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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

7 April 2024, 10:15 am.

### **AS WE GATHER**

Shadows are powerful. Just ask the crowds in Jerusalem mentioned in Acts 5. When Peter walked by them, they brought the sick on mats, hoping that his shadow would fall upon them. It did. And the sick were healed! God's power was working through Peter's shadow to bring restoration in Jesus' name. Because our Savior is risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, His power is at work among us today as well. Even when death casts its gloomy shade over us, we stand in the shadow of Jesus' cross and empty tomb and, therefore, we are assured of His power and His provision forever. As we gather in Jesus' presence for worship today, may He fill us with great joy as we continue to celebrate His resurrection victory and confess Him as our Lord and God!

### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

### **EASTER PROCLAMATION and WELCOME**

### **HYMN OF INVOCATION**

#### ***461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives***

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.
  
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.
  
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.

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- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Please stand as you are able.*

### INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

- A** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**G** Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES

- A** "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory?"  
**G** "O death, where is your sting?"

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- A** The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
- C** **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- A** That victory remains ours by a God-given faith and hope. That hope is kept alive as we daily repent of our sins and remain in the promises of God. For, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- A** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are afraid of losing hope. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, risen from the dead for the life of the world, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- A** In the mercy of our gracious heavenly Father, Jesus came into this world, journeying from the crib to the cross, from the tomb and to His throne of glory in order to secure our forgiveness according to God's plan of salvation. Receive His assurance of pardon this day as we celebrate Jesus' victory over sin, death and the grave.
- C** **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Ps. 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3*



*Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—\**

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*if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.*

**Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;\***  
**make known his deeds among the | peoples!**

*Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;\**  
*tell of all his | wondrous works!*

**Glory in his | holy name;\***

**let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!**

*Seek the LORD | and his strength;\**  
*seek his presence con- | tinually!*

**Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,\***  
**his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.**

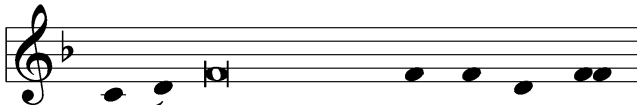
*He remembers his covenant for- | ever,\**  
*the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.*

**All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it*  
*you may grow up to sal- | vation—\**  
*if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.*

## KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

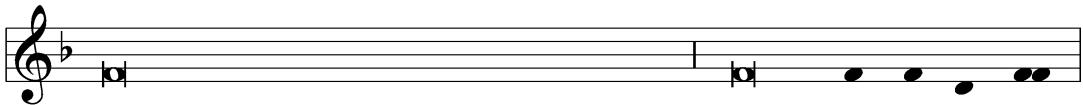
Mark 10:47



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

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**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



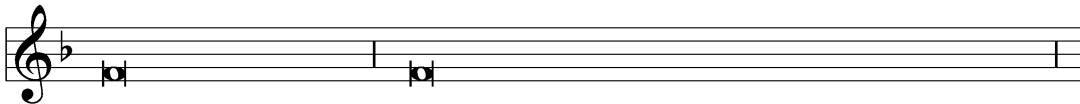
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



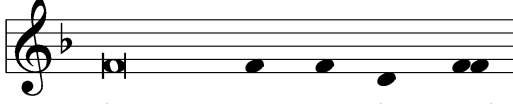
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



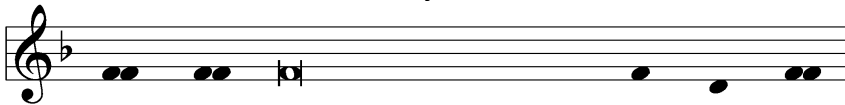
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

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## HYMN OF PRAISE ~ This Is the Feast



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



- 1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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## SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**A** Let us pray. . . Merciful God and Father, the hope of all who put their trust in You, by Your Word and Sacrament this day grant us steadfast faith in our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in Your continued mercy, and a sincere love for You and our neighbor; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING: Acts 4:32–35

*Abbie Crist*

### *“They Had Everything in Common”*

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 148; antiphon: v. 13

*Abbie Crist*

*Praise the LORD!*

*Praise the LORD from the heavens;*

*praise him in the heights!*

**Praise him, all his angels;**

**praise him, all his hosts!**



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*Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars!*

**Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!**

*Let them praise the name of the LORD!*

*For he commanded and they were created.*

**And he established them forever and ever;  
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

*Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all deeps,*

**fire and hail, snow and mist,  
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

*Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!*

**Beasts and all livestock,  
creeping things and flying birds!**

*Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!*

**Young men and maidens together,  
old men and children!**

*Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his majesty is above earth and heaven.*

**He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his saints,  
for the people of Israel who are near to him.  
Praise the LORD!**

**EPISTLE: 1 John 1:1—2:2**

***"The Word of Life"***

*Steve Yearout*

*After the reading:*

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

*Please stand in honor of the Gospel.*

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## ALLELUIA and VERSE

John 6:68

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

## WHAT WE BELIEVE ~ Nicene Creed

**P** Let us affirm what we believe using the words of the 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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Following the Creed, people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you."— (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3). Then return to their places and be seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

*Grace Havens*

*(Kindergarten - 4th grade students are excused to attend Children's Church in the ANNEX)*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

### **851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us**

- 1 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,

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- Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given  
Blessings countless as the sand  
To the \_ unthankful and the evil  
With Your own unsparing hand.
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You  
Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.
- 3 Wondrous honor You have given  
To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence,  
"You have done it all to Me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master,  
That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy,  
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?
- 4 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces,  
With Your love our love renew.

**TODAY'S MESSAGE** *Money, Property & the Resurrection*

*David Wilson, Elder*

Acts 4:29-37

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY**

**707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways**

- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep His statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do His will!
- 2 Order my footsteps by Thy Word  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.
- 3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget Thy way,  
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.
- 4 Make me to walk in Thy commands—  
'Tis a delightful road—  
Nor let my head or heart or hands  
Offend against my God.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

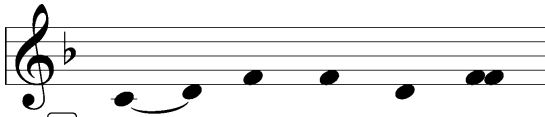
*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of unity in the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3)*

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

Holy Communion is a confession of the faith whereby we profess at this altar that our Lord Jesus Christ 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. Therefore, any who are not yet instructed, or who are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are respectfully asked to refrain from partaking in the meal and instead may come to the altar and receive a blessing, or remain in your pew during distribution, and afterwards speak with the pastor.

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## PREFACE




**P** The Lord be with you.



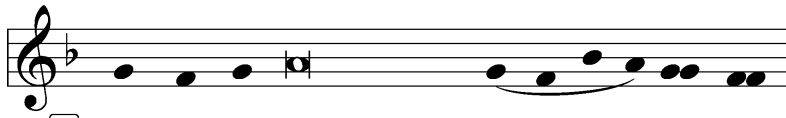
**C** And al - so with you.




**P** Lift up your hearts.



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



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

- A** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty God, everlasting Father, for the amazing love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into the valley of the shadow of death so that we will not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will rest in the shadow of His glorious presence and know Your power forever.

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Therefore, with Thomas and all witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **SANCTUS** ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**A** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

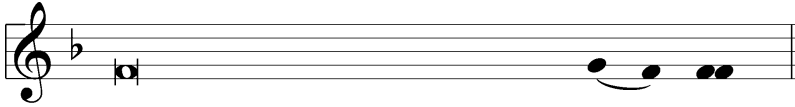
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## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

### PAX DOMINI ~ Peace of the Lord

John 20:19



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

### AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29



**G** 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.

### MY CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

- I REJOICE in Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior.
- I REPENT of all my sins in thought, word, and deed.
- I RECEIVE Christ's real body and blood, as well as the bread and wine in this Sacrament.
- I RELY on our Savior's promise of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation given to me through this Holy Supper.
- I REAFFIRM my oneness with fellow communicants in accepting all of Christ's teaching.
- I RESOLVE to live a sanctified life by the power of the Holy Spirit.



**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord**

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

**850 God of Grace and God of Glory**

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,  
On Your people pour Your pow'r;  
Crown Your ancient Church's story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.
- 3 Cure Your children's warring madness;  
Bend our pride to Your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.

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Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

- 4 Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving You whom we adore,  
Serving You whom we adore.

### **620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing**

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing,  
Knocking at my door, appealing,  
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.  
He Himself makes preparation,  
And I hear His invitation:  
"Come and taste the blessed feast."
- 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,  
Yet in bread and wine abiding  
In this holy sacrament,  
Gives the bread of life, once broken,  
And the cup, the precious token  
Of His sacred covenant.
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,  
I receive the Savior holy,  
Blood and body, giv'n for me,  
Very Lamb of God from heaven,  
Who to bitter death was given,  
Hung upon the cursed tree.
- 4 God descends with heav'nly power,  
Gives Himself to me this hour  
In this ordinary sign.  
On my tongue His pledge receiving,  
I accept His grace, believing  
That I taste His love divine.

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5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
Whose own feast of love I savor,  
Bidden by His gracious call.  
Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me,  
Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,  
Comfort in my tribulation,  
Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
Cleanses me from sin and error,  
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

*Please stand.*

## THANK THE LORD



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls 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.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**A** Here, O Lord, in the true body and blood of Your Son, we have seen You face-to-face and touched the same Savior who showed His hands and side to Thomas and the other disciples. Grant that we who stand forgiven in the shadow of His cross may testify with great boldness to

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the power of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE**

“Powerful Giving”

*Abbie Crist*

- Be in the Word: Read Malachi 1-4
- Find an opportunity to give joyfully, exercising your new life as a child of God.
- Pray the prayer of Acts 4: that God’s word would be powerfully spoken through all of us, and that God’s almighty hand would be stretched out to do amazing things through all of us.

## **CLOSING SENTENCES**

**A** The death Christ died He died to sin, once for all,

**C but the life He lives He lives to God.**

**A** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## **BENEDICTION**

**A** The grace of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be and remain with you always.

**C Amen.**

## **EASTER PROCLAMATION**

**A** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **HYMN TO DEPART**

### ***465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds***

- 1 Now all the vault of heav’n resounds  
In praise of love that still abounds:  
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:

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"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings,  
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still He comes to give us life  
And by His presence stills all strife.  
Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through Your triumph;  
Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring  
And with the heav'nly blessèd sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
All the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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