



GATHER

PRELUDE

Partita on At the Lamb's High Feast

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CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Early in the morning we come to you, Lord,
with gratefulness and wonder,
with awe at your power to save us.
This morning we want to follow the women to the tomb.
We want to hear the surprising words, "He is not here!"
We want to kneel before Christ with joy and thankfulness.
And we want to leave here bursting with good tidings of great joy
which shall be for all people.
Christ is risen!

MANY: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SONG

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

Symphonia Sirenum, Köln,
music by Palestrina

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

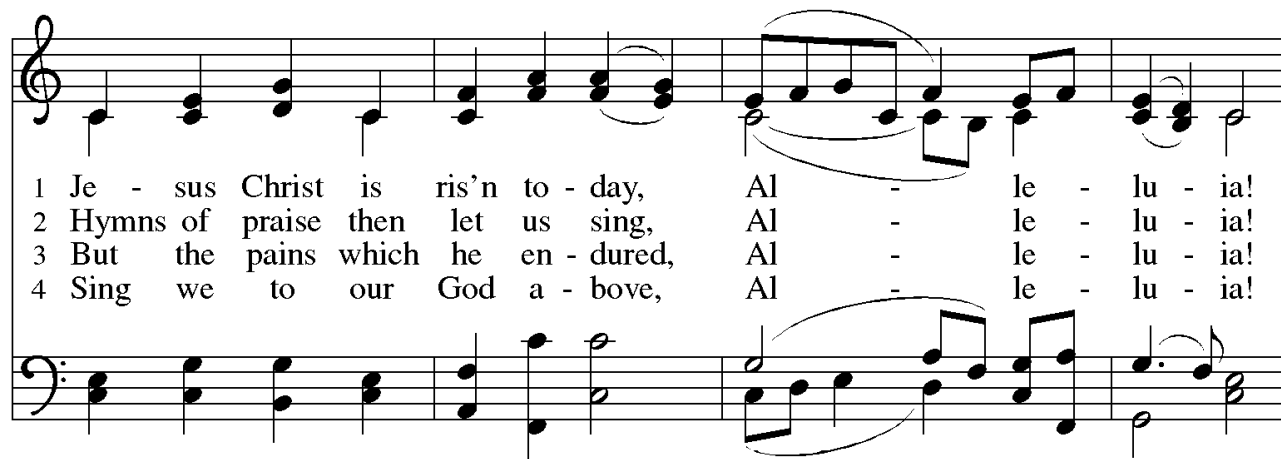
*1) The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the victor's triumph won!
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!*

*2) The pow'rs of death have done their worst;
Jesus their legions has dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!*

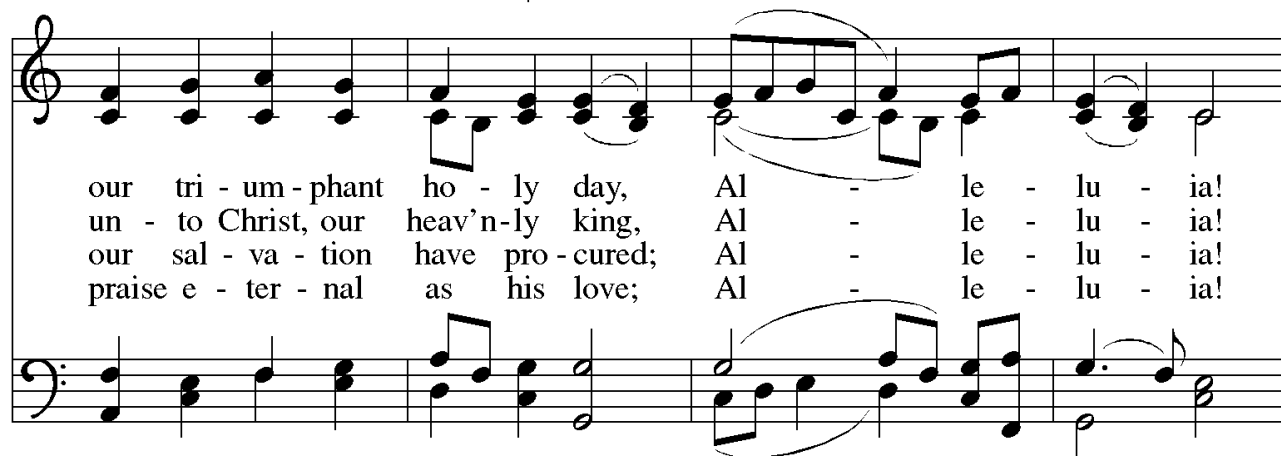
*5) Lord, by the stripes that wounded you,
from death's sting free your servants too,
that we may live and sing to you. Alleluia!*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

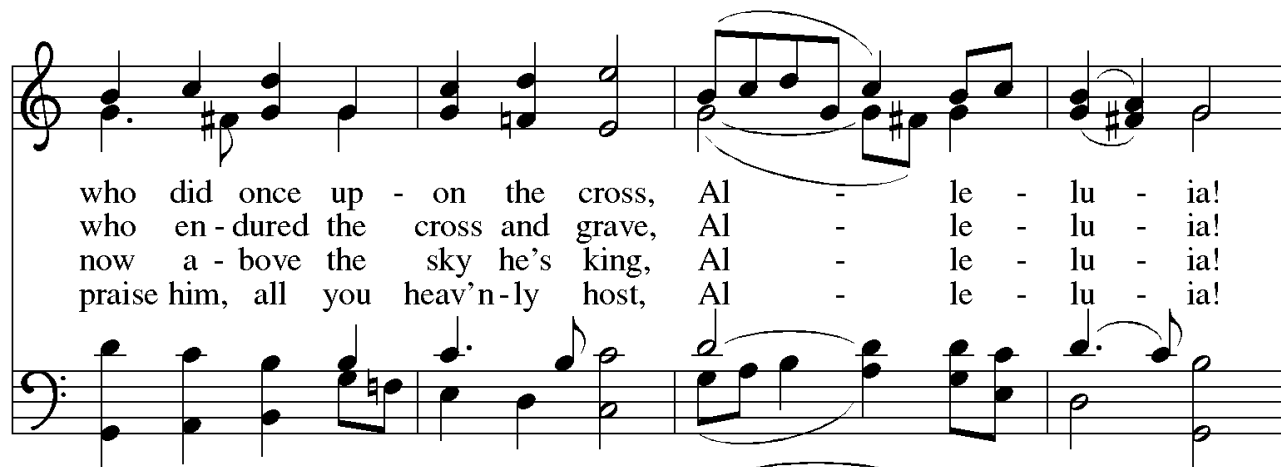
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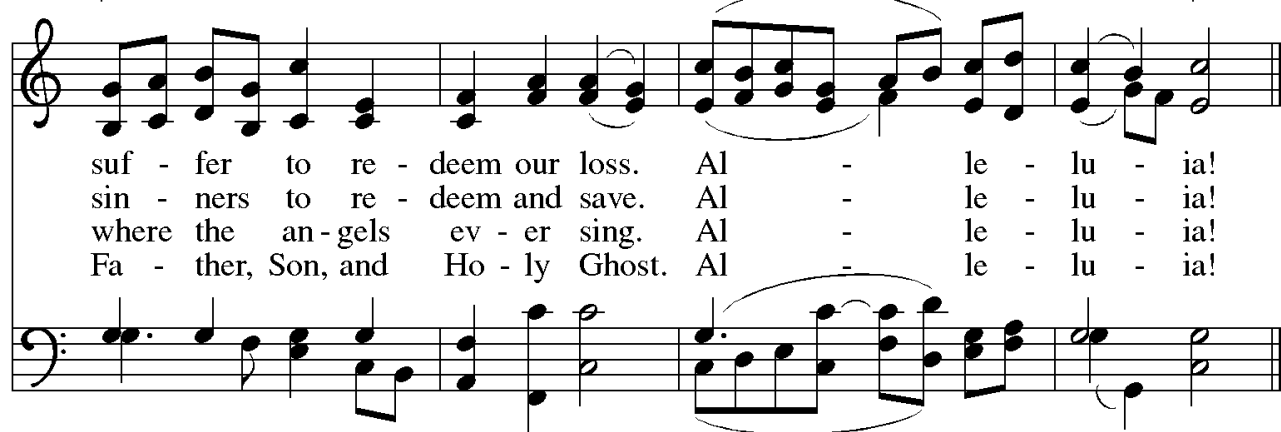
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



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



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



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

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WELCOME

+CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

ONE: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

MANY: AMEN

ONE: The Holy Spirit empowers us to confess our sins... to tell ourselves the truth in love. We seek repentance and forgiveness. We seek to get up from our falls, overcome our mistakes and face hurt in a way that brings more wisdom and wholeheartedness, allowing us to live Christ-like lives.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

silence for reflection

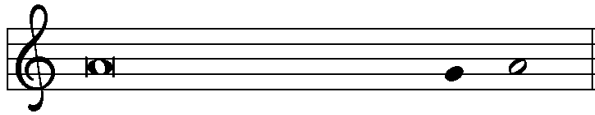
ONE: Most merciful God,

MANY: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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

ONE: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

MANY: AMEN

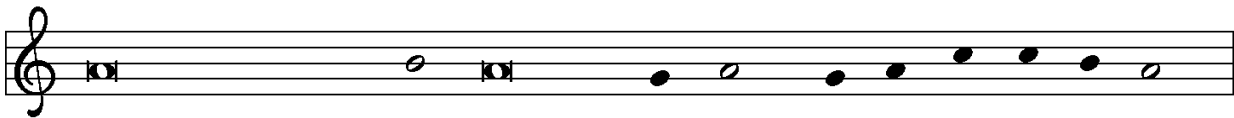


ONE: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

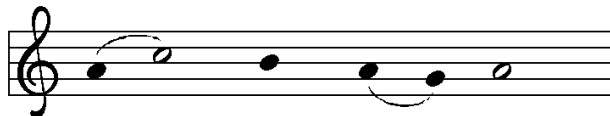


MANY: Lord, have mer - cy.

ONE:



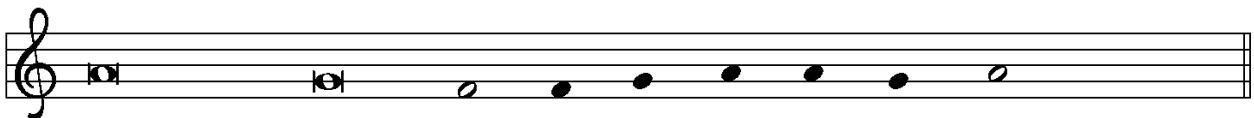
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



MANY: Lord, have mer - cy.



ONE: 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.



MANY: Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord have mer - cy.

A - men.

Assisting minister

Assisting minister

A musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of the following notes: F#4 (quarter), G#4 (quarter), A4 (half note), B4 (quarter), C#5 (quarter), D5 (eighth), E5 (eighth), D5 (quarter), C#5 (quarter), B4 (half), A4 (half), G#4 (half), F#4 (half), ending with a double bar line.[illegible]

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free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: Let us pray. Risen Messiah,

Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Glory be to you, whom death could not defeat. Praise to the savior of heaven and earth. Honor and glory are yours, now and forever, Christ our savior and redeemer.

MANY: AMEN

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. 6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” 8 Then they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

ONE: Christ is risen!


MANY: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SERMON

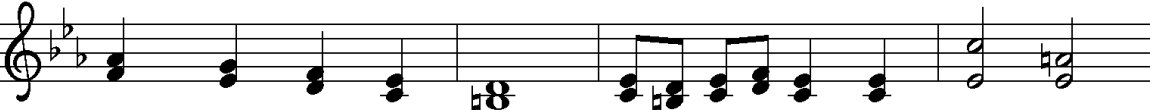
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1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-




vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets 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!

APOSTLES' CREED

ONE: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the Triune God.

MANY: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day Christ rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. AMEN**

+PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

silence

ONE: Jesus, you endured the cross and the grave rising strong on Easter morning. Make us ever aware of the light and joy of Easter in our lives and in our world. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: Holy Spirit, you work among us in surprising ways. Join us together as Easter people of faith and send us out into your world celebrating the shared humanity of all people, and embracing the glorious diversity you are creating. Lord, in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: God of revolution, a year ago we did not know what we were about to learn; we did not know what we could lose and somehow live anyway. Today it feels like the world is opening back up and we are both thrilled and kind of scared about that. We are afraid that we will never be who we once were. And we are also afraid that we *will* be who we once were. Yet, when we quiet our anxious thoughts, we start to suspect that we are closer to the people you have always known and always loved. Help us trust that, Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: God of the resurrection, you work among us in ways we do not understand. We name before you, aloud and in our hearts, those we know who are in need of your healing and comfort ...

....victims of mass shootings, the victims of government violence in Myanmar...

ONE: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

MANY: AMEN

+SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you always.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

OFFERING

Trumpet Tune

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

MANY: AMEN

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

MANY: We lift them to the Lord.

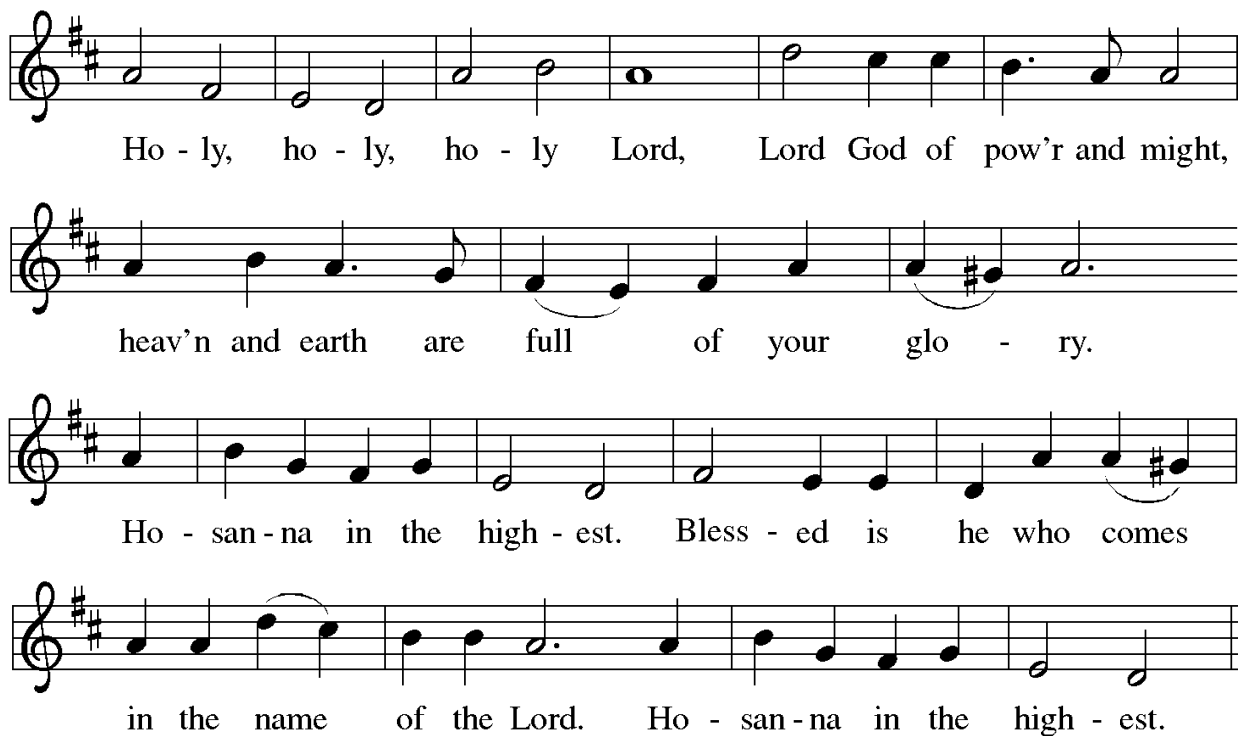
ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

MANY: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+PREFACE

ONE: 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 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:

+HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Let us pray together the prayer of our Savior:

**MANY: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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**

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

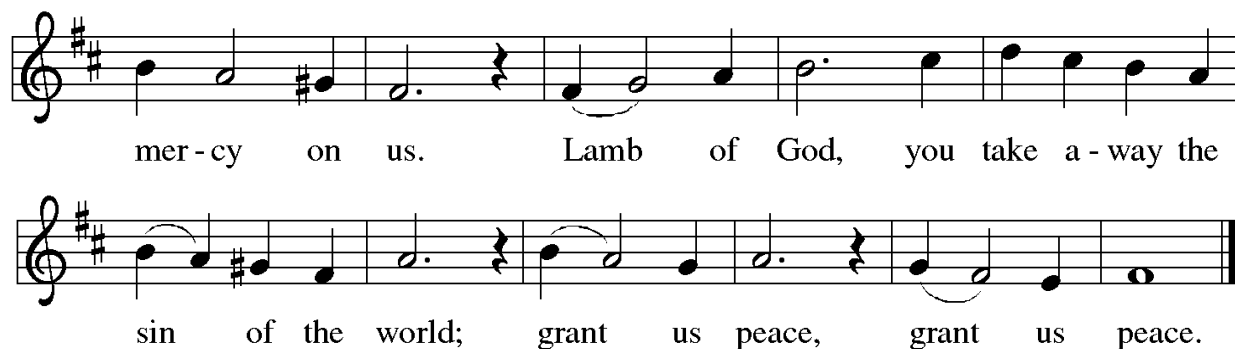
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Lamb of God

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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



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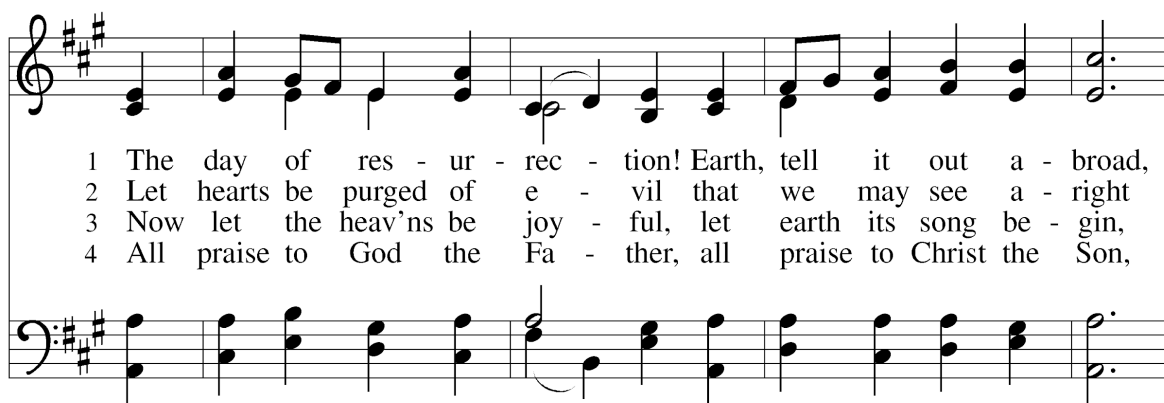
BENEDICTION

ONE: Let us pray together the Prayer of Good Courage.

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

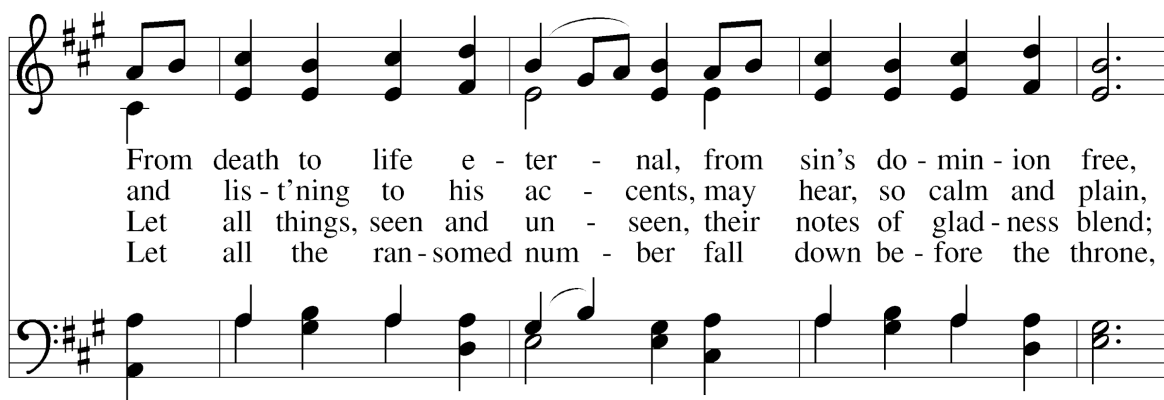
MANY: AMEN



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in peace, Christ is Risen!

MANY: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Wilbur Held

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Eleanor Ferris, Heidi Ferris

Steve Johnson, Stefanie Fiser Kleven & Bob Samuelson

Easter Flowers 2021

Given by:	In Memory of ...
Lisa & Brian Lukis	-- our grandparents
Joni Sutton	-- Willard & Lorayne Sutton
Donna & Larry Lukis	-- our parents
Stefanie Fiser Kleven	-- Lena Schaefer & Sue Fiser
Lisa & Brian Lukis	-- our grandparents
Chris & Jack Bacon	-- our parents
Betty Pederson	-- remembering with joy the life of Muril Pederson
Inger Trooien	-- Daniel Peters & Sylvia (Peters) Brown
Jack & Chris Bacon	-- our parents
Roger & Angela Birnbaum	-- RobbArmstrong & Fran Springstead



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Anne Stern	-- our children Katie & Sam, Dan, Ricky & Brittany, Joe and Josh
Lisa & Brian Lukis	-- our parents, Larry & Donna Lukis, Dave & Karen Roholt
Donna & Larry Lukis	-- our grandsons & granddaughters
Pam & Steve Johnson	-- our kids' weddings in 2020!
Chris & Jack Bacon	-- our children & grandchildren

