

# ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY



**The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day**  
**Festal Easter Eucharist**

**April 20, 2025**  
**11:15 a.m.**

*Welcome! We are so glad that you are joining us this morning.*

*In this leaflet the words to be said by all are **bolded**. We anticipate worship with the Prelude.*

*You are warmly welcomed to enter into silence and appreciate the music that is offered. We are glad that you are here.*



## THE WORD OF GOD

### Prelude Music

*Alleluja from Exsultate Jubilate*

W.A. Mozart

*Fanfare for Brass Quartet*

Benedetto Marcello

*Sonata No. 24*

Gottfried Reiche

*Prelude to Te Deum*

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Hymn 207 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

*Easter Hymn*

*Descant*

1 Je - sus Christ is risen 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 heaven - 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 ye heaven - 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!

Arrangement: Craig Phillips

## Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Presider* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God in the highest!  
And peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The First Reading**

*Acts 10:34-43*

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "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."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 118** *Confitemini Domino*

setting by Richard Proulx

**Antiphon** *Sung by all*



Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. God's love endures for evermore.

So let the children of Israel say: God's love endures for evermore.

**Antiphon**

The Lord's right has triumph brought. The Lord's right hand has raised me up.

I shall not die but I shall live, singing of all God's mighty deeds.

**Antiphon**

The stone which the builders would not use has now become the cornerstone.

Such wonders are the work of the Lord, and they are marvels in our sight. **Antiphon**

## **The Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 15:19-26*

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Antiphon (at the beginning)

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

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1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
\*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee 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.

*Deacon* The Gospel of our Savior.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Rev. Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt

## The 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 People**

Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered the people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ; let us lift our voices and pray. Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings showered upon us: For our lives and for those whom we love; for the beauty of this home that God has created for us; for our families and our friendships. Let us give thanks to the God of Life. Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God: For our clergy and our bishops; for the many people who serve the church, and serve the world through the church. For those gathered here in worship and prayer. Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the newly baptized, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith and service. Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, and that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up. Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**



Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle, and those who have died, remembering especially all those for whom our Easter memorials are given; that the hope born of Easter gives them peace, acceptance and renewal, and that they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores. Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Gracious and loving God, Creator and source of life; hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of eternal life given through the resurrection of your Son, Jesus the Christ; who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, now and always. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **Welcome and Announcements**



## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*This is the Lord's supper: God's feast for all of God's people. There is always an abundance here and a place for you.  
You are invited and encouraged to feast at God's table. Please let the priest know if you would like a gluten-free wafer.  
If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing.*

### **The Offertory Anthem**

*Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem*

Charles Villiers Stanford

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
Your sweetest notes employ,  
The Paschal victory to hymn  
In strains of holy joy.

For Judah's Lion bursts His chains,  
Crushing the serpent's head;  
And cries aloud through death's domains  
To wake the imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell their prey  
At his command restore;  
His ransomed hosts pursue their way  
Where Jesus goes before.

Triumphant in His glory now  
To Him all power is giv'n;  
To Him in one communion bow  
All saints in earth and Heav'n.

While we, His soldiers, praise our king,  
His mercy we implore,  
Within His palace bright to bring  
And keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,  
While endless ages run. Alleluia!

*St. Fulbert of Chartres*

## The Doxology

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer D*

*Celebrant*      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

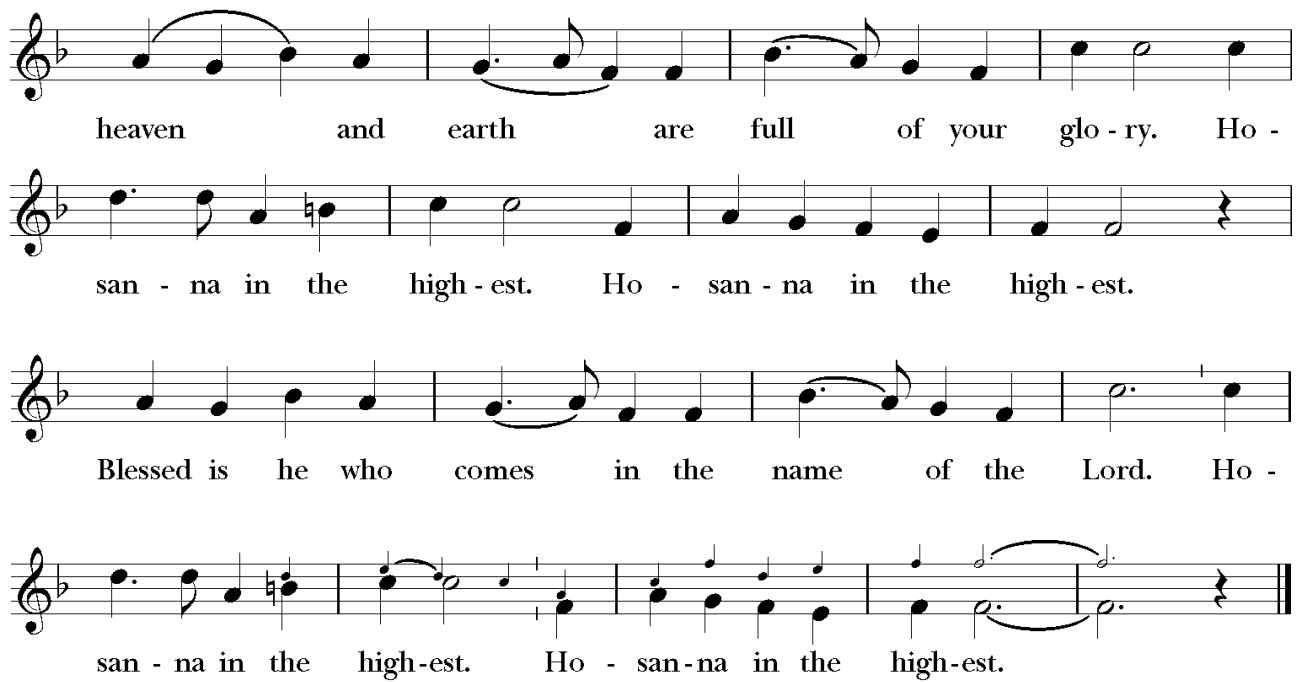
Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

## Hymnal S-125 *Sanctus and Benedictus*

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



*The Presider continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Presider & People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Presider continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

*The Presider continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept. Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Fraction Anthem S154 *Alleluia! Christ our Passover*

David Hurd

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

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

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

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

## Communion Motets

*Arise my love, my fair one* Gerald Near

Arise my love, my fair one and come away.  
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear upon the earth  
The time of the singing of birds has come.  
Alleluia. —*Song of Songs*

*Regina Coeli* Giovanni-Pierluigi Palestrina

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.  
He whom you were worthy to bear, Alleluia.  
He has risen as he said, Alleluia.  
Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

—12th century Latin text

## The Post-communion Prayer

*Please stand, as you are able, and join in the prayer*

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

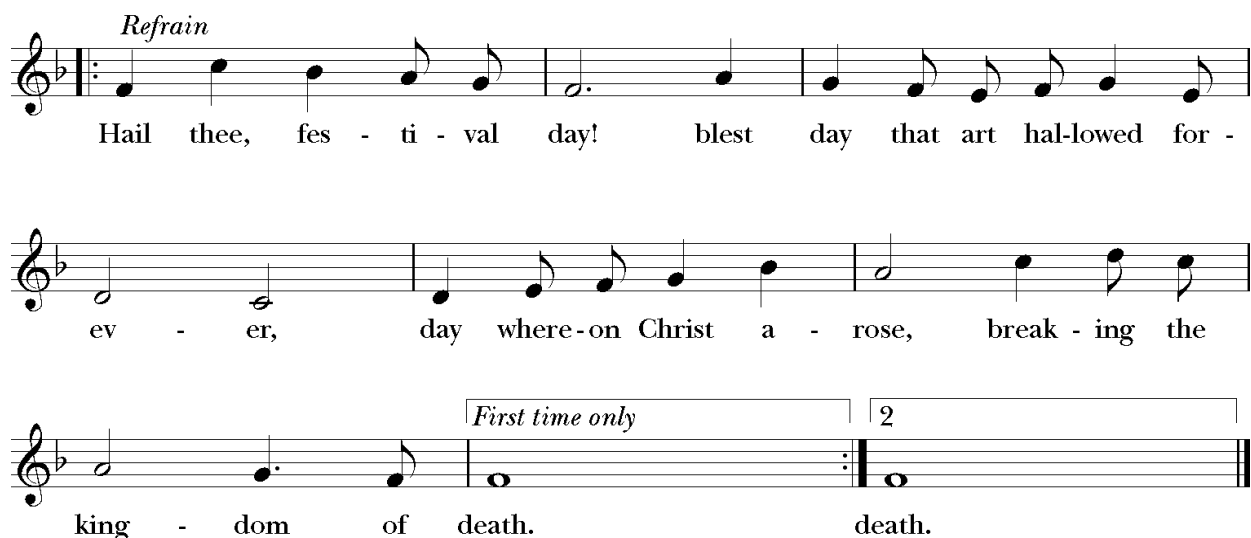
May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## Hymn 175 *Hail Thee, Festival Day!*

*Salve festa dies*

*Refrain*



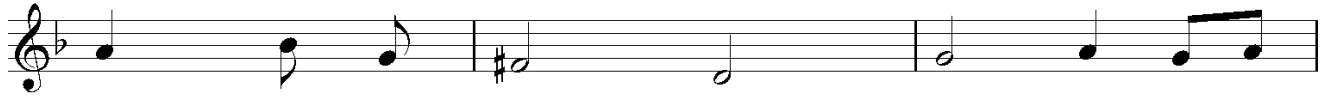
Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal-lowed for -

ev - er, day where-on Christ a - rose, break - ing the

king - dom of death. death.



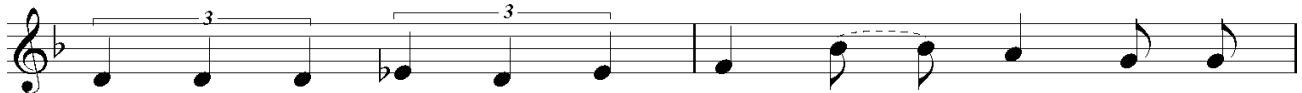
1 Lo, the fair beau - ty of earth, from the death of the  
 3 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the  
 5 God the cre - a - tor, the Lord, who — rul - est the



win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - ery good  
 glo - ry of blos - som; hea - ven her  
 earth and the hea - vens, guard us from



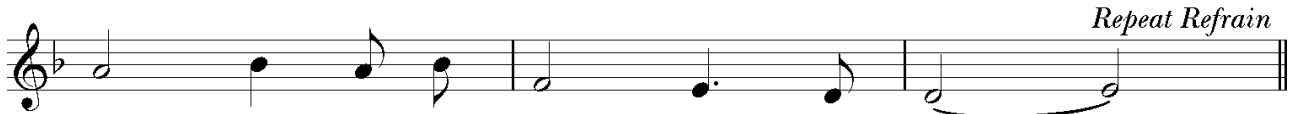
gift of the year now with its Mas - ter re - turns:  
 gates un - bars, fling - ing her in - crease of light:  
 harm with - out, cleanse us from e - vil with - in:



2 He who was nailed to the cross is — Lord and the  
 4 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art au - thor of  
 6 Je - sus the health of the world, en - light - en our



ru - ler of na - ture; all things cre - a - ted on  
 life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of  
 minds, thou Re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -



earth sing to the glo - ry of God:  
 death, life thou be - stow - est on all:  
 preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:

Arrangement: S. Drummond Wolff

## The Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

## Postlude

*Allegro Maestoso*

George Frideric Handel

*We wish to thank our instrumentalists for sharing their talents with us this Easter Day.*

*Peter Neu and David Orehowsky, trumpets*

*Scott Blanke and Brian Pastor, trombones*

*Nate Zullinger, organ*

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#### INSTRUMENTALISTS

Peter Neu and David Oreshowsky, Trumpets  
Nate Zullinger, Organ

Scott Blanke and Brian Pastor, Trombones

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**Altar Guild:** Katharine Campbell, Marcia McIlvain

**Greeter:** Gail McLaughlin

**Readers:** Katharine Campbell, Linda Holden

**Fellowship:** Gail McLaughlin

**Flower Guild:** All the Flower Guild

**Intercessor:** Mark Nyman

**Ushers:** George & Betsy Comstock

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**Rector's Warden:** Melissa Shaner

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**Secretary:** Laurel Veitch

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