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**Sunday, April 9, 2023**  
**Easter Sunrise with Holy Communion**

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Service Theme  
**HE LIVES TO TAKE ME FROM DEATH TO LIFE**

A dead Jesus would do no one any good. But a resurrected Jesus? That would change everything; that would make Easter the most important event that has ever happened. Today God wants us to know with certainty that Jesus lives. Because if Jesus lives, then so will his believers. God had told his Church what was going to happen. Jesus told his disciples what would transpire in Jerusalem. The disciples were slow to believe the Easter truth. But God ensured that his people had witnesses to proclaim that Jesus lives again. He suffered and died according to Scripture (Second Reading), he fulfilled the sign of Jonah (First Reading), and it was attested to by angels (Gospel). Christ is risen indeed! Mankind is redeemed! Jesus has removed the fear of eternal death. Jesus has transformed physical death. It is not punitive. For the believer, it is the pathway into Paradise. Jesus has made us spiritually alive by giving us faith in his resurrection. Jesus lives! So, in every possible way, Jesus takes us from death to life.

Order of Service: Divine Service 1

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen!**

P: The Lord is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

P: This is the day the LORD has made;

C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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**Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,  
Praise e - ter - nal as his love,



Who did once up - on the cross,  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host,

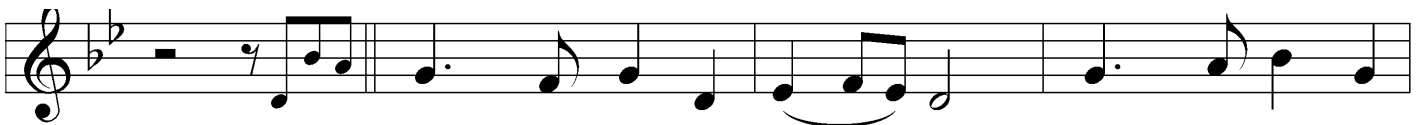


Suf - fer to re - deem our loss,  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

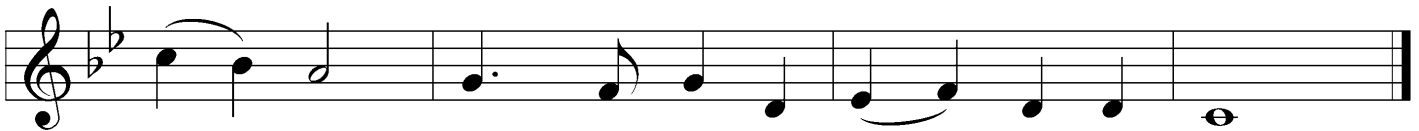
## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy



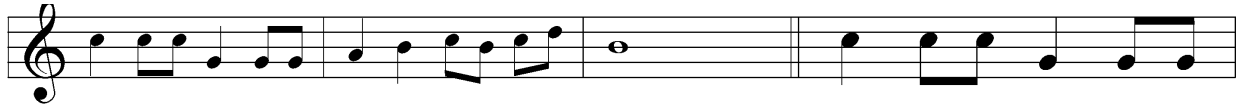
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** *(spoken)* Amen.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

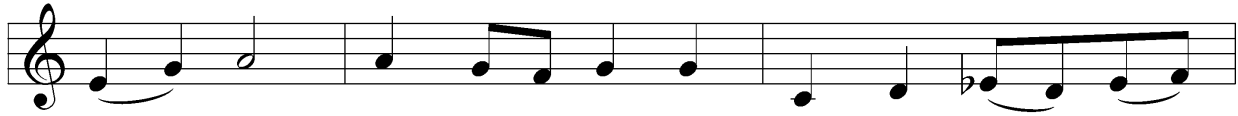
**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



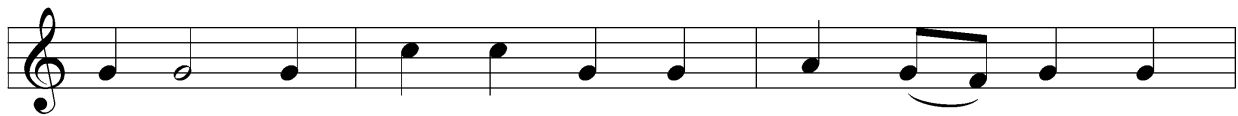
Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



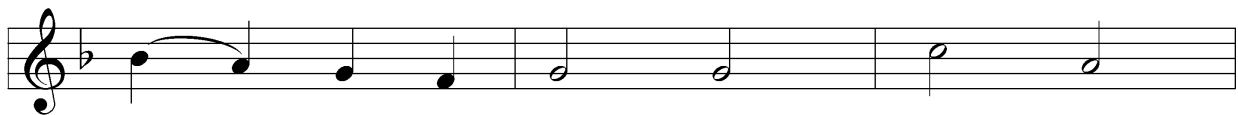
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



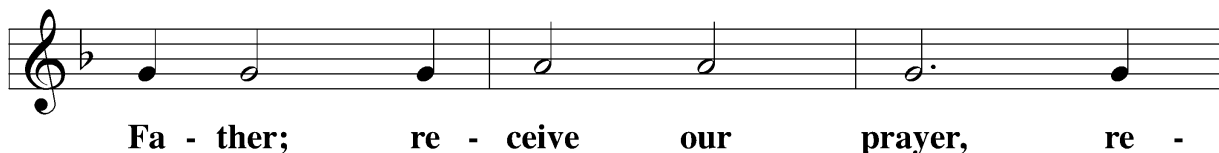
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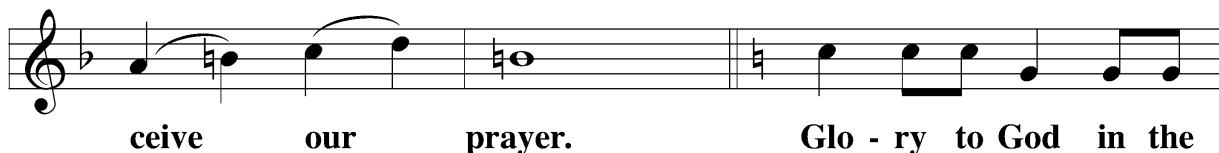
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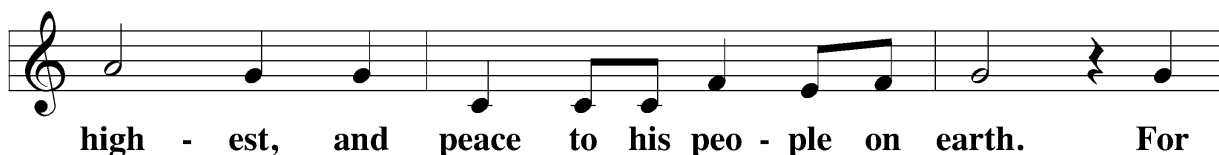
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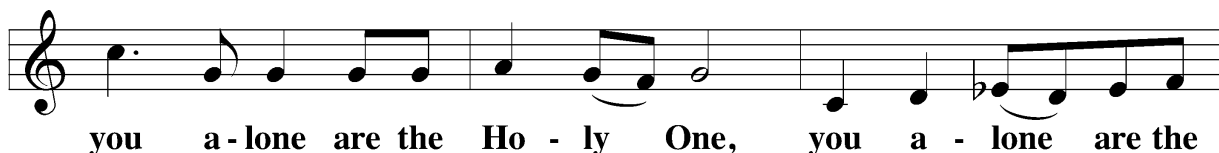
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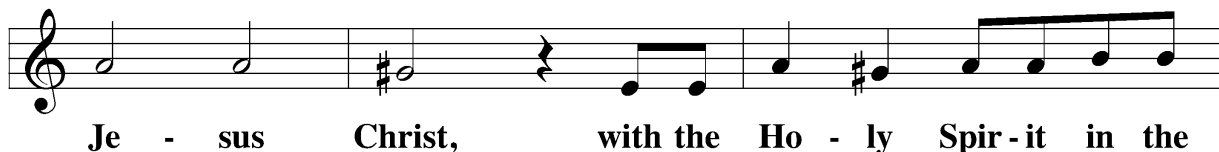
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you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



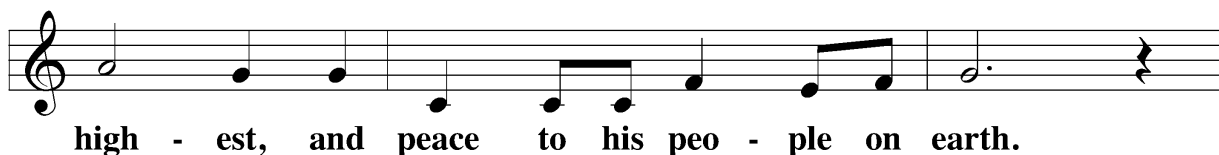
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

### First Lesson

Jonah 2:2-9 (EHV)

*Jesus compared himself to only one Old Testament prophet, the one who escaped certain death after three days in the belly of a fish.*

<sup>2</sup>He said the following:

In my distress I called to the LORD,  
and he answered me.

From the belly of the grave I cried out,  
and you heard my voice.

<sup>3</sup>You threw me into the depths,  
into the heart of the seas.

The currents swept around me.

All your breakers and your waves swept over me.

<sup>4</sup>I said, "I have been driven away from your sight.

Nevertheless, I will once again look toward your holy temple."

<sup>5</sup>Waters engulfed me so that I was near death.

The deep surrounded me.

Seaweed was wrapped around my head.

<sup>6</sup>To the roots of the mountains I sank down.

The earth locked me behind its bars forever.

But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD, my God.

<sup>7</sup>When my life was ebbing away, I remembered the LORD.

My prayer came to you, to your holy temple.

<sup>8</sup>Those who cling to worthless idols forsake the mercy that is theirs.

<sup>9</sup>But I, with a shout of thanksgiving, will indeed sacrifice to you.

What I have vowed, I will certainly pay in full.

Salvation belongs to the LORD!

**Psalm**  
118 (p. 108)

*Refrain*

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re -  
joice and be glad! This is the day the  
Lord has made, let us re - joyce and be glad!

*Psalm tone*

\*  
The LORD is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.

The LORD is my strength and my song;\*  
he has become my salvation.

The LORD'S right hand is lifted high;\*  
the LORD'S right hand has done  
mighty things!

I will not die but live,\*  
and will proclaim what the LORD has  
done.

**Refrain**

I will give you thanks, for you answered  
me;\*  
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has  
become the capstone;\*  
the LORD has done this, and it is  
marvelous in our eyes.

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

**Glory be to the Father and to the  
Son\***

**and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Refrain**

## **Second Lesson**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (EHV)

*For God to take us from death to life, Jesus needed to be resurrected. Anything else would mean our faith was in vain.*

Brothers, I am going to call your attention to the gospel that I preached to you. You received it, and you took your stand on it. <sup>2</sup>You are also being saved by that gospel that was expressed in the words I preached to you, if you keep your hold on it—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:

that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

<sup>4</sup>that he was buried,

that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

<sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.

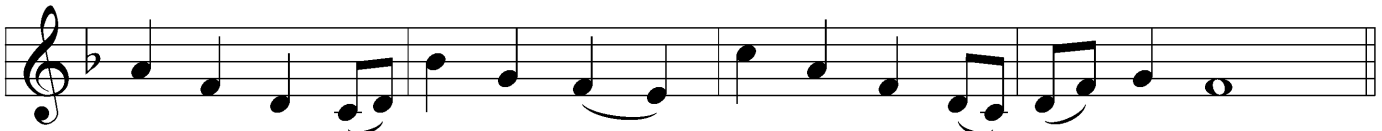
<sup>6</sup>After that he appeared to over five hundred brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, he appeared also to me, the stillborn child, so to speak. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, and I am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God's church. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not ineffective. On the contrary, I worked more than all of them (and yet it wasn't my doing, but it was the grace of God, which was with me, that did it). <sup>11</sup>So whether it is I or they, that is what we preach, and that is what you believed.

## **Verse of the Day**

Alleluia. Alleluia. I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.  
Alleluia. (Revelation 1:18)

## **Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 28:1–10 (EHV)



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

*The women go to Jesus' tomb, hearts full of disappointment. A dead Jesus does no one any good. But they would learn from the angel that Jesus had crossed over from death to life.*



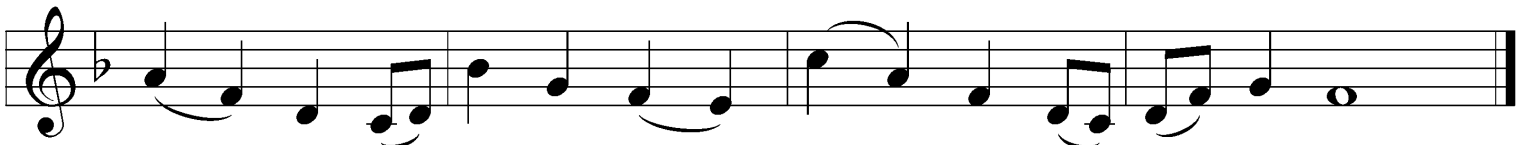
After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. <sup>2</sup>Suddenly, there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and going to the tomb, he rolled away the stone and was sitting on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. <sup>4</sup>The guards were so terrified of him that they shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here. He has risen,

just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. <sup>7</sup>Go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead! And look, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.' See, I have told you!"

<sup>8</sup>They hurried away from the tomb, with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!"

They approached, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.

<sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go, tell my brothers that they should go to Galilee, and there they will see me."



**Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!**

### 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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

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# Morning Breaks upon the Tomb



1 Morn - ing breaks up - on the tomb; Je - sus  
2 You who are of death a - fraid, Tri - umph  
3 Chris - tian, dry your flow - ing tears; Chase your



scat - ters all its gloom. Day of tri - umph through  
in the scat - tered shade. Drive your anx - ious cares  
un - be - liev - ing fears. Look on his de - sert -



the skies, See the glo - rious Sav - ior rise.  
a - way; See the place where Je - sus lay.  
ed grave; Doubt no more his pow'r to save.

## Sermon Text & Theme

### **Matthew 28:1–10 ... Rejoice! Jesus is Risen:**

- 1) To show His enemies powerless!
- 2) To fulfill His promises!
- 3) To give His followers joy!

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

**Offertory Prayer**

**Prayer for the Church & Lord's Prayer**

**P:** Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

**C:** He was delivered over to death for our sins, and raised to life for our justification.

P: We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power which raised him from the dead.

**C: We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.**

P: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

**C: You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.**

P: With the church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt. Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

**C: Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.**

*(Special intercessions may follow)*

P: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

**C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.**

P: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ. Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

**C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia!**

P: Gracious Lord, we now pray the prayer you have taught us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

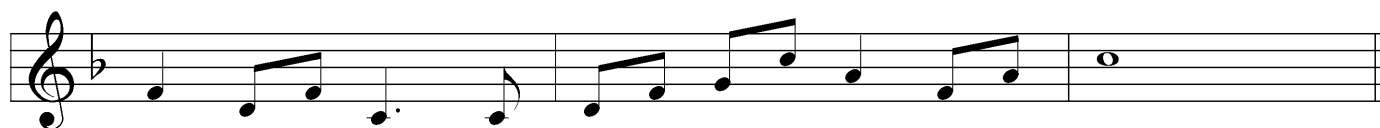
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

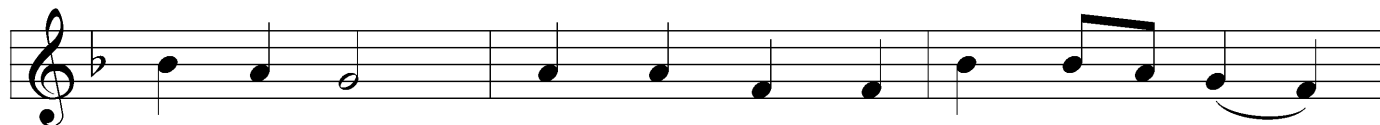
M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord *and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life.* Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

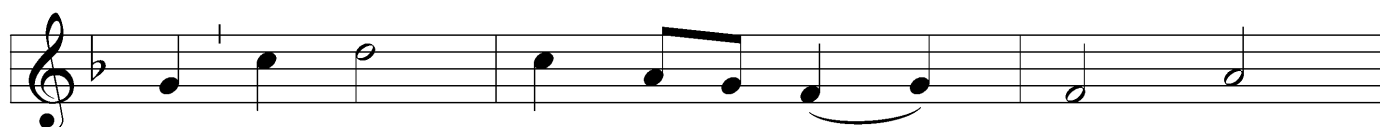
*Sanctus*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



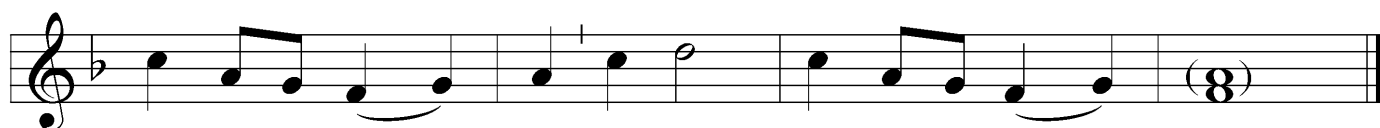
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -



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. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## Word of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."**

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

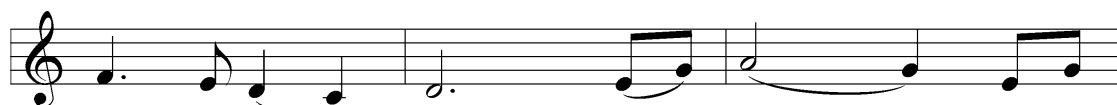
C: Amen.



O Christ, Lamb of



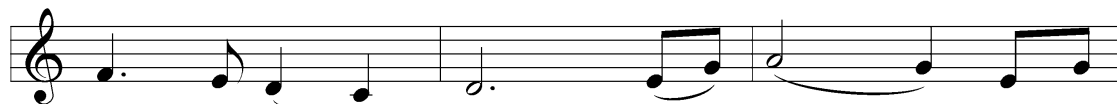
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

Distribution

**SONG OF SIMEON**

*Nunc Dimittis*



In peace, Lord, you let your  
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my  
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for  
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the  
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C: And his mercy endures forever.**

Final Prayer

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

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## He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled  
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.  
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -  
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.  
Oh, hear What cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,  
Life is giv - ing. He was dead, but now is liv - ing!

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music. The first line has a measure rest at the beginning. The second line has a measure rest at the beginning. The third line has a measure rest at the beginning. The fourth line has a measure rest at the beginning. The fifth line has a measure rest at the beginning. The sixth line has a measure rest at the beginning. The score ends with a double bar line.



## Announcements

### **Church Cleaners:**

Apr.16 – Luke // Apr. 23 – Timothy

### DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

<b>Su (9)</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:00 am 10:30 am	<b>Sunrise Easter Service (with Communion)</b> Easter Breakfast <b>Easter Song Service</b>
Tu (10)	4:30 pm	Confirmation (D)
Th (13)	6:30 pm	Confirmation (W)
Fr (14)	3:00 pm 6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study: Hebrews Illumine at St. Paul's
<b>Su (16)</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b> 11:45 am <b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Sunday School and Bible Class</b> <b>Worship with Communion</b> Coffee Hour <b>Worship &amp; Communion in Poltimore</b>
<i>Pastor will be at a Conference in Toronto from April 17-19</i>		
Th (20)	6:30 pm	Confirmation (W)
Fr (21)	3:00 pm 6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study: Hebrews Illumine at St. Paul's
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