

Sunday, April 5, 2026 - Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Sunday

PRELUDE *The Trumpet Shall Sound (MESSIAH)* G. F. Handel arr. James Curnow
Kent Moraga, trumpet Judith Jackson, piano

"The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

Glory Be to God on High Melchior Schildt Randall Manges, organ

Worthy Is the Lamb: Amen (MESSIAH) G. F. Handel
arr. James Curnow Kent Moraga, French horn Judith Jackson, piano

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen."

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Congregation recites **bold** print responses.)

The assembly stands

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (local waters may be named).

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain
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.

Refrain
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.

Refrain
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.

Refrain
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.

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

Let us pray: 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

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P: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

The assembly is seated

CHOIR *Christ Rising Again* (Romans 6:9-10)K. Lee Scott
The congregation will join in on the Refrain. See Insert.

Christ Rising Again

K. Lee Scott
Romans 6:9-10

HERON STREET
K. Lee Scott

Choir: *Christ rising again dies no more, death has no strength,
no power over him; for in that he lives, he lives to God.*

*Now death with all its dread o'er us no longer reigns,
for Jesus rising from the tomb has burst its iron chains.*

*Christ rising again dies no more, death has no strength,
no power over him; for in that he lives, he lives to God.*

*Destruction is destroyed by Christ, our Lord and King,
whose rising forth with life restored removes death's dreadful sting.*

*Christ rising again dies no more, death has no strength,
no power over him; for in that he lives, he lives to God.*

*Victorious Lord of Life, who sets our hearts aflame,
through deadly pain and fearful strife, we triumph in his name.*

ALL:

Refrain

Christ ris - ing a - gain dies no more, death has no strength, no pow - er o - ver him; for in that he lives, h e lives to God.

Now lift your heart and voice in praise of him who died. In

Repeat Refrain


Christ let all the earth re-joyce, Our Lord, once cru - ci - fied.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

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P: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

GOSPEL : Matthew 28:1-10

C: Glory to you, O Lord

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

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

HYMN 367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

The assembly stands.

APOSTLES' CREED

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 he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he 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 INTERCESSION

Congregational response to

P. Merciful God,

C. Receive our prayer.

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain. We remember especially those whom we name aloud... **Carole Bergner, Rita Brandt, Joan Carlson, Ken Deutschmann, Hanna Michalsen, Carena Reisen, Braden Sitte, Barbara Zilavy**, and all whom we remember in our hearts and lift before you... (*silence for reflection*) ... Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Christ Jesus Lay in the Band of Death

Heinrich Scheidemann

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.

You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.

Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

COMMUNION DIALOG

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

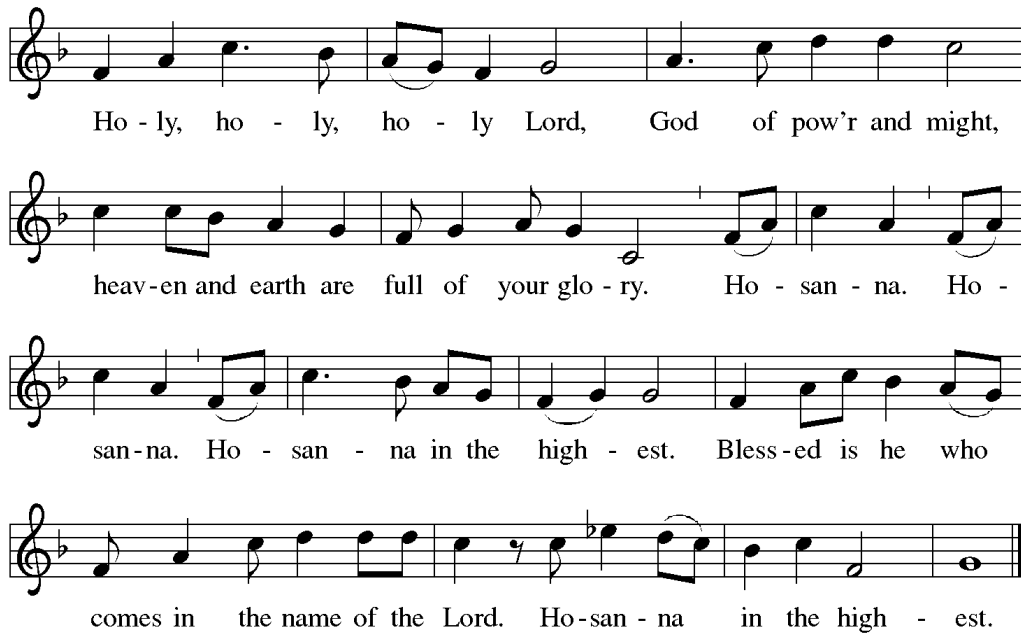
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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,
through 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, 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:



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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

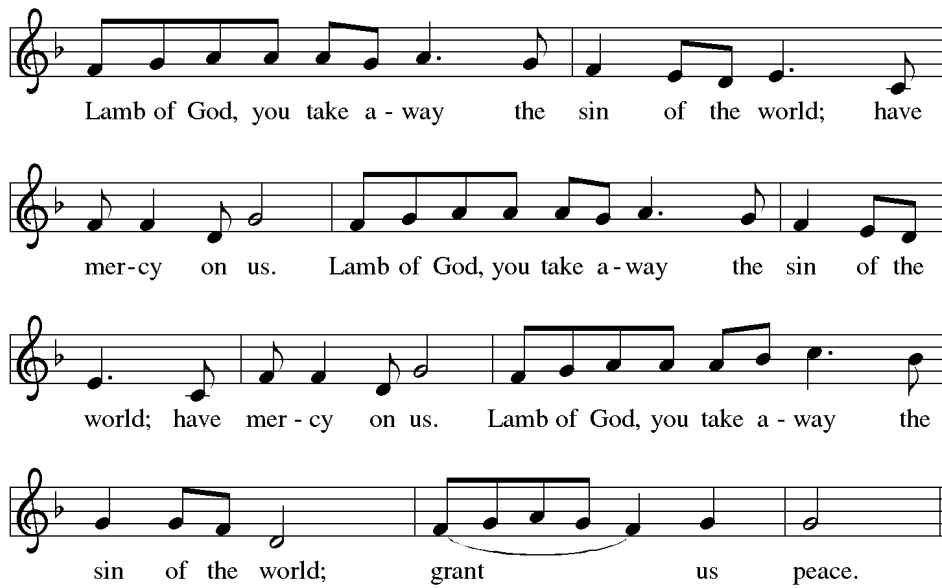
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life.
 Receive the risen Lord.
 And everybody, everybody, everybody is welcome here.

***About Communion:** This is Christ's table and meal of grace! All are welcome! Ushers will guide you forward. Receive the bread (gluten free available); wine or white grape juice is received from a cup from the gold tray. If you have difficulty coming forward for the distribution, please let one of the ushers know and they will ask the pastor to bring you communion in the pew. Children may come forward for a blessing*

The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

CHOIR *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth (MESSIAH)* G.F. Handel

Sharon Johnson, soprano; Charlotte and Dan Bogda, violins;
Sue Szabo, cello; Judith Jackson, piano

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
‡ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

HYMN 376 **Thine Is The Glory**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

DEPART TO SERVE

POSTLUDE *All are welcome to join in singing. Come to the Choir Loft.*

Hallelujah! (MESSIAH) G.F. Handel

Now thank We All Our God Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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