

## SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:00 AM

April 20, 2025 - Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Sunday

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please see the bulletin or newsletter for any announcements. All announcements are due in writing by noon on Tuesday to the church office.

[ Please stand, as able, where indicated. ]

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### GATHERING

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PRELUDE	<i>Shout to the Lord</i>	Darelene Zschech arr. Stan Pethel
INTROIT	<i>This is the Day</i>	Emmaus Music Book
OPENING ANTHEM	<i>Singing the Glory Down</i>	Mary McDonald

### MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP - ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY: RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD / EASTER SUNDAY

[ Please stand as you are able ]

#### INVOCATION

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

#### DIALOG

P: Christ the Lord is risen.

C: **The stone is rolled away!**

P: Death has now been vanquished.

C: **The stone is rolled away!**

P: Come, bow down and worship.

C: **The stone is rolled away!**

P: Come, let us adore him.

C: **The stone is rolled away!**

P: Give God all the glory.

C: **The stone is rolled away!**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**



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 Charles Wesley Music: J. Walsh Public Domain

## KYRIE

### Refrain

*Assistant:*

*Congregation:*



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,

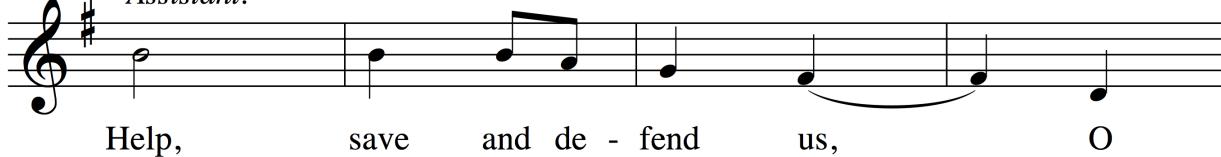


Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

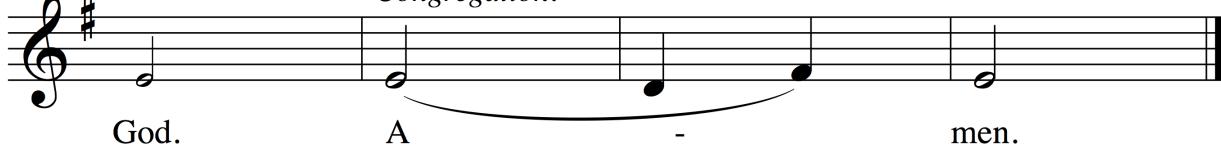
*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:*



Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*



God. A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### Refrain

Now the feast and celebra-tion,  
all of crea-a-tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free-dom: praise and glo-ry for ev-er -  
er - more!

### Verse 1

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -

nit-ed us to be one great peo- ple of  
*to Refrain*  
 God.

**Verse 2**

2. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and  
 might, all hon-or and glo-ry to Christ  
*to Refrain*  
 for ev-er.

**Verse 3**

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
 make us peo-ple of God; to make  
 all things new.  
*to Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Presider:*  
The Lord be with you.

*Congregation:*  
And al - so with you.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

*[Please sit]*

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING Acts 10:34-43

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*

Lector: A reading from Acts.

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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

L: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his mercy endures forever.

**C: Let Israel now proclaim,**  
**“His mercy endures forever.”**

L: The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.

**C: There is a sound of exultation and victory**  
**in the tents of the righteous:**

L: “The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”

**C: I shall not die, but live,**  
**and declare the works of the LORD.**

L: The LORD has punished me sorely,  
but he did not hand me over to death.

**C: Open for me the gates of righteousness;**  
**I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.**

L: “This is the gate of the LORD;  
he who is righteous may enter.”

**C: I will give thanks to you, for you answered me**  
**and have become my salvation.**

L: The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

**C: This is the LORD’s doing,**  
**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

L: On this day the LORD has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

*Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.*

Lector: A reading from First Corinthians.

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*[Please stand as you are able]*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia,      al-le-lu - ia.      Lord, to whom shall we  
go?      You      have      the      words      of      e - ter - nal  
life.      Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

## **HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:1-12**

*Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of his women followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.*

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus according to Saint Luke.

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

But 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.

P: The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*[Please sit]*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Finley**

*[Please stand as you are able]*



1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!  
 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;  
 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay  
 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
 through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-turns to life once more;  
 now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.  
 We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
 death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
 See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;  
 All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
 an - gels on his steps at - tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.  
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

*Refrain*



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH: 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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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 THE FAITHFUL**

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: Lord of All, you ordained Jesus as judge of the living and the dead. All who believe in Christ receive forgiveness of sins through his name. Though we try to live rightly, we fail; our joy is in knowing your forgiving love. Make us bold to tell everyone we meet where our hope of eternity lies.

A: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Almighty Creator, banish the sound of weeping and the cry of distress from all lands and take delight in your people. As you have promised, bring peace to all places so that the wolf and the lamb shall feed together. Inspire leaders of nations to make just and wise decisions, benefiting all who dwell within and outside their boundaries, and cause conflict to cease.

A: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Risen Lord, you were the first fruits of those who have died, and by your death and resurrection you promise us new life with you into eternity. We pray for all who mourn, that they may be comforted by your assurance of everlasting life for all who believe this wonderful good news.

A: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Amazing Lord, your resurrection confounds us. We cannot comprehend the magnitude of your power, yet we ask your healing touch to come upon all whom we name silently in our hearts or with our voices now ... (long pause) ... Help us to believe that all healing happens according to your loving good will and keep us always in your care.

A: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

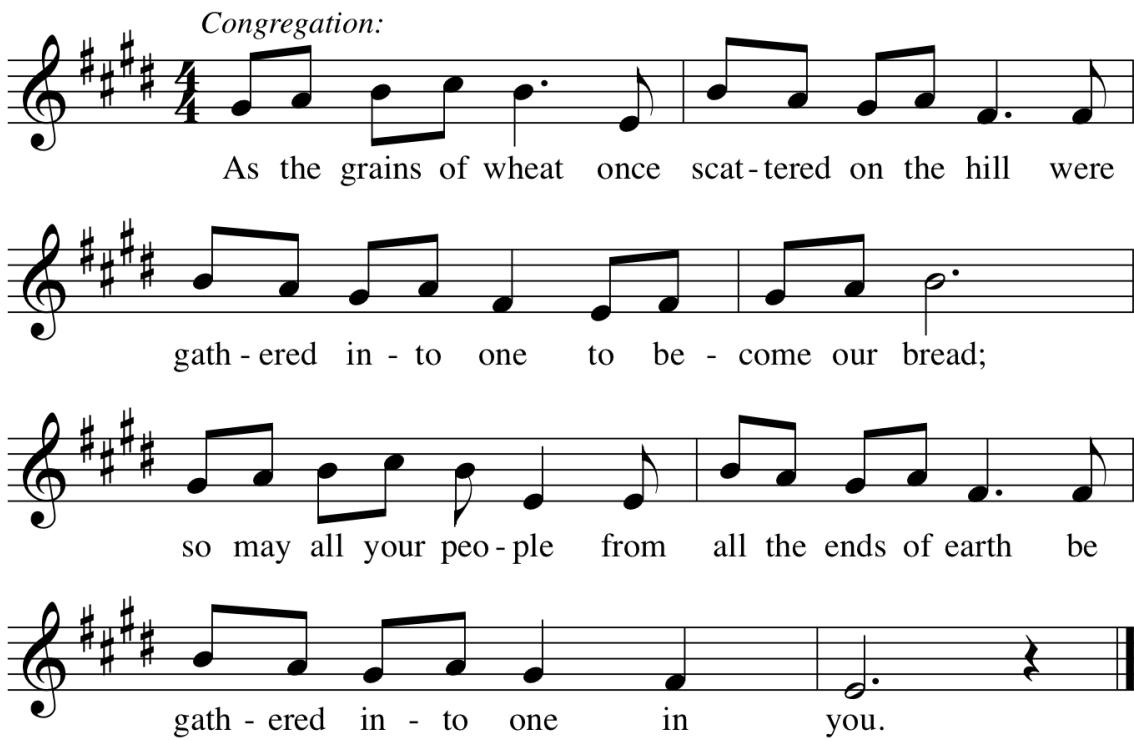
**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

## THE OFFERTORY

*Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath - ered in - to one in you.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## MEAL

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### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: Congregation:  
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: Congregation:  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Congregation:  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

A musical score for 'HOLY, HOLY, HOLY' in G major, 6/8 time. The lyrics are:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est!

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness;  
you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence.

We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us.

We thank you for the new world to come

and for the love that will rule all in all.

We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen,

the people of your promise:

the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land,

the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile,

and the prophets' words that will not be in vain.

In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son,

who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup

we remember the incarnation of your Son:

his human birth and the covenant he made with us.

We remember the sacrifice of his life:

his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death.

But chiefly [on this day] we remember his rising from the tomb,

his ascension to the seat of power,

and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit.

We cry out for the resurrection of our lives,

when Christ will come again in beauty and power

to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that we and all who share in this bread and cup  
may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven,  
and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 AND FRACTURE**

P: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**C: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*[Please sit]*

## LAMB OF GOD

The musical score for "Lamb of God" consists of four staves of music in G clef, 4/4 time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with some lines appearing below the staff. The score includes a section titled "Final Stanza" and ends with a concluding section.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
you break the chains of ha - tred and  
you are the way of jus - tice and  
you are the way of mer - cy and

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
fear:  
peace:  
love.

**Final Stanza**

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: INTINCTION AND COMMON CUP

**MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION** *As the Deer (with My Faith Looks Up to Thee)* arr. Stan Pethel  
[Please stand as you are able]

## TABLE BLESSING

P: May this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING OF SHEPHERDS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

P: Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord: bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our absent sisters and brothers. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this Holy Eucharist, that through the body and blood of your Son, we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 27 to discuss the Columbarium.**

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## SENDING

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**SENDING HYMN***The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*

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



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's  
2 The pow'r's of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions  
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious  
4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high  
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al-le - lu - ia!  
has dis-persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al-le - lu - ia!  
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al-le - lu - ia!  
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al-le - lu - ia!  
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al-le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*

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

Text: Kohn; tr. Francis Pott Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da  
Palestrina, arr. William H Monk Public Domain

**BLESSING**

P: Almighty God, Father,  $\pm$  Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

**DISMISSAL**

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Proclaim the Risen Christ!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE***The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*

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