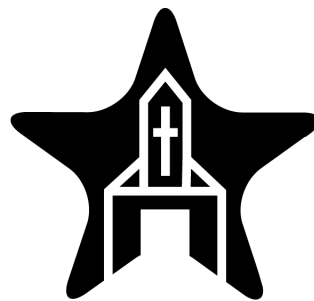




FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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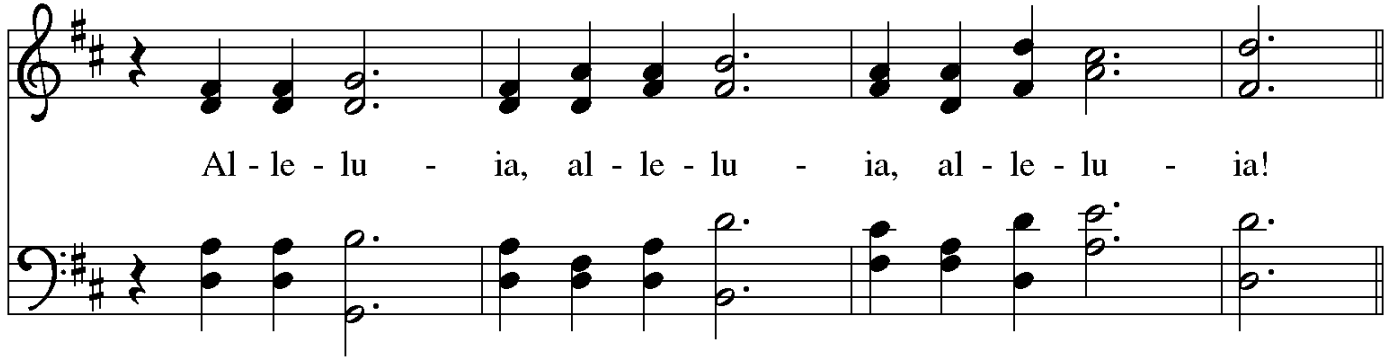
THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

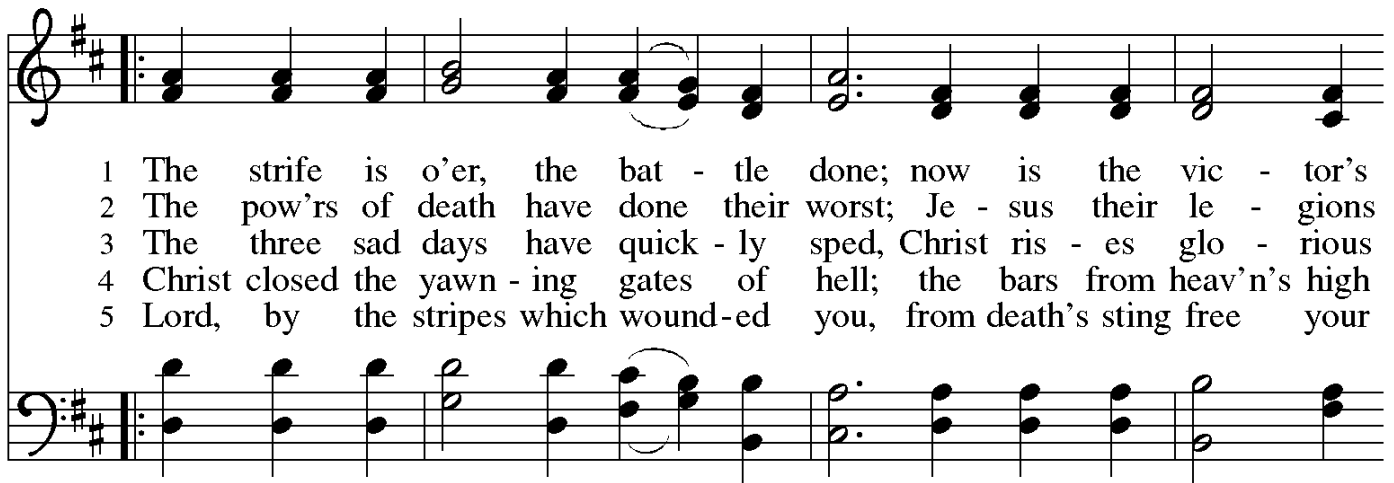
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OPENING HYMN

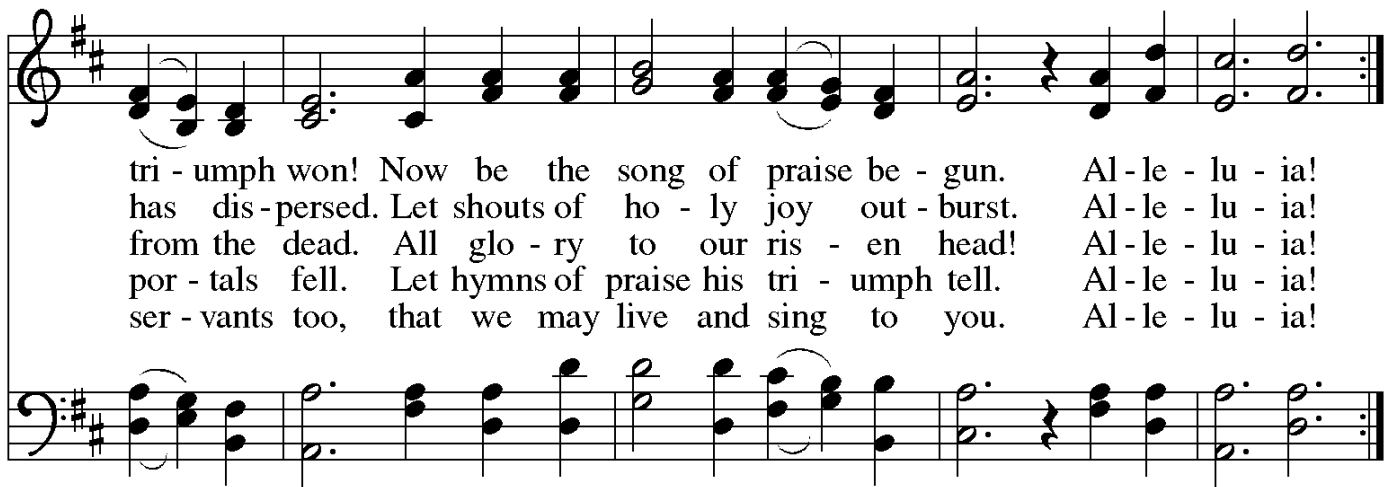
THE STRIFE IS O'ER



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909
 Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: Amen.

L: Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence For Reflection

L: Holy God ,

C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

L: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

We receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ’s peace. You may greet one another and say “peace be with you” or similar words.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

P: Let us pray,

C: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

A READING FROM

ACTS 4:5-12

The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIVE SONG

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

L: He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

L: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Allelu, allelu, allelu, Alleluia! Praise ye the Lord!

<i>Allelu, allelu, allelu, Alleluia</i>	<i>Praise ye the Lord Alleluia,</i>
<i>Praise ye the Lord!</i>	<i>Praise ye the Lord Alleluia,</i>
<i>Allelu, allelu, allelu, Alleluia</i>	<i>Praise ye the Lord Alleluia,</i>
<i>Praise ye the Lord!</i>	<i>Praise ye the Lord!</i>

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LISA GLYNN

Allelu, allelu, allelu, Alleluia! Praise ye the Lord!

<i>Allelu, allelu, allelu, Alleluia</i>	<i>Praise ye the Lord Alleluia,</i>
<i>Praise ye the Lord!</i>	<i>Praise ye the Lord Alleluia,</i>
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THE GOSPEL READING

JOHN 10:11-18

(Congregation standing)

L: The Holy Gospel of St. John, beginning in the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

PREACHING OF THE GOOD NEWS

PASTOR BOB MITCHELL

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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 worshiped 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 THE PEOPLE *(Congregation standing)*

L: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Each petition shall conclude with:

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The Prayers conclude:

L: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

THE MEAL

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

Create In Me a Clean Heart



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray,

C: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. 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 our thanks and praise!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

*We practice "Open Communion," acknowledging that Jesus welcomes all persons, sinners and saints alike, to the table. All means ALL. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Sacrament in a continuous line, exiting by the side aisles. **Communion is by intinction.** We offer a chalice of wine and a chalice of white grape juice in which you may dip the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask for them at the altar, if needed. The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.*

Infants who are not yet ready to receive food will receive a blessing. Parents who have questions about the practice of open communion may instruct their children to receive just a blessing.

Communion can be served to those who are not physically able to join us for worship. Please speak with an usher if you know of someone who would desire communion from Sunday's table brought to them.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

COMMUNION BLESSING *(Congregation standing)*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace until life everlasting.

C: Amen.

THE SENDING

THE BENEDICTION *(Congregation standing)*

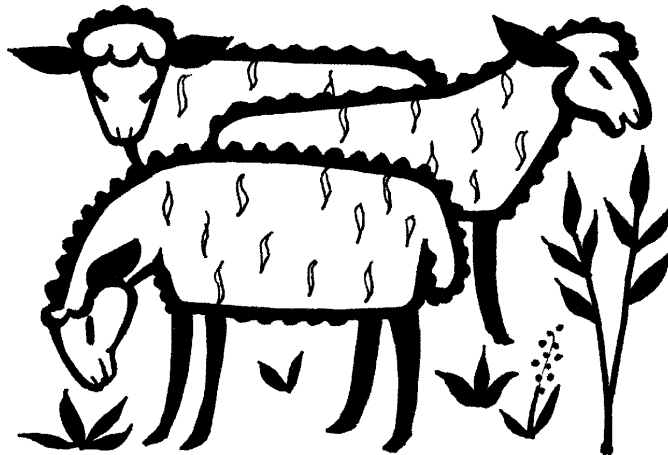
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son †, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



Continued.....

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
 3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the

sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
 slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall
 riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my

sprung to life this mor - - row.
 wake the dead in num - - ber.
 pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our

faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

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 Music: Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.; arr. hymnal version
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSED AND SENT TO SERVE

L: On this good shepherd Sunday may we be reminded why John 3:16 is such a famous verse. Jesus as the good shepherd reminds us how much God loves us and what lengths God will go to save us. In a world filled with uncertainty, may this be the solid rock upon which our faith and life stands.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

If you are worshipping with us at 9:00 am we kindly ask that you leave your bulletin on the back table on your way out for those that are worshipping at 11:00 am. We wish to be good stewards of our environment and resources. A digital copy of "The Light" can be found on our Website at epiphanysuwanee.org



Sunday Worship Services,
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (in-person and online)

Wednesdays
Mid-Week In-Person Holy Communion, 7:00 p.m.

Ministers: The People of God
Pastor: Chris Hermansen
Interim Associate of Youth Ministry: Kris Perkola
Director of Worship and Music: Michael Parker
Worship Production: Steve Belfield
Worship Accompanist: Bill Nunes
Treasurer: Matt Ilgen



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