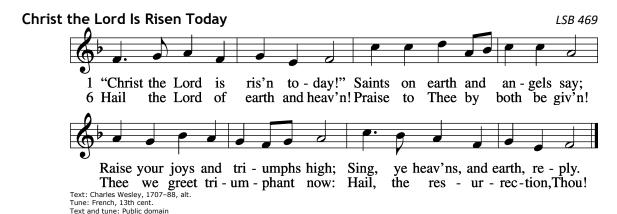
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

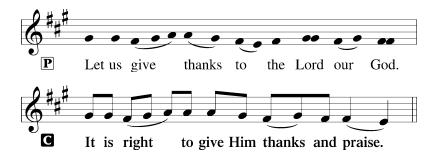
(An offering plate is available in the narthex. You may also give electronically via this QR code or through our website at stpaulcatonsville.org/donation. If you would like to send in an electronic offering via text, text the dollar amount you would like to give to 410-888-0161.)





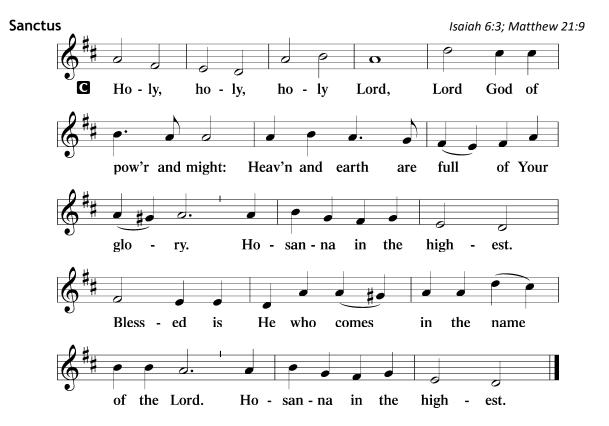
Service of the Sacrament





Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

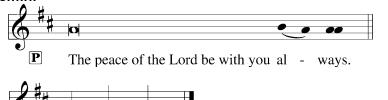
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

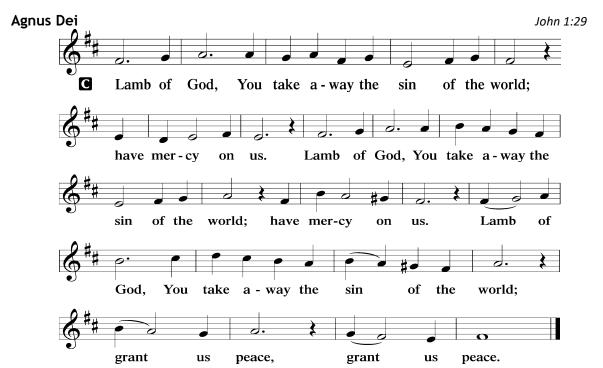
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

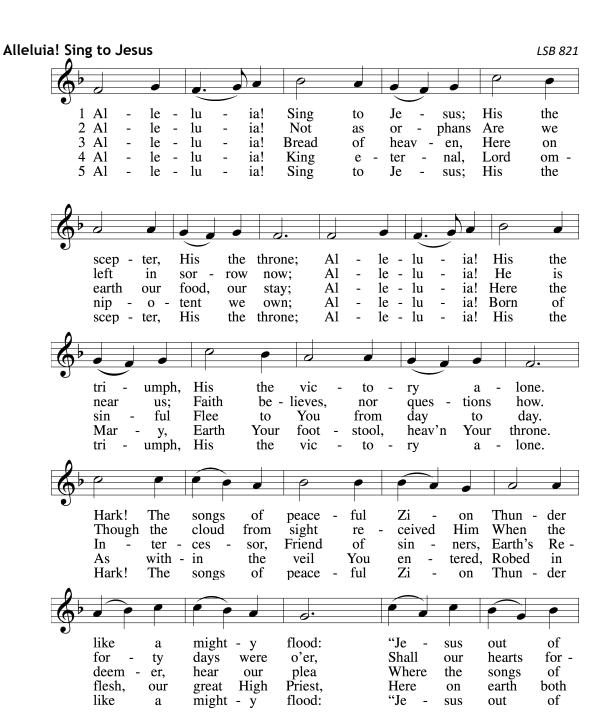
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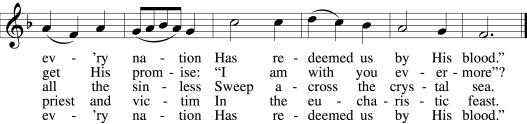






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Post-Communion Blessing

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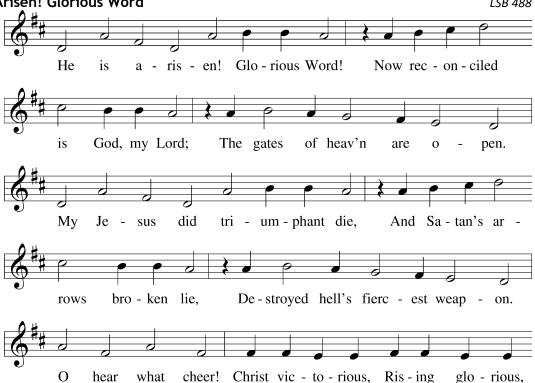


He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

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Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray...





Benediction Numbers 6:24–26



The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.







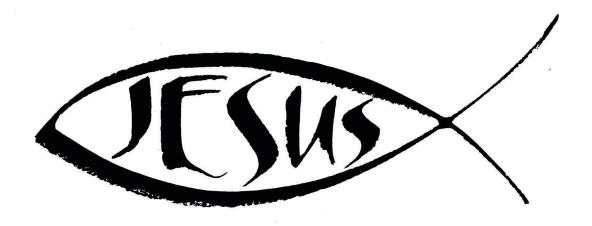
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Dismissal

Postlude:

Look, the Sight Is Glorious

William Haller (b. 1940)



Daily Readings:

Easter 7	May 12,2024	Num 14:1–25, Luke 18:18–34
Monday	May 13, 2024	Num 14:26–45, Luke 18:35—19:10
Tuesday	May 14, 2024	Num 16:1–22, Luke 19:11–28
Wednesday	May 15, 2024	Num 16:23–40, Luke 19:29–48
Thursday	May 16, 2024	Num 16:41—17:13, Luke 20:1–18
Friday	May 17, 2024	Num 20:1–21, Luke 20:19–44
Saturday	May 18, 2024	Num 20:22—21:9, Luke 20:45—21:19

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News & Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers today are given by The Carnes's, in celebration of David's birthday. Flowers are also given by The Dungey's in celebration of Sadie's 17th BD (Granddaughter)

Adult Education

April 21 through May 26th -- "Christian Perspectives on War" -- Bill Oldhouser -- April 21 through May 26th -- "Meant for Good – A Study of Joseph" Women's Bible study resumes.

Ladies Guild Salad Supper

All ladies are invited to women's guild Salad Supper on May 22nd at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. Please sign up letting us know if you plan to bring a salad or dessert. Hope to see you there.

Mission Trip 2024

We will have a meeting Monday May 20th at 7 P.M. Anyone interested in going on a mission trip helping with disaster relief and construction and outreach to the affected, please come. We will try to finalize dates and location.

Youth Gathering 2025

Meeting for parents and youth is today May 12th after worship in the fifth-grade classroom. Dates are July 19–23, 2025 in New Orleans, LA. The theme for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering is "ENDURE" and is centered around Hebrews 12:1–3. Ages are 14-19. Youth must be 14 years old at the time of the Gathering OR entering the ninth-grade year at the time of the Gathering. All parents and youth who are interested please attend. Any questions, contact Pastor Alms.

Farewell and Godspeed for the Stigdons is planned for May 19th. During worship Stan and Dana will be installed in their positions as missionaries in the Dominican Republic. Following worship we will have a special reception. On May 5, 12, 19 there will be a basket in the Narthex for everyone to leave cards and notes and gifts for the Stigsons in appreciation for the work God has done through them at St. Paul. Those gifts and cards will be collected and presented to the Stigdons on the 19th.

Coffee Fellowship Hour

Volunteers are needed for our Coffee Fellowship Hour ministry for the months of June and July. If you are willing for either one of these months, please sign up. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve the Lord and others.

4th Annual Memorial Day Commemoration at St Paul Lutheran cemetery 1022 Joh Ave

Baltimore, MD 21229 10:00 AM Monday, May 27, 2024

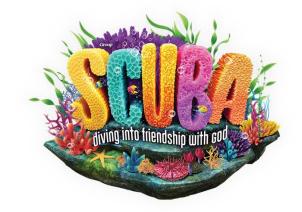
On Memorial Day at 10:00 am, at St Paul Lutheran Cemetery, we will have a special commemoration for all the war veterans that are buried there. Pastor Gregory Alms will offer prayers and I will talk about the origins and meaning of the holiday. All war veterans' graves will be decorated with American flags and we will have a live rendition of "Taps" plus much more. Be sure to come! You will be glad you did.

Please park either in the center or right-hand roadway of the cemetery or use the Violetville Park

lot and walk into the Cemetery. Everyone is welcome. Maps will be available in the Narthex prior to the event.

Vacation Bible School

Join us this summer as we dive into friendship with God! Scuba VBS is June 24th - 28th at 9am-12pm
Register your child (ages 3 years old - 5th grade) for this fin-tastic adventure on our website at stpaulcatonsville.org/annual-vacation-bible-school. Invite your neighbors, friends and acquaintances! If



you want to serve as a volunteer, or know someone who is willing, contact Kirsten Hall at kirsten.hall@splscatonsville.org There are many ways to get involved. Hope to SEA you there! Any questions, contact Kirsten Hall at kirsten.hall@splscatonsville.org

SEA you there!

Serving at St. Paul

	This Week 12th	Next week 19 th
Cantor	JB Jaeger	JB Jaeger
Reader	Suzanne Giguere	Dasha Frech
Usher	Jim Baeder	Brian Erwin
Usher	Ben Haberl	Jay Barringer
Greeter	Karen Borth	Betsy Mitchell
Acolyte	Ella Nelson	Gretchen Nelson

Prayer List

CHURCH MEMBERS

Lindsey Gay (continuing treatment)
Norm Giguere (recovering from heart attack)
Merilyn Blomster (recovering)
Laurie Dungey (concussion)
David Nguyen (recovering from back surgery)
Debbie Frech (cancer, chemotherapy treatments)
Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



SHUT-INS

Mildred Klein, Betty Blackburn, and Janet Conklin.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Mary Hostetter, recovering from surgery (mother of Renata O'Reilly) 4/28
Bill Schrott, in rehab (friend of the Kynes) 5/12
Cooper McGeath USMC, friend of Heather Krakat during his deployment 4/28
Chaplain Eric Malmstrom - recovering from hospitalization — (friend of the Jaegers) 4/28
Phillip Heinrich, recently diagnosed with cancer (grandson of Linda Klingmeyer)
Jim Vandetta, praying that cancer may go into remission (friend of Paul Lubell) 4/21
Donnie Andrus, terminal cancer (stepson of Bruce Staudinger 4/14
Tamara and Husband — health issues (friend of Sari Nguyen) 4/14
Chaplain Eric Malmstrom - recovering from hospitalization — (friend of the Jaegers) 4/14
Sari's Nguyen's Sister — caring for parents Eero and Eine 4/14

PRAISE NOTES

Karol Pearce, friend of the Kynes (has recovered from a stroke)

Prayer is a great gift and privilege for Christians. To add people to the prayer list printed in the bulletin, please email pastoralms@stpaulcatonsville.org or linda.jones@splscatonsville.org or call the church office at 410-747-1897. Family and friends will automatically be removed after one month. If you want your request to stay on for another month, just contact the office.

Sermon Notes who was from you into Heaven Will come Same way as you Saw Cinto heaven