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### **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 27, 2025**

**10 AM**



In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of Holy Communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

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**Welcome to worship!**  
**Masking is optional but recommended while indoors.**

**PRELUDE**

Voluntary on "Easter Hymn"

from *Lyra Davidica*  
Arr. David Clark Isele

***Please stand and face the baptismal font near the entrance of the church.***

P. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

***All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign that is marked at baptism, as Pastor begins.***

P. Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C. Amen.**

P. Look, here is water!

**C. Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P. Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.  
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.  
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.  
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your  
boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

**C. Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P. At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C. Amen.**

P. Look, here is water!

**C. Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**ENTRANCE HYMN:*****Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*****LBW 132**

- 1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
- 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
- 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
- 4 For to - day a - mong the twelve Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing
- 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry to our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,  
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en;  
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;  
his deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.  
who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal.



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
comes to glad - den faith - ful hearts which with true af - fec - tion  
Neith - er could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,  
Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
from his light, to whom is giv'n laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold him as a mor - tal.  
God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness!

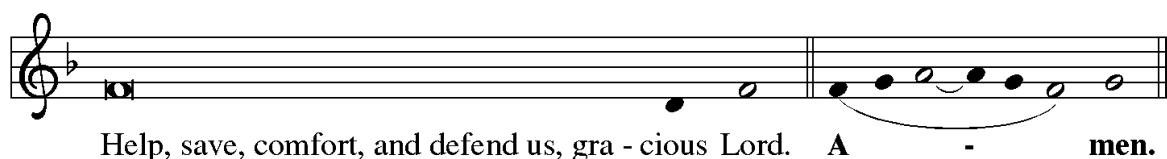
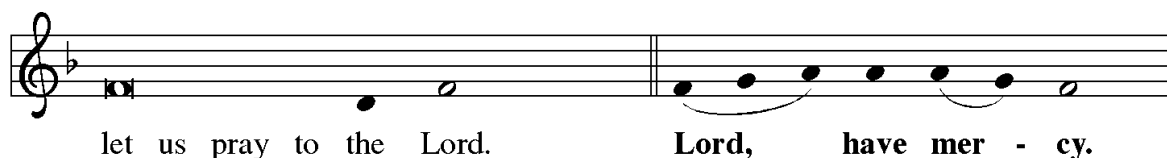
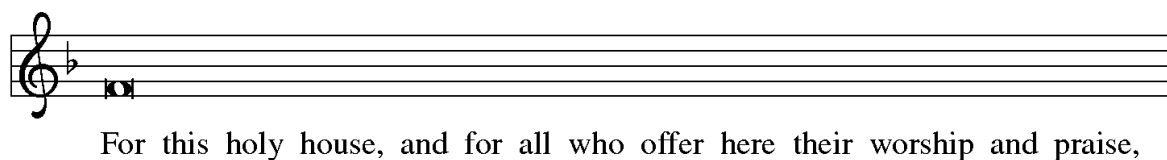
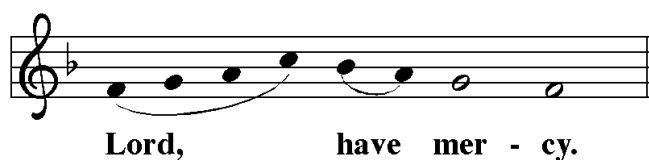
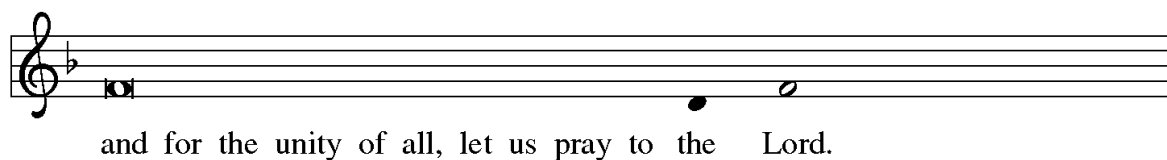
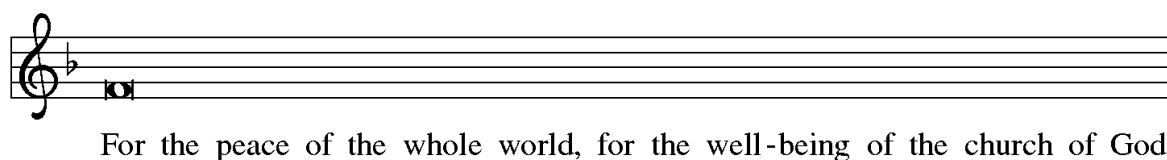
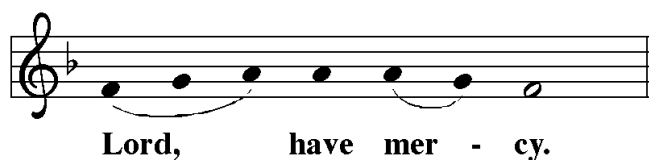
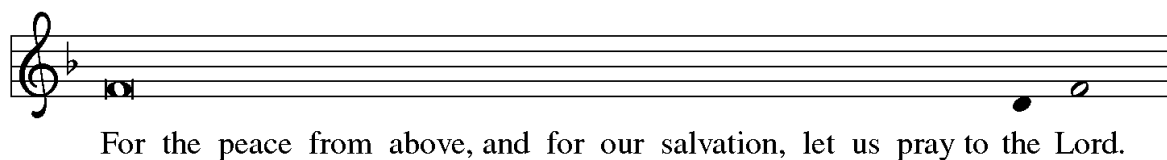
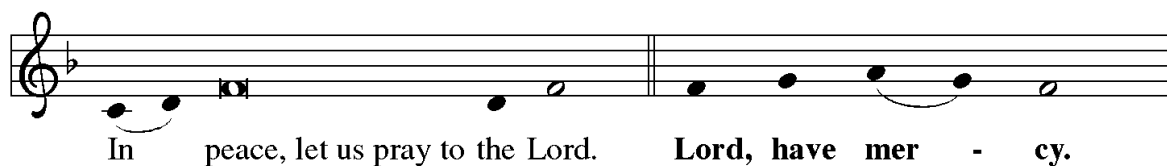
Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547

## GREETING

P. Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

**C. The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia**

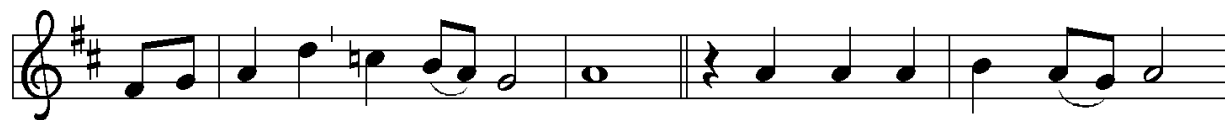
## KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE: *This Is the Feast of Victory*



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



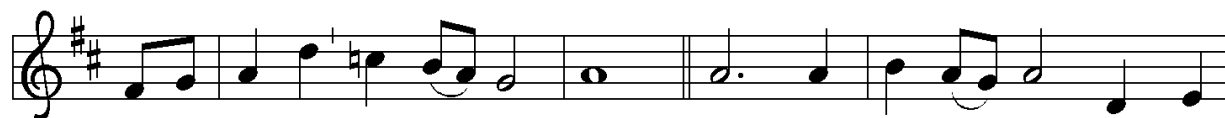
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



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



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



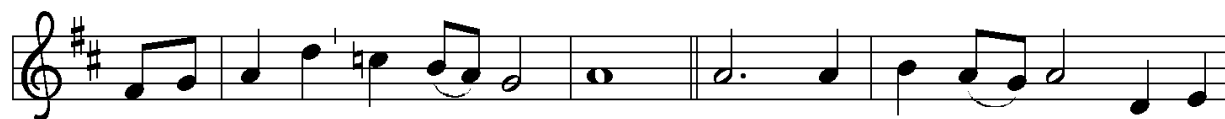
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



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



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



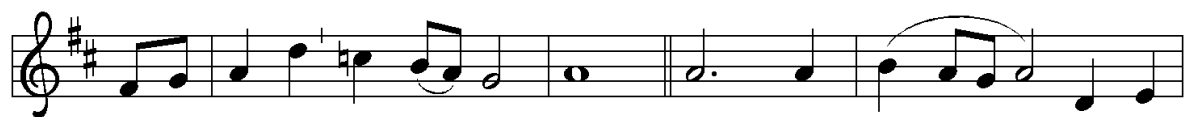
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



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

P. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

P. Let us pray.

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C. Amen.**

**Please be seated.**

**FIRST READING Acts 5:27-32**

*Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.*

A. A reading from Acts, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>27</sup>When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

A. The Word of God. The Word of life.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 118:14-29**

**READ RESPONSIVELY**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

**"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness;**

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

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup>**Hosanna! O LORD, save us! We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!**

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;  
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>**The LORD is God and has given us light.**

**Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.**

<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

<sup>29</sup>**Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.**

## SECOND READING      Revelation 1:4-8

*The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.*

A. A reading from Revelation, the 1st chapter.

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

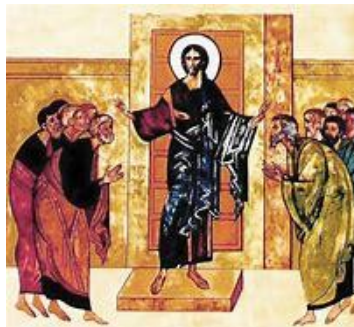
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

A. The Word of God. The Word of life.

**C. Thanks be to God.**



**Please stand.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**ELW 168**



*Choir Verse:* Christ being raised from the dead will die no more. Death has no more dominion over him. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.  
(Rom 6:9; John 20:29)

**All repeat the Alleluias.**

## GOSPEL John 20:19-31

*The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."*

P. The Holy Gospel According to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL HYMN:**

**O Sons and Daughters of the King**

**LBW 139**

**Stanzas 1-4**



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



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,  
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,  
3 An an - gel clad in white they see,  
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;



whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing, to - day the  
the faith - ful wom - en went their way to seek the  
who sits and speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will  
a - mong them came their mas - ter dear, and said, "My



grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!  
go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!  
peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!

*After stanza 9:*



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

**Please be seated.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Niederer**

**Silence for Meditation**

**Please stand.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

***O Sons and Daughters of the King***

**LBW 139**

**Stanzas 5-9**



5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,  
that they had seen the risen Lord,  
he doubted the disciples' word.  
Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
Alleluia!

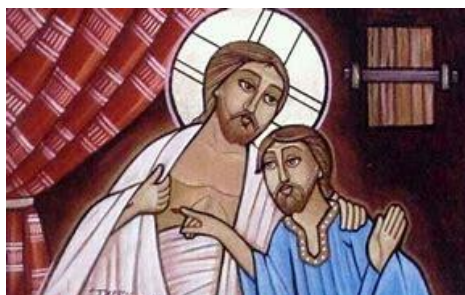
6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,  
and look upon my hands, my feet;  
not faithless, but believing be."  
Alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen,  
and yet whose faith has constant been,  
for they eternal life shall win.  
Alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days,  
be laud and jubilee and praise:  
to God your hearts and voices raise.  
Alleluia!



Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: O FILII ET FILIAE, French, 15th cent.





A. Let us confess our faith with Christians throughout the world by using the Nicene Creed.

## **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:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered, died, and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in fulfillment of 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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He 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 FOR HEALING & RENEWAL

**P** We give you thanks, O God, source of life and health, for in Jesus you became flesh and came to know the depth of human suffering. You sent the disciples to heal those who were sick. We ask that you bless us now as we remember our baptism that we may be healed, strengthened, and renewed by the power of your Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. As we mark our foreheads with the sign of the cross, we proclaim the good news that God desires us to be healthy and one in the body of Christ, offering ourselves, whatever our sickness or struggle in mind, body, or spirit may be, to receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God. In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, may you be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of God's Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Remembering your baptism,  
make the sign of the cross on your forehead as Pastor says:*

**P** Remember your baptism and receive the sign of forgiveness and healing in Christ Jesus by making the sign of the cross on your forehead.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us pray:

God of mercy, source of all healing, we give you thanks for your gifts of strength and life, and especially for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, the health and salvation of the world. Help us by your Holy Spirit to feel your healing power and experience your eternal love through Christ Jesus, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## HEALING HYMN

### *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

**WOV 745**



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,  
3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
4 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Zulema Suarez*

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

### ***A brief silence.***

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops, our partners in ministry here in Teaneck, in the Meadowlands Cluster, the Northern Mission District, the New Jersey Synod, Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the wider Christian Community, our friends from the Light and Peace Mission in Haiti, and people of faith everywhere to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual regard and care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities, especially in places where democracies, peace, and justice are at risk. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way from illness or hardship, including those we pray for in silence or aloud (*pause*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P. 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**      ***Stay at your seat as you share a sign of peace.***

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C. And also with you.**

**Please be seated.**

**OFFERING**

**Please place your offering in the plate located on the table  
at the back of the sanctuary before or after Worship.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN:**

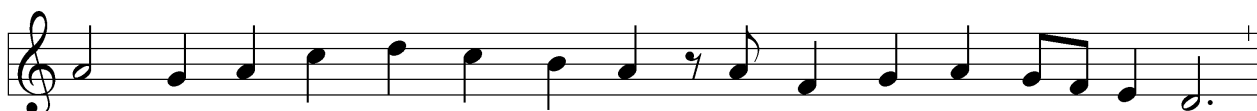
**Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands**

**LBW 134**

**Stanzas 1, 4 and 5**



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of - fens - es giv - en;  
2 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death con - tend - ed;  
3 Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free - ly gave us;  
4 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the Lord in - vites us;  
5 Then let us feast this Eas - ter Day on Christ, the bread of heav - en;



but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from heav-en.  
the vic - to - ry re-mained with life, the reign of death was end-ed.  
he died on the ac - curs - ed tree— so strong his love—to save us.  
Christ is him-self the joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.  
the Word of grace has purged a - way the old and e - vil leav-en.



There-fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right thank-ful - ly  
Ho - ly Scrip-ture plain - ly says that death is swal-lowed up by death,  
See, his blood now marks our door; faith points to it; death pass - es o'er,  
Now his grace to us im - parts e - ter - nal sun - shine to our hearts;  
Christ a - lone our souls will feed; he is our meat and drink in - deed;



loud songs of hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!  
its sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
and Sa - tan can - not harm us. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
the night of sin is end - ed. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
faith lives up - on no oth - er! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, alt.

Music: CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524

***Please stand.***

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A. Let us pray.

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.

**C. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

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

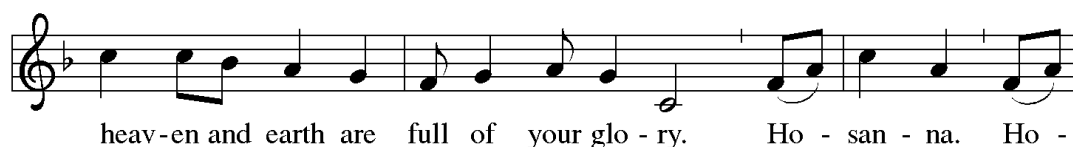
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

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

## THE PREFACE

P. 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 and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior, Jesus who is the Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in 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:

## SANCTUS



***Please kneel or be seated.***

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P. Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, blessed, and 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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.

**C. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C. Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God, blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

**C. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
Now and forever. Amen.**

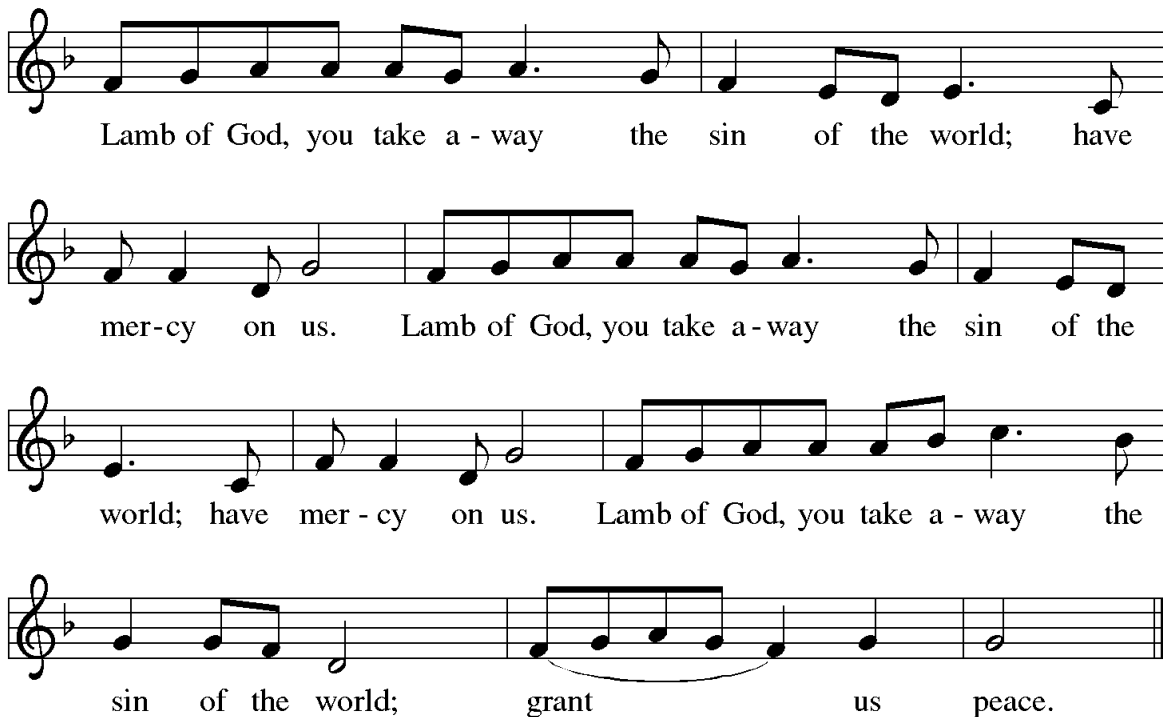
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Come to the table of grace.

Receive the gift of new life.

Come and eat where all are welcome.

## AGNUS DEI



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.



## CONTINUOUS COMMUNION

*Please come forward for Communion, beginning with those in the back pews, from alternating sides, leaving adequate space between you and the person in front of you.*

*Masking is optional but recommended as you come forward to receive the wafer & cup until you step away from the communion tray.*

*A tray with individual cups is located in front of each pew section.  
The center contains purple grape juice.  
White wine is in the remainder of the tray.*

*After use, please deposit cup in receptacle at the end of pew section.*

*Baptized Christians who recognize the presence of Christ in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life are welcome to receive communion. If you have not yet been baptized or have never before received Holy Communion, you may come forward to receive a blessing. Fold your arms across your chest to let the Pastor know you wish to receive a blessing.*

***Please stand.***

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:

P. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C. Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 204



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
Text and music © 1978, 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A. Let us pray:

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C. Amen.

## BLESSING

P. The triune God,

who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C. Amen.

**Please be seated.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please stand.**

**SENDING HYMN:**

***Thine Is the Glory***

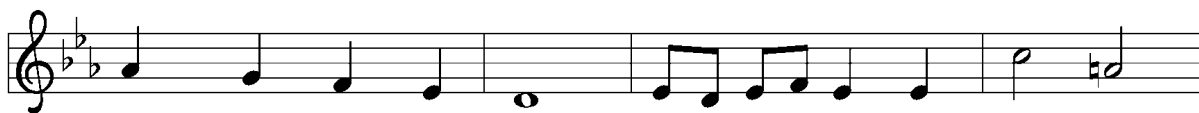
**LBW 145**



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!

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

**DISMISSAL**

A. Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, Alleluia!

"Easter Hymn"  
Arr. Healey Willan

**OUR SPECIAL THANKS TODAY  
TO**

Karen Bartholomew, Guest Organist  
Fred Lewis, Greeter  
Jack Martinez, Crucifer  
Julie Buckingham, Liturgical Cantor  
Sue Papera, Liturgist & Reader  
Zulema Suarez, Prayers of Intercession  
Janet Thalmann and Sue Papera, Altar Guild



**April Birthdays**

Lynn, Fred, and Christian

Wishing everyone with a birthday this month many blessings!!!  
May God's face shine upon you all the days of your lives!

**NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK**

*Pastor will be attending a Clergy Retreat  
Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.*



**Next Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Leslie will receive Affirmation of Baptism during Mass.  
*You are invited to the reception at the church that will follow the Service.*



## PRAYERS

**Joan Costello** (Jackie's mother-in-law & Kaitlin's & Lindsay's grandmother); **Doris Baumann, Dale Lambson, and Family** as they grieve the loss of Carol; **Darla Lambson** (leukemia); **Brad Gohmann** (cancer); Zulema's friends and family: **Donald Lazlear** and his family, **Katie and Surella Borowski**; **Rose Davis** (cancer); **Marc & Bella Yaffe** and **Leslyn Cooke**; **Susan Bethke** (Lynn's cousin undergoing chemo and other treatment for a brain tumor); **Marion Soohoo** (Will's Mother-in-law recovering from surgery); Sue Papera's friends and family: **Arlene Rizzo** (cancer) and Arlene's family; **Chris Palmer** (health concerns); **Caleb** (mental health issues); **Jenny L.** (health issues); **Carol Mulvaney** (breast cancer); **Michael Mulvaney** (prostate cancer); **Edward Foley** (back surgery); Janet's family and friends: **Janet Thalmann**; **Jason and Paul Thalmann**; **Beverly Philip** (severe dementia), **Kathy O'Brien**, **Bert Maltz** (health concerns), **Michele Rusciano**; **Al & Mark Crovatto**; **Anita & Harold Bontekoe** (health concerns), **Hana Kim** (health concerns); **Fred Lewis** (health concerns); **Mary Ellen's family and friends**: **Susan Beever**; **Dominick Capalba** (6 year old with brain cancer); **Patty Fitzgerald** (terminal lung cancer); Kay Roseen's family: **Jessica and Casey O'Neil** (Kay Roseen's daughter and son-in-law who work for the State Department); **Marcia & Chuck Hendron** (Kay's parents – memory care); **John Steffen** (Lorli's brother with health concerns); **Tammy** (Lorli's niece with an immune disorder); **Judy Letwink** (Lorli's nephew's Mother-in-law recovering from a stroke); **Erika Ilgenfritz** (health concerns); **James Ilgenfritz** (Erika's son); **Peter Schelbli** (Erika's nephew with cancer); Friends of the congregation: **Arouss Darpinian** (health concerns); **Chris Niederer** (Pastor's son with immune system disorder); **Nancy & Don Barbee** (Pastor's friends with lung cancer); **Dennis Keohane** (Catherine's uncle); **Willi Lewis' Aunt Kelly** (health concerns); **Donna Maxwell** (recovering from hip surgery); **James Mingo** (Donna's grandson with health concerns); **Mary Sue Kaplow** (health concerns); **Gail Storero** (recovering from shoulder surgery); (baby) **Chris** (Ruth DiCicco's daughter) & **Bob Wheeler**; **Jeanne H.** (Lorli's sister with health issues); **Kystyna Kirsch**; **Alison (Ali) Krasnow & Family**; the hostages in Gaza; Christians under persecution and all experiencing violence, captivity, or war: the people of Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Sudan, and organizations and individuals who are providing resources, care, and relief for refugees; front line workers, medical researchers; health care workers; national and regional relief workers and firefighters and all affected by natural disasters and wildfires.

***Let Lynn or Pastor know of changes needed on the prayer list.***



## **COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Catherine of Siena, theologian, died 1380**

**Tuesday, April 29, 2025**

This theologian was the first woman among Roman Catholics to receive the title "Doctor [teacher] of the Church." Catherine was a Dominican sister known for her mystical visions as well as her work on behalf of people who were poor and imprisoned.

**Philip and James, Apostles**

**Thursday, May 1, 2025**

Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James.

**Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 373**

**Friday, May 2, 2025**

Best remembered for defending the teaching that Christ was fully God against those who taught otherwise, Athanasius was an influential church leader around the time of the Council of Nicea. He was banished from Alexandria five times for his forthright views.



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