



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2022
11:00 A.M.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Plain text indicates a part of the liturgy led by a worship leader.

Bold text indicates the congregational response.

Hymn numbers refer to their corresponding pages in the back of the
cranberry-colored *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal.

Standing is the posture of the resurrection. We stand when we sing hymns and for other parts of the service as an expression of resurrection joy. It is a way of proclaiming that Jesus is powerfully alive! Colossians 3:14-18

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Prelude

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

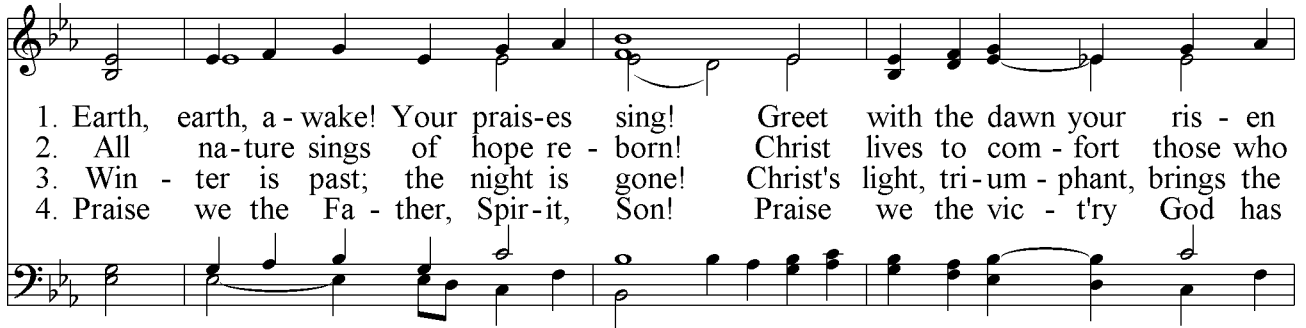
arr. Healey Willan

We stand as we are able and sing the hymn on the following page.

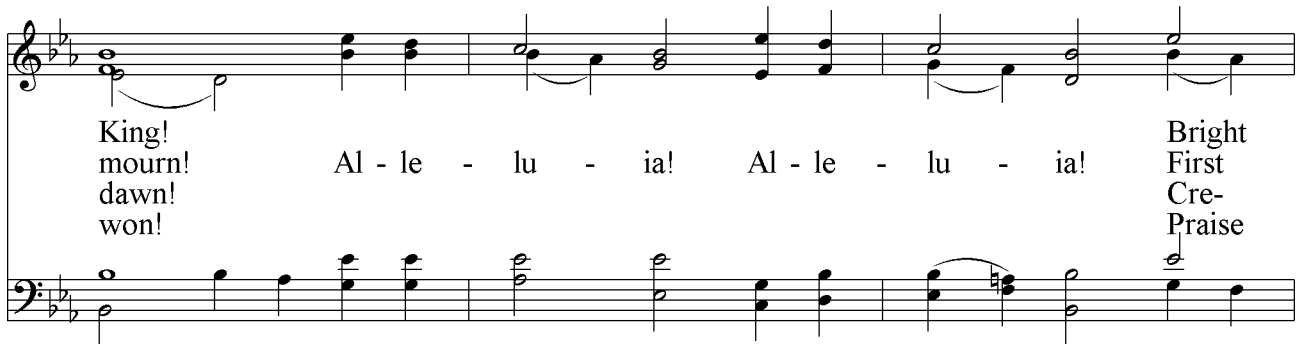
ENTRANCE RITE

Hymn

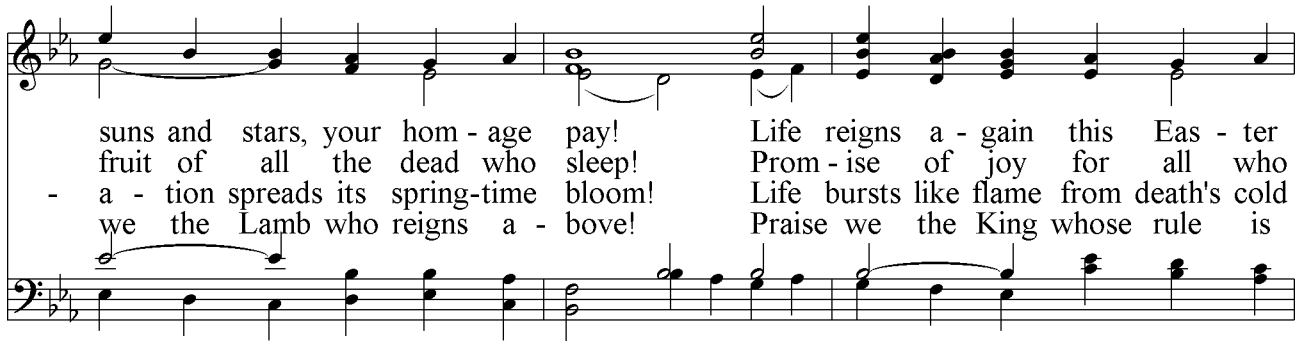
Earth, Earth, Awake!



1. Earth, earth, a - wake! Your prais-es sing! Greet with the dawn your ris - en
 2. All na-ture sings of hope re - born! Christ lives to com - fort those who
 3. Win - ter is past; the night is gone! Christ's light, tri - um - phant, brings the
 4. Praise we the Fa - ther, Spir-it, Son! Praise we the vic - t'ry God has



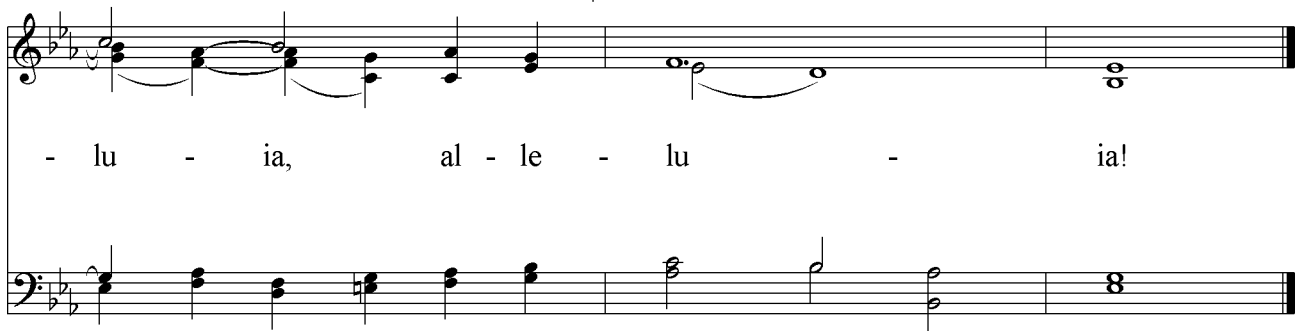
King! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Bright
 mourn! First
 dawn! Cre-
 won! Praise



suns and stars, your hom - age pay! Life reigns a - gain this Eas - ter
 fruit of all the dead who sleep! Prom - ise of joy for all who
 - a - tion spreads its spring-time bloom! Life bursts like flame from death's cold
 we the Lamb who reigns a - bove! Praise we the King whose rule is



day! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le-
 weep! tomb! love!



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

We begin services in Eastertide with the Paschal Greeting, which recalls the resurrected Jesus' greeting to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (Matt 28:6). The apostolic greeting which follows quotes the apostle Paul (2 Cor. 13:14)

The Hymn of Praise, *Worthy Is Christ*, is sometimes referred to as the Easter song of triumph and is adapted from Revelation 5:9-13 and 19:4-9.

Greeting

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

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.**

Hymn of Praise

Worthy Is Christ

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

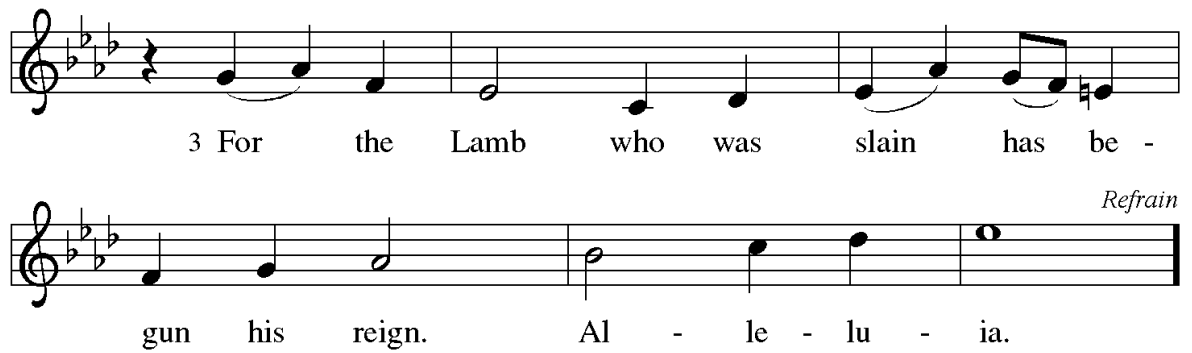
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless-ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



The Prayer of the Day is tied to the overall theme of the scripture lessons or, sometimes, to the theme of day if it is a special occasion in the church calendar.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

We are seated.



The tradition of reading sacred scripture in worship is a tie to our roots in Judaism. 1 Timothy 4:13 reminds us of the importance of this practice.

During the Sundays of Easter, the first lesson is from the Acts of the Apostles.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Acts 9:1-20

L A reading from Acts.

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias

went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A psalm is spoken or sung in response to the first reading.

Psalm: 30:1-5, 10-12

The choir sings the refrain, and all repeat it. The congregation sings the refrain as indicated.



You have turned my wail-ing in-to danc - ing.

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,
and you restored | me to health.

³You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.

⁴Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful;
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance. **R**

⁵God’s wrath is short; God’s favor | lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;
O LORD, | be my helper.”

¹¹You have turned my wailing | into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

¹²Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever. **R**

The second reading, usually from the New Testament letters, bears the witness of the early church. In lectionary year C, the second lesson is from Revelation.

Second Lesson: Revelation 5:11-14

L A reading from Revelation

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

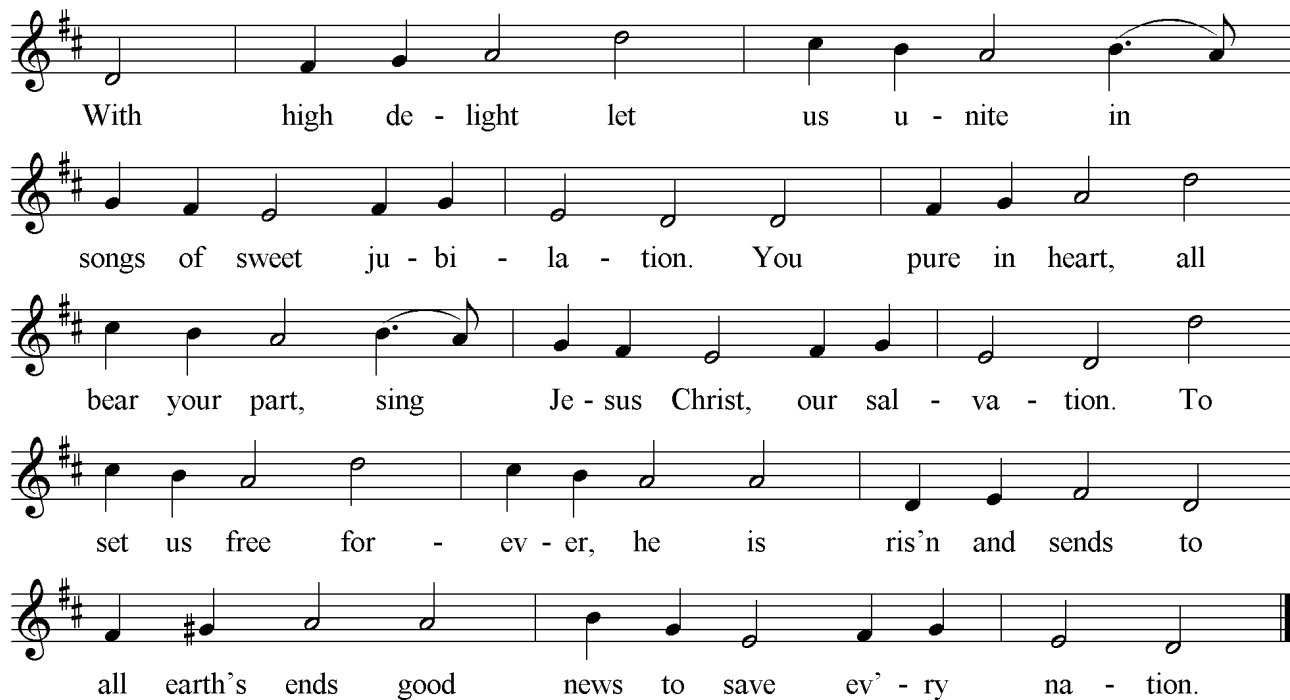
L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand as we are able..

Gospel Hymn

With High Delight



With high de - light let us u - nite in
songs of sweet ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all
bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To
set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to
all earth's ends good news to save ev' - ry na - tion.

The Liturgy of the Word culminates in the reading of the gospel and the sermon by which Christ comes among his people and speaks to us in our own context. Because of this we stand to listen to the good news of our Lord.

The Gospel: John 21:1-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 21st chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I

love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Hymn

With High Delight

Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to
Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by
word and deed to ev' - ry land, ev' - ry na - tion. So
shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and
death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

We sit.

Sermon

Pastor James Armentrout

We stand as we are able and sing the hymn.

This hymn complements the day's scripture readings and sermon.

Hymn

Long Before the World Is Waking

1. Long be - fore the world is wak-ing, Morn-ing mist on Gal - i - lee,
2. So they cast, and all their heav-ing Can - not haul their catch a - board;
3. Char-coal em - bers bright-ly burn-ing, Bread and fish up - on them laid:
4. Christ is ris - en! Grief and sigh-ing, Sins and sor-rows, fall be - hind;
5. Morn-ing breaks, and Je - sus meets us, Feeds and com-forts, par-dons still;

From the shore, as dawn is break-ing, Je - sus calls a - cross the sea;
John in won-der turns, per - ceiv - ing, Cries a - loud, "It is the Lord!"
Je - sus stands at day's re - turn - ing In His ris - en life ar - rayed;
Fear and fail - ure, doubt, de - nyi - ng, Full and free for - give-ness find.
As His faith - ful friends He greets us, Part-ners of His work and will.

Hails the boat of wea - ry men, Bids them cast their net a - gain.
Pe - ter waits for noth-ing more, Plung - es in to swim a - shore.
As of old His friends to greet, "Here is break - fast; come and eat."
All the soul's dark night is past, Morn-ing breaks in joy at last.
All our days, on ev' - ry shore, Christ is ours for ev - er - more!

*The Nicene Creed
(which begins,
"We believe...")
has been used in
worship since the
5th century*

The Creed

P Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

C **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,**

*We join our hearts
 in prayer as we
 pray for the
 Church, for the
 well-being of crea-
 tion, for peace and
 justice, for those in
 need. 1 Timothy
 2:1-2*

The Prayers



Each petition concludes:

P Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

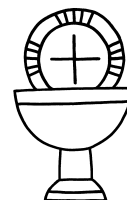
*Much more than a
 pleasant greet-
 ing—we do this to
 proclaim God’s
 promise of peace.
 2 Corinthians
 13:11*

THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

We greet one another, saying “Peace be with you.”



The Offering

*Our gifts are re-
 ceived and dedi-
 cated to our
 Lord’s service.
 These offerings
 support the minis-
 tries of this con-
 gregation, the Vir-
 ginia Synod,
 ELCA, and our
 global mission
 partners.*

Offertory Anthem

Come, Ye Faithful

arr. R. S. Thatcher

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
 Of triumphant gladness;
 God hath brought his Israel
 Into joy from sadness;
 ‘Tis the spring of souls today,
 Christ hath burst his prison,
 And from three days sleep in death
 As a sun hath risen.

Now the queen of seasons bright
 With the day of splendour,
 With the royal feast of feasts,
 Comes its joy to render;
 Comes to glad Jerusalem,
 Who with true affection
 Welcomes in unwearied strains
 Jesus’ resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death,
 Nor the tomb’s dark portal,
 Nor the watchers, nor the seal,
 Hold thee as a mortal;
 But today amidst the twelve
 Thou didst stand, bestowing
 That thy peace which evermore
 Passeth human knowing.

- text by John of Damascus, tr. J. M. Neale

Offertory

This Joyful Eastertide

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has

sprung to life this mor - row. 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; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

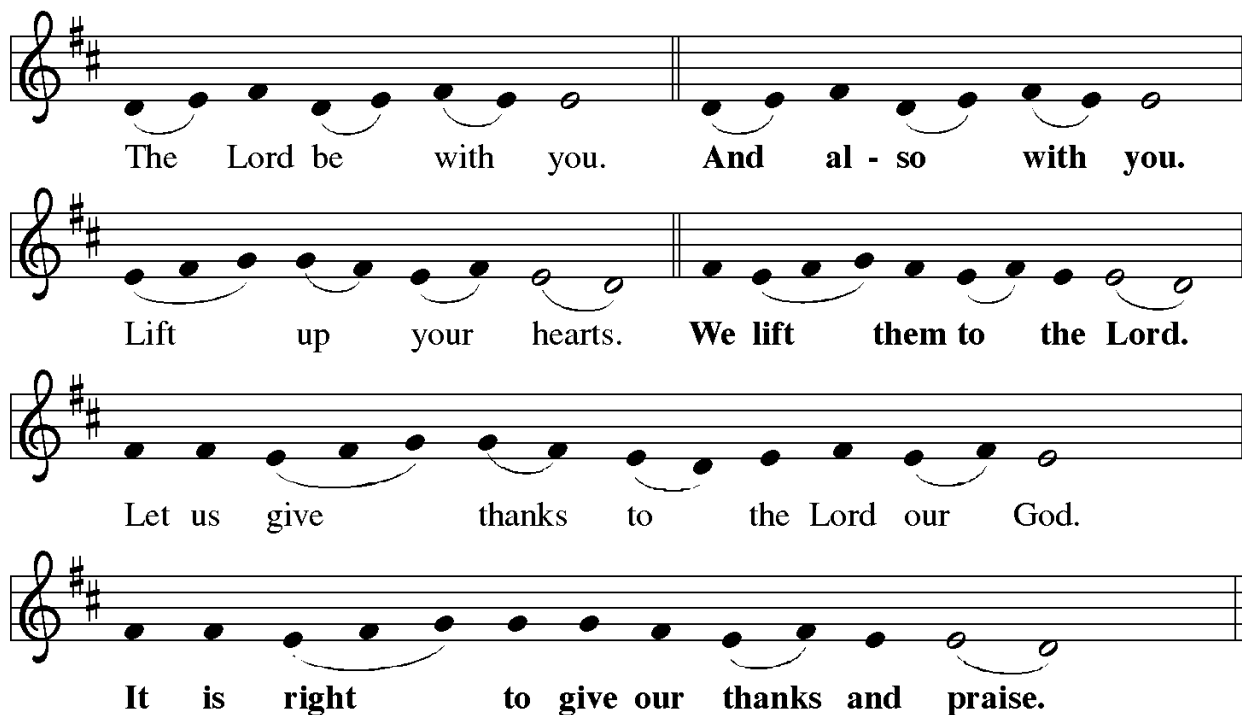
Our prayer is modeled after the Jewish prayer of thanksgiving and dedicates the giver to a stewardship of all life.

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray. Living God,
C you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

The Thanksgiving Dialogue begins the part of our worship called the Great Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Dialogue



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The dialogue and the Proper Preface are ancient parts of the worship which proclaim our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal.

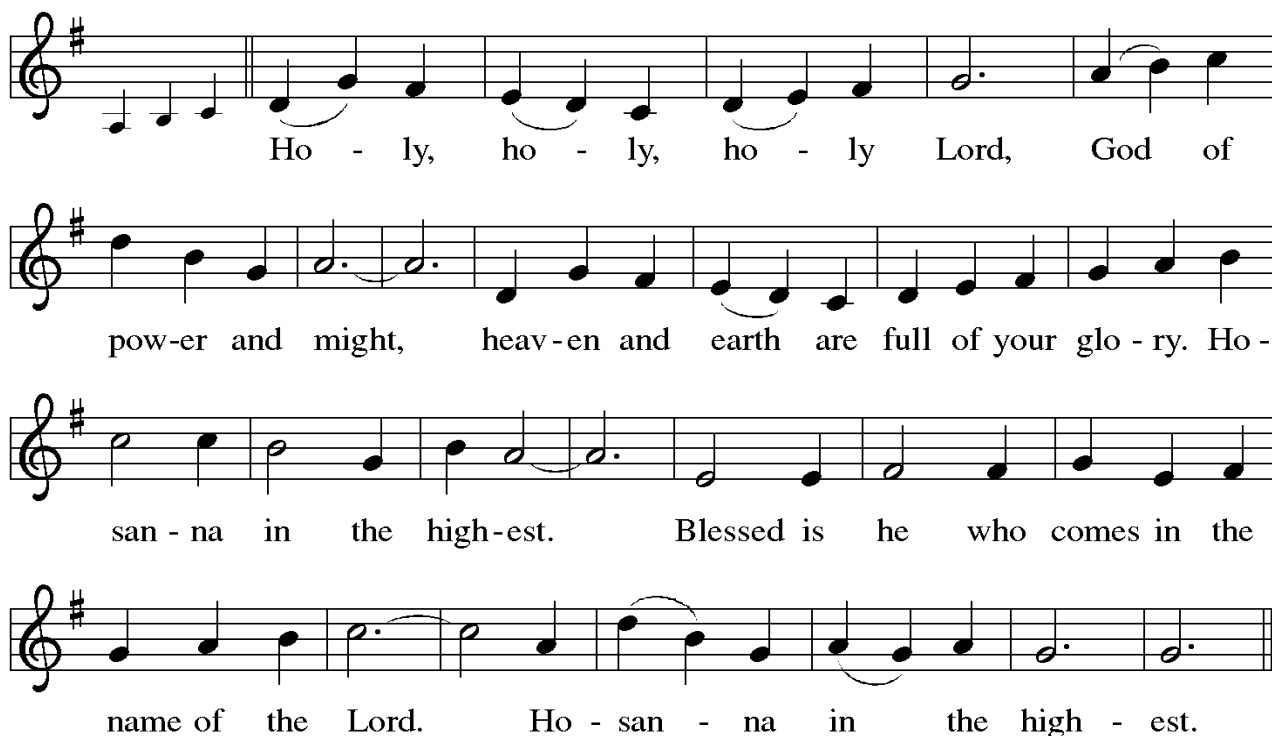
The Proper Preface

The presiding minister continues: "It is indeed right ..."

The proper preface concludes: "we praise your name and join their unending hymn."

The Sanctus ("holy") echoes the angels' cry in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus entered Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility.

Sanctus



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

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Eucharistic Prayer recalls God's saving acts throughout history and, particularly, the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture.

Eucharistic Prayer

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

P With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P With Saint Mark and your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

C **Amen**

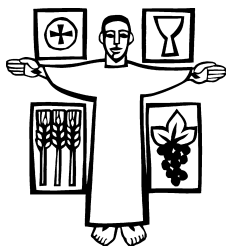
The Lord's Prayer brings the Great Thanksgiving to a conclusion.

Prayed here, this familiar and beloved prayer becomes the table-prayer of the congregation. Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 6:5-15

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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**

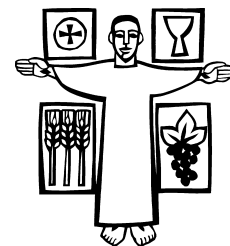
We are seated.



**COMMUNION WITH OUR RISEN LORD
WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We come forward by way of the center aisle, and we return to our pews by way of the side aisles.



Once we have all received the sacrament and returned to our seats, we celebrate the personal encounter with the risen Christ through blessing, prayer, and singing.

Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, generous God,
C **for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
Amen**

Blessing

P God the Father, who raised Christ Jesus from the dead, continually show us loving kindness.
C **Amen**

P God the Son, victor over sin and death, grant us a share in the joy of his resurrection.
C **Amen**

P God the Spirit, giver of light and peace, renew our hearts in love.
C **Amen**

P May almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, continue to bless us, now and forever.
C **Amen**

In Year C of the Revised Common Lectionary, the cycle of scripture lessons we follow, the second reading for the Sundays of Easter is taken from the Book of Revelation. Our closing hymns for the rest of this Easter season were chosen for their reflection of that day's reading from Revelation.

We are dismissed from worship knowing that our service does not end. Rather, having been in the presence of the risen Lord, we leave so that our service may truly begin.

Hymn

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

1. Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
 2. "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
 3. Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
 4. Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name

ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
 "Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
 and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
 of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

Dismissal

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Go in peace loving the risen Lord and loving your neighbor. Alleluia, alleluia.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Festival Alleluia

Dan Miller



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Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs—text: Isaac Watts.; music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis.