



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Lutheran Church-
Missouri Synod*

1308 Whitley Rd.
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**Sunday School &
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9:30am

Sunday Worship
8:00am, 10:45am

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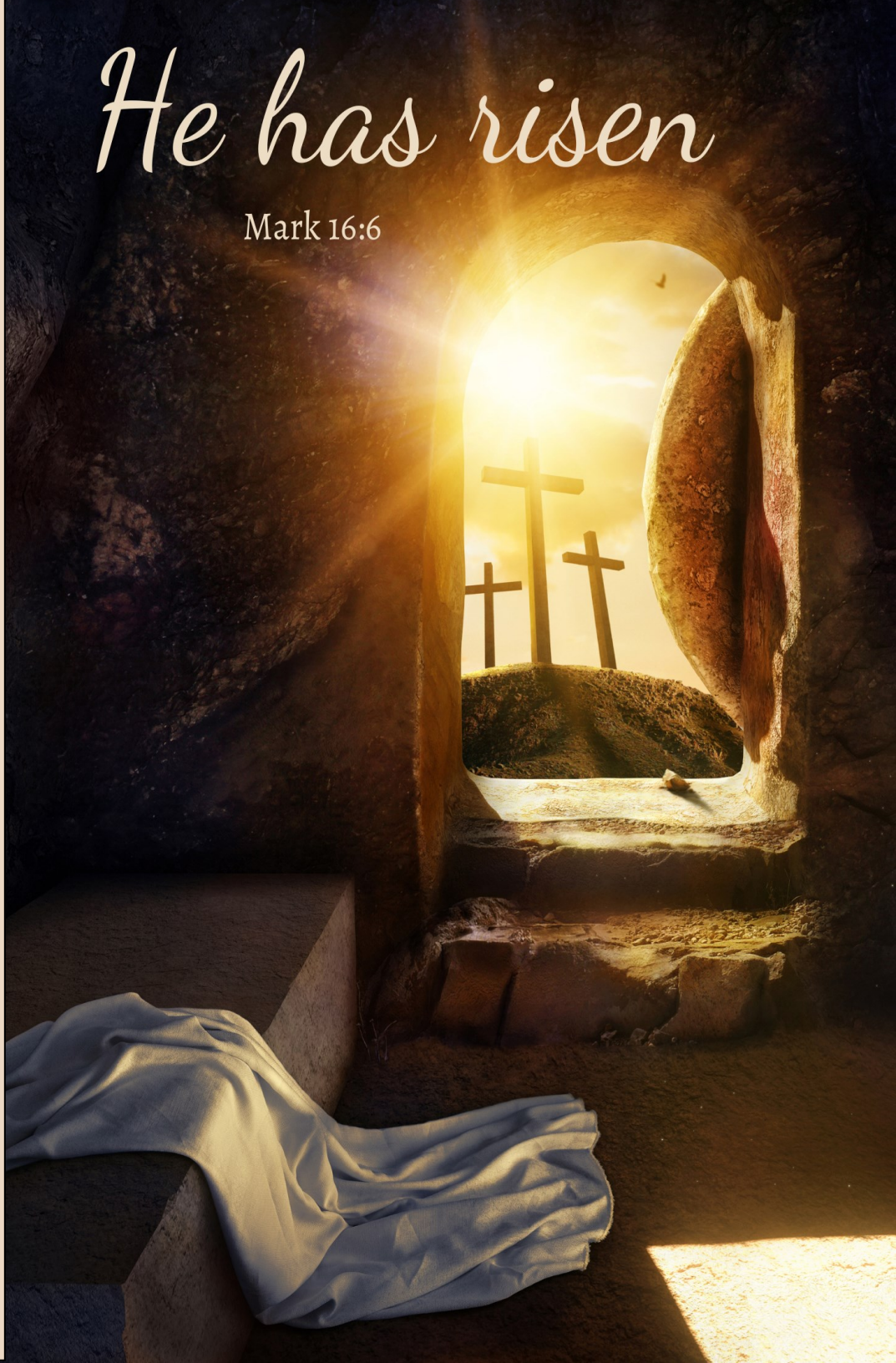
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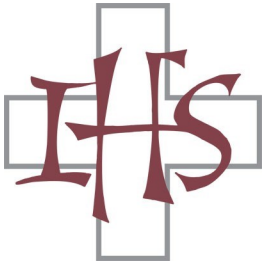
He has risen

Mark 16:6



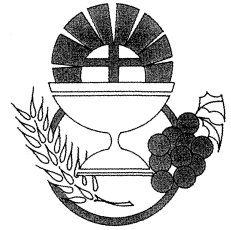
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FOR OUR VISITORS....



Welcome! We encourage you to follow along with either the printed service, or with the hymnal. The page numbers for the hymnal are posted at the front of the sanctuary and on the next page. We realize it can take a while for newcomers to become familiar with our liturgy, so please feel free to ask someone near you for assistance—he or she would be happy to help.

We love children in our church! But if your little one gets fussy you may use the **cry room** that is located at the north end of the hallway behind the sanctuary on your right. You are able to see and hear the worship service from there. We also have a **nursery** at the end of the long hall toward the fellowship hall (last door on the right), for mothers who need more privacy with nursing infants. We also have **"Quiet Bags"** available for children to use during the service. Please ask an usher or elder if you need assistance. The Quiet Bags are returned after the service.



The Lord's Supper is celebrated in our services today. In this supper, our Lord Jesus Christ graciously feeds the humble sinner with His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Scripture clearly teaches that anyone who eats and drinks the body and blood of Christ without discerning that body and blood receives a judgment rather than a blessing from God (1 Cor. 11:29). Therefore, out of a Christian concern for souls, we require a thorough instruction in the teachings of the Lutheran Church before participating in this Sacrament. Participation at the altar is also a testimony of unity of faith with all others who partake (1 Cor. 10:17). Since unity at the altar presupposes unity in doctrine and confession (Acts 2:42), we kindly request that **only those who are in confessional fellowship** with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod participate. This includes active members in good standing of all sister Missouri-Synod congregations.

We recognize that **Closed Communion** is a sensitive issue for many and have a brochure to explain it more thoroughly. It is available in the narthex or from an usher. If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to speak with our pastor. However, **we welcome** both children and adults who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church to come to the altar during communion for a pastoral blessing. Please indicate the request for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.



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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2024



The ancient Christian Easter greeting says it well: ***"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"*** Today we gather on the highest Christian holy day - to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. The Lamb of God that was slain for the sins of the world now lives triumphant over the grave. The strife is over, the battle is won! Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!

We rejoice not only that Jesus is alive, but also that our resurrection is guaranteed by his. He is the Firstborn of the Dead, and where he goes, we, His people, will follow. Easter points us, therefore, not just back to that bright morning when they found his empty tomb.

It also points us forward to the final resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. "He who believes in me will live, even though he dies. And he who lives and believes in me will never die!" Thanks be to God for new life, even eternal life, in Jesus Christ our Lord!

Serving in God's House Today

Organist: Miguel Ruiz		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Altar Guild: Joan Burk Linnea Johnstone Laurie Ward	Head Elder:	Steven Latham	Luis Munoz
	Head Usher:	Mark Boyd	Tyson Bonty
	Acolytes:	Madoc Allen	Evan Munoz
Counters: Veronica Hobson	Crucifer/ Altar Assistant	Layton Allen	Cory O'Dell



EASTER LILIES

Debbie Lee
Ruby Wilson
Lauren Friend
Linda Borchelt
The Soll Family
Nancy Finkbeiner
The Weber Family
John & Vera Sweet
Wiley & Anna Smith
Kirby & Brenda Thowe
Steven & Cathy Latham
Daniel & Wendy Knutson
Erasmo & Barbara Pinero
Larry & Debbie Goedecke
Roland & Christine Towers
Blanca & Miguel Hernandez
Durand & Marnee Crutchfield
The Phillips Family—In Loving Memory of Bob Bizzell

THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING THE BEAUTIFUL LILIES THIS EASTER.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 03/31 - 7:00AM - DIVINE SUNRISE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE
 - 8:30AM - EASTER BREAKFAST
 - 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT
 - 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE

MONDAY 04/01 - - MLCA SCHOOL HOLIDAY—EASTER MONDAY
 - 9:30AM - OPEN BRAILLE WORKSHOP—MAC BUILDING BRAILLE ROOM

TUESDAY 04/02 - 9:30AM - JOY GROUP—FELLOWSHIP HALL
 - 6:00PM - BELLS PRACTICE—SANCTUARY
 - 7:00PM - CHOIR PRACTICE—SANCTUARY
 - 7:00PM - CONFIRMATION 2 & 3—RECEPTION ROOM & FELLOWSHIP HALL

WEDNESDAY 04/03 - 3:30PM - MLCA CHESS CLUB—FELLOWSHIP HALL

THURSDAY 04/04 - 6:00PM - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—RECEPTION ROOM

FRIDAY 04/05 - -

SATURDAY 04/06 - 7:00AM - MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY—ROSA'S CAFÉ ON 377
 - 5:00PM - YOUTH BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS— FELLOWSHIP HALL

CATECHESIS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 31

What is the First Article of the Apostles' Creed?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me

from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: March 31—April 13

31: Ex. 14:10-31
 Heb. 7:23-8:13

01: Ex. 15:1-18
 Heb. 9:1-28

02: Ex. 16:13-35
 Heb. 10:19-39

03: Ex. 16:13-35
 Heb. 10:19-39

04: Ex. 17:1-6
 Heb. 11:1-29

05: Ex. 18:5-27
 Heb. 12:1-24

06: Ex. 19:1-25
 Heb. 13:1-21

07: Ex. 20:1-24
 Luke 4:1-15

08: Ex. 22:20-23:13
 Luke 4:16-30

09: Ex. 23:14-33
 Luke 4:31-44

10: Ex. 24:1-18
 Luke 5:1-16

11: Ex. 25:1-22
 Ex. 25:23-30:38
 Luke 5:17-39

12: Ex. 31:1-18
 Luke 6:1-19

13: Ex. 32:1-14
 Luke 6:20-38

Please keep in your prayers...

We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer: Claire Slaven, Melinda Cagle, Cheyenne Clemens, Sarah Jarrett, Mike Vandergriff, Les Kaspar, Rev. Ernie Bernet, Harold Karner, Janie Peter.

...also those with other illnesses and trials: Judy Klingbeil, Ron Zuar, Delores Knutson, Jerry Newman, Peggy Wahlstedt, Travis Thowe, Isola Erskin, Brooke Lage, Charlotte Carey, David Loeffler Sr., Bob Towers, Tera Brinkley, Pat Deardoff, Karen Kitmann, Luis Sr. and Ramona Munoz, Susan Copen, David Gruben, Priscilla Lindwedel, Annette Turbyfill, Richard Rigdon, Abby O'Neil, Dusty Ford, Sharon Loeffler, Mildred McLaughlin, Carmen Brannon, Jacob Brewer, Ron and Barbara Busse, Harold Karner, Martha Kitzmann, Bruce Lage, Bob Lemmon, Paul Maier Sr., Anne Meirt, Joe O'Neil, Paul Sawall, Wendell Wahlstedt.

...and those who are unable to worship with us regularly: Ron Klingbeil, LaVina Goedecke, Janet Hazlehurst, Roger Isringhaus.

.....all of our college students in and out of state: Katie Bolton, Olivia Bolton, Jared Brewer, James Buhler, Colby Carter, Helena Chryst, Seminarian David Christensen, Duran Crutchfield, Maranda Crutchfield, Dorian Crutchfield, Paul Hedman, Ethan Johnson, Cole O'Dell, Ryan O'Dell, Aidan Richmond, David Preston, Seminarian Tanner Sawall, Madeline Stephens, Max Tonniges, Emily Torkelson.

We remember all those serving our country, particularly our members and loved ones in the military: Carly Schwarzenburg, Jesus Aranda, Hannah Kajer, Nicolas Towers, Tony Bourassa, Tyler Burk, David Cantrell, Cassie Gessling, Joseph Kajer, Seth Kirch, Andrew Latham, Matthew Latham, Andrew Lowry, Hannah Pinkston, Brandon Towers, Chaplain Paul Weber, Frank Wilde, Chaplain Peter J. Williams.

We also pray for...

- Our educational ministry, especially our Academy, Sunday School, and Catechumens.
- Fellow Messiah members, married couples and children, young couples, singles, and Pastor Chryst.
- The voters, church council, and leaders of Messiah church and school as they deliberate on the work the Lord has given His people to do.
- Our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world being persecuted for their faith.
- The spread of the Gospel around our nation and world and the work of our missionaries and relief workers.
- Rev. Solomon Yadessa and his work with the Multi-Ethnic Ministry of North Texas.
- Mr. Phillip Magness and his work in Africa, and Rev. Charles Ferry in Asia, through the LCMS.
- Our Braille ministry, that the Word will continue to reach blind or visually impaired people around the world, and for more volunteers to make it possible.
- The Swaddling Clothes ministry and those who come seeking assistance.
- Those studying at seminary, including David Christensen, Tanner Sawall and Patrick and Grace Randolph as they prepare to serve in the Holy Ministry.
- Prayers for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.



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HAVE A BLESSED EASTER!



Pastor Chryst and the church staff, along with their families, wish everyone at Messiah a blessed Easter. Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!



THANK YOU! Our observances of Lent and Holy Week take many people and countless hours to prepare for. We thank all of you who have labored during these past six weeks building up to Easter celebration today! From the cleaners, repairers, meal preparers to our Altar Guild, musicians, office staff and all other volunteers, thank you!



VOTERS' MEETING MINUTES: To read the latest Voters' Meeting Minutes from the February 25th Special Meeting, please login to the church website under the drop-down menu - "Member Resources" then follow the link under "Voters' Meeting Minutes". For questions, contact our Church Council Secretary, Chris Goodwin at cjgood123@gmail.com.



The MLCA Spring Auction is right around the corner on April 19th at the Victorian Tower House in Old Town Keller. Tickets include heavy hors d'oeuvres, 2 free drinks, swag bag, a live auction, photo ops, and fun/fellowship. All adult MLCA supporters are welcome—parents, grandparents, church members, and community leaders! Scan the QR code to purchase tickets. For questions or to help volunteer, email April Littman at april@neighborinteriors.com.

Open Braille Workshop meets weekly on Mondays at 9:30am in April in the MAC Braille room off of 377. For questions, contact Linda Brown at Lindasbrown64@yahoo.com.



STEWARDS UNDER THE CROSS for March 31st, John 20:1 – "Now on the first day of the week ..." All is made new by the resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the

Old Testament's Sabbath (Saturday) to the Lord's Day of the New Testament (Sunday). For the Lord has made all things new: In rising from the dead as the new Adam, He has begun a new week for a new creation. We are also made new in Him — a new heart, a new life, new desires, a new outlook toward God. All this comes from our risen Lord's grace. Especially after the sort of year we've had since last Easter, it sure is good news to hear that the Lord makes all things start afresh!



A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR for March 31 – Resurrection of

Our Lord: The Scriptures do not limit the sanctity of human life to a few isolated passages. Almighty God has made survival and salvation, abundant and everlasting, the point of the whole story. He intends His resurrection to encompass and affect every member of our race and every moment of our existence, from fertilization to forever. This is nothing less than the Gospel of the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)!



SACRED MUSIC FOR THE EASTER SEASON...

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness," "He's Risen, He's Risen." You can listen 24/7 to sacred music for the 50 days of the Easter season at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: 115 10:45am: 130 (245 Total)
Sunday School: 94 **OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$20,109.46** (Including online giving to Gen. Fund)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED TO FUND CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: \$17,443.00
MLC FINANCIAL STANDING AS OF MOST RECENT MONTH END: (Month End: FEBRUARY)

Offerings: \$509,952.86 **Other Revenues:** \$28,933.41 **Expenditures:** \$606,014.16 **Deficit:** -\$69,127.89

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~ The Resurrection of Our Lord ~

Divine Setting Three ~ LSB 184

Prelude

Stand

Opening Hymn: 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Choir only st.3



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 ye 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!

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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P 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.

P 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Exodus 15:1–3, 6, 11–13, 17–18; (Music from LSB 925)

Refrain

I will sing to the LORD, for He has tri-umphed glo-rious -
ly; the horse and his rid-er He has thrown in - to the sea.



The LORD is my strength | and my song,*
 and he has become my sal- | vation.
this is my God, and I will | praise Him,*
my father's God, and I will ex- | alt Him.

The Lord is a | man of war;*
 the Lord | is His name.

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious | in power,*
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the | enemy.

Who is like You, O Lord, a- | mong the gods?*

Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing | wonders?

You stretched out Your | right hand;*
the earth | swallowed them.

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you | have redeemed,*
 you have guided them by your strength to your ho- | ly abode.

You will bring them in and plant them on your own | mountain,*
the place, O LORD, which you have made for | your abode,
 the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have es- | tablished.*

The LORD will reign forever and | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

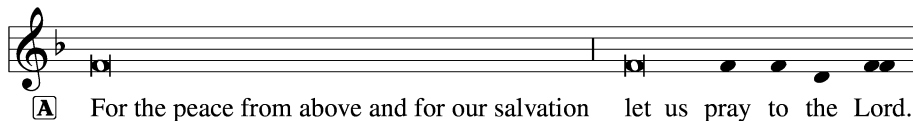
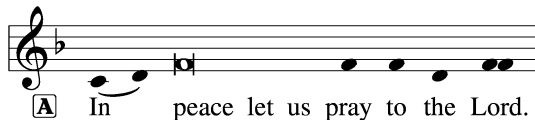
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

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Kyrie

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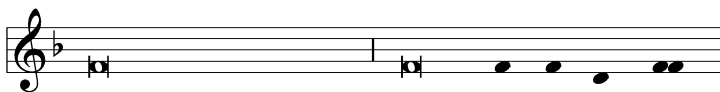




C Lord, have mer - cy.



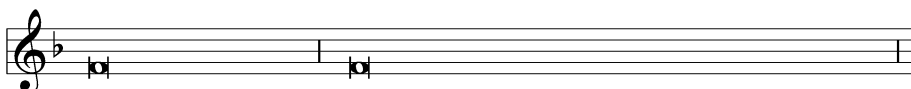
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



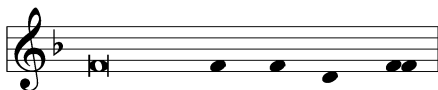
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



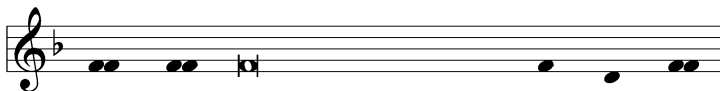
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



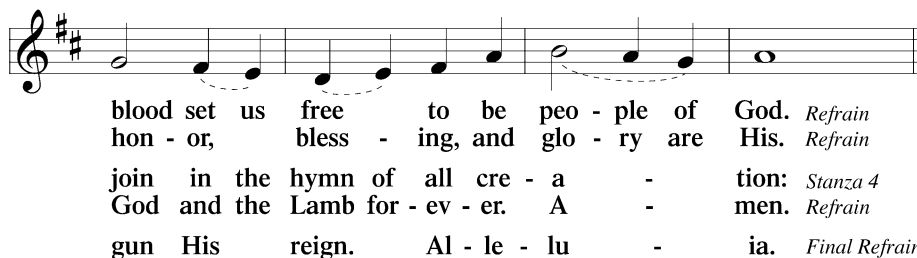
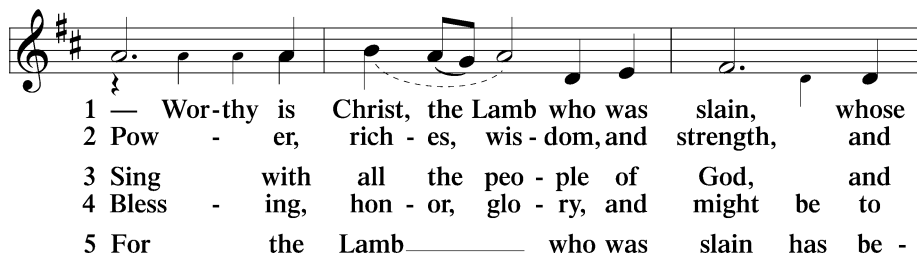
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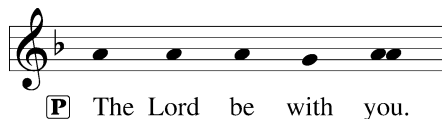
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.



Salutation and Collect of the Day





C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Anthem: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," *arr. Jason W. Krug*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual: "Christ, Our Passover," by Healey Willan *sung by the choir*

Alleluia. Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us. Alleluia.
Therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.
Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious, and His mercy endureth forever. Alleluia.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem: “Since by Man Came Death,” by *George Frideric Handel*

1 Corinthians 15:21

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C 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.

Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.

⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

P Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

C the beginning and the ending, the Alpha and Omega.

The Pastor puts the five wax nails into the candle.

P He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities.

C By His wounds we have healing both now and forever.
Amen.

The candle is lit.

P In Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

C May the light of Christ scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

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,
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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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Choir only st.1, 4, 6



1	Christ	Je - sus	lay	in	death's	strong	bands	For	our	of - fens -
2	No	son	of	man	could	con - quer	death,	Such	ru - in	sin
3	Christ	Je - sus,	God's	own	Son,	came	down,	His	peo - ple	to
4	It	was	a	strange	and	dread - ful	strife	When	life	and death



es giv - en; But now at God's right hand He stands
had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on earth,
de - liv - er; De - stroy - ing sin, He took the crown
con - tend - ed; The vic - to - ry re - mained with life,



And brings us life from heav - en. There - fore let us
And there - fore death had brought us In - to bond - age
From death's pale brow for - ev - er: Stripped of pow'r, no
The reign of death was end - ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture



joy - ful be And sing to God right thank - ful - ly
from of old And ev - er grew more strong and bold
more it reigns; An emp - ty form a - lone re - mains;
plain - ly saith That death is swal - lowed up by death,



Loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
And held us as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia!
Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 Here our true Paschal Lamb we see,
Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursèd tree—
So strong His love—to save us.
See, His blood now marks our door;
Faith points to it; death passes o'er,
And Satan cannot harm us.
Alleluia!

- 7 Then let us feast this Easter Day
On Christ, the bread of heaven;
The Word of grace has purged away
The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed;
He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other!
Alleluia!

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- 6 So let us keep the festival
To which the Lord invites us;
Christ is Himself the joy of all,
The sun that warms and lights us.
Now His grace to us imparts
Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
The night of sin is ended.
Alleluia!

Sermon

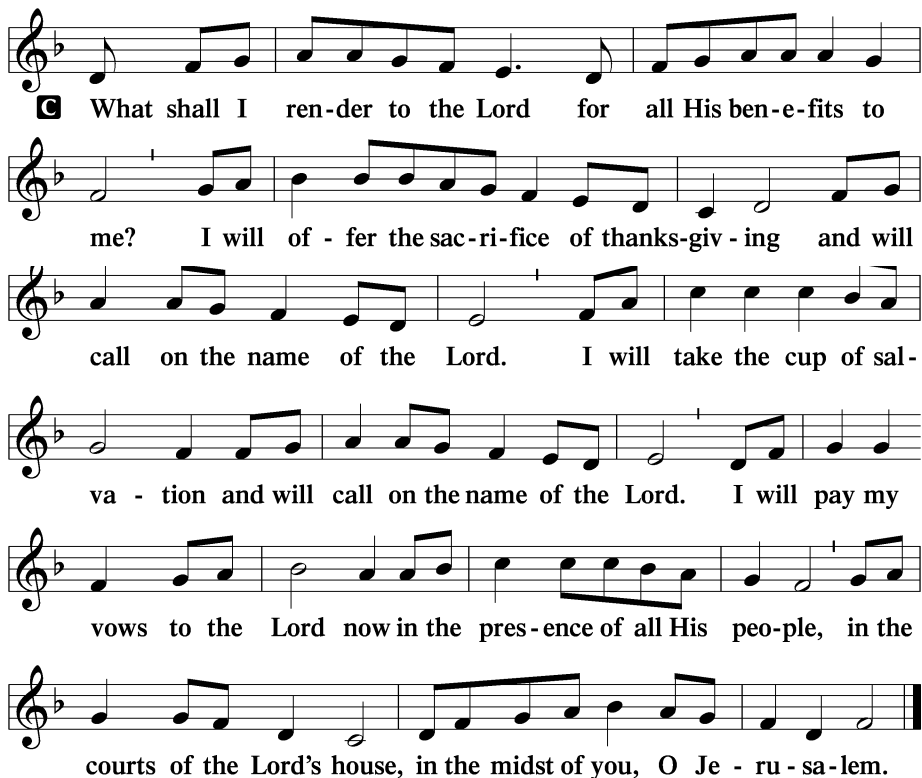
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Prayer of the Church

Voluntary: “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing,” *arr. Sandra Eithun*

Offertory

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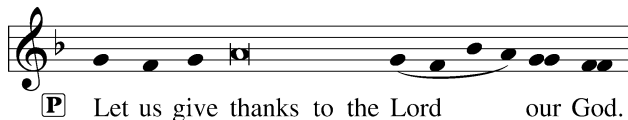
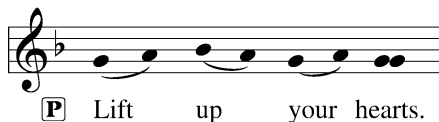
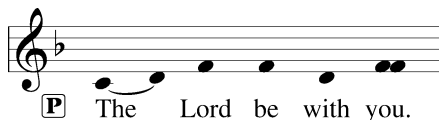
What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Reception of the Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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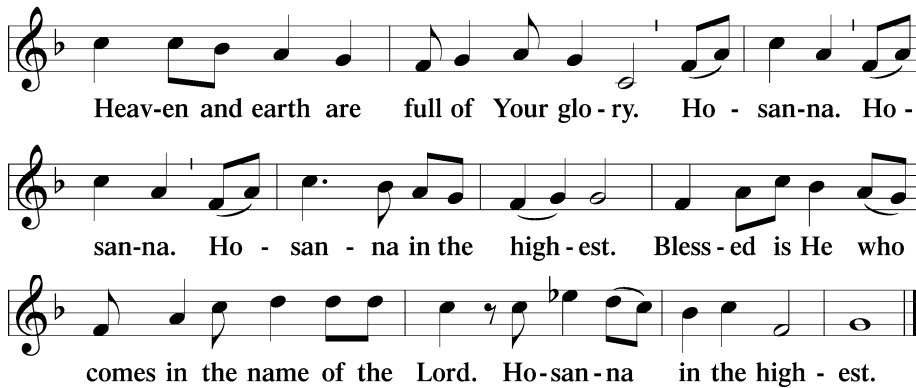


P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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- 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

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- P** 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.

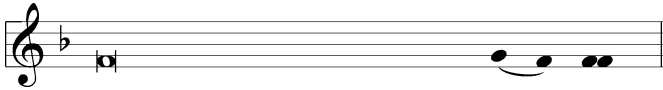
The Words of Our Lord

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 ✠ 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 blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

LSB 163



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



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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C 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.

Sit

Distribution

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You
 lie;
 You have conquered in the fight,
 You have brought us life and
 light.
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
 Now no more the grave enthrall;
 You have opened paradise,
 And Your saints in You shall
 rise.
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us
 free,
 Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, Your name we
 praise.
 Alleluia!

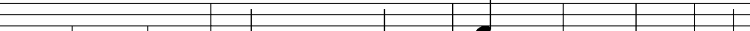
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466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;

Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.
 Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.




For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
 Je - sus, re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest His might did show.
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain

Refrain



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;

Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.

Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

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

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!

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Stand



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 Collect

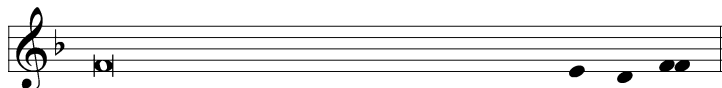
A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction



P 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.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn: 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 △ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

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THANK YOU!

Our observances of Lent and Holy Week take many people and countless hours to prepare for.

We thank all of you who have labored during these past six weeks building up to Easter celebration today! From the cleaners, repairers, meal preparers to our Altar Guild, musicians, office staff and all other volunteers, thank you!

Pastor Chryst and the church staff, along with their families, wish everyone at Messiah a blessed Easter. Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,

of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples,

the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,

and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,

for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the

twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.