GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE Christ Is Arisen

J.S. Bach

*FESTIVAL INTROIT

Easter Introit

M. Franck

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly faces the ministers at the Font.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, We give thanks for the Great Exchange, the mercy and forgiveness that wrap our true selves in sacred belonging and purpose.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For a word at the dawn of creation, which spoke water and life into being.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the great flood that revealed nature's power and God's commitment to life after death.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the river that carried Moses safely, building a bridge between mothers and nations.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the rock split open in the desert, spilling water for those thirsting for freedom.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the One who turned water into wine and met a woman at the well with living water.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For Living Water poured out on all people, washing the eunuch and Philip and us alike.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the gift of holy baptism, which declares there are no more godforsaken places, and that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus. For Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Let us pray:

We give you thanks, O God...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever **Amen.**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

*GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! The grace of the risen Christ, the love of the ever-living God, and the communion of the life-breathing Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE This is the Feast ELW p. 140





*Prayer of the Day Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 25:6-9

A reading from XXX.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

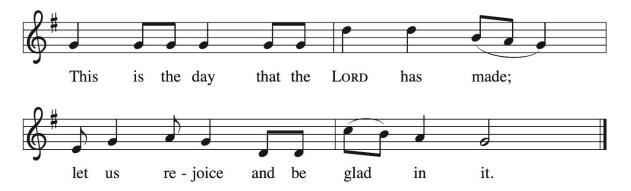
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

Choir sings the refrain; congregation repeats it.

REFRAIN



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TONE



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Give thanks to the Lord, ... for the [Lord] is good; God's mercy en-[dures] forever.

Let Israel [now] declare, "God's mercy en-[dures] forever."

The Lord is my [strength and] my song, and has become [my] salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the [tents of] the righteous: "The right hand of the [Lord] acts valiantly!

The right hand of the [Lord is] exalted!
The right hand of the [Lord] acts valiantly!"

I shall not [die] but live, and declare the [works of] the Lord. Refrain

The Lord indeed [punished] me sorely, but did not hand me [over] to death.

Open for me the [gates] of righteousness; I will enter them ... and give [thanks to] the Lord.

"This is the [gate of] the Lord; here the [righteous] may enter."

I give thanks to you, ... for [you] have answered me and you have become [my] salvation. *Refrain*

The stone that the [builders] rejected has become the [chief] cornerstone.

By the Lord has [this] been done; it is marvelous [in] our eyes.

This is the day that the [Lord] has made; let us rejoice and be [glad] in it. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

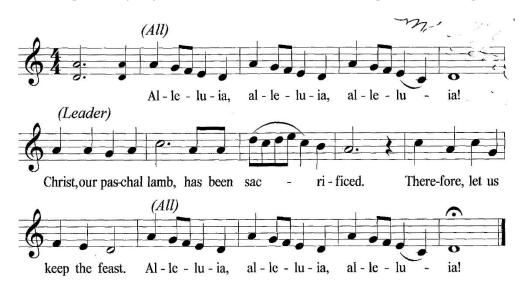
A reading from Acts.

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how 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. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not 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. He 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The alleluias are introduced by the choir, and then repeated by ALL. The choir sings the proper verse, and then ALL sing alleluias again.



Text: 1 Corinthians 5:7,8

Music: Michael E. Krentz, b. 1954, based on Christ lag in Todesbanden

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John 20:1-18
The Resurrection of Jesus

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know

where they have laid him." 14When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not vet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pr Janet Peterman

A brief silence is kept for reflection, then the assembly stands to proclaim the Word of God in song.

*HYMN of the DAY Shine, Jesus, Shine #671

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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, 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 INTERCESSION

eternally begotten of the Father,

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. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries (*local examples may be named*),

that their work plant seeds that flourish. Risen Christ,

renew our life in you.

Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with lifegiving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. Risen Christ,

renew our life in you.

Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife (places or situations may be named).

Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. Risen Christ,

renew our life in vou.

Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving (especially).

Risen Christ,

renew our life in you.

Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community (communities and neighborhoods may be named).

Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls

Risen Christ,

renew our life in you.

For what else do we pray?

[Leave enough time for the prayer offerings of people present to slow, then stop, then close these prayers with the "closer:"]

Risen Christ,

renew our live in you.

Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet.

Risen Christ,

renew our life in you.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

*THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

We greet one another with a greeting of peace. Please be mindful of touch.

MEAL

God feeds us with Jesus Christ.

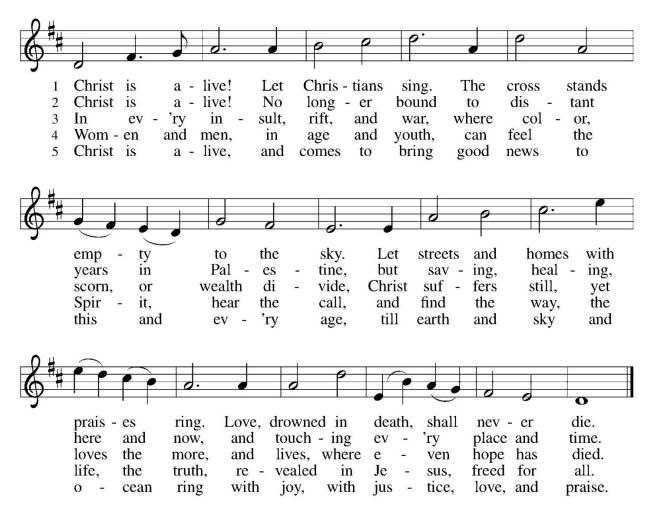
OFFERING

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CHOIR ANTHEM Christ, Our Passover -Healy Willan

*Offertory Hymn Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing, verses 1 & 3 #389

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

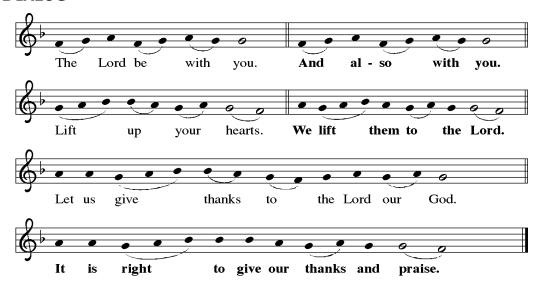
A brief silence is kept to prepare for prayer.

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.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*DIALOG

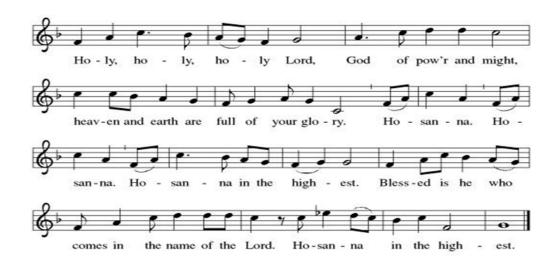


*PREFACE



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*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Presiding Minister, on behalf of all, remembers the ways God has been at work among God's people since Creation. The assembly is invited to join the prayer with acclamations:

... Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

The Presiding Minister continues to gives thanks for all things, in particular the saving work of Jesus:

O God most mighty,
O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise,
call us to your table,
grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor,
he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. [Amen.] Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. [Amen.] Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. [Amen.]

- O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
- O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
- O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
- O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.
Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,

life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

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.

COMMUNION

This is Christ's Table and Christ himself is present when we share this Meal. All Christians are welcome to receive the bread and wine, Christ's body and blood, given and shed for the sake of the world. Wine, with a grape juice alternative, is offered by pouring chalice. Take a small cup from the tray. Receive the bread in your open palm. Hold your cup steadily for the assisting minister to pour into. You may stand there to drink. When you return to your seat, please dispose of the cup in the bowl provided. For those who desire it, gluten-free bread is available; indicate your desire to the presiding minister. For those who would like to participate, but not to receive bread or wine, please come forward for a blessing. Indicate this desire by crossing your arms in front of you. If you are unable to come forward and would like Communion brought to you in your seat, let the usher know.

*Invitation to the table

*HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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say;

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!



- ris'n to day!" 1 "Christ the Lord is
- Love's re-deem-ing work is done,
- fought the fight, the bat - tle won. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
- Where, O death, is Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! now your sting?

All



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply. Lo! Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. He sets in blood no more. rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Death in vain for - bids his Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

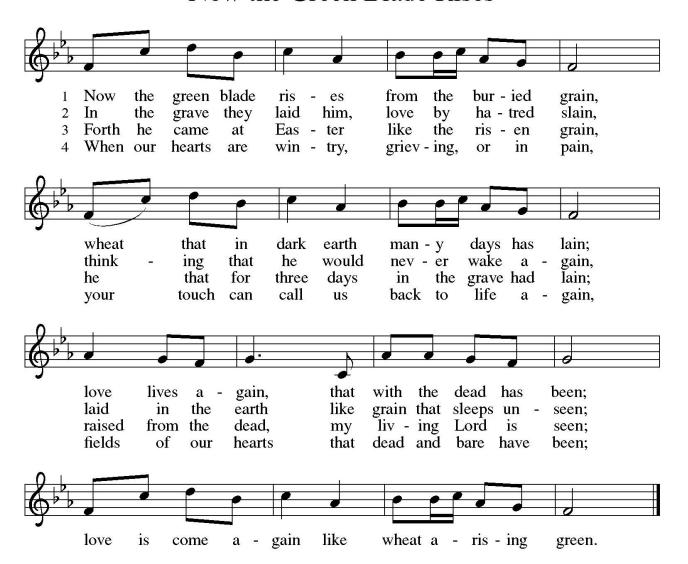
- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to thee by both be giv'n. Thee we greet triumphant now: hail, the resurrection, thou!
- 6 King of glory, soul of bliss, everlasting life is this: thee to know, thy pow'r to prove, thus to sing, and thus to love!

on earth with an - gels

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: Orientis partibus, Pierre de Corbeil, d. 1222

Now the Green Blade Rises



Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958 Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to

nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, ...in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope ...by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace + bless you now and forever. Amen.

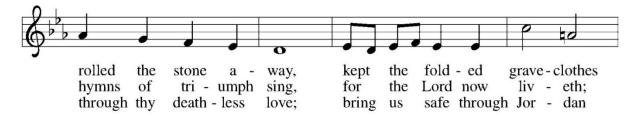
*SENDING HYMN Thine Is the Glory #376

Thine Is the Glory





vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! greets thee, scat-ters fear and gloom; out thee; aid us in our strife; An - gels in bright rai - ment let his church with glad - ness make us more than con - qu'rors,





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.



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The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Share the renewal of Christ! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN THE BACK YARD
FOR AN EASTER RECEPTION!
In case of inclement weather, we gather in Kimes Hall.
PLEASE ALSO JOIN US FOR OUR EASTER EGG HUNT
IN THE PLAYGROUND,
also in Kimes if the weather is stormy.

THANK YOU ALL!

The church office is closed on Easter Monday with special thanks to our staff for their efforts week in and week out for their work that helps to keep our worship and ministries alive.

Pr Peterman will be away for continuing education this coming week, 4/21-27. For pastoral emergencies, please call the church office in the mornings, T-F [215-247-4233] or call Pr Bruce directly [609-846-8404].

LEADING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

PRESIDING MINISTER AND PREACHER

ASSISTING MINISTER

TOM BECK

PRINCIPAL MUSICIAN

Katherine Reier

Donna Skinner Echols

EXTRA READERS ON THE GOSPEL

Kweli, Gray & Yves Washington THE S

CRUCIFER

Graeme Brown

USHER

ALTAR GUILD Gordon Gerhart

BREAD BAKER Sandy Valentine

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS ELIZABETH BECK AND DONNA SKINNER ECHOLS

EASTER EGG HUNT CO-ORDINATOR Sara Calderón

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The beauty of our celebration of Holy Week & the Resurrection is generously provided ...

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