

EASTER SUNDAY



the good news is...

alive in the world



ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

GATHERING

PRELUDE

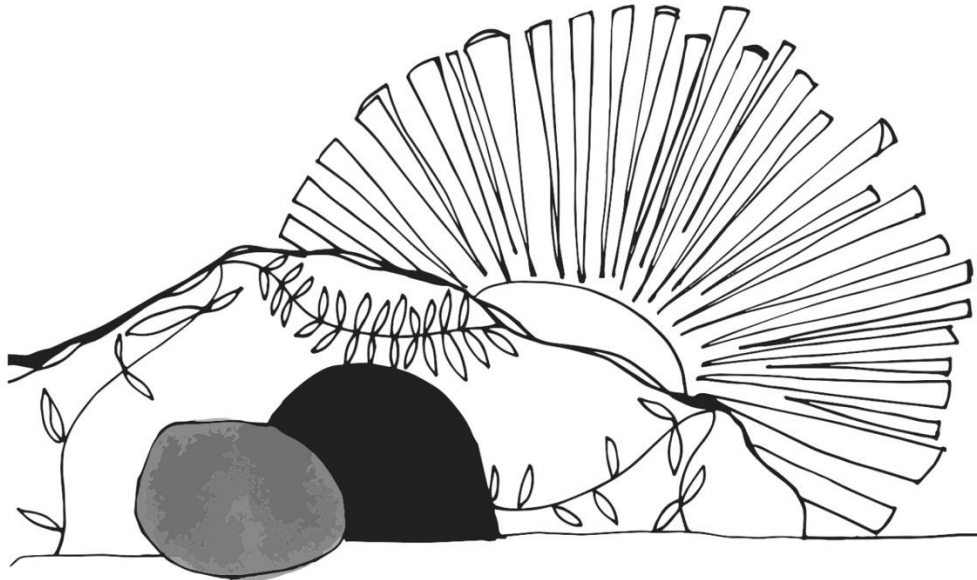
*CALL TO WORSHIP

- P: On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.
C: On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.
P: On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.
C: But today, we know the good news is alive and well.
P: The good news is dancing!
C: The good news is on the loose!
P: The good news is out in the world, calling your name!
C: "You are precious and honored in my sight."
P: Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting. Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
C: Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

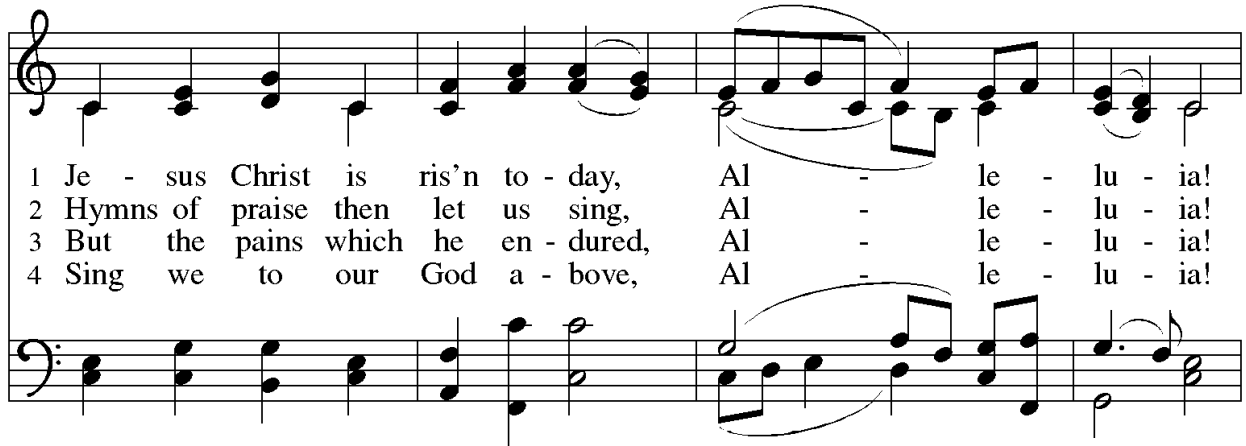
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY
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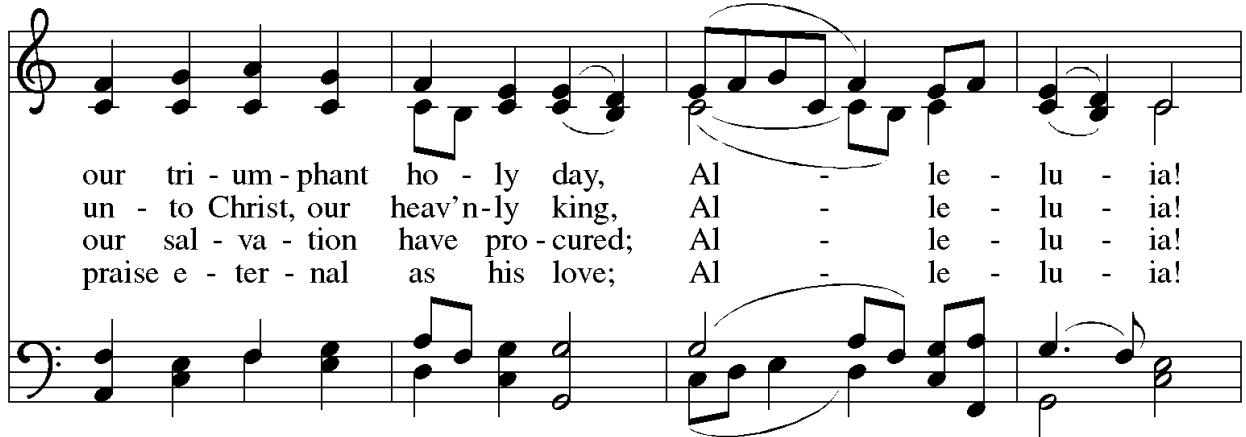
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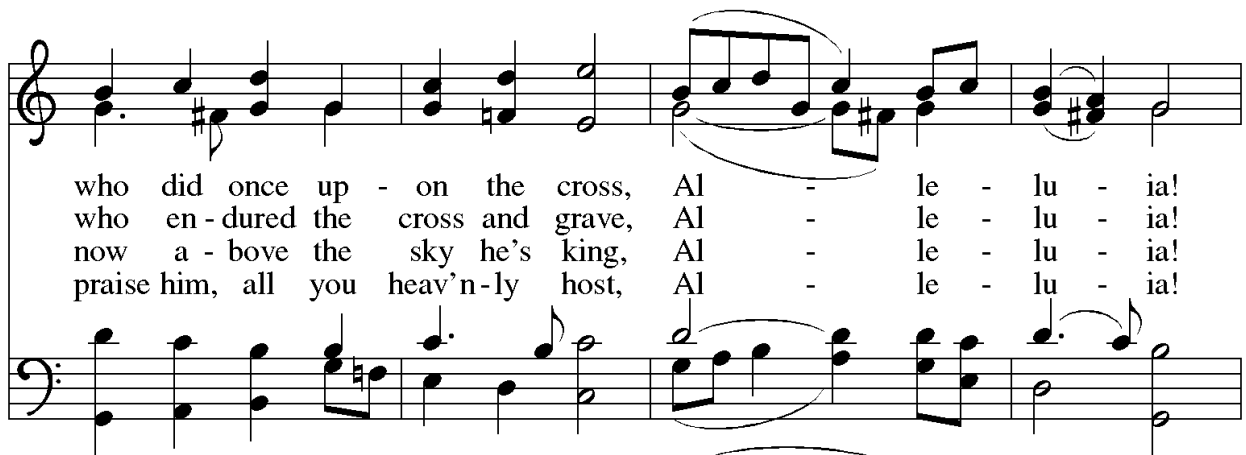
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



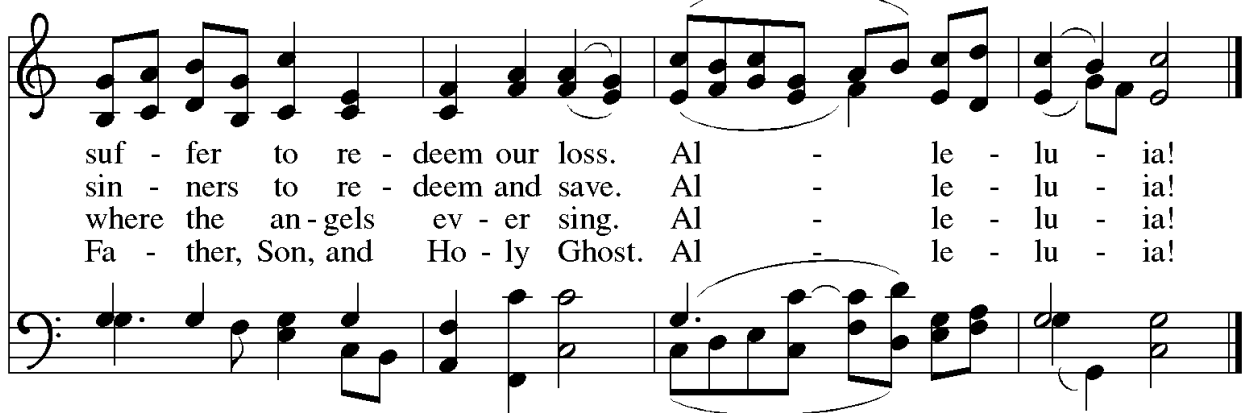
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Friends, on Easter Sunday we remember that the world did its worst to God. The world battered and bruised, betrayed and abandoned, crucified and buried our living God. And despite it all, Jesus still chose to return. Jesus rose again and immediately went to work spreading God's love to the very people who had hurt him. So hear me when I say, there is nothing you can do that could keep God's love at bay. With that good news mind, let us go to God in prayer, trusting that Jesus Christ loves, claims, and seeks us.

Friends, let us pray:

C: Gracious God, we want to be Easter people. We want to shout your good news from the rooftop. We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you. We want to follow the angels, who said, "Be not afraid," but we are afraid. And we don't know where to look. And we are worried we'll say the wrong thing. So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people. We are best intentions and best laid plans. We are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias." We are on our way, but we are not there yet. Show us how to embody your good news in this world. Show us how to be your Easter people. With hope for tomorrow, we pray. Amen.

P: Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias," we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for you. And there is nothing that could keep God's love at bay.

So join me in this good news declaration:

C: Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed. This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God. Amen!

KYRIE AND GLORY

Leader: In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. *(to Refrain)*

REFRAIN: ALL

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer -
- cy up - on us.
Chri - ste e - lei - son. Christ, have mer -
- cy up - on us.

Leader: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. *(to Refrain)*

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. *(to Refrain)*

Leader: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. *(to Refrain)*

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

ALL:

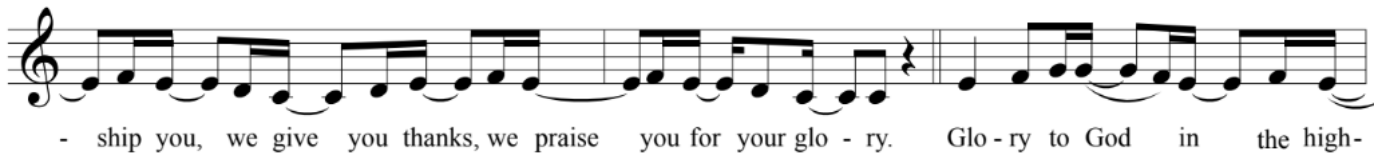
A - men, A - - - - men. *rit.*



Glo-ry to God in the high est and peace to God's peo - ple on



earth. Lord God, Hea - ven-ly King, Al-might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor-



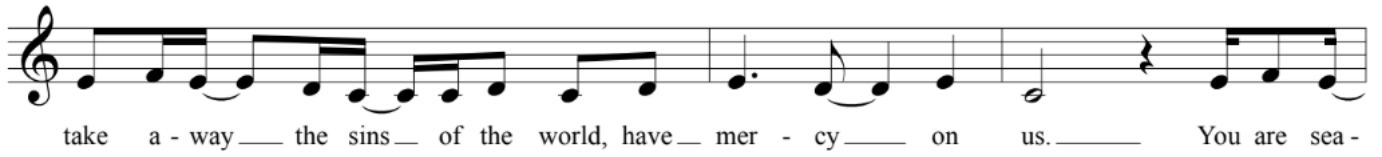
- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



- est and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. You are sea -



- ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high est and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Glo-ry to God in the high est and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*** GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

P: Holy One, all over the world, people are gathering to hear the same story. All over the world, people are gathering to hear how death lost its sting. All over the world, people are gathering together, praying for a glimpse of you. So like our neighbors all over the world, we pray, be here. Speak to us today. Soften the calloused parts of our hearts until we can sense your Holy Spirit in our midst once more. With eagerness and hope, we run to the tomb. We sing alleluia. We bow our heads. We listen for you.

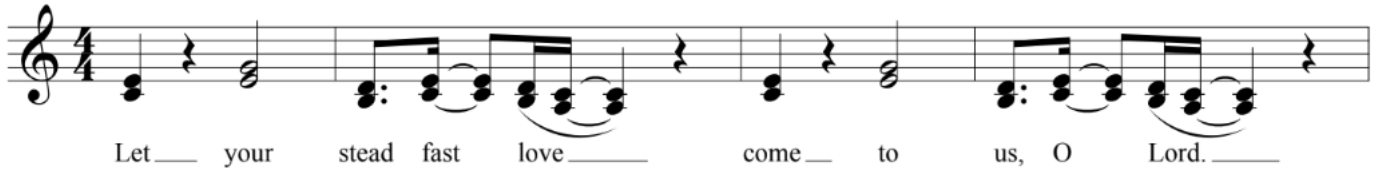
C: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

***GRADUAL HYMN**



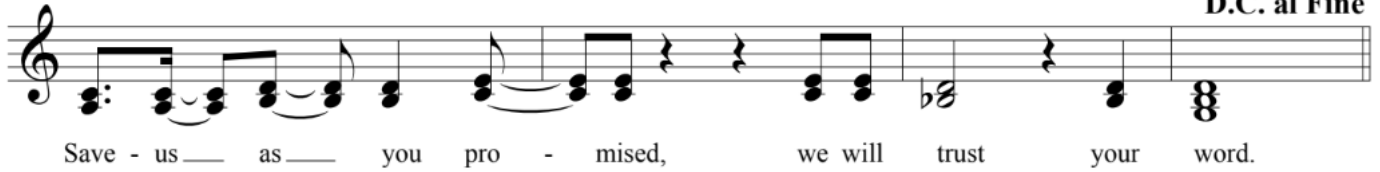
Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Fine

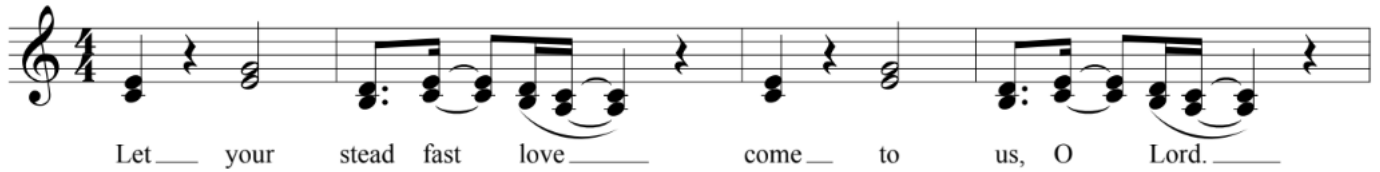


Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

D.C. al Fine



Save us as you promised, we will trust your word.



Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Fine



Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

*GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28: 1-10

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter, beginning with the 1st verse.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

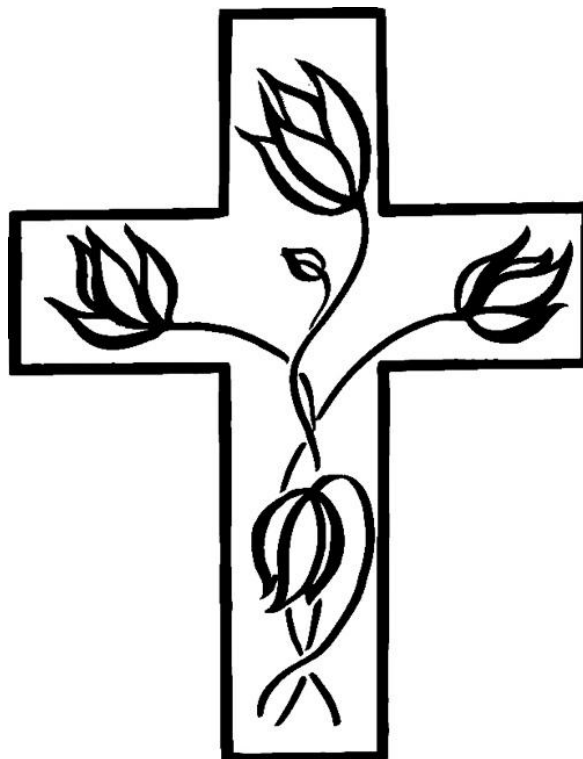
C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

CHRIST RISING AGAIN

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Christ Rising Again

K. Lee Scott
Romans 6:9-10

HERON STREET
K. Lee Scott

Choir: *Christ rising again dies no more, death has no strength,
no power over him; for in that he lives, he lives to God.*

*Now death with all its dread o'er us no longer reigns,
for Jesus rising from the tomb has burst its iron chains.*

*Christ rising again dies no more, death has no strength,
no power over him; for in that he lives, he lives to God.*

*Destruction is destroyed by Christ, our Lord and King,
whose rising forth with life restored removes death's dreadful sting.*

*Christ rising again dies no more, death has no strength,
no power over him; for in that he lives, he lives to God.*

*Victorious Lord of Life, who sets our hearts aflame,
through deadly pain and fearful strife, we triumph in his name.*

ALL:

Refrain



*** STATEMENT OF FAITH**

P: Let us now confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed:

C: **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: Risen Christ, good-news God, and ever-present Spirit, today is a day we've been waiting for.

We've been waiting for the holy mystery of this morning.

We've been waiting for the good news of an empty grave.

We've been waiting for the sound of alleluias.

Today is a day we've been waiting for, and now that we're here, all we can say is thank you. Thank you for showing the world what could be. Thank you for loving us with abandon. Thank you for facing death and returning with mercy. Thank you for the empty tomb. Thank you for morning birdsong. And thank you for meeting us here, as you always do.

Today we celebrate the good news that you are alive in the world. The grave couldn't hold you. Death couldn't keep you. The empire couldn't confine you. Instead, you are here and everywhere. You are risen. You are on the move in the world. Your love meets us in this room and calls us out into the world. And that is good, good news.

So, on this Easter Sunday, this holiest of days, we ask for your help noticing you in our midst. When our feet walk beside wildflowers, may we think of you. When the stars light up the sky, may we see you. When we break bread with our neighbors, may we feel you. When a stranger acts with kindness and love, may we recognize you. We know that you are out in the world, God, and we don't want to miss a minute of it.

And while we pray these prayers with gratitude and joy, we also pray for those who still find themselves at the foot of the cross. We pray for those stuck in the pain of Good Friday. We pray for Rosemary Rizzo, Tony Rizzo, Erin Jankowski, Dee Marinov, John Veihdeffer, Sarah Burke, Kathy Busdiecker, the friends and family of Joyce Chase, and all those we name in our hearts.

Holy One, so many days feel like Good Friday, but the promise of Easter is that Good Friday does not have the last word. So may we live like that is true. May we speak this hope to our neighbors. May we look for you in our midst. And may we always remember alleluias came after the grave.

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.**

PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

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

MEAL

OFFERING AND SETTING THE TABLE

*OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord; _____ Fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ings. _____ Gath - er the har - vest from the seeds that were
sown _____ And be fed with the bread of _____ life. _____ Gath - er the hopes and the
dreams of all; _____ U - nite them with the prayers _____ we of - fer _____ now. _____
Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence; _____ Give us a fore - taste of the feast, _____
Give us a fore - taste of the feast, _____ Give us a fore - taste of the feast to come. _____

*OFFERING PRAYER

- A: Let us pray.
C: **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. Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: ALL: Leader: ³

The Lord be with you. — And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts.

ALL: Leader:

We lift them to the Lord. — Let us give thanks to the Lord our — God. —

ALL:

It is — right — to give our thanks — and praise. —

Mmmm Mmmm

Leader: 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 God, through our Savior, Je-sus Christ, who on this day over came death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. So, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r — and might —

X2

2. Heav'n and earth — are full — of your glo - ry, Ho-san - na in the high - est —

X2

3. Bless'd is he — who comes — in the name of the Lord —

X2

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r — and might —

X1

Words of Institution

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

As we live like Easter people, let us continue to pray the words Jesus taught us to pray, saying...

C: 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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: On Easter morning, the women went looking for Jesus.
The angel said he was not in the tomb, so they ran, afraid yet filled with joy. They sought after him.
They hurried to Galilee, looking for their risen Christ.
And in their seeking, the text tells us: "Suddenly, Jesus met them" (Matthew 28:9).
Jesus met the women in their seeking.
Jesus met them in their moment of fear and grief.
Jesus met them when they felt lost.
Jesus met them and provided hope.
Friends, if like the women you are seeking Christ,
if you have known grief or fear,
if you have ever felt lost, or if you are in need of some hope,
then come to this Table.
All are welcome here.
For just as Jesus met the women in their seeking,
I am confident that Jesus meets us here,
saying, "Do not be afraid."

COMMUNION MUSIC

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world. _____



Have _____ mer - cy on us. _____



Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world. _____



Have _____ mer - cy on us. _____



Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world. _____



Grant _____ us peace. _____

CHOIR ANTHEM

SENDING

***PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

P: And now may this, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist us in this ministry on which we are sent forth. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence.

C: **Amen.**

A: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C: **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

P: Loving Christ, thank you for the bread that nourishes our bodies and for the cup that quenches our thirst. Thank you for this community, which reminds us who we are and for this Table that brings us together. Thank you for the music that lifts our spirits and your holy word that is the good, good news to carry us through the moments beyond these walls, With joy and hope we pray, God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

THINE IS THE GLORY (NEXT PAGE)

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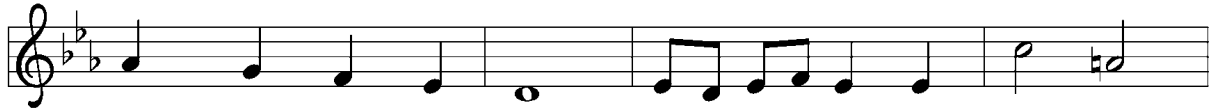
Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

DISMISSAL

- A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

EASTER FLOWERS

Our flowers this year are lovingly given by:

Shirley Shannon

In memory of her mother, Dorothy Senn Langheier.

George & Angela Roeser:

in memory of Carl Roeser, Eric Bartram, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Roser, and their grandparents, and in honor of Mrs. Alvina Cometto, and their children and grandchildren.

Deborah & Brian Waldrop:

In Memory of Helen and Herm pease and Roy Waldrop,
& in honor of Doris Waldrop

The Brown Family:

In memory of Steve Abbott and Howard Brown

Annette Berg & John Veihdeffer:

In memory of our Loved ones

Pat Nowak:

in memory of her husband, Marty, and in honor of all her children and grandchildren.

Dawn Sagerman:

n memory of Sam and Shirley Maggio and Fred and Gert Sagerman,
and in honor of her grandchildren Isis, Ophelia, and Soren.

John Crane:

In honor of Sarah Burke.

Faith White:

in memory of Robert F. White.

The Pachioli Family:

In memory of Loved Ones

Kathy Habermehl &family:

in memory of her father Milton Lange,
and her son Stephen Habermehl.

And our Altar flowers are dedicted to all those who rest with the saints
who we cherish and hold in our hearts today.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAY FOR...

ROSEMARY RIZZO
TONY RIZZO
ERIN JANKOWSKI
DEE MARINOV
MARYANN AND CHIP
ORLANDO
JOHN VEIDEFFER
SARAH BURKE



GEORGE TROESTER- SON OF MAUREEN SIETESKI
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KEVIN MACIVER- SECOND COUSIN OF ANNETTE BERG
WANDA ZYGMUNTOWICZ- FRIEND OF JOE SOMMA

CHICKEN BBQ

The chicken barbeque to benefit Home of My Own will be on Friday, May 1st beginning at 4 p.m. and ending at 6 p.m., or until sold out. Tickets will be sold after services on Sunday and during the week in the office.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet on May 24 to discuss The Measure by Nikki Erlick
A luminous, spirit-lifting work of speculative fiction that asks: would you choose to
know the length of your life?

Discussion Leader: Peg Clukey | Hostess: Ellen Pachioli

COOKING FOR CLIENTS

Back on the pamphlet table there is a board that will occasionally have slips of paper showing pantry products we use for the Cooking for Clients operation. When these products are donated, it allows us to use our limited cash resources to purchase meat, vegetables, and other perishables. When you are in the mood, please take a slip and put it with your shopping list, then bring the item to church when you can. These small contributions will do much to help us continue to serve clients of the Family Justice Center. Thanks very much!



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KYRIE

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THIS IS THE FEAST

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LENTEN ACCLAMATION

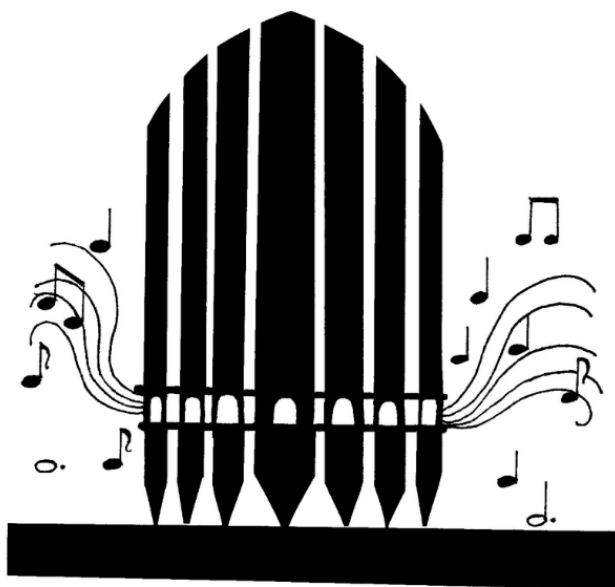
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"Behold, I Make All Things New"
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COVER IMAGE

Paul Omen

Birdsong

Every morning the sun rises,
majestic and steady.
She is greeted
in all her strength
with the joyous cacophony of birdsong.
I like to believe
this holy chorus
is the birds telling each other—
I'm here.
We made it through the night.
You're not alone.
What good, good news.
I think the resurrection is a bit like that.
God is here.
We made it through the night.
We are not alone.
What good, good news.



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