GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide
Anglican Communion.

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026 – LARGE-PRINT EDITION

Before the Service — Speak quietly to God
During the Service — Let God speak to you
After the Service — Speak to one another

LITURGICAL SEASON EXPLAINED

The season after Easter Day until Pentecost is called the **Easter Season** or **Eastertide** and lasts 50 days. The central theme of Eastertide is the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of new life, hope and redemption. This is the most joyful season in the Christian calendar, the mood is bright and triumphant. The scripture readings focus on the appearances of the risen Christ and the beginnings of the Christian community with the missionary work of the apostles. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing joy and purity.

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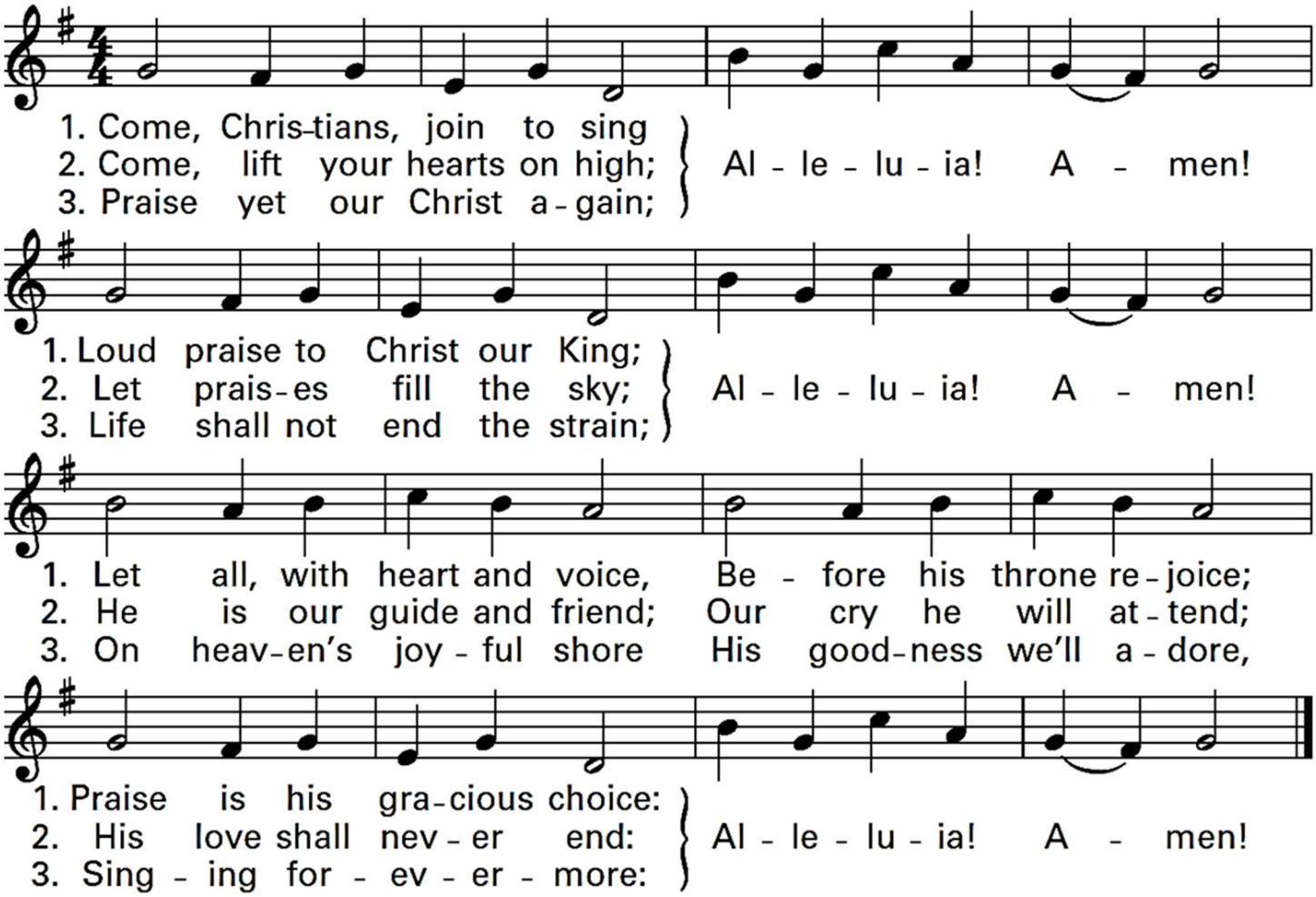
CHOIR PRELUDE: In The Beauty Of Holiness

OPENING HYMN: Come Christians, Join To Sing

Please stand as you are able



ACCLAMATION

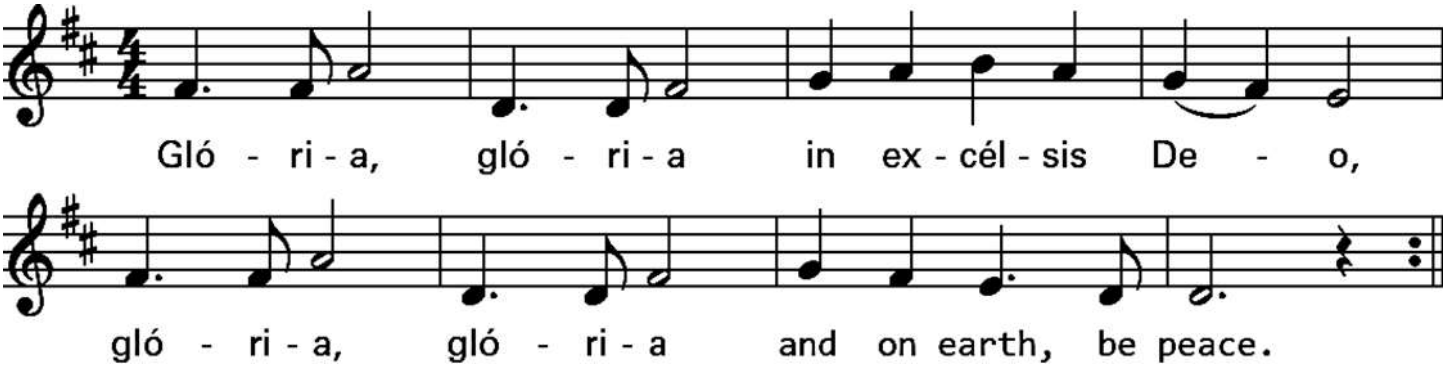
Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant continues:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

GLORIA



Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

This Week's Readers: ***Nora Heath & Neville Thompson***
Next Week's Readers: ***Selia Tuten & Tom Stotz***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE Psalm 16 – *Conserva me, Domine*

[1]Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;*
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

[2]All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,*
upon those who are noble among the people.

[3]But those who run after other gods*
shall have their troubles multiplied.

[4]Their libations of blood I will not offer,*
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

[5]O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;*
it is you who uphold my lot.

[6]My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;*
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

[7]I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;*
my heart teaches me, night after night.

[8]I have set the Lord always before me;*
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

[9]My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;*
my body also shall rest in hope.

[10]For you will not abandon me to the grave,*
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

[11]You will show me the path of life;*
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

Reader A reading from the first epistle of Peter.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN: Show Me Your Hands

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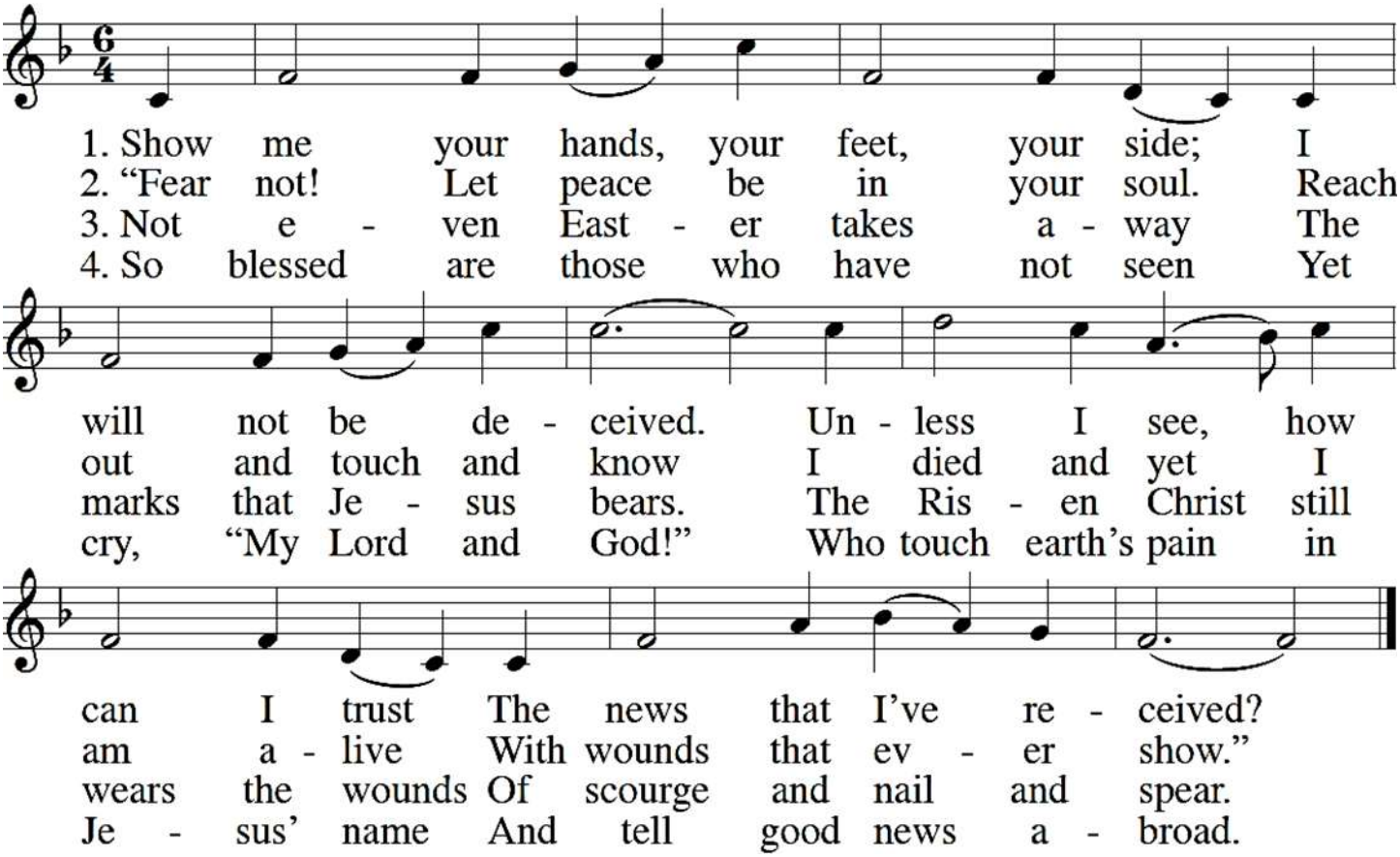

GOSPEL John 20:19-31
Jim Kroll, Licensed Lay Minister, Southeast Michigan Synod - E.L.C.A.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY Jim Kroll, Licensed Lay Minister, Southeast Michigan Synod - E.L.C.A.

Please be seated

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand as you are able

This is an ancient baptismal creed, but using the words "I give my heart," a truer translation of the Latin word "credo" than "I believe."

I give my heart to God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I give my heart to Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, and descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I give my heart to the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic and apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Christ is risen—alleluia! In the confidence of the Resurrection, we now pray in our Savior's name for all of God's people throughout the world, saying: Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death,

People **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader Bring newness and change to your church, O God, that we might serve you with courage and grace. Awake, O Church, rise from death,

People **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader Bring newness and change to your world, O God, that all might know the goodness of your love. Awake, O World, rise from death,

People **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader Bring newness and change to our nation, O God, that each person might share with and honor the other. Awake, O People, rise from death,

People **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader Bring newness and change for the poor of the earth, O God, for the victims of warfare and natural disasters, and for refugees around the world, especially in Ukraine, the Middle East, Sudan, Haiti, the Congo, and Venezuela. Awake, O Downcast, rise from death,

People **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader Bring newness and change to our community, O God, as we pray for the children in our lives and in our world. Grant us calm strength and patient wisdom that we may teach them to love whatever is just, true, and good. Awake, O Family, rise from death,

People **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader Bring newness and change for the sick and the suffering, especially those on our prayer list. Are there others?

That they might know your saving help. Awake, O Sorrowful, rise from death,

People **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader Bring newness and change to even the departed, O God, that they might forever grow in your likeness. Awake, O Saints, rise from death,

People **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader Bring newness and change to our hearts, O God, that we might grow larger in faith and hope. Awake, O Soul, rise from death,

People **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death, for Christ has burst forth from the tomb, making all things new. Rise and live, says the Lord. This day God has made for life and all joy!

People **Alleluia, amen!**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant:

Hear our prayers, O God, on behalf of those for whom we pray, and give us peace in this time of our paschal rejoicing, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen and exalted Lord. **AMEN.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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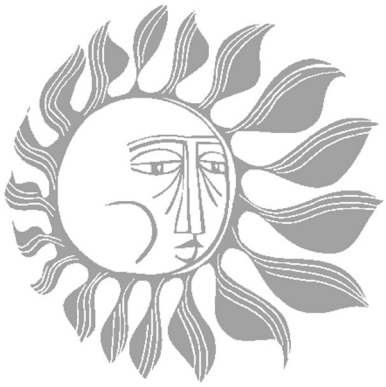
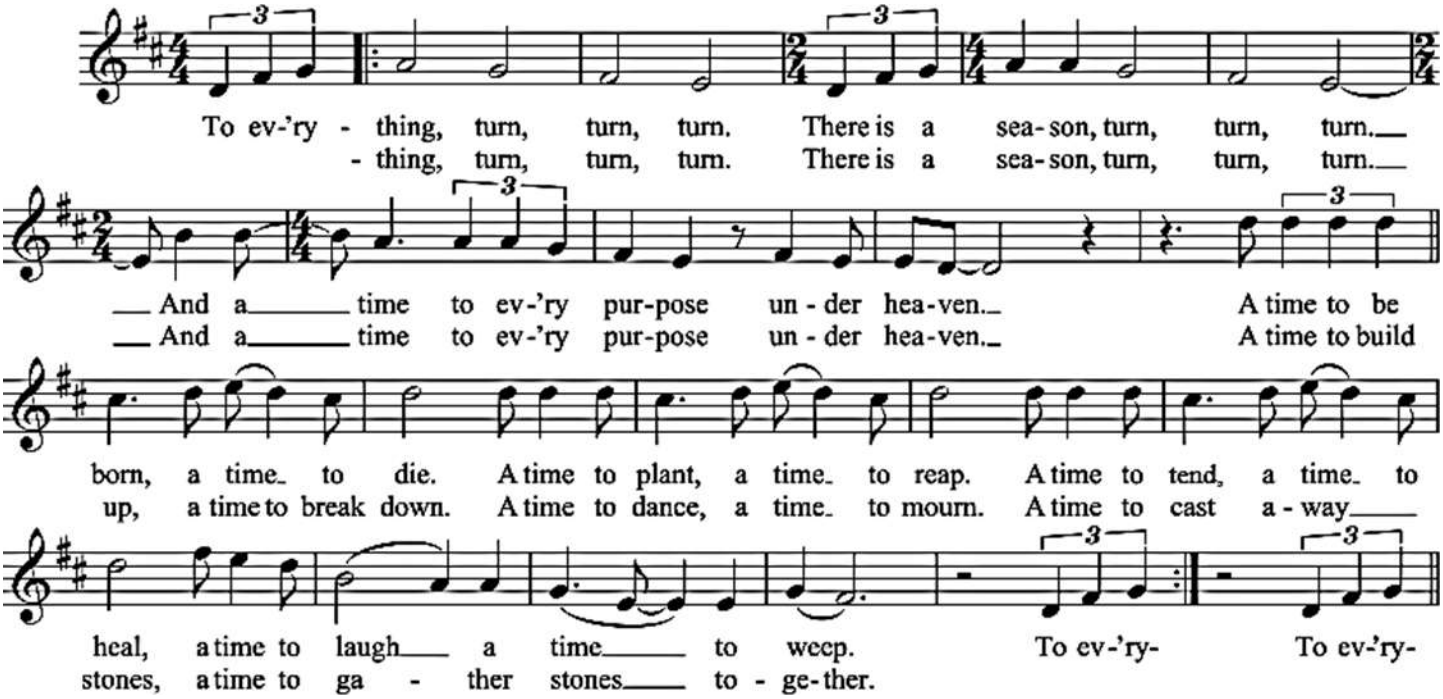
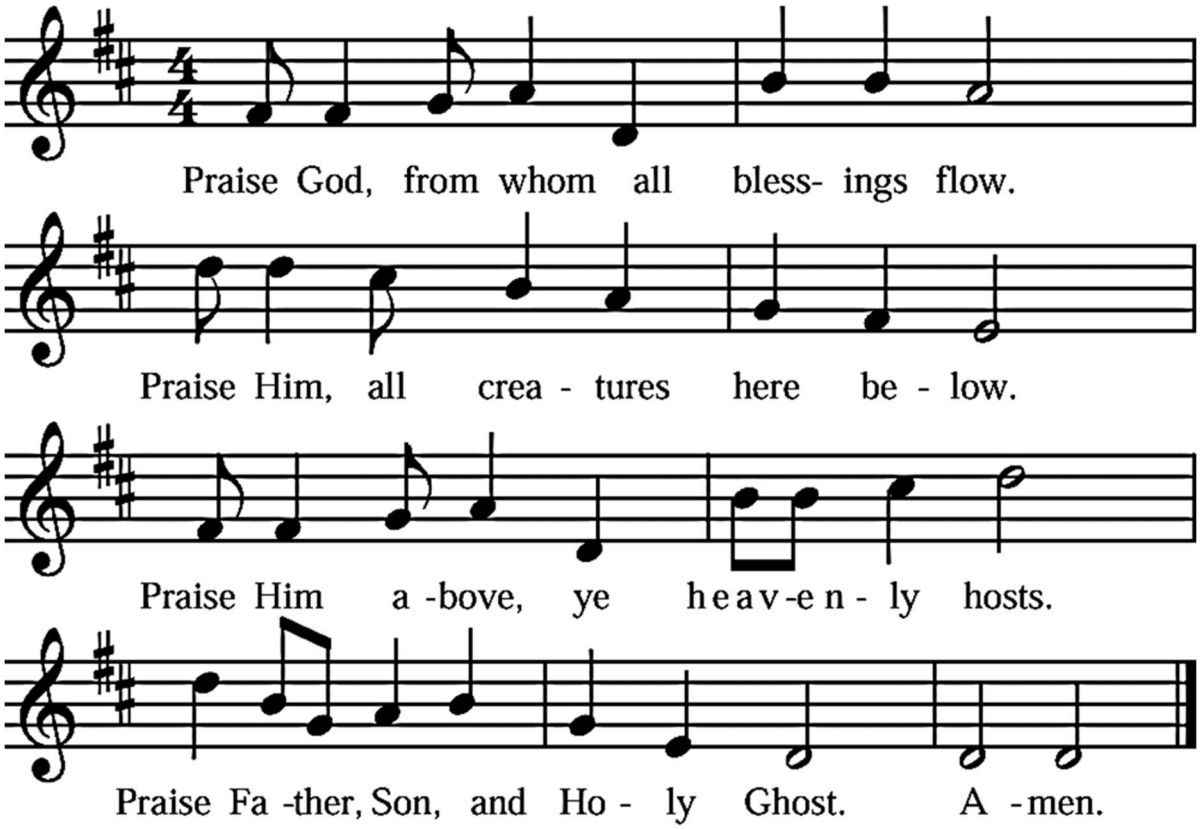


OFFERTORY HYMN: Turn, Turn, Turn



DOXOLOGY *Please stand as you are able*



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed!**

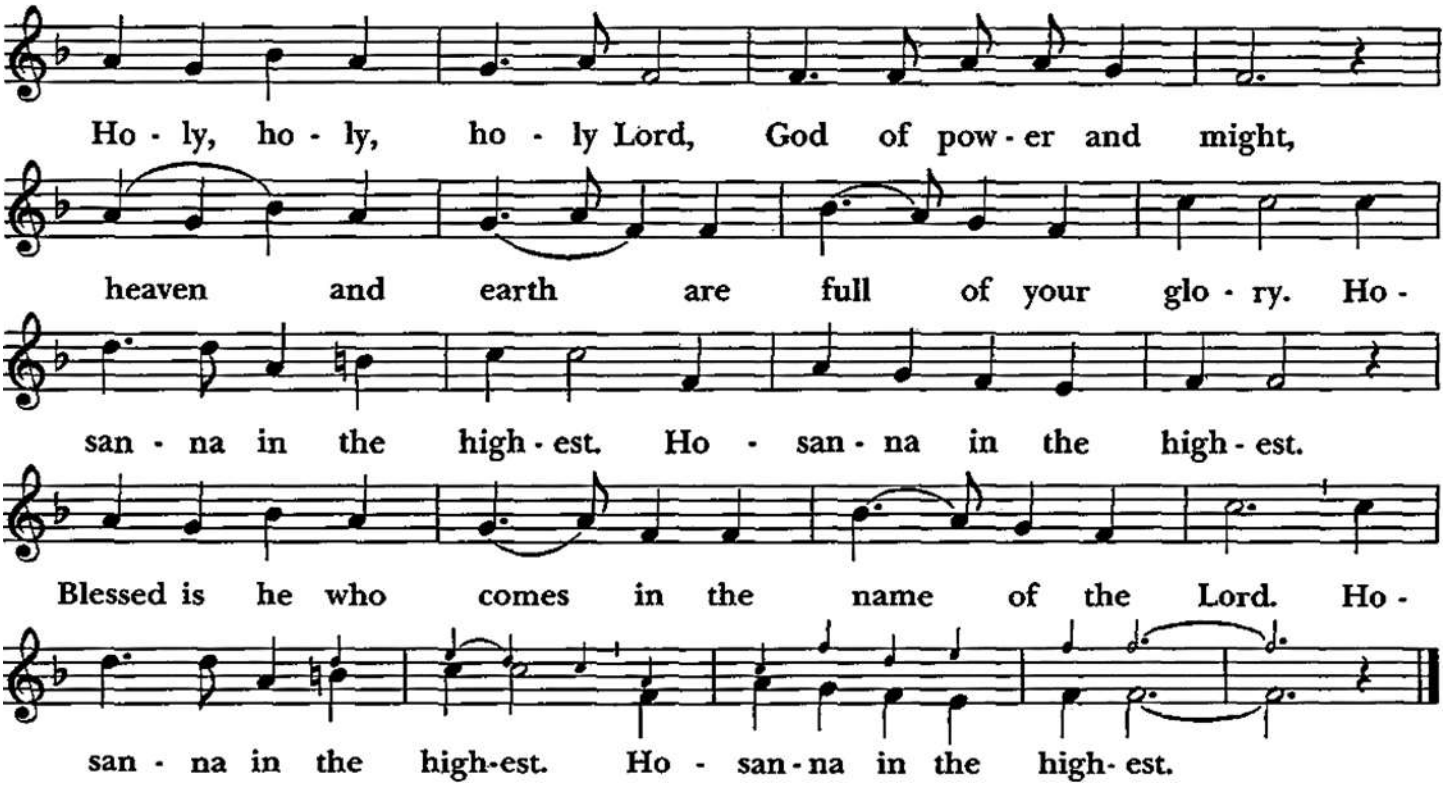
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to our God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant continues:

Glorious God, we give you thanks and praise, for at his resurrection, Christ burst forth from the tomb to break the tangles of despair and death and to shine forth the divine love once again. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the eternal chorus of all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS



Celebrant continues:

All loving and embracing God, we give thanks for Jesus, the risen Lord of life, who rose victorious from the grave and made the whole creation new. He broke bread with sinners, fed the hungry and healed the oppressed; then he poured out his life in death that we might live in love.

Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us our Lord Jesus Christ took bread and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

Recalling his life, death, and glorious resurrection, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine as well as our lives, in thanks and praise. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Breathe your Spirit upon the whole earth that we may proclaim good news to the entire world and rise together as children of your new creation.

Then bring us to that new heaven, O God, where death and pain are no more and where you will dwell with us forever.

For it is through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, and by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that all glory and honor are yours all loving God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

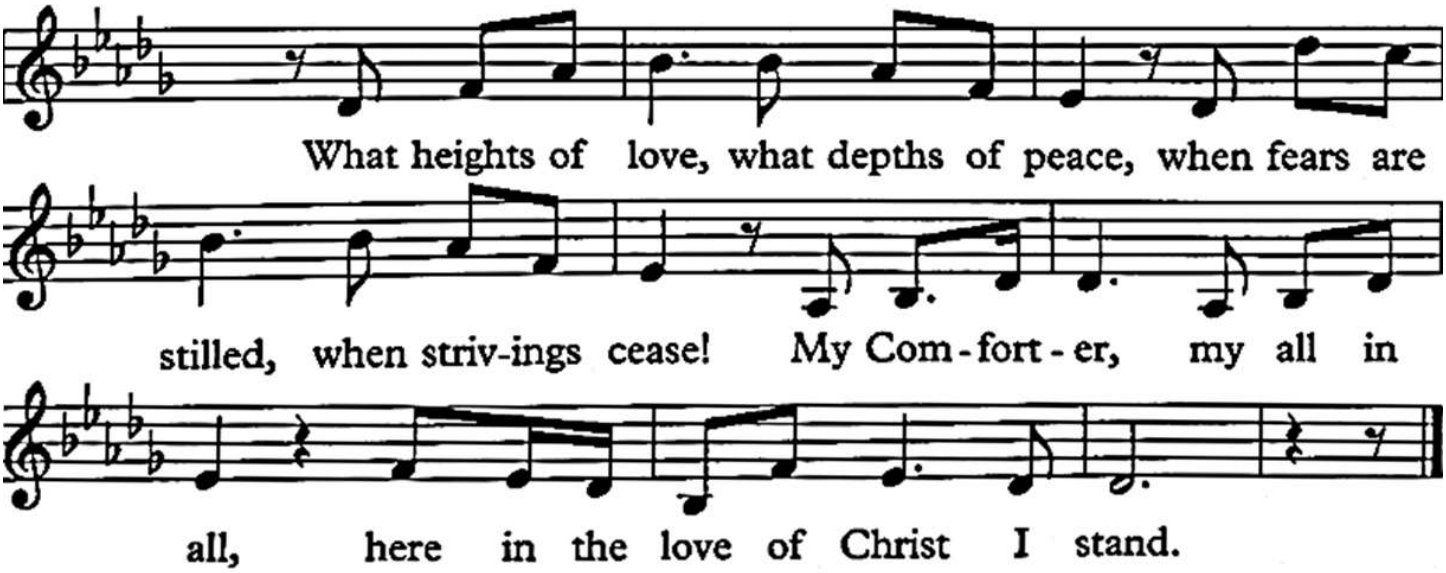
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant says:

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father in heaven, holy is your Name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN.

FRACTION: My Chains Are Gone



Celebrant The Gifts of God, for all of us, the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

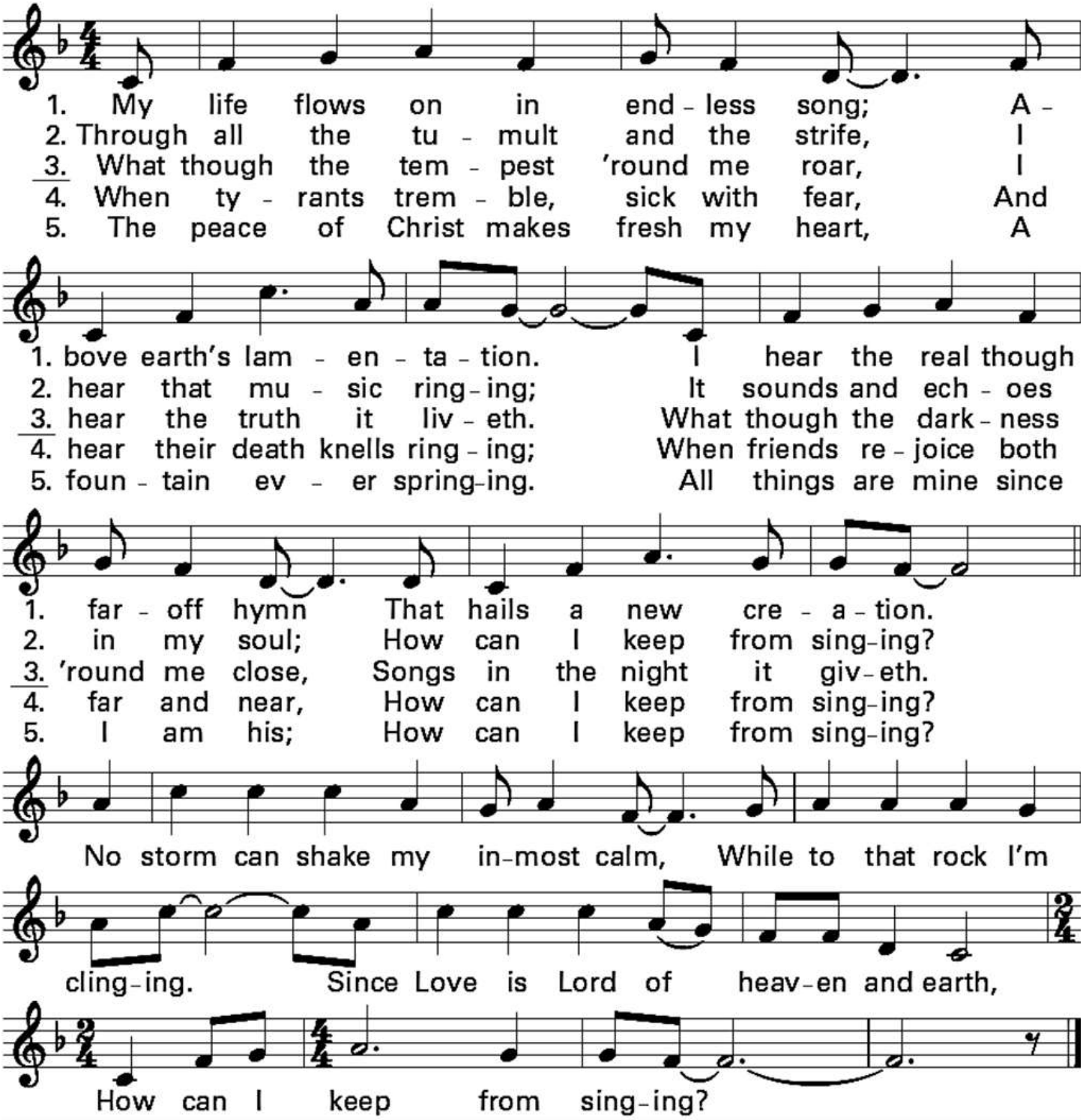
COMMUNION

Please be seated

Communion at Grace is Open to Everyone

Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you at God's table. You may choose to receive bread (gluten free wafers available upon request). You may choose to receive wine in the silver chalice or grape juice in the white and blue chalice. You may drink from either cup or intinct (dip) the bread into the chalice. You may refrain from the bread and chalice and just receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN: How Can I Keep From Singing?



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand as you are able*

Celebrant Let us pray together our post-Communion prayer.

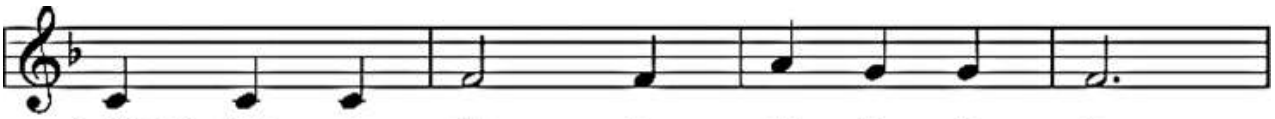
Celebrant and People say together:

God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

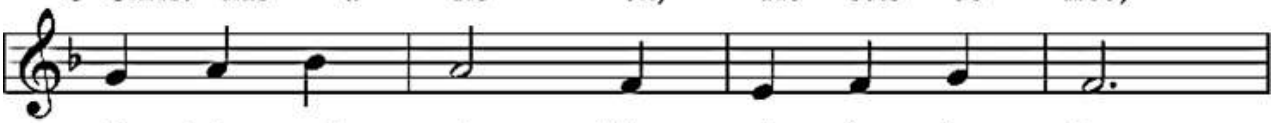
BLESSING

May the strength of God sustain us; may the power of God preserve us; may the hands of God protect us; may the way of God direct us: and may the Almighty bless us this day and always, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. **AMEN.**

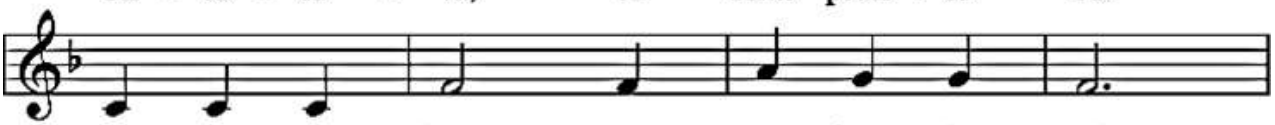
CLOSING HYMN: Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!



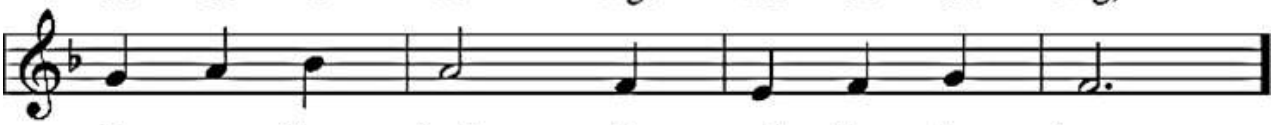
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



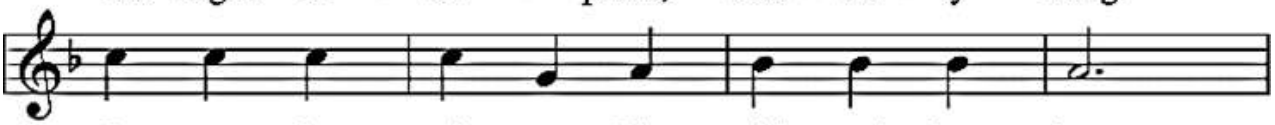
Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.
He has a - ris - en this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



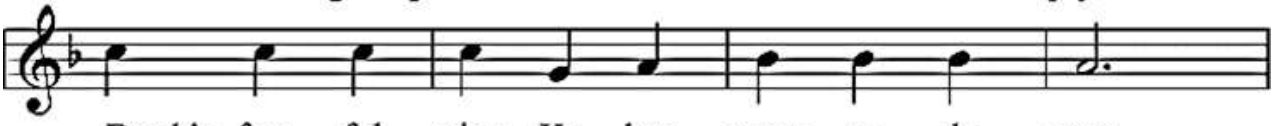
For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go;
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



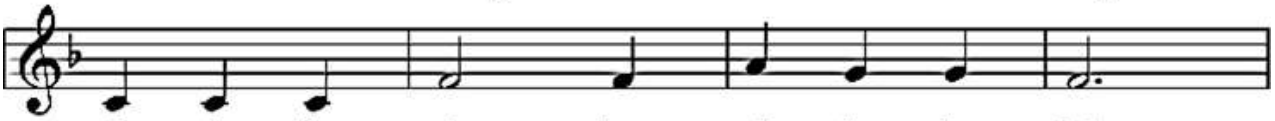
E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
And in its con - quest His might did show.
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.



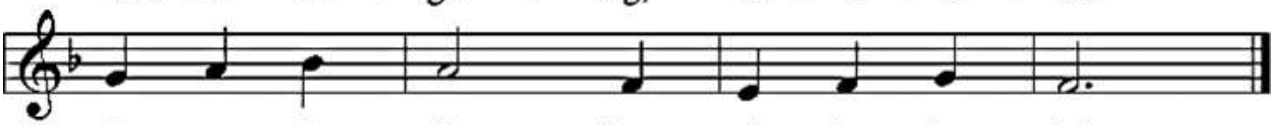
Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Our worship is now ended. Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Prayers of this Congregation

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; our Bishop, Bonnie Anne Perry; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod. Our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; our retired community, spouses, and companions. Our diocesan household: Committees, commissions, ministries, agencies, priests, deacons, lay leaders, volunteers, and staff members; Steven Steinberger–Domienik; Grace Church Mt. Clemens; Bonao, DR Church of the Pentecost.

For our Wednesday and Sunday supper guests; Donna Hanes; Frankie Dion; Elliott Belair; Charlotte Kalligeros; Tom Stotz; Jennifer Holland; Joan Walsh; Elizabeth Gage; Logan & Teresa Davidson; Jeanne Nowak; Donna Powell; Pamela Sherry; Linda Fields; Michael Woodard; Sara Mattocks; Gene Skladnowski; Sherie Borsa; Joan Donald; Rob Haynes; Scott Kadets; Brenda Steinberger-Domienik; Laurisa; Jason Zadorski; Pat Ruditis; Jean & Terry Hitchcock; Laura Mary Lake; Allen Clay; Mary Anne Jackson; Martha Wehba; Holly Quintero; Jody Gorney; Tammy Murphy; Eka & Kiana Bassey; Suzanne LaMontagne; Vito Fontana; Christa Carpenter; Nancy & Bob Johnson; Rick Ghersi; Rory Heinz; Carole Schwertman; Tish Germain; Shirley & Nelson Rumpel; Helen Fitzgibbon; Joyce & Roy Schafer; Danielle; Betty Brogan; Paige Biehl; Ulrike Lamb; Debbie H.; Beverly Wolff; Ellen Laudicina; Beth Jarvis; Dave Salyer; Al Gazoul; Randy; Sharon Fedchenko; Joyce Geiger; Steve Burns; Brenden Murphy and family; the Domienik family; Michael Oakley; Betty Moore; Sandy Krell; Bobby Couts; Sharon Potter; Rita Vermeersch; Sallie Coffer; Frank Davis; Jerry Gardner; Shelly Volpe; Bud Denham; John Schober.

Do you know someone who can use our prayers?
Please contact the office to add them to or keep them on the prayer list.

The MINISTRIES of GRACE CHURCH

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Bible Study: Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Guild Room

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Wednesdays at 4:00
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Please sign up for altar flowers on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the sanctuary.

COFFEE HOUR

Please volunteer to host a coffee hour; the sign-up sheet is in the hallway. The host(s) makes and sets up the coffee and any snacks and then cleans up afterwards. You may also be reimbursed for any money you spend for snacks—just let Marchea (in the office) know! Thank you for sharing in the hospitality ministry of our parish!

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on **Sundays** at **9:30 AM** in the Guild Room for our Bible study. No preparation needed; just come and listen and join in the conversation. Each session is self-contained so you do not have to attend each week; come when you can. We learn a great deal about Scripture, our faith, ourselves, and each other! Hope to see you there!

GARDENS OF GRACE

Spring's arrival means it's time to give some TLC to our church gardens. Please see the *Amazing Grace* newsletter (available at both entrances and online) for monthly updates and ways you can help out.

CHOIR

Please join us for choir rehearsal on **Wednesdays** at **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary. No experience required; just bring your spirited heart and a friend! Thank you!

TV THEME SONG BINGO

Get ready for a fun night of TV Theme Song Bingo at church on **Saturday, April 25**! Doors open at **6 PM** and the fun begins at 7. $20 per person includes one bingo card and a Sloppy Joe dinner, with additional cards available for purchase. There'll be basket and 50/50 raffles, too. Contact Margaret Morgan at 313-657-9313 or Kristi Carpenter at 586-663-6246 to reserve a space or if you're interested in volunteering.

BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting will be on **Thursday, May 14**, at Grace Church. At the last meeting we couldn't decide which book was next, so we ended up choosing two books! They are: *Hold Strong* by Robert Dugoni and *twice* by Mitch Albom. We hope to see you at the next meeting! If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to Ann Strevel.

ALC EVENTS

Please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the hallway for more info on upcoming and ongoing events at American Lutheran. There's a lot to choose from!

For the Protection of Air and Water

God of all creation, who entrusts this earthly home to our care, as we look ahead to Earth Day, **we are grieved** by changes to environmental protections that help keep our air breathable and our waters clean. As we watch the **removal of policies** meant to safeguard our planet, we cry out to you. We know that the **most vulnerable** are disproportionately impacted by **decisions that harm** the earth. **Protect them**, we pray, O God, and protect us all as we pursue faithful stewardship of our shared home, your **wondrous creation**. Prick the consciences of ruling authorities that they might exercise just and responsible leadership. As creation groans, **be with us**. May your Holy Spirit guide, protect, and sanctify the whole world as we work to build your kingdom. All this we ask through Christ, our Lord. Amen.