



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

Gathering through the love of Christ to care, grow, and serve.

The Resurrection of Our Lord

*April 20, 2025
8:30 AM & 10:00 AM*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

O, Happy Easter Morning
Bell Choir

Cathy Moklebust

Please stand as able

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ⁺ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Since we have such a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus Christ our Lord, let us with confidence draw near to God,
that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your lovingkindness.

In your great mercy, wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Do not remove us from your presence; do not take your Spirit away.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your Spirit. Amen

God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all
who confess their sin. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin,
in the name of the Father, and of the ⁺ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

(Repeat several times)

Hymn (Verses 2 and 3 in parts as able)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n-ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

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

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Refrain
Choir



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. **Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Faith in Focus

Word

Please be seated

First Reading

Acts 15:19-26

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "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.**

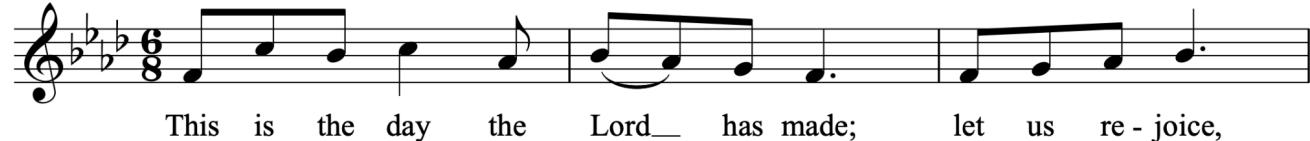
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Psalm

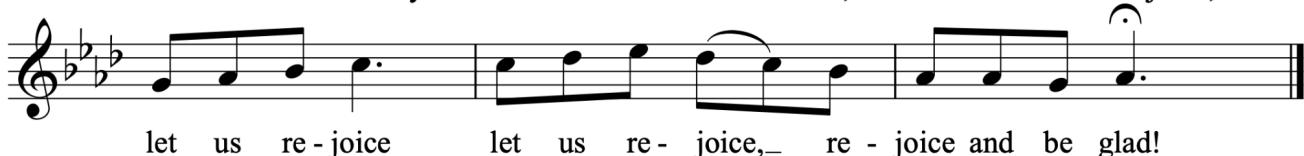
This Is the Day

Psalm 118

Lynn Trapp



This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice,



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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able at the introduction

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Repeat Alleluia)

Please be seated.

Sermon

Response to the Word

Please stand as able

Hymn of the Day (*Verse 2 in parts as able. Verse 3 will be by choir alone.*)

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



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



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



Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570-1615

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Nicene Creed

A: Let us profess our faith. **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, 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

God of grace, hear our prayer.

...our risen Savior. Amen.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Greet those near you and then be seated.

Meal

Offering

Easter Celebration

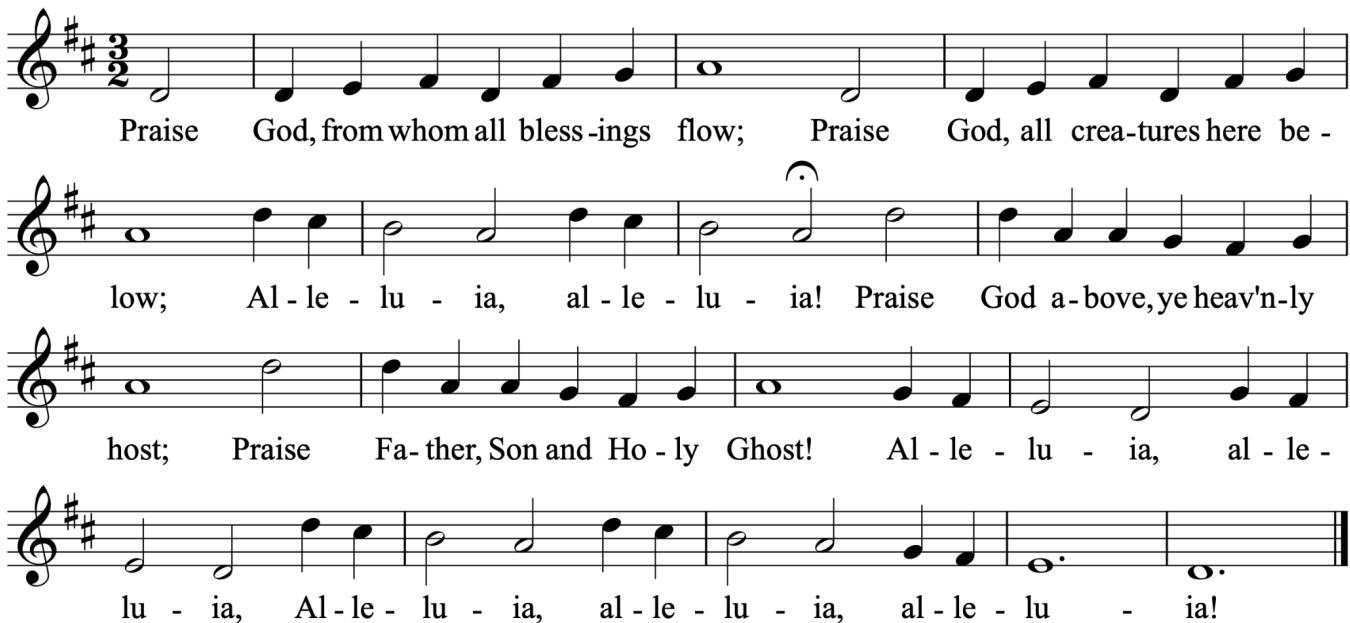
Pepper Choplin



A graphic featuring the words "He is Risen" in a stylized, serif font. The word "He is" is in a light gray color and is partially obscured by a large, bold, dark gray "R" and "ISEN" of the word "Risen". The "R" and "ISEN" are in a bold, sans-serif font.

Please stand as able

Offering Response



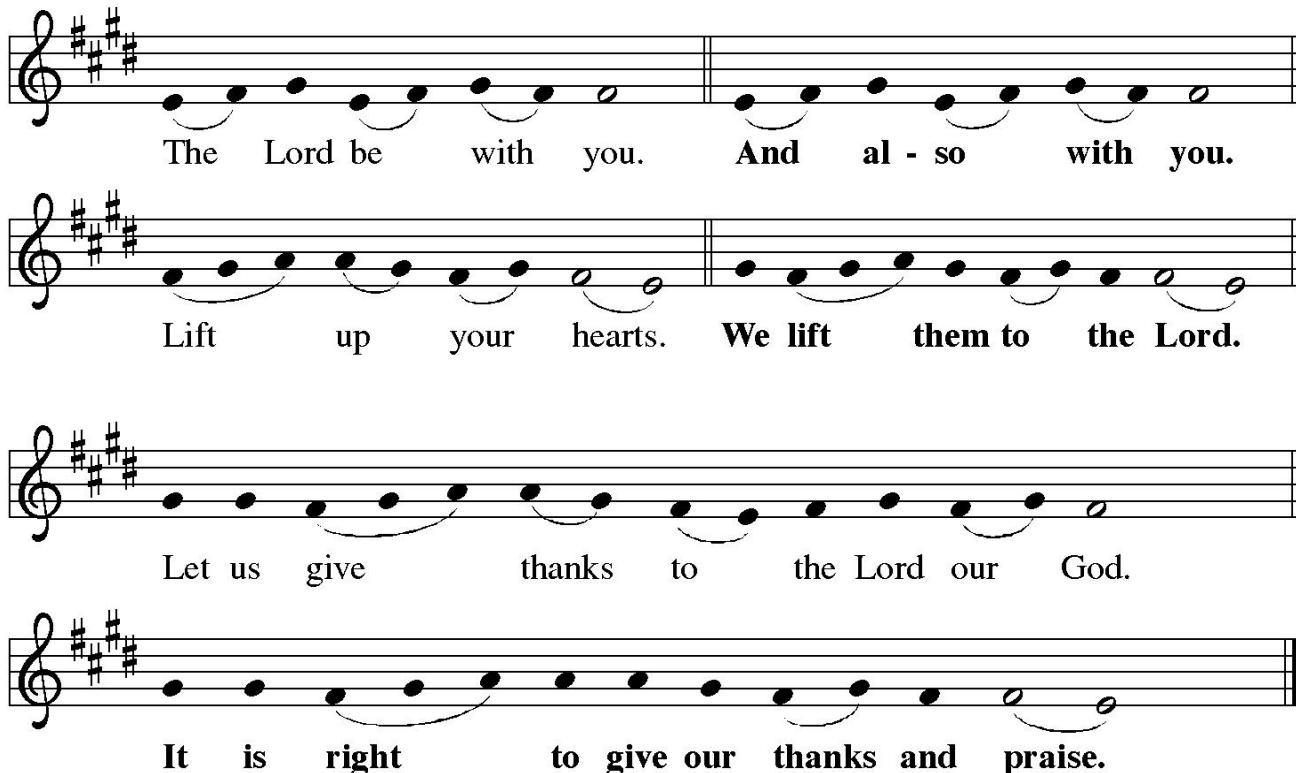
Three staves of musical notation in G major, 3/2 time. The lyrics are:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here be -
low; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. **Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving



Four staves of musical notation in G major, 2/2 time. The lyrics are:

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.

Preface

join their unending hymn...

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and 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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

For Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

That light is Christ: **Thanks be to God.**

For Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith...

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.
Amen. Amen and amen...

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Lord's Prayer

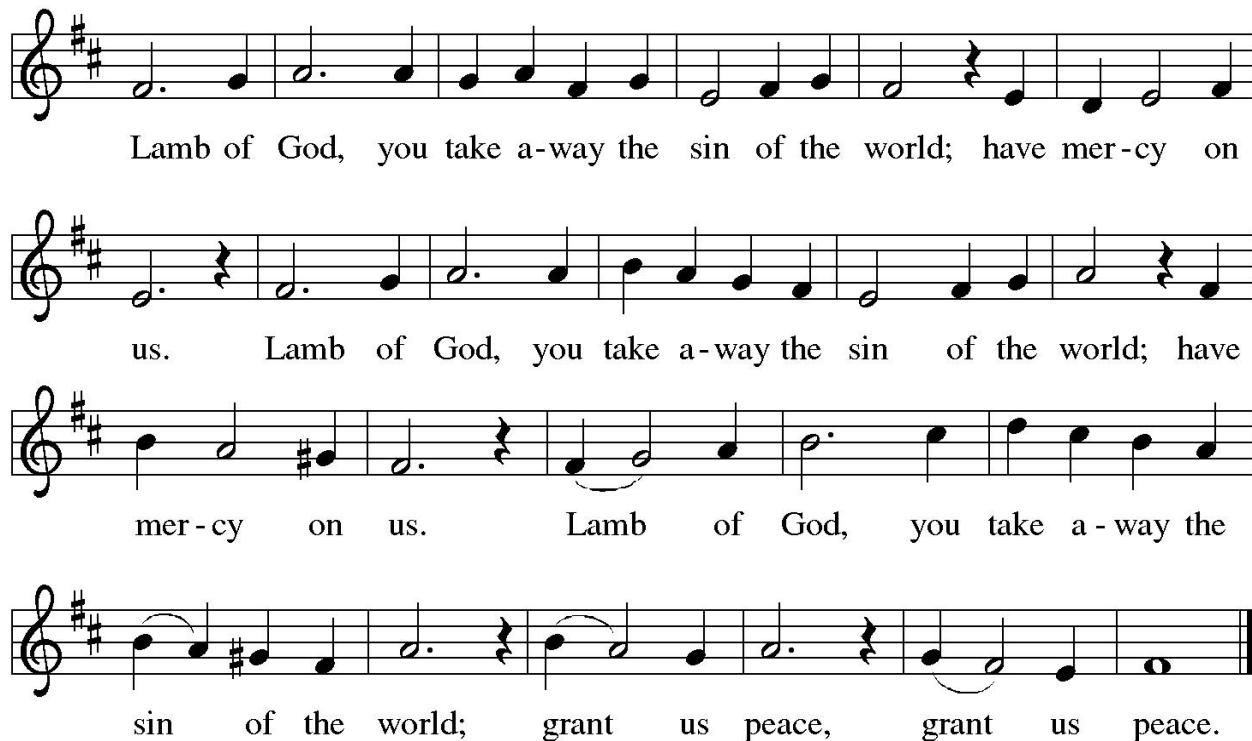
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Invitation to Communion

Come to the feast of the baptized. **All are welcome to receive the gift of new life.**

Please be seated

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

Communion will be served in a continuous fashion. Please take a cup before coming forward. Grape juice is available in the center of each tray. A gluten-free option is also available. If you wish to come forward for a blessing but not commune, please cross your arms over your chest.

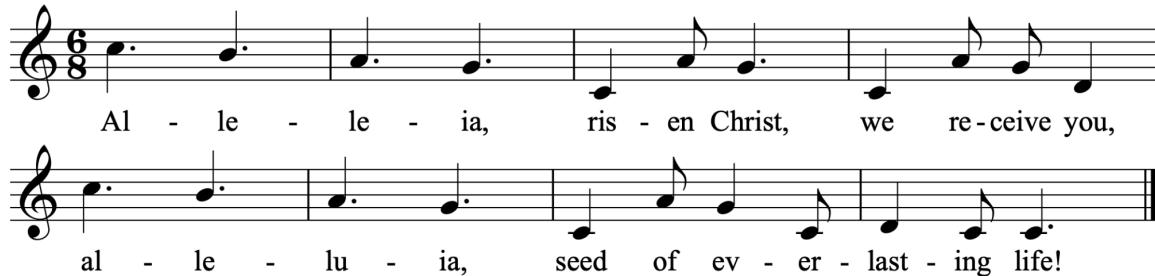
Music During Communion

Joyful Peal - Michael Helman

Alleluia, Risen Christ

Delores Dufner, OSB

Michel Guimont



Al - le - le - ia, ris - en Christ, we re - ceive you,
al - le - lu - ia, seed of ev - er - last - ing life!

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This Joyful Eastertide - Dutch Carol
Arr. Nigel Williams

Please stand as able.

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Post-Communion Song



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev- 'ry- one what he has done.



Let ev- 'ry- one who seeks the Lord re - joice and proud- ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

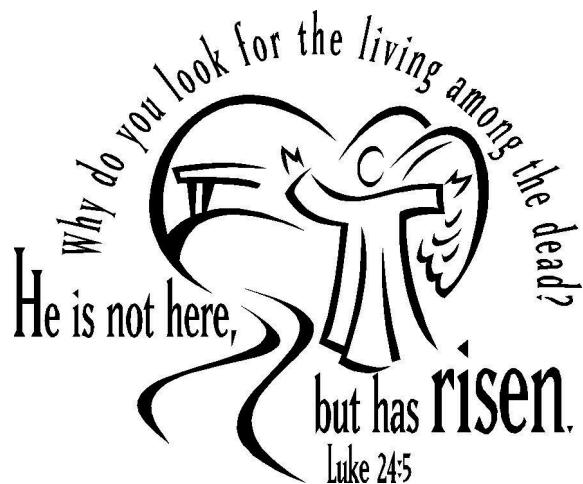
Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. **Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

God Almighty, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Father, [☩] Son, and Holy Spirit, light your way with
resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**



Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,

Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,

Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,

Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorm us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: David N. Johnson, 1922-1987
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Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Go in peace. In Christ, you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!