

2nd Sunday of Easter



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Lord of Life Liturgy [Dr. Bradley C. Hunnicutt]

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.

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P. In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of live, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing vs. 1-4

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Greeting

P. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

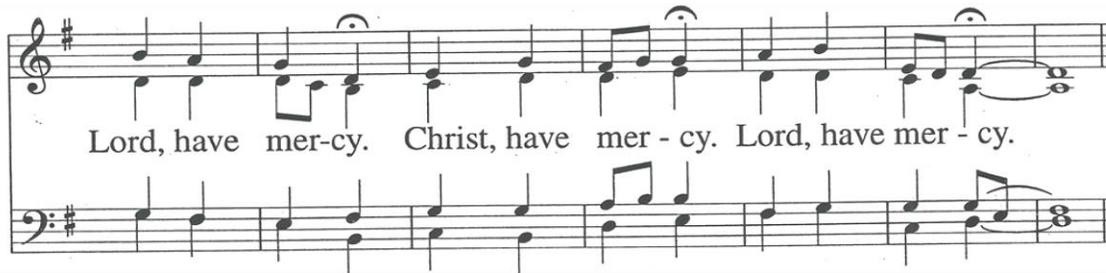
P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. And also with you.

Kyrie

A. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C. (Refrain)



Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

A. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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.

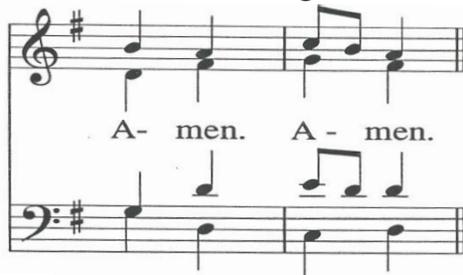
C. Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

A. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

A. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C.



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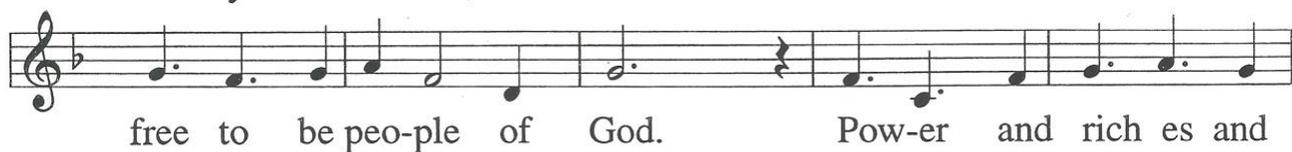
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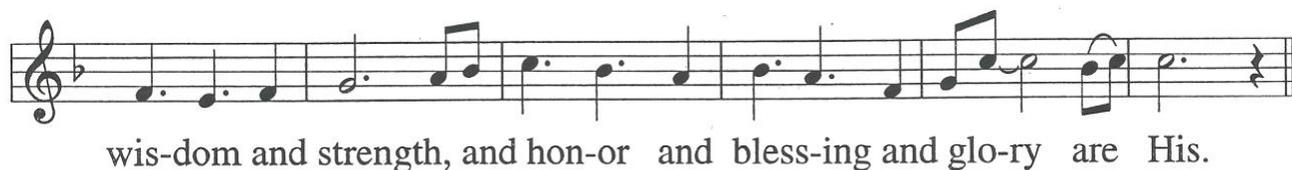
This is the feast of our Ri -sen Sa - vior. This is the feast of Christ, our Lord



Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



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.



This is the feast of our Ri - sen Sa - vior. This is the feast of Christ, our Lord



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.



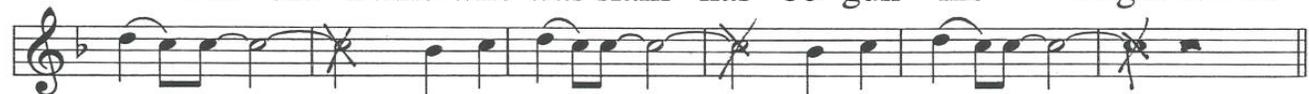
This is the feast of our Ri - sen Sa - vior. This is the feast of Christ, our Lord

P. This is indeed the feast of our Risen Savior . . .

. . . And His glorious resurrection has indeed become the Lord of Life!



For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of our Ri - sen Sa - vior. This is the feast of Christ, our Lord

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Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. A - men.

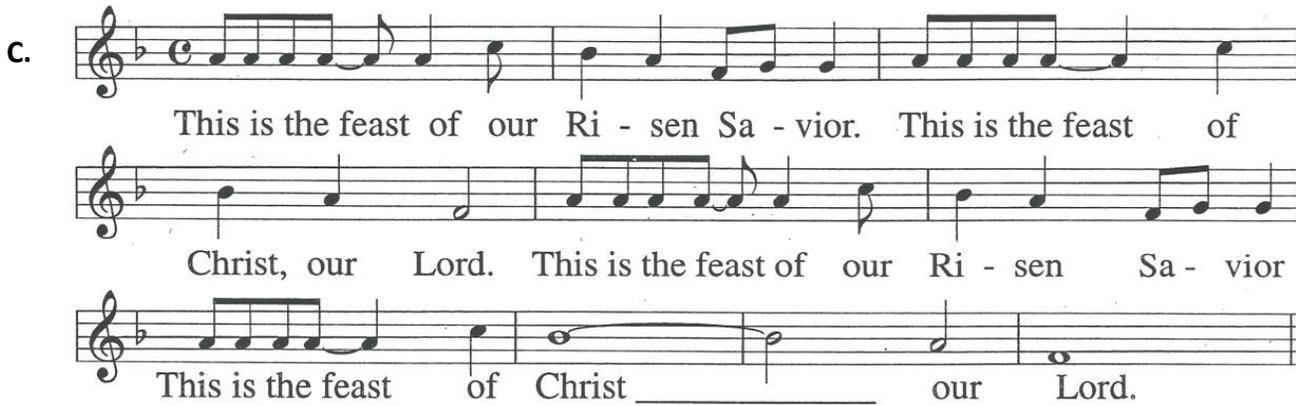


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c. 

Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

C. **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. Amen.**

Children's Ministry

Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

First Reading

Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, 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." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

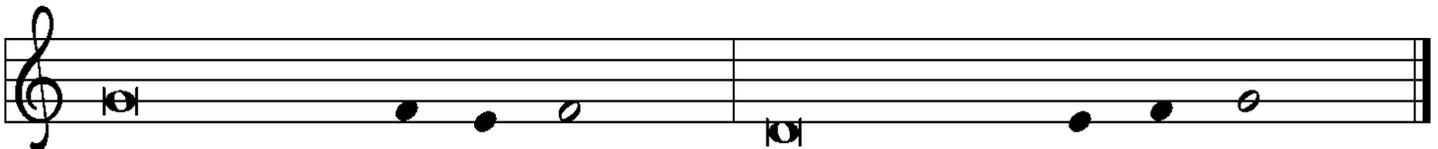
L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody

Psalm 118:14-29 (tone 6)

chanted responsively



The LORD is my strength ¹ and my song,
and has become ¹ my salvation.

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents ¹ of the righteous:
"The right hand of the ¹ LORD acts valiantly!"**

The right hand of the LORD ¹ is exalted!
The right hand of the ¹ LORD acts valiantly!"

**I shall not ¹ die, but live,
and declare the works ¹ of the LORD.**

The LORD indeed pun- ¹ ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- ¹ ver to death.

**Open for me the ¹ gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks ¹ to the LORD.**

"This is the gate ¹ of the LORD;
here the righ- ¹ teous may enter."

**I give thanks to you, for you have ¹ answered me
and you have become ¹ my salvation.**

The stone that the build- ¹ ers rejected
has become the chief ¹ cornerstone.

**By the LORD has ¹ this been done;
it is marvelous ¹ in our eyes.**

This is the day that the ¹ LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be ¹ glad in it.

**Hosanna! ¹ O LORD, save us!
We pray to you, LORD, pros- ¹ per our days!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name ¹ of the LORD;
we bless you from the house ¹ of the LORD.

**The LORD is God and has giv- ¹ en us light.
Form a procession with branches up to the corners ¹ of the altar.**

You are my God, and ¹ I will thank you;
you are my God, and I ¹ will exalt you.

**Give thanks to the LORD, ¹ for the LORD is good;
God's mercy en- ¹ dures forever.**





Second Reading

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, 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, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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

L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

C.

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

P. The Holy Gospel according to John chapter twenty.



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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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."

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." 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 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."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 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.



Sermon

"Peace, Easy Right?!"

Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

Hymn of the Day

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

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The Nicene Creed

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 became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in accordance with 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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 of Intercession

- A.** Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence

Holy One who acts righteously, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life. God, in your mercy,

- C. hear our prayer.**

- P.** In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

- C. Amen.**



The Peace

- P. The Peace of Christ
be with you always.
- C. And also with you.



The Offering

Anthem

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

Choir

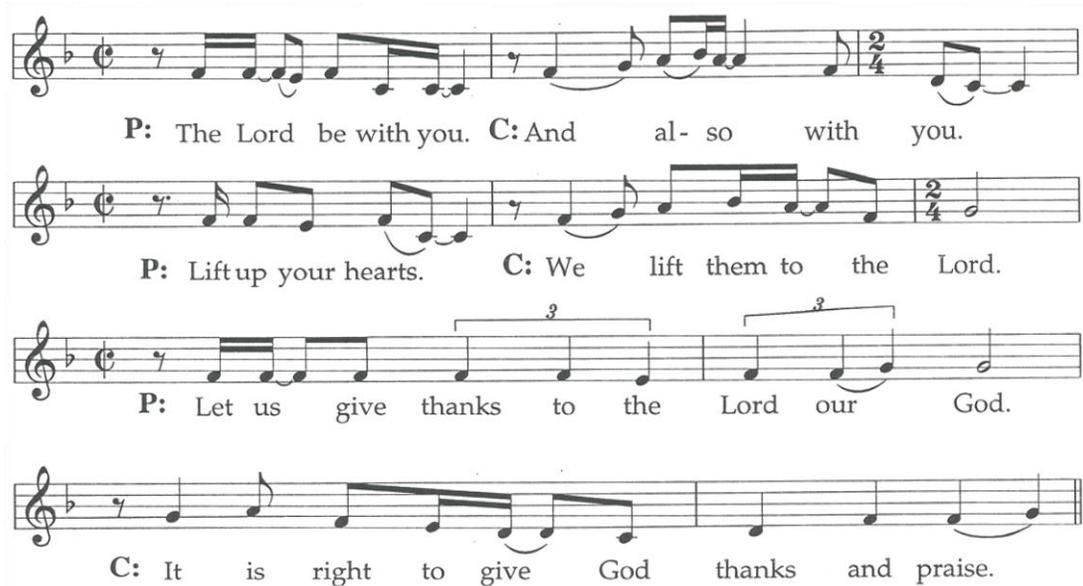
Offertory: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless-ing. Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and
fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest
from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of
life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the
prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble with your
pres-ence, Lord, your pres-ence, Lord, your pres-ence, Lord.
Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, Lord, and give us a fore-taste,
give us a fore-taste, give us a fore-taste of the
feast to come. A-men.

Offertory Prayer

- A. Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- 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.

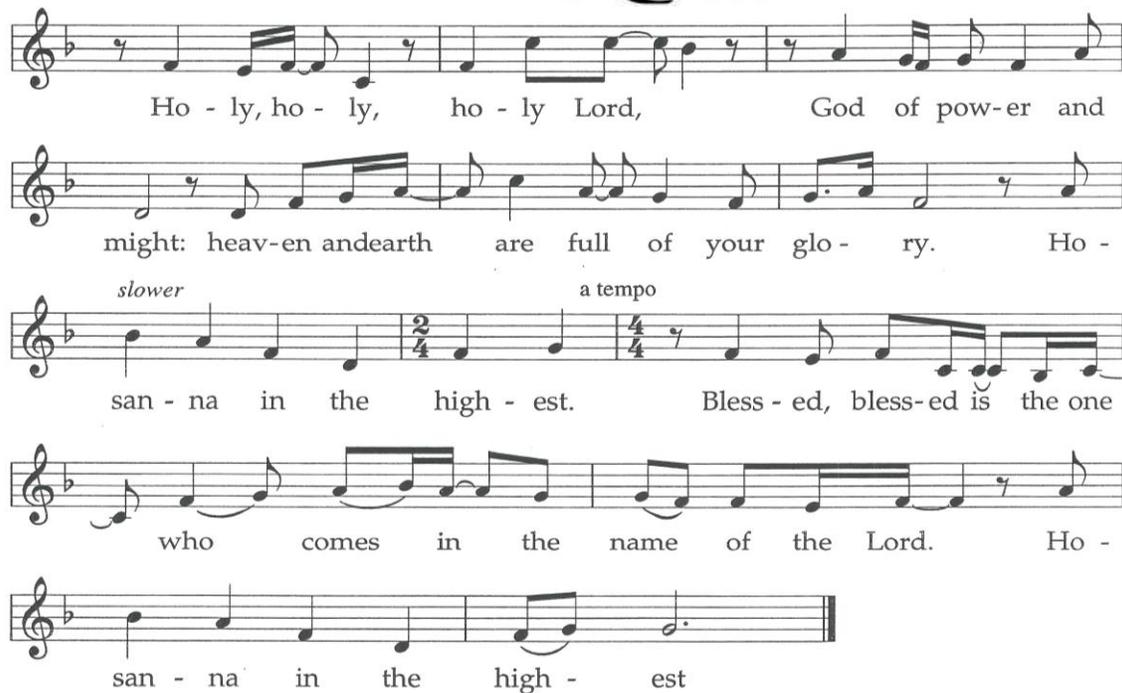
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P. It is indeed.....

Praise
and give thanks to
the
Lord

The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might: heav-en andearth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
slower san - na in the high - est. *a tempo* Bless - ed, bless - ed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est

Eucharistic Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

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

Invitation to Communion

P. The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

C. Amen.



Lamb of God

slowly



Communion Hymns

Bread of Life from Heaven
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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Post Communion Blessing

P. God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, † bless you now and forever.

C. Amen.

Post Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry - one what
God has done. Let ev'-ry - one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is-es and leads His peop - ple
forth in joy with shouts, with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-
le - lu - ia.

Al-le-lu-ia!

Post Communion Prayer

A. We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C. Amen

Benedictus

Lord make his face shine on you and be gra-cious to
The Lord make his face shine on you
you.
The Lord look up-on you with fa-vor and
and be gra-cious to you. The
give you peace. A - men.
Lord look up- on you with fa - vor and give you peace. A - men.

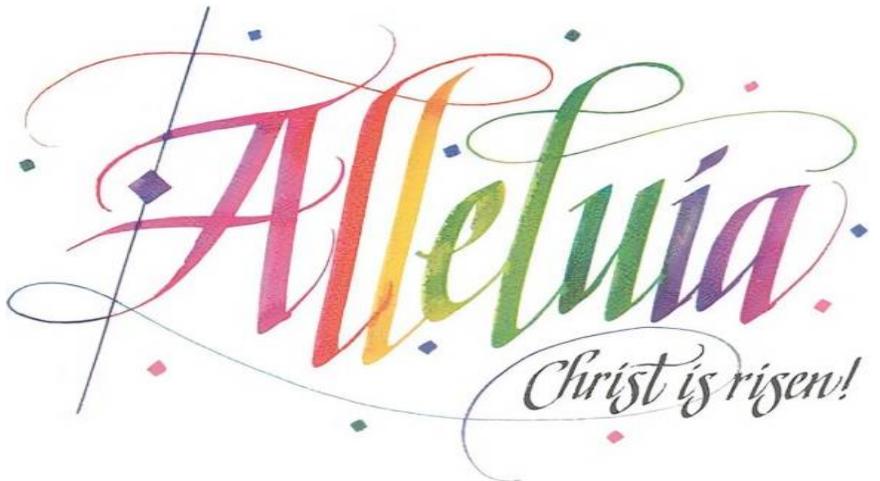
Sending Hymn

Thine Is the Glory

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Dismissal

- A. Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P. Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
- C. Thanks be to God.



Postlude

Brad Hunnicutt

Servers for Sunday, April 24th

Assisting Minister..... Sylvia Lambert
Reader Gale Isaacs
Altar Guild Grace Barnes
Greeters/Counters Tess Andrews/Sylvia Lambert
Acolyte Antonio Smith

Serving from the Heart

Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.

Flowers this week are given by Dennis & Ginny King in honor of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheet is on the board in the hallway.



**Document Shred Day
May 7th - 9 am to Noon**

**All available men AND women are
needed to assist!**

