



KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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April 5, 2026

Easter Sunrise

7:00 am



This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.

*Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

As the sun rises, we gather to celebrate the joy of Jesus’ resurrection that ushers in new life for the creation. We gather to celebrate!

WELCOME

PREFACE

P “This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.” On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. Again, on this first day of the week God indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death “by hanging him on a tree.” Alleluia, God allows Jesus to appear “to us who were chosen by God as witnesses” in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days as we begin the fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth as the Easter People to share the good news that “Christ is risen!”

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

P In the name of God, our Creator, in the name of Jesus, our Savior, and in the name of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, we come to worship. Amen.

C We are the Easter people who have been to the tomb and proclaim that it is empty. He is risen!

P He is risen, indeed!

C We are the Easter people who have met him by the roadside and recognized him as the Son of God—risen from the dead—and living in this world and the next. He is risen!

P He is risen, indeed!

C We are the Easter people who have placed our hands in his side and felt his wounds. He was once dead but now is alive. He has been raised by the triumphant power of the Almighty God. He is risen!

P He is risen indeed! We worship a risen God.

SONG OF PRAISE

Glorious Day

John Wilbur Chapman, Mark Hall

VERSE 1 & 2



1. One day when heav - en was filled with His prais - es, one day when sin
2. One day they led Him up Cal - v'ry's moun - tain. One day they nailed
was as black as could be, Je - sus came forth to be born of a vir -
Him to die on a tree. Suf - fer - ing an - guish, de - spised and re - ject -
- gin, dwelt a - mong men my ex - am - ple is He. The Word be - came flesh
- ed, bear - ing our sins my Re - deem - er is He. The hand that healed na -
and the light shined a - mong us. His glo - ry re - vealed. Liv - ing, He loved
- tions stretched out on a tree and took the nails for me.

CHORUS



me, dy - ing He saved me. Bur - ied, He car - ried my sins far a - way. Ris - ing, He jus -
- ti - fied free - ly for - ev - er. One day He's com - ing, O glo - ri - ous day, O glo - ri - ous day.

17 Last time to Coda




VERSE 3


3. One day the grave

26  could con-veal Him no long - er, one day the stone rolled a-way from the door.

29  Then He a-rose ov-er death He had con-quer-ed. Now is as-cend-ed my Lord ev-er-more.

33  Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him from ris-ing a-gain.

36 *D.S. al Coda*  *Coda*  Liv-ing, He loved O glo-ri-ous day, glo-ri-ous day.

41 **BRIDGE**  One day the trum - pet will sound for His com - ing,

44  one day the skies with His glo - ries will shine. Won - der - ful day my be - lov -

47 **CHORUS**  - ed one bring-ing. My Sav-ior Je-sus is mine. Liv-ing, He loved me, dy-ing He saved

51  me. Bur-ied, He car - ried my sins far a-way. Ris-ing, He jus - ti - fied free-ly for-ev -

55 **ENDING**  - er. One day He's com-ing, O glo-ri-ous day, O glo-ri-ous day,

59  glo - ri - ous day. O glo - ri - ous day.

Reading Colossians 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

L A reading from the third chapter of Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Matthew 28:1-10

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

Pastor John Futterer

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

A Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Prayer petitions will conclude: "Merciful God,"
The congregation's response is: "receive our prayer."

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

A Following his resurrection, the Lord Jesus breathed peace upon his disciples. We share in this peace of Christ in the Church today. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

A Please greet those around you with words of peace.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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: This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup and 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit let us pray, as Jesus taught.

C 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

P Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

**You may receive the Elements as the words are said:
*The Body of Christ given for you; The Blood of Christ shed for you.***

COMMUNION HYMN

King of Kings

Lingertwood, Ingram

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side

Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

SOLO

Peace in Christ
Soloist, Nic Bronson

Nik Day

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace forever.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.

C Amen.

P Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses.

C Amen.

P God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.

C Amen.

RESPONSE

P The empty cross announces God's victory!

C Alleluia! Praise God!

P The empty tomb testifies that Jesus Christ is our risen Lord.

C Alleluia! Praise God!

P May our discipleship proclaim the living Christ and God's love for all people!

C Alleluia! Amen!

P Go in peace. The Spirit send us forth to serve. Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

SENDING HYMN

Happy Day

Tim Hughes, Ben Cantelon

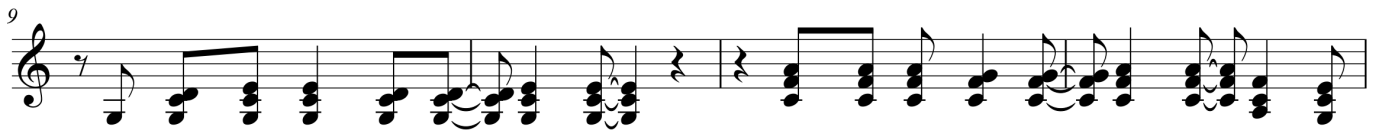
VERSE



1. The great - est day in his - to - ry, death is beat - en, You
2. When I stand in that place, free at last, meet-



have res - cued me. Sing it out, Je - sus is a - live.
ing face to face. I am Yours, Je - sus, You are mine.



The emp - ty cross, the emp - ty grave, life e - ter - nal, You have won the day.
End - less joy, per - fect peace, earth - ly pain fi - nal - ly will cease.



Shout it out, Je - sus is a - live, He's a - live.
Cel - e - brate, Je - sus is a - live, He's a - live.

CHORUS

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And oh, hap - py day, hap - py day, You washed my sin a - way.



Oh, hap - py day, hap - py day, I'll nev - er be the same,

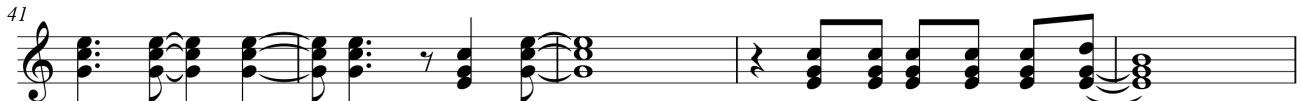
Last time to Coda Φ

INSTRUMENTAL

29 
 for - ev - er I am changed.

BRIDGE


 Oh, what a glo - ri - ous day, what a glo - ri - ous way, that

41 
 You have saved me. And oh, what a glo - ri - ous day,

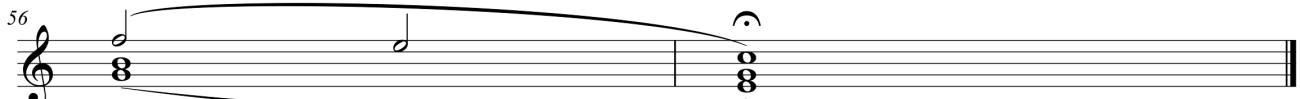
D.S. al Coda

46 
 what a glo - ri - ous name. Hey! And oh,

51 Φ Coda

ENDING


 er I am changed. What a glo - ri - ous, glo - ri - ous day, I'll nev - er be the

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 same. _____

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