



# The Holy Communion

The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 20, 2025

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

The thing about death is that it's so dependable. The women go to the tomb knowing what to expect. The men know what to expect upon the women's return. But they are all wrong. At the tomb, there is no sign of Jesus. He who was dead is alive, on the move. The women become the first to preach the gospel, but the men are unable to hear their words as anything other than idle tales. But Peter, the one who had denied his Lord, grasps at a glimpse of grace. Running to the tomb, his expectations are undone. Death's dependability is destroyed. Jesus lives. In the promises of the risen Christ, what now is not possible? Endings are ended, and the future stretches out beyond all horizons.

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

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

### PRELUDE

Christ Is with Me

Gerald Patrick Coleman

We were buried with him into death,  
That as he was raised, by God's glory,  
We might walk in life made new by grace.  
Having died with Christ, we shall live with him.  
Christ is with me everywhere I go,  
Never to leave me, this I know.

I have now been grafted to the Vine,  
Drawing life from roots rich in mercy,  
Bearing fruit as I abide in him:  
Fruit forever fresh, glorifying God.  
Christ is with me everywhere I go,  
Never to leave me, this I know.

I have now been crucified with Christ,  
I no longer live, Christ lives in me.  
Now I live by faith in God's own Son,  
One who loved me so – Gave himself for me.  
Christ is with me everywhere I go,  
Never to leave me, this I know.

Gerald Patrick Coleman

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands, BWV 625

Johann Sebastian Bach

Thanks Be to God

Paul Bouman

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

1 Corinthians 15:37

Simple Song (from *Mass*)

Leonard Bernstein

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude...  
Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laude...  
Sing like you like to sing.  
God loves all simple things,  
For God is the simplest of all.

I will sing the Lord a new song  
To praise him, to bless him, to bless the Lord.  
I will sing his praises while I live  
All of my days.

Blessed is the one who loves the Lord,  
Blessed is the one who praises him.  
Lauda, Lauda, Laude...  
And walks in his ways.

I will lift up my eyes  
To the hills from whence comes my help.  
I will lift up my voice to the Lord  
Singing Lauda, Laude...

For the Lord is my shade,  
Is my shade upon my right hand,  
And the sun shall not smite me by day  
Nor the moon by night.

Stephen Schwartz

Lord of the Dance

Shaker melody, adapt. Sydney Carter  
arr. Steve Pilkington

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Refrain*

Dance, then wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came with me and the dance went on. *Refrain*

I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,  
The holy people said it was a shame;  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
And they left me there on a cross to die. *Refrain*

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that I'll never, never died;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. *Refrain*

Sydney Carter

*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

*Higher voices (treble) sing parts marked I. Lower voices (bass) sing parts marked II.*

*All sing parts marked C.*



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



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



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



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



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



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 15:19–26

<sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

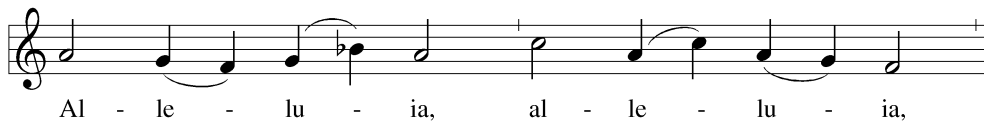
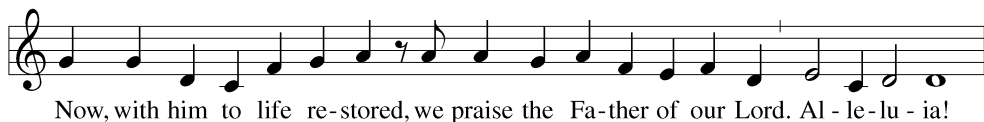
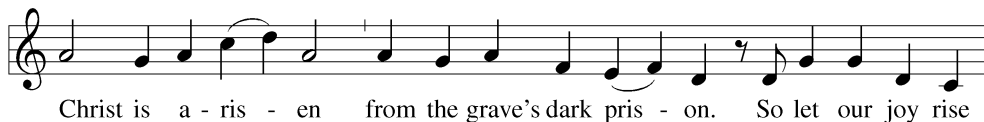
**L** The Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*We stand and face the cross in procession.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN:** Christ Is Arisen

Setting by Jan Bender





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: Luke 24:1–12

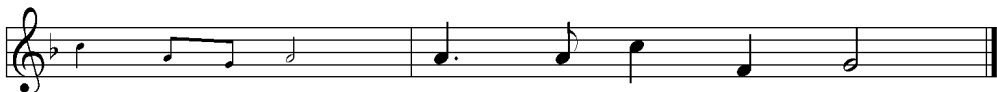
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



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

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>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 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

*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

Concertato by Carl F. Schalk

Descant by Paul G. Bunjes



- 1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, see what to - day is done;  
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed when Christ lay in the tomb;  
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—what peace it does im - part!



now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, comes forth the glo - rious sun.  
 but, lo, he now is rout - ed, his boast is turned to gloom.  
 Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens the joy with - in my heart.



My Sav - ior there was laid where our bed must be made  
 For Christ a - gain is free; in glo - rious vic - to - ry  
 No gloom shall ev - er shake, no foe shall ev - er take,



when to the realms of light our spir - it wings its flight.  
 he who is strong to save has tri - umphed o'er the grave.  
 the hope which God's own Son in love for me has won.

- 4 He brings me to the portal  
 that leads to bliss untold,  
 whereon this rhyme immortal  
 is found in script of gold:  
 "Who there my cross has shared  
 finds here a crown prepared;  
 who there with me has died  
 shall here be glorified."

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; tr. John Kelly, 1833-1890, alt.  
 Music: AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

## **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/ANTHEM:** Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful      Provençal carol, arr. Carl Halter  
ed. Barry L. Bobb

Now let the heavens be joyful,  
Let earth its song begin,  
Let all the world keep triumph  
And all that is therein.  
He is risen, he is risen,  
Christ, the Lord, is risen,  
Our joy that has no end!

From death to life eternal,  
From earth on to the sky,  
Our Christ has brought us over  
With hymns of victory.  
He is risen, he is risen,  
Christ, the Lord, is risen,  
Our joy that has no end!

Let all things seen and unseen  
Their notes of gladness blend.  
For Christ, the Lord, is risen,  
Our joy that has no end.  
He is risen, he is risen,  
Christ, the Lord, is risen,  
Our joy that has no end!

Now let the heavens be joyful,  
Let earth its song begin!  
Let all the world keep triumph  
And all that is therein.  
He is risen, he is risen,  
Christ, the Lord, is risen,  
Our joy that has no end!

John of Damascus, tr. John Mason Neale

*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.**

- Ⓟ 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 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

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

Ⓞ **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.**

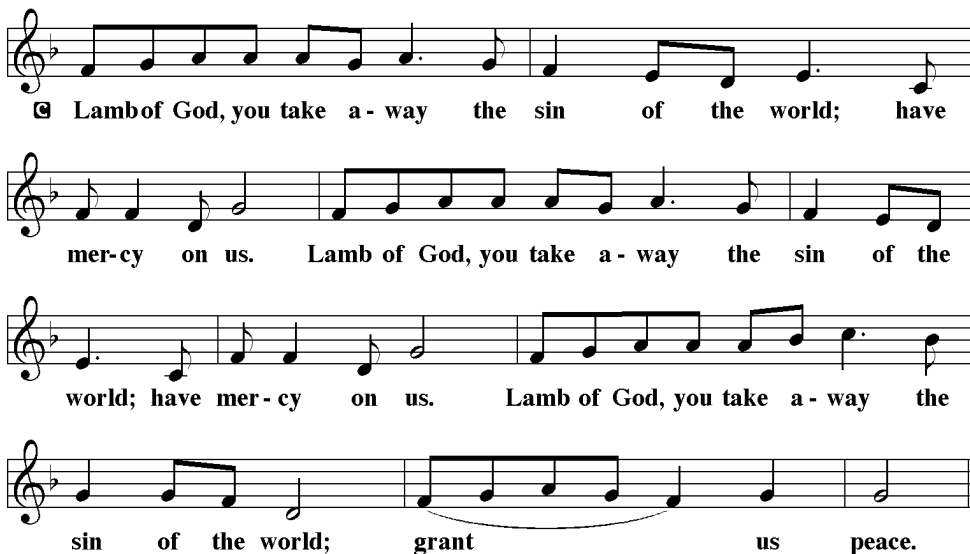
- Ⓟ The gifts of God for the people of God.

Ⓞ **Thanks be to God.**

- Ⓟ 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: Haec dies

William Byrd

*Haec dies quam fecit Dominus:*

**This is the day that the Lord has made:**

*exultemus et laetemur in ea. Alleluia.*

**let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.**

Psalm 118:24

### HYMN: So Much to Sing About

Tune and Concertato by Paul D. Weber



1. So much to sing a - bout, so much to praise you  
**Choir** 2. So much to sing a - bout: once or - phaned and a -  
3. So much to sing a - bout: your wis - dom, might, and  
4. So much to sing a - bout: all I have seen and



for, so much I can - not live with - out, and  
lone, how could I dare be - lieve the news that  
love, that ev - en three - score years and ten are  
heard, your glo - ry in my ta - lents' use my



so much more: at which dis - play of maj - es - ty the  
you would come to live and die, for me, for me! and  
not e - nough to count your gifts and search be - neath the  
best re - ward: that oth - ers see what I have seen and



ver - y stones are moved to shout.  
so make sure my wel - come home.  
sur - face of your trea - sure - trove.  
sing with me: "It is the Lord!"

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# HYMN: Christ Is Arisen! Alleluia!

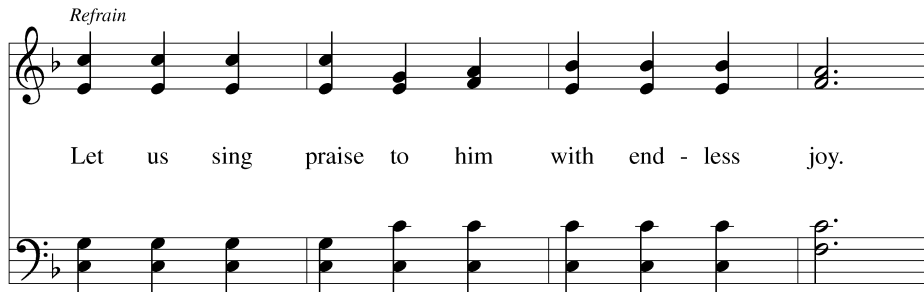
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.  
 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.  
 5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free.

Re - jice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.  
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.

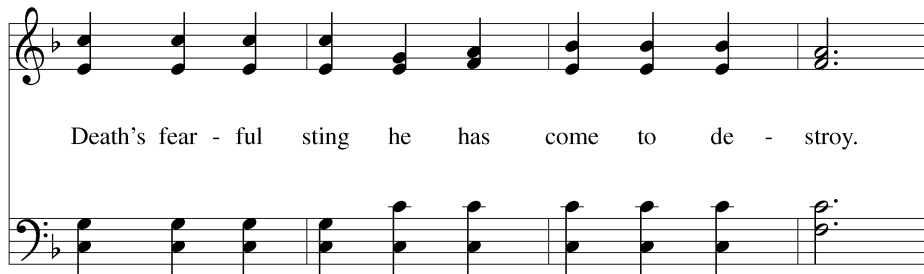
For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.  
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.  
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 and in its con - quest his might did show.  
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."  
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."  
 he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly king.

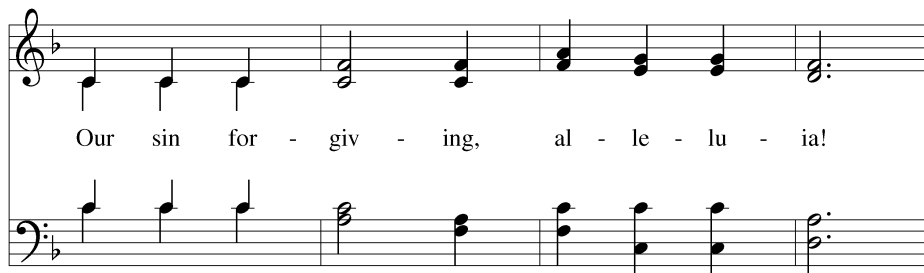
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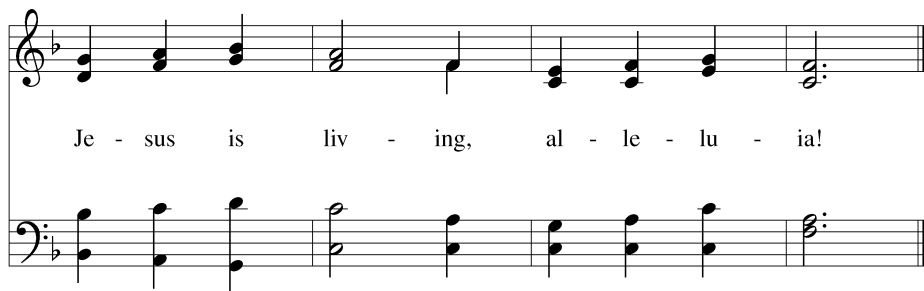
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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 Music: MFURAHINI, HALELUYA, Tanzanian traditional

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**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



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  
 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

Choir



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.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, 1926–2009

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**A** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**G** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

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

**POSTLUDE:** Toccata (from Partita Sopra „*Nun freut euch*“)

Lionel Rogg

Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
With exultation springing,  
And, with united heart and voice  
And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done,  
Proclaim the vict'ry God has won,  
How precious was our ransom!

Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. hymnal version  
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The Rev. Karl Reko, assisting minister

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The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Members of the Grace School 5–8 Grade Choir

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Gregory Strauss, Candace Horton, trumpeters

Dave Ferguson, Brad Payne, trombonists

Jon Johnson, timpani

Anders Lyle, Lance Braxton, and Mikey Starrick, cover art

### 8:30

Paulette Reddel

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Linda Street, Scott Street

Susan Bogner, Kathryn Jandeska, Ruth Reko

Richard Calhoun, Paul Koester,

Mary Rasmusson, Susan Scherer

Liz Hanson, Al Swanson

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### Lectors

### Crucifer/Book Bearer

### Gift Bearers

### Altar Guild

### Greeters

### Ushers

### Livestream audio/video

### 11:00

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Esther Armstrong, Neal Armstrong

Jane Andrew, Christina Starrick

Beth and John Reynolds, Julie Lehmann

Mike Gillespie, Eliza Grahne, Dave Jezl,

Susan Scherer, Alex Tan, Gerlinde VanDriesen

## LET US PRAY...

Pat Anderson  
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 Miriam Bretscher  
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 Marilyn Busse  
 Dan Cattau  
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 Marge Sanger  
 Gick Schmidt  
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 Virginia Walker  
 Linda Webb

Coletta and Ty Ali (*friends of Pat Anderson*)

**Beverly Battaglia** (*relative of David and Susan Franzone*)

Jane and Bill Batte (*friends of Deb and Tom Maxwell*)

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Jack Berg (*friend of Art Gustafson*)

Brad Bishop (*brother-in-law of Julie Modrich*)

Cynthia Booth (*cousin of Ellen Pullin*)

Khadija Boudim (*friend of Pat Anderson*)

Paul Cordes (*son of Bruce Cordes*)

James Crawford (*nephew of Eunice Spurgat*)

Laurel Marie D. (*neighbor of Pat Anderson*)

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Chris De Vries (*sister-in-law of Melissa and Jayson De Vries*)

Will Edwards (*friend of Barbara Hofmaier and David Heim*)

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Margaret Murphy (*mother of John Murphy*)

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John Pecoraro (*cousin of Susan Hickey*)

James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)

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Diane Raschal (*cousin of Jennifer Staples*)

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Global Refuge

### For those who mourn

**Tom Moeller** (*brother of Sharon Kluge*)

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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*)

Zachary Larsen (*grandson of Karen and Richard McMahon*)

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*)

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

### Those studying abroad

Charlotte Meyer (*Iceland*)

Isabella Staples (*The Netherlands*)

### Those who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

Dave Moeller

Christopher Davis

Carol Prinz

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Tim Sandvoss

Joan Koerber

Pat Scala

Karen McMahon

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 ([earmstrong@graceriverforest.org](mailto:earmstrong@graceriverforest.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, APRIL 20

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 21

### Building Closed

Evangelism Committee (Offsite)..... **7:00 p.m.**

Endowment Committee (Virtual) ..... **7:00 p.m.**

## TUESDAY, APRIL 22

Board of Spiritual Life (Conference Room) ..... **7:00 p.m.**

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

**School Chapel Service**..... **8:25 a.m.**

Cornerstones (Church Library) ..... **10:00 a.m.**

Cub Scouts (1-2 Common Room)..... **5:00 p.m.**

Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) ..... **7:30 p.m.**

## THURSDAY, APRIL 24

Church Council (Conference Room)..... **7:30 p.m.**

Women's Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)..... **7:30 p.m.**

## FRIDAY, APRIL 25

Young Adult Theology on Tap (Offsite)..... **7:00 p.m.**

Religion in Literature (Offsite)..... **7:30 p.m.**

## SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Men of Grace (Atrium)..... **9:00 a.m.**

Kerns-Lemley Wedding..... **1:00 p.m.**

Kerns-Lemley Reception (Fellowship Hall)..... **2:00 p.m.**

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We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

If you are visiting us for the first time or would like to learn more about Grace, please complete this form, detach, and place it in the offering plate.

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