The Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

St. Paul's Lutheran Church 215 N. Warren St. Orwigsburg, PA 570-366-2316

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

(8 a.m.) "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" M. McDonald

(10:30 a.m.) "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

J. Krug

Bell Choir

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

"Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen!"

(#377 vs. 1, 4, 5)

[See back of bulletin]

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 118:14-24 (read responsively)

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

¹⁵There 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!"

17I 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.

¹⁹Open 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."

²¹I 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.

²³This 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

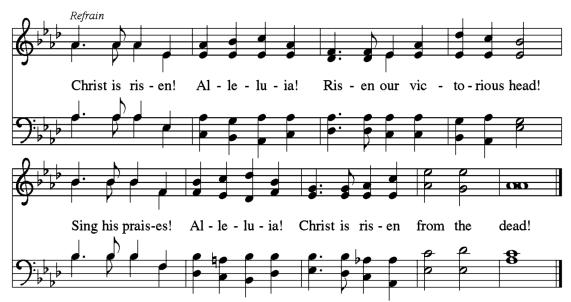
¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. (I Corinthians 15:19-26)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. (Luke 24:1-12)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today"

[See back of bulletin]

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THE NICENE CREED (Read in Unison)

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

O God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Kindle new life in your church. Inspire all who find creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries so their work may grow and thrive. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Nurture new life in your creation. Send life-giving rains to forests, grasslands, deserts, and mountains. Fill us with wonder at your glory revealed in the life of this season. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bring new life to all the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring peace and reconciliation to places of war and conflict. Raise up leaders committed to justice wed to mercy. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Restore new life to those in need. Comfort the fearful, the ill, the broken-hearted, and the grieving. We especially pray for everyone on our prayer list and all whose needs are known only to you. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Awaken new life in our community. Open our hearts to your call to serve the world one person at a time. Grant us courage to boldly share your love within and far beyond the walls of this church. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the lives of our departed loved ones and we trust in your promise of new resurrection life. Sustain us with hope until we are reunited with all the saints at your heavenly banquet. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

(*The Pastor concludes*): We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you hear and will answer them; in the name of Jesus Christ our risen Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

OFFERTORY (8:00 A.M.)

"Easter Hymn"

C. Berry

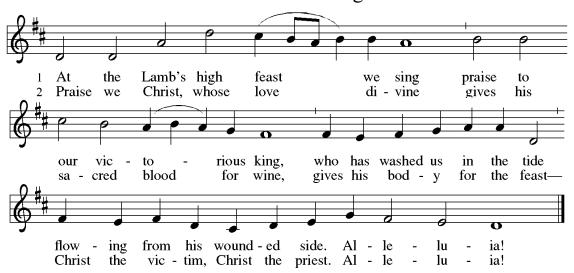
ANTHEM (10:30 A.M.)

*"The Power of the Cross"

M. Hayes

OFFERTORY HYMN

"At the Lamb's High Feast"

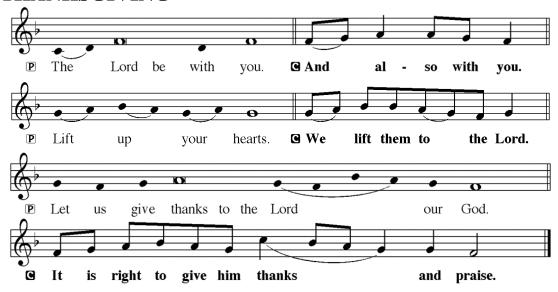


OFFERTORY PRAYER

O Risen One, you have gathered us together around your table of grace along with the gifts we bring. Come among us and breathe life into us and this meal that we share, that we may be your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

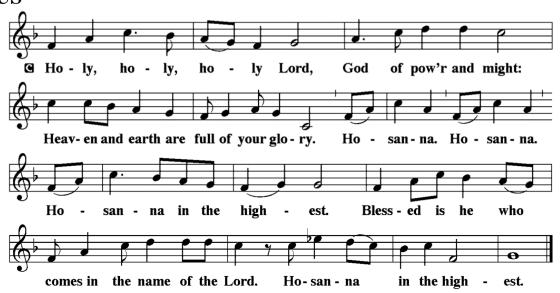
MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right and salutary that we should in all times and in 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



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 (Read in Unison)

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.

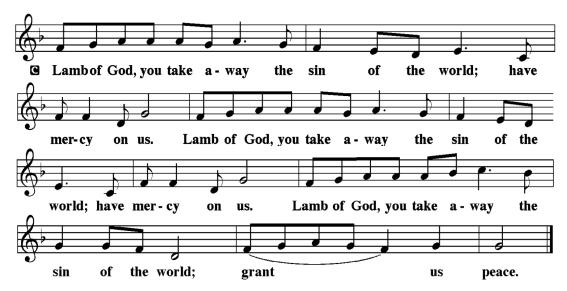
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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



INSTRUCTIONS

All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion by intinction. You may dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before consuming it.

If you (or your child) would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest.

If you are unable to come forward to receive the Sacrament, please raise your hand.

We will share the Sacrament with those on the pulpit side of the nave followed by those on the lectern side.

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, Almighty God, for you have revealed yourself in this simple meal. Help us to believe in a future where hunger and thirst are no more. May all the world come to know abundant life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May God the Father who raised Christ from the dead open to you the gate of everlasting life.

May God the Son who burst forth from the grave give you joy as you celebrate his resurrection.

May God the Holy Spirit who brings new life in baptism continue to build up your faith and grant you peace.

And may our Triune God, who is the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Thine Is the Glory"

(#376)

[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!

POSTLUDE "Alleluia" W. A. Mozart

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Altar flowers are presented in memory of loved ones by Diane Brobst.

Bulletins are presented in memory of my brothers, G. Roger Lengel and Jack A. Lengel, by James Lengel.

Anthem *"The Power of the Cross" is presented in memory of my husband, Gary, and in honor of our family by Gloria Dierwechter (2018)

Introduction to the Day: "The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather with amazement and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, April 20	THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
8:00 AM	Easter Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 AM	Easter Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, April 22 12 Noor	Crafters' Guild
Wednesday, April 23 6:00 PM	Bell Choir
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday, April 24 10:00 AM	Rainbow Friends
Saturday, April 26 5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, April 27 8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
9:15 AM	Adult Forum
10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

SERVING TODAY (4/20/25)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike

LECTOR/COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kay Weidensaul

10:30 AM

GREETER: Tina Butler

USHERS: Tina Butler, Victoria Spitler, Diane Brobst, and Mike Lado LECTOR: Juli Schenck; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Dave Krewson

ALTAR GUILD: Joanne Emerich and Gwen Wehr

COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, and Pat Davis

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (4/27/25)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike

LECTOR/COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Ruth Ann Withers

10:30 AM

GREETER: Jerry Goessel; USHER: Jerry Goessel

LECTOR: Sue Schenck; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Evan Davis

ALTAR GUILD: Joanne Emerich and Gwen Wehr

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Barb Sterner, and Joanne Emerich

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Please take your flowers home with you after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Lilies

In honor of...

Julia Kunkel by Joanne and Jim Emerich (1)

In memory of...

Our parents, Raymond and Josephine Rohrer, Arthur and Edna Emerich by Joanne and Jim Emerich (1)

Loved ones by The Jenkins Family (1)

My parents, Guy R. and Frances Somers Lengel by James W. Lengel (1)

My husband, Stu Richards by Danielle Richards (1)

Richard and Florence Teets, Eugene and Elizabeth Ritschel by Jeff and Cindy Ritschel (2)

Daffodils

In honor of...

Nicholas Celli and Sofia Celli by Brian Stout (2)

James P. Withers by Wayne and Ruth Ann Withers (1)

In memory of...

Gloria Biever by Ed and Cheryle Foulk (1)

My great grandparents, George Washington and Elizabeth Lengel by James W. Lengel (1)

Loved ones by Joyce O'Rourke (2)

My parents, Muriel and Ralph Reibie, by Sue Schenck (1)

Loved ones by Sonny and Connie Teter (1)

Tulips

In honor of...

Our parents by Lee and Amy Dewald (2)

Nancy Lado by Elinda and Mike Lado (1)

Mary Steinert by Christine Long (1)

Jackson Ritschel and Rory Novelli by Jeff and Cindy Ritschel (2)

Kurt and Juli by Sue Schenck (1)

Mark and Jessie Travor, Madison Travor by Doug and Karen Travor (2)

In memory of...

Bill and Billy Biever by Ed and Cheryle Foulk (2)

My grandparents, William R. and Lottie Long Lengel by James W. Lengel (1)

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Tulips

In memory of...

Carl Long by Christine Long (1)

Herbert Steinert by Christine Long (1)

Keihner and Dolly Mertz by Sandra L. Mertz, Janet Mertz Young, and Brian Sharrow (2)

My parents, Francis and Margaret Piacine by Danielle Richards (1)

My parents, William and Elva Snyder by David Snyder (2)

My sister, Emilie Snyder by David Snyder (2)

My daughter, Johanna Snyder by David Snyder (1)

Dave Sterner by Doug and Karen Travor (1)

Tom's parents, Leighton and Ruth Wehr by Tom and Gwen Wehr (1)

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pitts, Jr. by Wayne and Ruth Ann Withers (1)

Hydrangeas

In honor of...

Kevin and Rachel Long by Christine Long (1)

Josephine Novelli by Jeff and Cindy Ritschel (1)

In memory of...

Kenneth and Mildred Keck and Gerald Manley by Steve and Kathy Keck (1)

Pink Hyacinths

In honor of...

Kate Bolinsky by Deb and Stan Bolinsky (1)

Kay Weidensaul by Al and Krista Callaghan (1)

Lily Dugger-Ritschel by Jeff and Cindy Ritschel (1)

My children by Kay Weidensaul (1)

In memory of...

My brother, G. Roger Lengel, by James W. Lengel (1)

Gwen's parents, Aubrey and Minnie Glover by Tom and Gwen Wehr (1)

Beulah Zimmerman by Robin and Steve Zimmerman (1)

White Hyacinths

In honor of...

Hadley Bolinsky by Deb and Stan Bolinsky (1)

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

Connor and Jayse Callaghan by Kay Weidensaul (1)

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White Hyacinths

In memory of...

Dr. Michael Lado by Elinda and Mike Lado (1)

My brother, Jack A. Lengel by James W. Lengel (1)

Duke by Sue Schenck (1)

Helen Rubright by Robin and Steve Zimmerman (1)

Purple Hyacinths

In honor of...

Danika Bolinsky by Deb and Stan Bolinsky (1)

Jesus by Carl Heintzelman (1)

Heather Lynn by her parents (1)

Alex, Brian, Mike, Victoria, and Emily by Elinda and Mike Lado (1)

The "Behind the Scenes" volunteers by Barbara Lafko (1)

Jayda Sassaman by Jeff and Cindy Ritschel (1)

In memory of...

Our grandparents by Lee and Amy Dewald (2)

Robert and Mary Ebinger by Elinda and Mike Lado (1)

My grandparents, George and Freda Kolbe Somers by James W. Lengel (1)

Andy Premich by Jean Premich (1)

My brother, Ron "Buck" Reibie by Sue Schenck (1)

My parents and grandparents by Kay Weidensaul (1)

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

Cordelia Miller by Robin and Steve Zimmerman (1)

PLEASE FILL OUT A COMMUNION CARD

All members should confirm that they have received the Sacrament at least once during each calendar year. If you have not done so this year, please do so today.

OFFERING PLATES

During the offertory, ushers will pass offering plates through the pews. If you haven't yet given your offering, please do so at this time. Thank you for worshiping with us today!

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum will not meet TODAY, Sunday, April 20. We will resume our studies on Sunday, April 27.

RESERVE SPACE IN THE CHURCH?

Reidler Hall and other spaces within the church are available for use by members, church groups, non-profit organizations, and others. To reserve a space, please visit our church office to pick up a copy of our "Rental Guidelines" and an "Application Form." Completed forms should be received by our office at least six weeks before the date of the event or activity. All applications will be reviewed and require approval from Church Council.

A MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT!

Our Evangelism Committee loves sending cards to those who can't join us for worship. We regularly need updated information for military members and college students who are away from home. If you have new information or address changes, please contact any Evangelism Committee member or call the church office at 570-366-2316. Thank you for helping us stay connected!

CRAFTERS' GUILD NEWS

Our Spring creations are on display in the basement and available for purchase. The items will remain available through Mother's Day. Stop by to see our "creativity in bloom."

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

Please worship with us again. Take a copy of our newsletter. Check out our webpage. Visit us on Facebook. Watch our weekly video on YouTube and get to know us better! We have a rich Lutheran tradition, but we are not old-fashioned. Everyone is invited to worship with us and work together to the glory of God.

"SECOND SUNDAY" SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our next Second Sunday School class will be Sunday, May 11. Children ages 1 through 6 are invited to join us for Bible stories, crafts, a snack, fun, and fellowship during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Young people aged 7 through 12 are invited to a youth group with Bible study and activities from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Sunday School will take a break for the summer and resume in September.

GATHERING HYMN "Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen!" #377 vs. 1, 4, 5



A CALL TO MORE FAITHFUL GIVING

Our church needs your support. Every donation, big or small, helps us gather new members, spread Christ's teachings, and serve our community. Your contributions keep our church running and aid those in need. Please consider increasing your giving to St. Paul's ministry.



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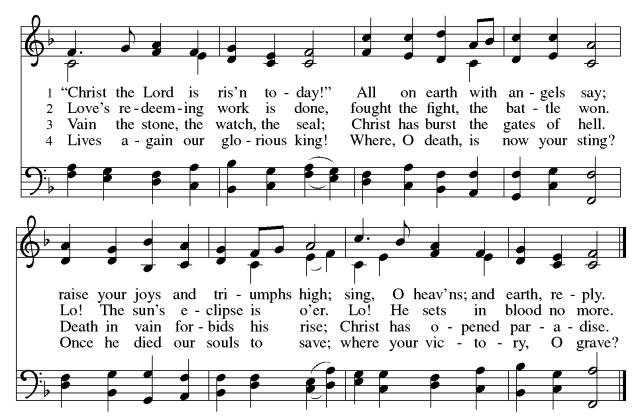
HYMN OF THE DAY Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today"



COMMUNION HYMN "The Day of Resurrection"



COMMUNION HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"



5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to thee by both be giv'n. Thee we greet triumphant now; hail, the resurrection, thou!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss, everlasting life is this: thee to know, thy pow'r to prove, thus to sing, and thus to love!

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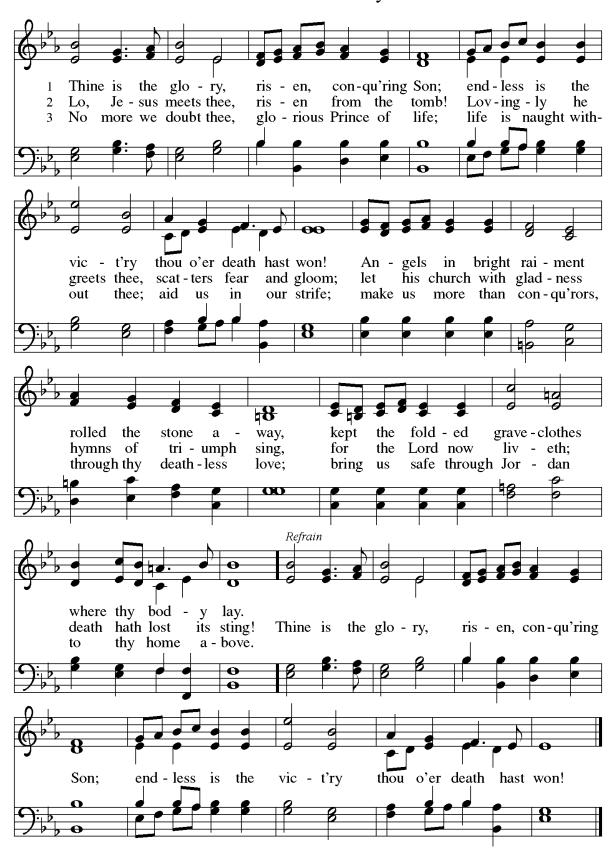
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 9:00 A.M. to 12 NOON

SENDING HYMN

"Thine Is the Glory"



HAPPY EASTER!