



*Christ Is  
Risen*

## The Holy Communion

The Resurrection of Our Lord  
March 31, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## **Welcome to Grace**

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ—to love, to grow, and to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the perforated page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

## **Children's Resources**

Activity bags, worship bulletins, and booster seats are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

## **Nursery Care**

The nursery is open and staffed at most worship services for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

## **Holy Communion**

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the bread and wine of Communion, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

## **Assistance in Worship**

For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated. Contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

## **Electronic Devices**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices during worship. Thank you.

## **Grace Council Statement on Racism**

Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

## As We Gather

They go to the tomb with work to do, but without hope. Mary, Mary, and Salome, these faithful friends, are busy with the work of death. The Empire has ground down and tossed aside another threat to its reign. Jesus is dead, and that is that. Except, of course, it isn't. The stone is gone. Jesus is nowhere to be found. Instead, the tomb is occupied by a young man in a white robe. He speaks. Everything changes. The women cannot quite comprehend it. Who could? They go in terror, amazed by what they've heard. But they do go. And the gospel is proclaimed. Today, we gather again in the places where death has staked its claim. To our ongoing surprise, the stone is rolled away, and the hope of new life flows freely in abundance.



# ✠ GATHERING ✠

*We listen to the prelude as we gather for worship.*

## PRELUDE

Easter Carillon

Robert J. Powell

Thanks Be to God

Paul Bouman

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

1 Corinthians 15:37

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Robert A. Hobby

Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful

Setting by Harriet Ziegenhals

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin.

Our voices raised triumphant, with flute and violin.

He is risen! He is risen!

Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky.

Our Christ has won the victory, our life to sanctify.

He is risen! He is risen!

Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

We praise thee Lord and Savior, our notes of gladness blend.

For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

He is risen! He is risen!

Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

John of Damascus, tr. John Mason Neale (alt.)

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands, BWV 695

Johann Sebastian Bach

Easter Fanfare

Paul Fetler

Christ the Lord is risen, alleluia.

*We stand and face the cross in procession.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

Setting by James Biery



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; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, sts. 1-3  
Music: EASTER HYMN, *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708

*Alleluia!*

## GREETING

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **He 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.**

## KYRIE *(sung by the choirs)*

Richard Hillert

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison.

O God, Father and Son and Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Kyrie eleison.

## HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ

Richard Hillert

*Women sing parts marked ❶. Men sing parts marked ❷.*

*All sing parts marked ❸.*



❸ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ❶ Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



❸ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ❷ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

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

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

al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **☐** Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre-a - tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and

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

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

al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **☒** For the Lamb who was

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

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

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**G** **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## ✠ WORD ✠

### FIRST READING: Acts 10:34–43

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**



ANTIPHON: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Choir** Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;\*  
his mercy en- | dures forever.

**☩ Let Israel | now proclaim,\***  
**“His mercy en- | dures forever.”**

**Choir** The LORD is my strength | and my song,\*  
and he has become | my salvation.

**☩ There is a sound of exulta- | tion and victory\***  
**in the tents | of the righteous:**

**Choir** “The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!\*  
The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!”

**☩ I shall not | die, but live,\***  
**and declare the works | of the LORD.**

**Choir** The LORD has pun- | ished me sorely,\*  
but he did not hand me o- | ver to death.

**☩ Open for me the | gates of righteousness;\*  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the LORD.**

**Choir** “This is the gate | of the LORD,\*  
he who is right- | eous may enter.”

**☩ I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me\***  
**and have become | my salvation.**

**Choir** The same stone which the build- | ers rejected\*  
has become the chief | cornerstone.

**☩ This is | the LORD’s doing,\***  
**and it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

**Choir** On this day the | LORD has acted;\*  
we will rejoice and be | glad in it.

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

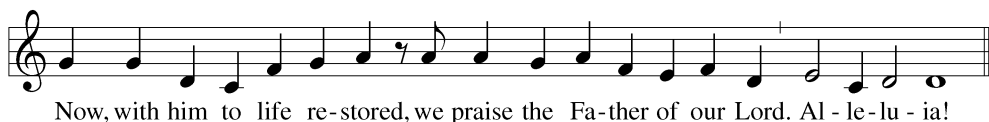
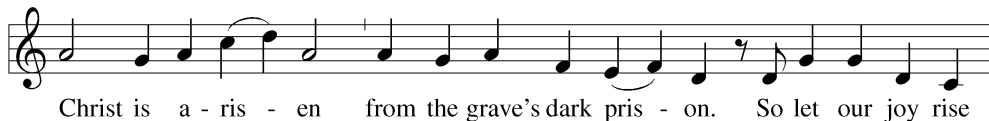
**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand and face the cross in procession.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN: Christ Is Arisen**

Setting by Jan Bender



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;  
 Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: German hymn, c. 1100; tr. Martin L. Seltz, 1909–1967, alt.  
 Music: CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533

### HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 16:1–8

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

**G** Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

*We face the cross in procession as it returns to the chancel.*

We sit.

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Who Will Roll Away the Stone?

Pastor David R. Lyle

Mark 16:1-8

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: The Strife Is O'er, the Victory Won

Setting by Michael D. Costello

*Stanza three is sung by the choir.*

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  
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
**Choir** 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell; the bars from  
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting

vic - tor's tri - umph won! Now be the  
 le - gions has dis - persed. Let shouts of  
 glo - rious from the dead. All glo - ry  
 heav'n's high por - tals fell. Let hymns of  
 free your ser - vants too, that we may

song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

## **NICENE 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,**  
**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 THE CHURCH

*Each petition concludes:*

- A** Lord, in your mercy,  
**G** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

- P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**G** **Amen.**

## ✠ MEAL ✠

### PEACE OF CHRIST

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**G** **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*We sit.*

**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY:** This Joyful Eastertide

Setting by Robert A. Hobby



*We stand as the gifts are presented.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** This Joyful Eastertide

Setting by Jeremy J. Bankson

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!

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934  
Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- A** Let us pray. 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.**

# GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



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



**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**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 ever-living 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:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



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.



☐ Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:  
the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt,  
the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets;  
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,  
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed  
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

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

☐ Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,  
we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share in Christ's body and blood,  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

☑ **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.

**C** Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -  
 might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

- P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

- P** The gifts of God for the people of God.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

- P** Come, for all is now ready

*We sit.*

## AGNUS DEI

☞ 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.

## COMMUNION

*Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized.  
The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper,  
giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.*

*We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated bread  
and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).*

*Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.  
Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host.*



## MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

**ANTHEM:** An Easter Song of Praise

Setting by A. Steven Taranto

Awake, awake, you lovely flowers that spring up from the ground,  
To hear the songs of nightingales, whose joyful notes resound!  
For with their tuneful melodies, this glorious news they bring:  
That Jesus Christ is risen today, let all creation sing!

The cold and treary winter wind soon quickly fades away,  
As earth shakes off her drowsy sleep, and splendor fills the day!  
The springtime wonders that reveal new life has been restored,  
Remind us that we all receive new life in Christ, our Lord.

Praise God for giving us new life through Jesus Christ, the Son;  
And praise the Holy Spirit, too, sing praises everyone!  
Now let your heart and soul rejoice, your alleluias raise;  
Give glory to the risen Christ, and lift your songs of praise!

A. Stephen Taranto



# HYMN: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Concertato by Paul G. Bunjes

*Stanzas four and six are sung by the choir.*



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
**Choir** 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;  
he lives to plead for me above;  
he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives my mansion to prepare;  
he lives to bring me safely there.

**Choir** 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
he lives and loves me to the end;  
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.  
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

**ANTHEM:** Hallelujah! (from *Messiah*)

George Frideric Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah!  
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ,  
and He shall reign for ever and ever, King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!

Revelation 19:6, Revelation 19:16, Revelation 11:15

*We stand.*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

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

**G Amen.**

**A** Let us pray.

Eternal God, through our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ  
you give us the water of life and nourish us at this table  
with the food and drink of the promised land.

Send us forth into the world, that we may be witnesses to your glory  
made known to us in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**G Amen.**

**✠ SENDING ✠**

**BENEDICTION**

**P** Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**G Amen.**



**SENDING HYMN:** Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise      Tune and Setting by Carl F. Schalk

*Stanza three is sung by the choir.*



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise  
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be  
**Choir** 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest  
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise  
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread  
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee  
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be  
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways  
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup  
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry  
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war  
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least  
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.  
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

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## DISMISSAL

**A** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**A** Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE:** Chorale-Fantasy on “Christ the Lord Has Risen”

Flor Peeters

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

The Rev. Karl Reko, assisting minister

Grace Parish Choir

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Grace Women’s Choir

Gwen Gotsch, director

Members of the Grace School 5–8 Grade Choir

Johanna Johnson, director

Gregory Strauss, Fred Powell, Candace Horton trumpeters

Dave Ferguson, Daniel Johnson trombonists

Jon Johnson, timpani

### 8:30

Susie Calhoun

Carol Ewald, Mary Margaret Bartley

Kat Starrick, Charlie Terry

Linda and Scott Street

Martin Becker, Richard Calhoun

Mke Carioscio, Eliza Grahnke, Susan Weber

Catherine Amato, Liz Hanson

Susan Bogner, Bill Koehne,

Ruth Reko

Tom Swanson, Al Swanson

### Deacon

### Lectors

### Crucifer/Bible Bearer

### Gift Bearers

### Ushers

### Altar Guild

### Greeters

### Livestream audio/video

### 11:00

Al Swanson

Lori Martin, Mary Margaret Bartley

Emily Nichols, Grant Kuipers

Stanley Reddel, Paula Sephens

Mike Gillespie, Dave Jezl,

Mary Rasmusson, Gerlinde VanDriesen

Tina Baird, Roberta Gillespie

Mary Jane Keitel, Paulette Reddel

Ruth Reko, Susan Scherer



## LET US PRAY...

Cathy Barker	Hans Dumpys	Patricia Herendeen	Ron Rott
Martin Baumgaertner	Louis Elia	Phyllis Kersten	Marge Sanger
Miriam Bretscher	Carol Forrest	John Lattyak	Pat Scala
MaryBeth Buschmann	David Franzone	Dean Lueking	Frank Senn
Marilyn Busse	Susan Franzone	Tom Maxwell	Rhea Sprecher
Larry Caponigri	Hena Gantepalli	Katarina Modrich	Linda Webb
Dan Cattau	Susan Hammon	Dave Moeller	George Wohlford
Yvonne Daniels	Kathy Hale	<b>Carol Prinz</b>	
Jo-Ellyn Dorsey	Marlene Hallman	Rob Ransom	

Coletta and Ty Ali (*friends of Pat Anderson*)  
 Mike Arvis (*uncle of Grace student Luke Murphy*)  
 Fran Benson (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)  
 Karen Berglund (*friend of Carol Stanger*)  
 Brad Bishop (*brother-in-law of Julie Modrich*)  
 Cynthia Booth (*cousin of Ellen Pullin*)  
 Khadija Boudim (*friend of Pat Anderson*)  
 Irene Buchbinder (*mother of Paul Buchbinder*)  
 Kathy Challgren (*sister-in-law of Ruth Reko*)  
 Jess Cosby (*nephew of Marilyn and Ken Heppner*)  
 Debra Detweiler (*friends of the Lyle and Lehmann families*)  
 Charles Dietz (*friend of Carol and Bill Ewald*)  
 Ethan Douglas (*friend of Pat Anderson*)  
 Patti and Neal Enslin (*friends of Marilyn Heppner*)  
 Nancy Epp (*sister of Pat Anderson*)  
 Randy Ernst (*friend of Valerie Spiller*)  
 Debbie Frederick (*friend of Bob and Margaret Burke*)  
 Benjamin Galiher (*nephew of Paul May*)  
**Jean Glass** (*friend of Kathryn Jandeska*)  
 Steven Grupe (*friend of Susan Messerli*)  
 Therese Haderlein (*sister of Joe Modrich*)  
 Sara Heiserman (*relative of Carol Prinz*)  
 Harry Heppner (*brother of Ken Heppner*)  
 Sharon Hoglind (*friend of Virginia Walker*)  
 Ruth M. Hughes (*mother of Ruth Hughes-McElravey*)  
 Rina Jacobius (*friend of Al Swanson*)  
 Judy Johnson (*Grace School alum*)  
 Maureen Jordan (*friend of Al Swanson*)  
 Scott Kibler (*relative of April Kibler, father of John, Dan, and Olivia Kibler*)

Fred Klawiter (*friend of Carolyn and Larry Garber*)  
 Claudia Kraft (*friend of Marilyn Moehlenkamp*)  
 Arnold Krubsack (*brother of Irmgard Swanson*)  
 Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)  
 Marcia Kruse (*mother-in-law of Carl Wahlstrom*)  
 John Lunde (*friend of Susan Messerli*)  
 Pam Mattox (*former member of Grace*)  
 Betty McClerren (*aunt of Stephanie Wilkening*)  
 Charles Miller (*friend of Ruth Reko*)  
 Monika Nash (*daughter of Verna Offermann*)  
 Dwight and Betty Nelson (*parents of Annalise Nelson Balock*)  
 John Norris (*friend of Al Swanson*)  
 Louis Nuechterlein (*nephew of Eunice Spurgat*)  
 Louis and Gloria Nuechterlein (*relatives of Eunice Spurgat*)  
 Ryan O'Neil (*alum of Grace School*)  
 John Palmisano (*friend of Pat Anderson*)  
 Sharon Peridis (*friend of Marilyn Heppner*)  
 Elaine Pierce (*friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson*)  
 James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)  
 Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)  
 John Riley (*father of Karin Danganan*)  
 Joan Seevers (*niece of Eunice Spurgat*)  
 Leah Stanger (*daughter-in-law of Carol and John Stanger*)  
 Nancy Stelling (*friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten*)  
 Jill Sunderman (*mother of Elyssa Salinas Lazarski*)  
 Russ Tellio (*friend of Susan and David Franzone*)  
 Mary Lou Wagoner (*sister-in-law of Stan Reddel*)  
 Adelaide Ward (*sister of Carl Gruendler*)  
 Amy Wischhusen (*relative of Ann Mason*)  
 Don and Arleeta Yeske (*friends of Eunice Spurgat*)

## Benevolence ministries

Harmony Community Church of Chicago Food Pantry

## For those who mourn

**Carolyn Meister** (*friend of Susan Scherer*)

## In thanksgiving for

The 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday of **Jim Barkenquast** (*father of Laura Becker*)

## Those serving in the armed services

Jacob Benson (*great-nephew of Eunice Spurgat*)

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

Zachery Grosz (*great-nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

John Kibler (*son of April Kibler*)

Joshua Nelson (*son-in-law of Ted and Maja Anton*)

Miles Powell (*grandson of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)

Rusty Robb (*grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie*)

Matthew Shinkwin (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

Christopher W. Sylvester (*grandson of Janet Sylvester*)

## Those studying abroad

Lila Shea (*England*)

Isabella Staples (*The Netherlands*)

## Those who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

Karen McMahon

Christopher Davis

Tim Sandvoss

Joan Koerber

Kathleen Wrobel

## Those who need encouragement

Cheryl Luchetta (*friend of Joan Koerber*) in Logan Correctional Center

*Prayer requests can be made through the church office. Contact Esther Armstrong ([eamstrong@gracriverforest.org](mailto:eamstrong@gracriverforest.org)) to be included in the weekly prayers. For more private prayer concerns, please contact Kathy Lucht ([kathy.lucht@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.lucht@gmail.com)) to be added to the confidential prayer chain.*

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# THIS WEEK AT GRACE

## TODAY, MARCH 31

Library Open (self service)..... 8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
**Easter Worship – Holy Communion** ..... 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
(Prelude music at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.)

## MONDAY, APRIL 1

### Building Closed

Grace School spring break begins

## TUESDAY, APRIL 2

### Building hours 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

#### (open evening for meetings)

Breakfast Group (Church Library) ..... 10:15 a.m.  
Board of Spiritual Life (Conference Room)..... 7:00 p.m.  
Health Cabinet (Church Library)..... 7:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

### Building hours 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

#### (open evening for meetings)

Cornerstones (Church Library)..... 10:00 a.m.  
Evangelism Committee (Offsite) ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) ..... 7:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 4

### Building hours 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

#### (open evening for meetings)

GriefShare (Church Library) ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Yoga (Fellowship Hall)..... 6:30 p.m.  
Social Ministry Committee (Conference Room)..... 7:30 p.m.  
Women’s Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)..... 7:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 5

### Building hours 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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