

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN *LBW 132* *"Come, You Faithful,
Raise the Strain"*

GREETING

Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



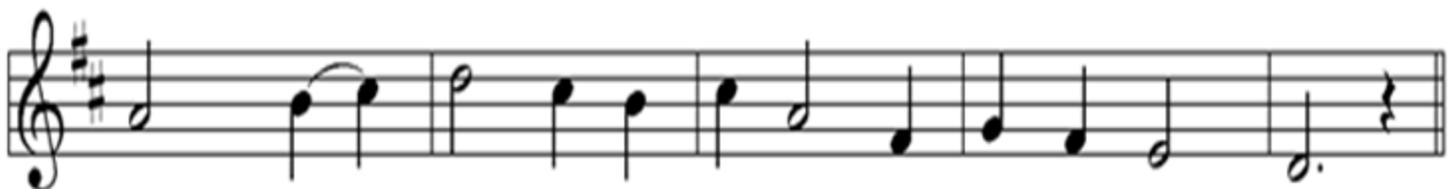
A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



B 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 vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



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 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

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

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "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." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:14-29

(Refrain: You are my God, and I will exalt you.)

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

C ¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

C ¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. *(Refrain)*

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

C ¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰“This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”

C ²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. *(Refrain)*

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C ²³**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

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

C ²⁵**Hosanna! O LORD, save us! We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days! (*Refrain*)**

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

C ²⁷**The LORD is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.**

²⁸You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

C ²⁹**Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever. (*Refrain*)**

(Refrain: You are my God, and I will exalt you.)

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

⁴John 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, ⁵and 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, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! 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. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

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

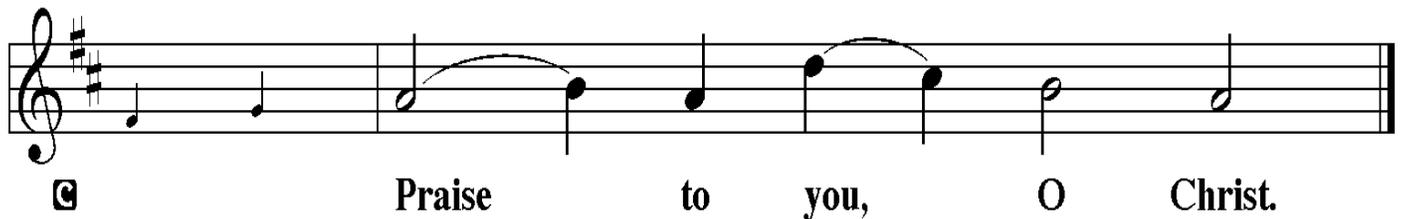
GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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." ²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come

to believe.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

The gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY *WOV 678* *“Christ Has Arisen,
Alleluia”*

APOSTLE'S CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under

Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

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.

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.

Renew your people's commitment to use resources responsibly and to live well with your creation. Invite

us to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit channel their attention toward serving those who are most in need. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Uphold your children who cry out to you. (*We pray especially for K.R. Cave, Kenneth Cave, Carla Knies Hoffman, Eugene Keller, Luanna Meyer, Sue Neukam, Terry Noble, Kayden Parker, Andrea Rose, Glen Schmitt, Leroy Seitz, Dana Senninger and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.*) Wherever people are overcome by the fear of death, breathe into them your life and peace. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. (*We pray especially for Luke Himsel, Joshua Hoffman and Nathan Humbert.*) God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Inspire those who lead your people in worship and praise. With joyful motion and sound, send us forth with praise that we cannot keep to ourselves. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the nearby tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

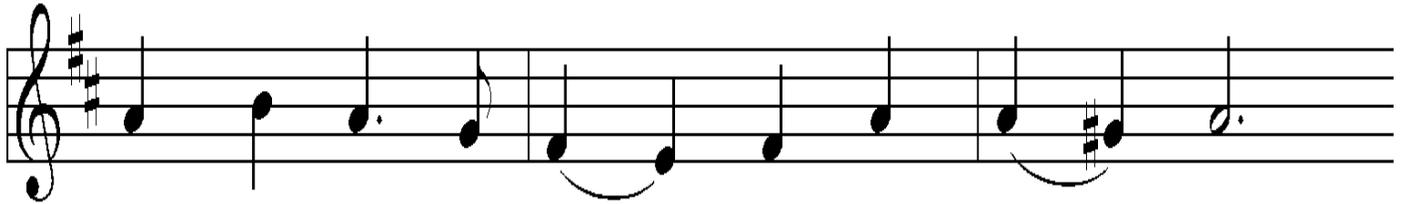
PREFACE

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 ever-living God, but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all 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:

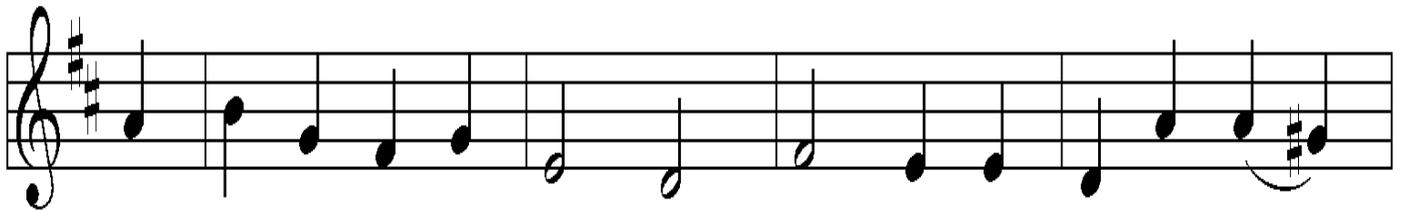
SANCTUS



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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

C 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.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



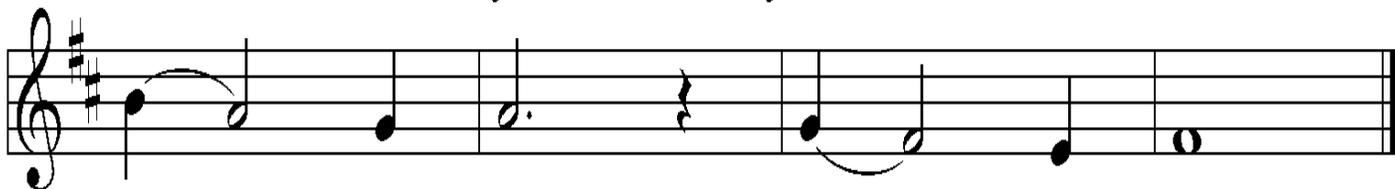
C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

WOV 676 "This Joyful Eastertide"

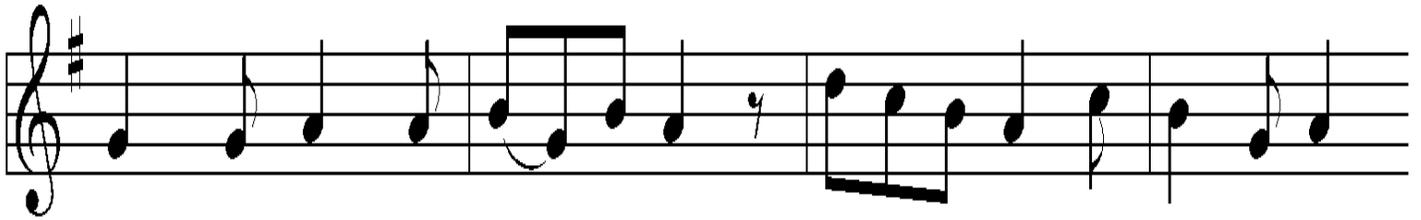
LBW 128 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"

LBW 138 "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!"

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

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he 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 peo-ple forth in joy



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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

C 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.

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN *WOV 674* *"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"*

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mission Statement: *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship, Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: Gary & Diane Bair
Comm. Asst: Council Members
Video: JoAn Breitwieser
Organist: Barbara Dell
Lay Reader: Martha Church
Audio: Keith Keller
Acolyte: Dax Smith & Lilly Lottes
Altar Guild: Brandi Dodd & Erin Kalb

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 254 SS:

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Apr. 24th – May 1st, 2021

Sun. Apr. 24 th	7:30 AM	Church Council Meeting
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Sunday School following communion)</i>
Mon. Apr. 25 th	5:30 PM	Archives Meeting
Wed. Apr. 27 th	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
Thurs. Apr. 28 th	1:00 PM	Blanket Tacking
Sun. May 1 st	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Distribution of Bibles & Devotionals)</i>

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have not picked up your Easter lily yet, please do so. They are in the fellowship hall.

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Christian Education

1st grade devotionals and 4th grade bibles will be distributed on, Sunday, May 1st, during the morning worship service. *Last day of Sunday School will be May 1st.*

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In Service to Our Country

AM-1 Luke Himsel
Joshua Hoffman
Maj. Nathan Humbert

Virginia Beach, VA
Washington (*State*)
West Point, NY



*Compassionate Care
From Our Heart To Yours*

COMPANION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you like to visit others and are 18 years or older? Heart to Heart Hospice is inviting you to volunteer to provide companionship for those with life-limiting illness and their families. Volunteers visit homes or facilities --- bringing their time, talents, and skills to create personal connections. Volunteers provide no personal care, but instead review life, play cards, listen, and talk about family experiences and hobbies. If in a home setting, the volunteer may also do light housework or allow the caregiver the chance to attend appointments, run errands, or rest. It is very important for our patients and families to have someone to talk to. Flexible with time and around 4-8 hours per month.

For information on serving patients in your local area, please reach out to Kelley Blasdel, Volunteer Coordinator at our Jasper area location.

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