



**ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

The Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter

Sunday, April 4, 2021

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Piano Duet (8:00 AM)	“The Risen Christ” <i>Kate Kauffman & Justin McClure</i>	L. Smith
Bell Choir (10:30 AM)	“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”	D. Wagner

THE PROCLAMATION (3x)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE EXULTATION

Rejoice, now, all heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ is risen!

Celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation;

and for so great a victory, sound the trumpet of salvation.

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,

radiant in the brightness of your king!

Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever.

Rejoice, O holy church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you!

Let this place resound with joy,

echoing the mighty song of all God's people.

GATHERING HYMN “Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today”
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GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

WORD

A Reading from Acts

³⁴Peter began to speak to the people: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

(Acts 10:34–43)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

¹O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever!

²Let Israel now proclaim

“His mercy endures forever.”

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

¹⁵**There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!**

¹⁶The right hand of the Lord is exalted!
The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.**

¹⁸The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open to me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰ “This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is righteous may enter.”

²¹**I will give thanks to you,
for you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

²²The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**This is the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

A Reading from First Corinthians

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you— unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his

grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe. (I Corinthians 15:1-11)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

(Mark 16:1-8)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Low in the Grave He Lay”

[See back of bulletin]

SERMON

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified,

He 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

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve (*especially all who are afflicted with COVID-19 and everyone on our prayer list*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with all who have gone before us in faith to proclaim: “your mercy endures forever!” Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

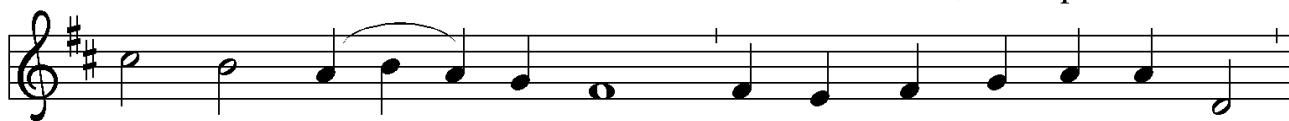
OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

“At the Lamb’s High Feast”



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should in all times and all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, 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 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:

SANCTUS

G 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

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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

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

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI

☐ 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.

[Please note that individual containers of Holy Communion will be available to everyone who wishes to receive the Sacrament as you leave the church. You may take additional individual containers for members of your family or friends who are unable to worship today.]

When you share Holy Communion (which we believe is the very body and blood of our risen Lord and Savior) with others, please do so in a spirit of joy and reverence -- with thanks to God and with love towards one another.]

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty and ever-living God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to the resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and love the risen Lord Jesus. And may our God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Thine Is the Glory”
[See back of bulletin]

THE PROCLAMATION (3x)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of the risen Christ, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

*Holy Communion is available to you as you leave the church.
Happy Easter to you and yours!*

POSTLUDE

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

M. McDonald

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Altar flowers are presented in honor of our mother, Skip Taylor, on her birthday, April 9, by Debbie, Wes, and Eddie.

Chancel flowers are presented in memory of Guy and Frances Lengel by James W. Lengel and the Lengel family.

Bulletins are presented in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. F.S. Olmes by the Lafko family.

Introduction to the day: Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ’s death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God’s unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

SERVING TODAY (4/04/21)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Kay Weidensaul; GREETER: Doug Travor

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Cindy Ritschel; GREETER: Greg Sklar

USHER: Tina Butler and Victoria Spitler

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Chris Long

ALTAR GUILD: Crystal Brensinger and Cindy Ritschel;

COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr, and Glenda Bright

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (4/11/21)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Deb Moyer; GREETER: Amy Dewald

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Tom Wehr; GREETER: Jim Spotts; USHER: Gwen Wehr

ALTAR GUILD: Sue Schenck and Barb Sterner;

COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Diane Brobst, and Marlene Eidam

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, April 4	8:00 AM	Easter Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Easter Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, April 6	6:00 PM	Evangelism Committee
	7:00 PM	COVID-19 Task Force
Wednesday, April 7	6:00 PM	STiC meeting
Thursday, April 8	7:00 PM	Adult Forum – Zoom meeting
Friday, April 9	1:30 PM	STiC Sojourn in Landingville, PA
Saturday, April 10	8:00 AM	STiC trip to Shenk's Ferry Wildflower Preserve. Meet in church parking lot.
	5:30 PM	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, April 11	8:00 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Worship

EASTER FLOWERS

Lilies

In honor of...

St. Paul's by the Swick family. (2)

In memory of...

Our parents, Raymond and Josephine Rohrer, and Arthur and Edna Emerich by Joanne and James Emerich. (2)

Loved ones by Barry and Dana Jenkins. (1)

Daffodils

In honor of...

Our grandchildren, Kelsey, Harrison, Charleigh, Creole, and Kilmer by Darin and Crystal Brensinger. (5)

Sandy Witman by Tina Butler. (1)

Jayse and Connor Callaghan by Al and Krista Callaghan. (1)

Our great-grandson, Grayson Shoener, by Leslie and Bruce Guldin. (1)

Our daughter, Heather Lynn, by Barry and Dana Jenkins. (1)

The Bell Choir by Barbara Lafko. (1)

In memory of...

Clark "Duke" Schenck by Sue, Kurt, and Juli Schenck. (1)

Ralph and Muriel Reibie by Sue, Kurt, and Juli Schenck (1)

Ruth and Henry Strouse by family. (2)

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Miller, Sr. by Tom and Gwen Wehr. (1)

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Withers by Ruth Ann and Wayne Withers. (1)

Tulips

In honor of...

Lori Palko by Tina Butler. (1)

Mary Steinert by Christine and Kevin Long. (1)

Kevin Long and Rachel Keller by Christine Long. (2)

Jeffry and Amanda, and Joel and Cristi, by Jeff and Cindy Ritschel. (4)

Mark, Madison, and Jessie Travor, Barbara Sterner, and Joan and Bruce Travor by Doug and Karen Travor. (3)

In memory of...

My brother, Eric Shaud, by Crystal Brensinger. (1)

Charles W. Weidensaul by Al and Krista Callaghan. (1)

Bill Biever by Ed and Cheryle Foulk. (1)

Carl Long by Christine and Kevin Long. (1)

Clark and Fern Schenck by Sue, Kurt, and Juli Schenck. (1)

Corrinne and LeRoy Shoener by family. (2)

Tulips

In memory of...

- Herbert Steinert by Mary Steinert and family. (1)
- My parents, John and Helen Dreher by Barb Sterner. (1)
- Dave Sterner by Doug and Karen Travor. (1)
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Pitts, Jr. by Ruth Ann and Wayne Withers. (1)
- Our parents, Keihner and Dolly Mertz by Sandra L. Mertz and Janet Mertz Young. (2)

Purple Hyacinths

In honor of...

- Elaine Kamp by Tina Butler. (1)
- Us, the living, by Carl Heintzelman. (2)
- My Godmother by Heather Jenkins. (1)
- Lorain Kunkel and grandchildren, Bradley and Paula by Julia Kunkel. (1)
- Isabella and Xavier by their grandmother, Barbara Lafko. (2)
- Loved ones by Jean Premich. (1)
- Our children, Tammy, Becky, and Andy by Tom and Gwen Wehr. (1)
- James P. Withers by Ruth Ann and Wayne Withers. (1)

In memory of...

- Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Koch by Gary Koch. (1)
- Hilary and Betty Picard by Melissa Rumrill. (1)
- Ron "Buck" Reibie by Sue, Kurt, and Juli Schenck. (1)
- Loved ones by Janice Snyder. (1)
- My parents by Kay Weidensaul. (1)

Pink Hyacinths

In honor of...

- Victoria and Alexandria Spitler by Tina Butler. (2)
- Us, the living, by Carl Heintzelman. (2)
- Debra (Koch) Abbott by Gary Koch. (1)
- Loved ones by Jean Premich. (1)
- Jayda, Lily, and Jackson by Jeff and Cindy Ritschel. (3)
- Walter and Lisa Picard by Melissa Rumrill.
- Nancy and Jack Hurley by Sue, Kurt, and Juli Schenck. (1)
- Our grandchildren, Kristen, Patrick, TJ, Victoria, and Gavin by Tom and Gwen Wehr. (1)
- My children by Kay Weidensaul. (1)

In memory of...

- Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Callaghan by Al and Krista Callaghan. (1)
- Gloria Biever by Ed and Cheryle Foulk. (1)
- Our Moms, Margaret and Maryanne, by Barry and Dana Jenkins. (1)

White Hyacinths

In honor of...

Katherine (Koch) Knight by Gary Koch. (1)
My children and grandchildren by Kathy Miller. (1)
Irene Reibie by Sue, Kurt, and Juli Schenck. (1)
Connor and Jayse Callaghan by Kay Weidensaul. (1)

In memory of...

Irma Kamp by Tina Butler. (1)
Billy Biever by Ed and Cheryle Foulk. (1)
Larry Heintzelman by Carl Heintzelman. (2)
Gary M. Koch by Melissa Rumrill. (1)
Our loved ones by Tom and Gwen Wehr. (1)

Hydrangeas

In honor of...

Lindsay and Kevin by Jeff and Cindy Ritschel. (1)
My children and grandchildren by Dale Strouse. (1)

In memory of...

In memory of Harry Lafko by his family. (1)
Loved ones by Joyce O'Rourke. (1)
Gary Koch by Sonny and Connie Teter. (2)

The large potted lilies are in honor of our St. Paul's Church family from Robin and Steve Zimmerman.

A NOTE TO ALL!

Everyone who receives the Sacrament today is encouraged to fill out a communion card and drop it in the offering plate as they leave worship today. Members should confirm that they have received the Sacrament at least once during each calendar year. Guests may also choose to do so. We will forward a completed a communion card to the home congregation of any guest if they provide the name and address of their home congregation on the back of the card. Thank you for your kind attention!

GATHERING HYMN "Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today"

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!

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Low in the Grave He Lay”

1 Low in the grave he lay, Je - sus my Sav - ior,
 2 Vain - ly they watch his bed, Je - sus my Sav - ior;
 3 Death can - not keep its prey, Je - sus my Sav - ior;

wait - ing the com - ing day, Je - sus my Lord.
 vain - ly they seal the dead, Je - sus my Lord.
 he tore the bars a - way, Je - sus my Lord.

Refrain

Up from the grave he a - rose, he a - rose, with a

might - y tri - umph o'er his foes; he a -
 o'er his foes,

rose a vic - tor o - ver death's do - main, and he

lives for - ev - er, with his saints to reign. He a -

rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!
 He a - rose! He a - rose!

SENDING HYMN

“Thine Is the Glory”

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!