

ALLELUIA!

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**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**MARCH 31, 2024**  
**RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**  
**EASTER DAY**

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)*

**PRELUDE AND PREPARATION**

*During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, find the Scripture readings in your Bible or the pew Bible, and pray. You may pray: Gracious God, we confess to you that we are slow of heart to believe the resurrection news. We turn from others and retreat in fear. Come into our locked rooms and breathe into us Your forgiving spirit. Reawaken our trust and strengthen our hope, that we may be witnesses to Your saving power. AMEN.*

**INTRODUCTION**

*On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of creation, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!*

**COMMEMORATION**

*John Donne, poet (1572–1631) This priest of the Church of England is commemorated for his poetry and spiritual writing. Most of his poetry was written before his ordination and is sacred and secular, intellectual and sensuous. He saw in his wife, Anne--their marriage resulted in his imprisonment--glimpses of the glory of God and a human revelation of divine love. In 1615 he was ordained and seven years later he was named dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in London. By that time his reputation as a preacher was firmly in place.*

**WELCOME AND MEDITATION**

**EASTER ACCLAMATION** *(Please rise.)*

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**L:** Remember how He said, "The Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again."

**C: He has kept His promise! He is risen!**

P: Remember how He spoke of His body and told His enemies He would “destroy this temple...and raise it again in three days.”

**C: He has fulfilled His word! He is risen!**

L: As the women were leaving the grave, they met Jesus.

**C: And in the evening, He appeared to the disciples.**

P: The grave could not hold Him.

**C: And neither shall it hold us.**

L: Sin could not gain the victory over Jesus.

**C: And neither shall it gain victory over us.**

P: Jesus trusted in the Father’s power to save.

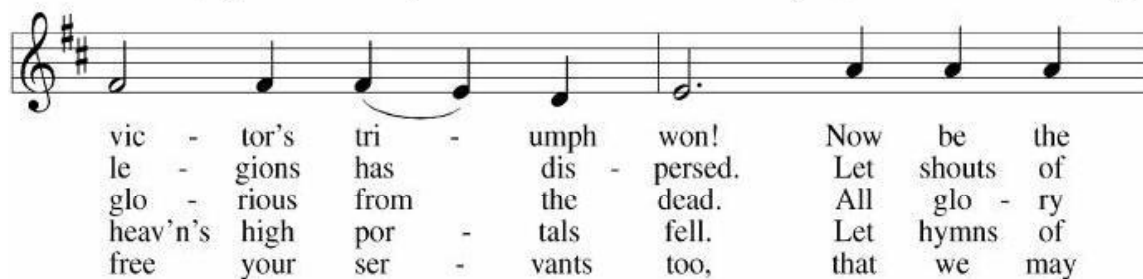
**C: And we shall trust in Jesus to save us.**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” (SBH # 90 / LBW # 135)



## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us recall our need for mercy and give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*(Please kneel. Silence for reflection. Water is poured into the font..)*

P: Blessed are You, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood You carried those in the ark to safety. You led Your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness You nourished them with water from the rock, and You brought them across the Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of His death and resurrection, Your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim us as Your children, no longer slave or free, no longer male or female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: AMEN.**

### **GREETING** *(Please rise.)*

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.**

### **WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME**

*With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)*

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *"This is the Feast" (ELW p140)*



*Refrain*

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

☐ *Refrain*

☐ Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

☐ *Refrain*

☐ I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

☐ *Refrain*

☐ For the Lamb who was

slain has be - 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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.     **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together:     **C: O God You gave Your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by His glorious resurrection You delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with Him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.**

## RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

**His love endures forever.**

Let Israel say:

**“His love endures forever.”**

The LORD is my strength and my song;

**He has become my salvation.**

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

**“The LORD’S right hand has done mighty things!**

The LORD’S right hand is lifted high;

**the LORD’S right hand has done mighty things!”**

I will not die but live,

**and will proclaim what the LORD has done.**

The LORD has chastened me severely,

**but He has not given me over to death.**

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

**I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.**

This is the gate of the LORD

**through which the righteous may enter.**

I will give You thanks, for You answered me;

**You have become my salvation.**

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

**the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day the LORD has made;

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## **PRAISE SONG** *(Please sit.)*

*“This is the Day” (Choir sings once, then everyone - Les Garrett)*



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the



Lord has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be



glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the



Lord has made; we will re-joice and be glad in it.



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

## **WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

*For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)*

**FIRST READING**.... Acts 10:34-43..... Pew Bible Pg. 1710

P: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**... 1 Corinthians 15:1-11.....Pg. 1789

P: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

*“Hallelujah Chorus” (Shortened version)*

*Allegro maestoso.* G. F. Handel.

Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

And He shall reign for - ev - er and ev - er, and He shall reign for -

ev - er and ev - er, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah!

*ff rall.*

*Pro Vol 1411*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

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

**GOSPEL** .... Mark 16:1-8.....Pg. 1584

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HOMILY** *(Please sit. Young Children go to Children’s Church.)*



## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.  
(Romans 15:13)*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY** *(Please rise.)*

*“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!” (ELW # 373)*



1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n to - day!” All on earth with an - gels say;  
2 Love’s re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.  
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.  
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, ye heav’ns; and earth, re - ply.  
Lo! The sun’s e - clipse is o’er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.  
Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!      6 King of glory, soul of bliss,  
Praise to thee by both be giv’n.      everlasting life is this:  
Thee we greet triumphant now;      thee to know, thy pow’r to prove,  
hail, the resurrection, thou!      thus to sing, and thus to love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
Music: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS, French, 13th cent.

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(Please kneel.)*

*(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)*

## WE RECEIVE CHRIST’S COVENANTAL MEAL

*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the  
Lord’s death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)*

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(Please rise.)*

P: The LORD be with you.      **C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for He is the true Passover Lamb Who gave Himself to take away our sin, Who by His death has destroyed death, and by His rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary

Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: “Alleluia” (Michael W. Smith)

Piano

Al - le - lu - ia. Ho - ly, ho - ly

are You, Lord God Al - might y. Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb.

You are ho - ly, ho - ly are You, Lord God Al - might - y.

Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb. A - men.

## PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

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, eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this in 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, and into these gifts of bread and wine, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Holy Spirit.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(sung) (please be seated after "Amen")*

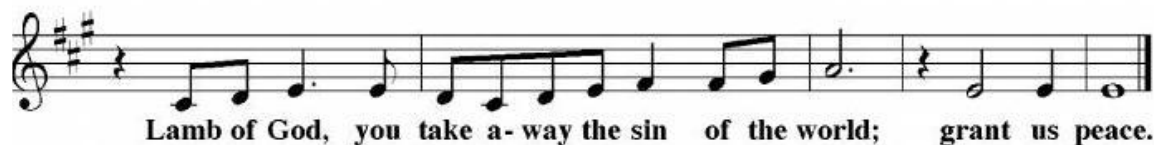
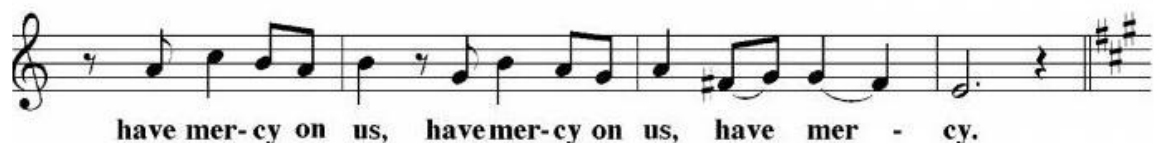
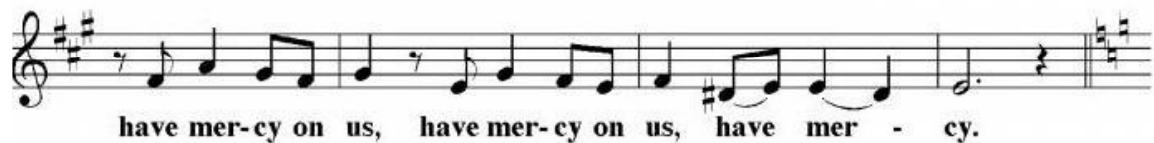
**Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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. AMEN.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All who are baptized and trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the plate with your offering. Take a regular or rice (blue) wafer and a pre-filled glass of wine (red) or grape juice (white). Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.*

## LAMB OF GOD *(WOV p 25)*



## COMMUNION SOLO "Then Came The Morning" (Maj # 269)

### COMMUNION HYMNS (sung while others are receiving.)

#### 1. "In The Garden!" (Maj # 270 - favorite - C. Austin Miles)

1 I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the dew is still on the  
2 He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their  
3 I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the night a - round me be

1 ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, The  
2 sing - ing, And the mel - o - dy that He gave to me With -  
3 fall - ing, But He bids me go; through the voice of woe, His

1 Son of God dis - clos - es.  
2 in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He  
3 voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the

joy we share as we tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.

2. "Because He Lives" (Maj # 260 - favorite - Gloria & William Gaither)



1 God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus;  
 2 How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by;  
 3 And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;



he came to love, heal, and for - give;  
 and feel the pride and joy he gives,  
 I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain;



he lived and died to buy my par - don,  
 but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance  
 and then as death gives way to vic - t'ry,



an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.  
 this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.  
 I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he lives.

*Refrain*



Be-cause he lives I can face to-mor - row; be-cause he lives



all fear is gone; be-cause I know he holds the fu - ture,



and life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause he lives.



## **WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD**

*Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)*

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *(Please rise.)*

**L:** Let us pray together: **C: Mighty and compassionate God, You have brought us over from death to life through Your Son, our risen Savior, and You have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of His body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

### **BLESSING**

**P:** Children by the grace of God, one in Christ, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, rejoice in the resurrection and live in hope, peace, and joy. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.



**C: AMEN.**

### **EASTER FLOWERS**

Sharon Branigan  
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Nancy Schmidt  
Alyce Stein  
Bella Zyskowski  
Yvonne Frankenfield  
Irene Graham  
Pastor David & Karen Brown  
Carol & Sam Glasmire  
Ruthann Kistler

## SENDING HYMN “Thine Is the Glory” (LBW # 145)



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



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom;  
life is nought with - out thee; aid us in our strife;



An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,  
let his church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,  
make us more than con - qu'rors, through thy death-less love;



kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.  
for the Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting!  
bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

### *Refrain*



Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;



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

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939  
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George F. Handel, 1685–1759, adapt.

## PASSING THE PEACE

**P:** As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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**SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK**

GREETER: 8:30-*Volunteer needed* / 10:45-Irene Graham  
LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker  
SOUND: 8:30-Josh Miller / 10:45-Jim Steiner  
CRUCIFER: 8:30-*Volunteer needed* / 10:45-*Volunteer needed*  
SONG LEADER: Nancy Cook  
LITURGIST: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Marianne Sands  
LECTOR: 8:30-Karen Brown / 10:45-Marianne Sands  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler  
USHER: 8:30-Jan Stryker / 10:45-Irene Graham  
COMMUNION SERVERS: 8:30-Patty Stein, *Volunteers needed*  
/ 10:45-Marianne Sands  
ALTAR GUILD: Alyce Stein, Patty Stein  
COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker  
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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM  
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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