



# *The Second Sunday of Easter*

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

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives.

Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter.

Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

# Joys & Concerns

## Prelude

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

**P.** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

**C. Amen**

**P.** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**C. Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

**P.** Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**C. Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

*The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*

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## Greeting

**P.** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

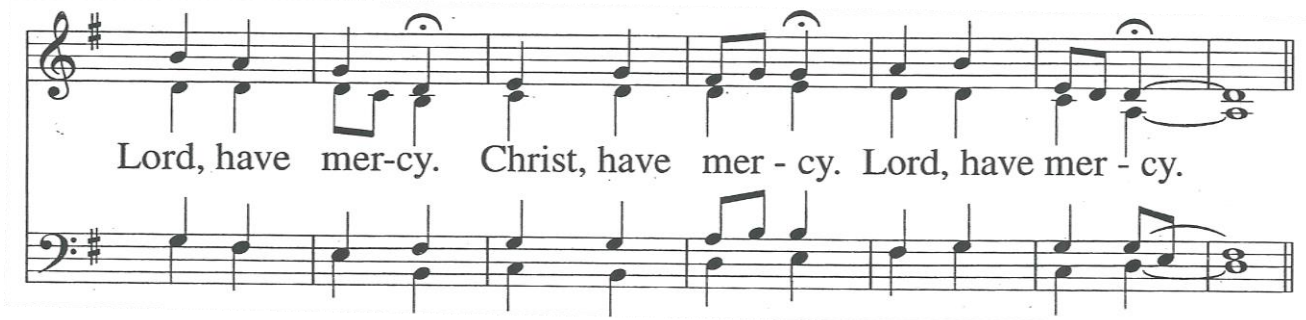
**P.** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C. And also with you.**

## Kyrie

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

### C. (Refrain)



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.

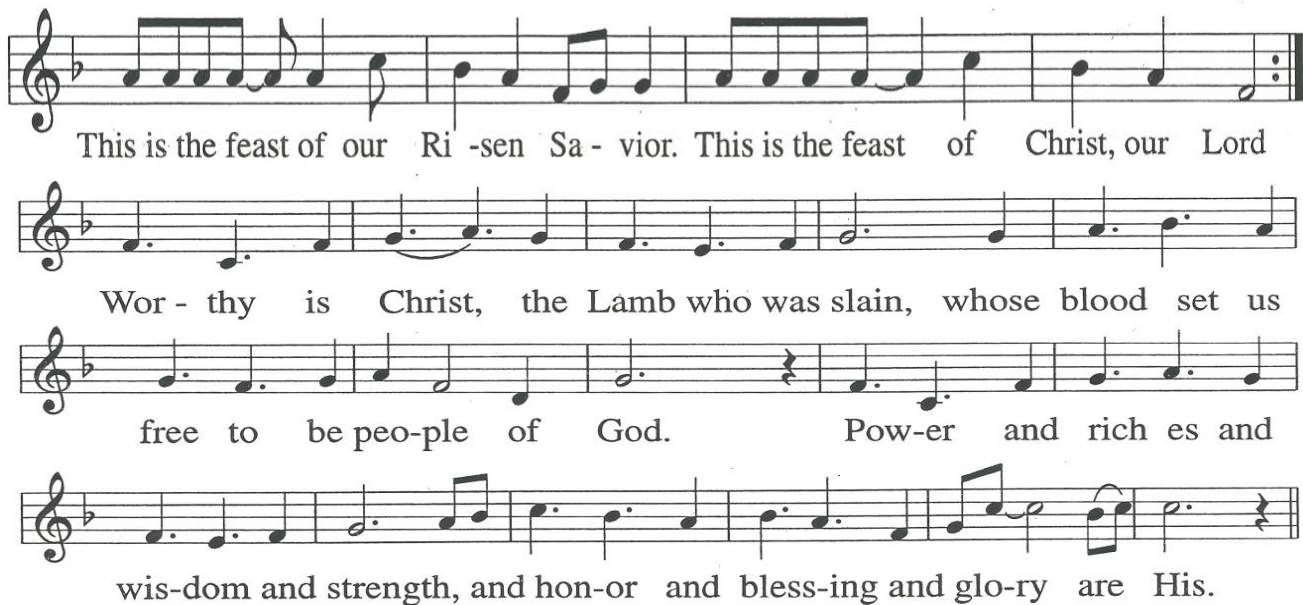
### C. Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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

C.



## *This Is the Feast ...*



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!

c.

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

**C.**

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

## Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

**C. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

A close-up photograph of a blue tit perched on a dark, thin branch. The bird has a bright yellow belly, a white face with a blue stripe through its eye, and a blue cap. It is surrounded by pink blossoms and green leaves, creating a colorful and lively scene.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir-<sup>l</sup> it rejoices;  
my body also shall<sup>l</sup> rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me<sup>l</sup> to the grave,  
nor let your holy one<sup>l</sup> see the pit.**

You will show me the<sup>l</sup> path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for-<sup>l</sup> evermore.

## Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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**

John Petry, Interim Pastor



# *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. United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

God of rebirth, the good news of your resurrection brings refreshment to a weary world. Following the women at the tomb, empower us to boldly share your radical love through our words and our work. Hear us, O God.

- C. **Your mercy is great.**

- P. Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

- C. **Amen.**

## The Peace

- P. The Peace of Christ  
be with you always.

- C. **And also with you.**



## The Offering

## Anthem

*Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen*

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. Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

C. Amen.

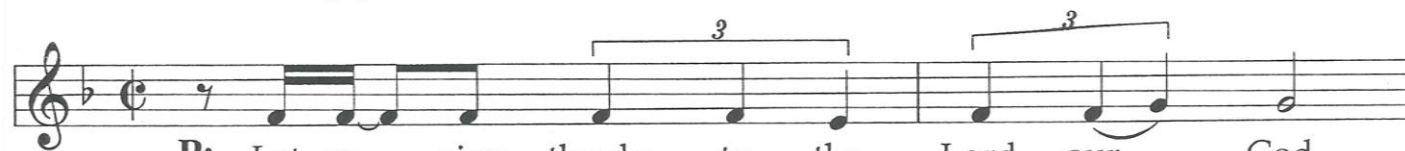
## The Great Thanksgiving



P: The Lord be with you. C: And al- so with you.



P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.



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



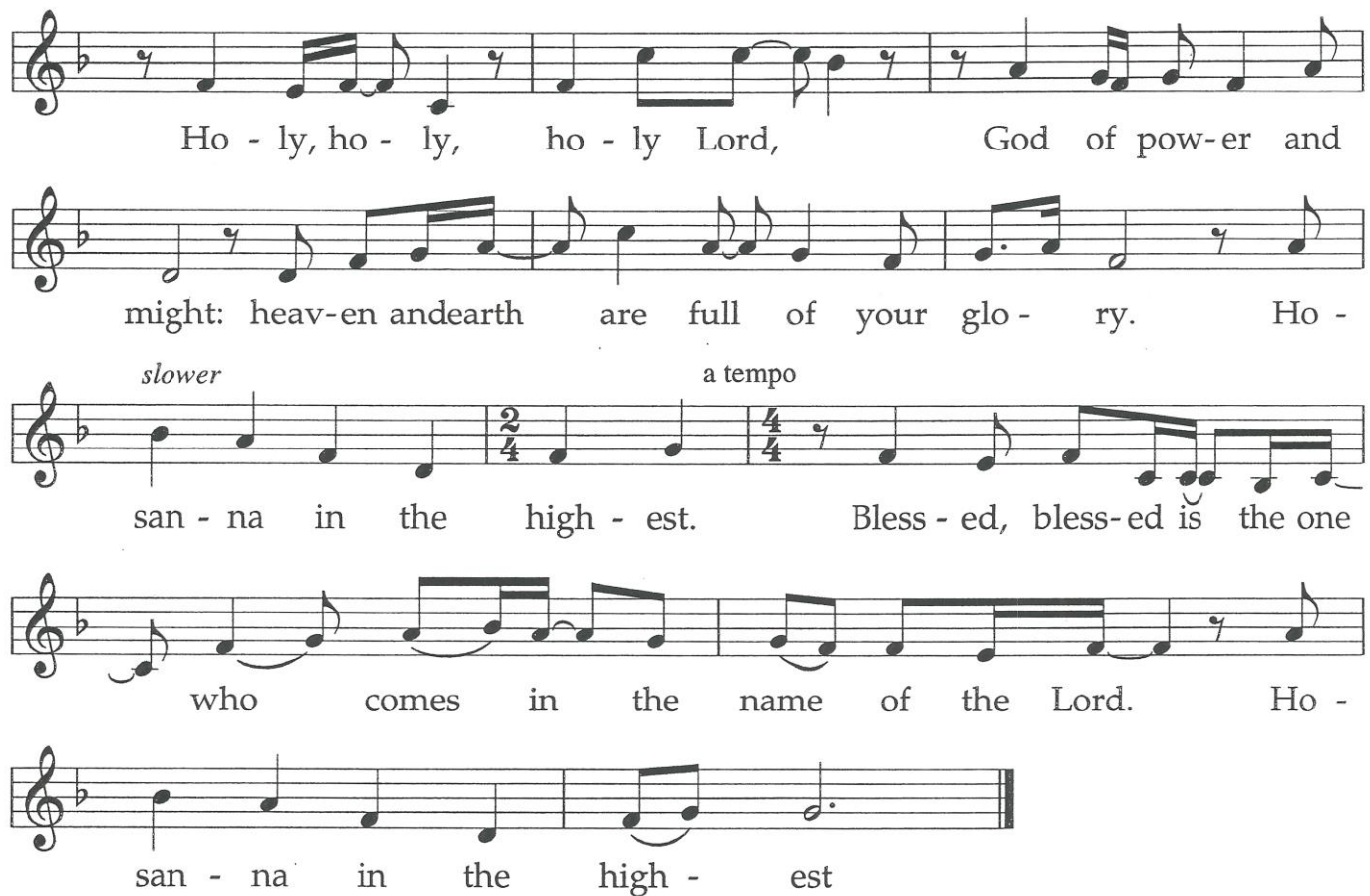
C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 and earth 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



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. Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

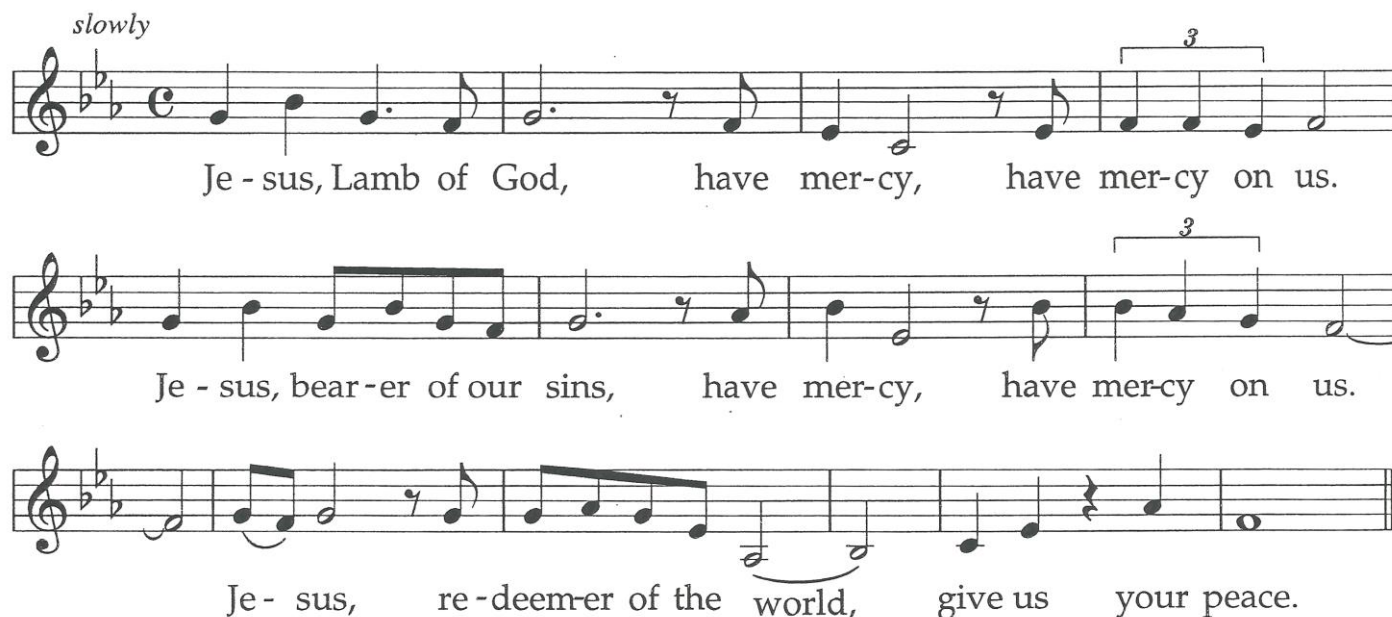
C. Amen.



Lord,  
have mercy  
on us.

## Lamb of God

*slowly*



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, bear-er of our sins, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world, give us your peace.

## Communion Hymns

*Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

ELW 363

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

ELW 392

*Father, We Thank You*

ELW 478

## 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 Cantic

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!*

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes. The final line of the score includes a handwritten 'Al-le-lu-ia!' with a double underline, and the musical notation for this part consists of two measures with 'x' marks above the notes, indicating a specific performance instruction.

## Post Communion Prayer

- A.** Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in in Jesus' name.
- C.** Amen

## Benedictus

*Presider*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

*Congregation*

The Lord bless you and keep you, too.

Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious 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.

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## Sending Hymn

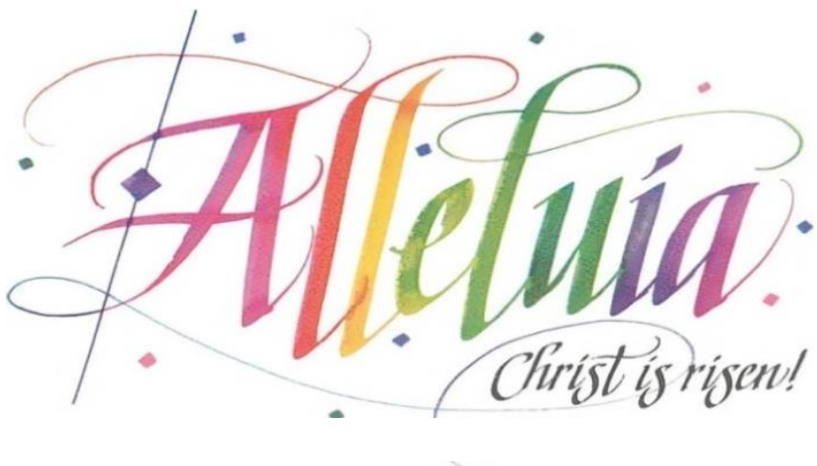
*Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!*

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## Dismissal

- A. Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P. Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
- C. Thanks be to God.

## Postlude





*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for Food & Conversation. Today we will have "Listening Sessions (1 or 2 groups)". Pam & Pastor John invite you to share some of your most burning desires for this/your community & Lord of Life congregation.*

**Servers for Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Assisting Minister / Reader ..... Shannon Thomsen  
Altar Guild ..... Ginny King  
Greeters/Counters . Tess Andrews/Alecia Harrison  
Acolyte ..... Antonio Smith



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.

**Candles** this week are given by Ginny King in loving memory of Dennis King.

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**  
**April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 9 am to Noon**



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



# Choir present Music of Light

On Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 7:30 pm in Cary's Westwood Baptist Church sanctuary, immerse yourself in lovely choral works featuring the 125-voice CSC Symphonic Choir, with the 33-piece Mallarmé Music orchestra, under the direction of conductor Nathan Leaf.

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