

# St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Easter March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024



*Alleluia!*  
*Christ is risen!*

# *WELCOME*

To our Church Family

*We're Glad You're Here!*

## Today's Hymns from the Tower

Church Carillon

**Prelude:** Easter Fantasy On Ancient Hymns Sondra Tucker (b. 1957)  
Camarada Brass Quintet & Dr. Haake

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life,  
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.**

**Empower our witness to your resurrection.**

**Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

**ELW 365**

## GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

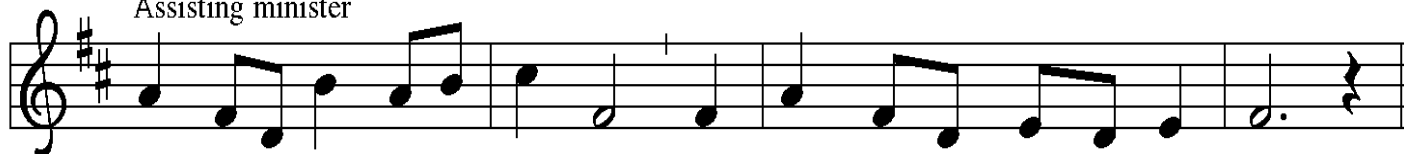
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

**And also with you.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



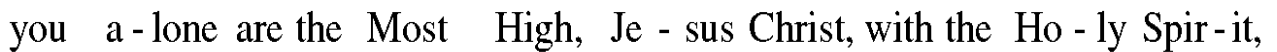
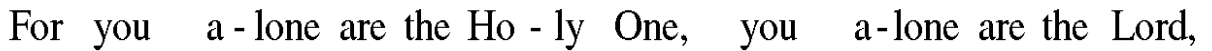
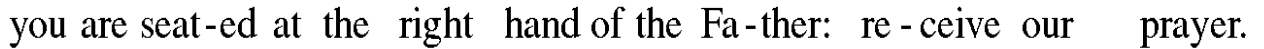
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



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."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

Like Him We Rise  
Sammy Kay Smith, soprano

Tom Trenney (b. 1977)

## Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup>If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel: John 20:1-18

The holy gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went

into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' " <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

## **SERMON**

**Rev. Mark Kreemer**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

Thine Is the Glory

ELW 376

## **CREED .**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*After each petition the following response is given:*

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

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

<b>OFFERTORY ANTHEM:</b>	Easter Anthem	William Billings (1746-1800)
	Chancel Choir	

*The Lord is ris'n indeed, Hallelujah. Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. Hallelujah. And did He rise? Hear, O ye nations, hear it, O ye dead. He rose, He burst the bars of death, He burst the bars of death and triumph'd o'er the grave. Then I rose, then first humanity triumphant passed the crystal ports of light, and seiz'd eternal youth. Man, all immortal hail, hail, Heaven, all lavish of strange gifts to man, Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.*

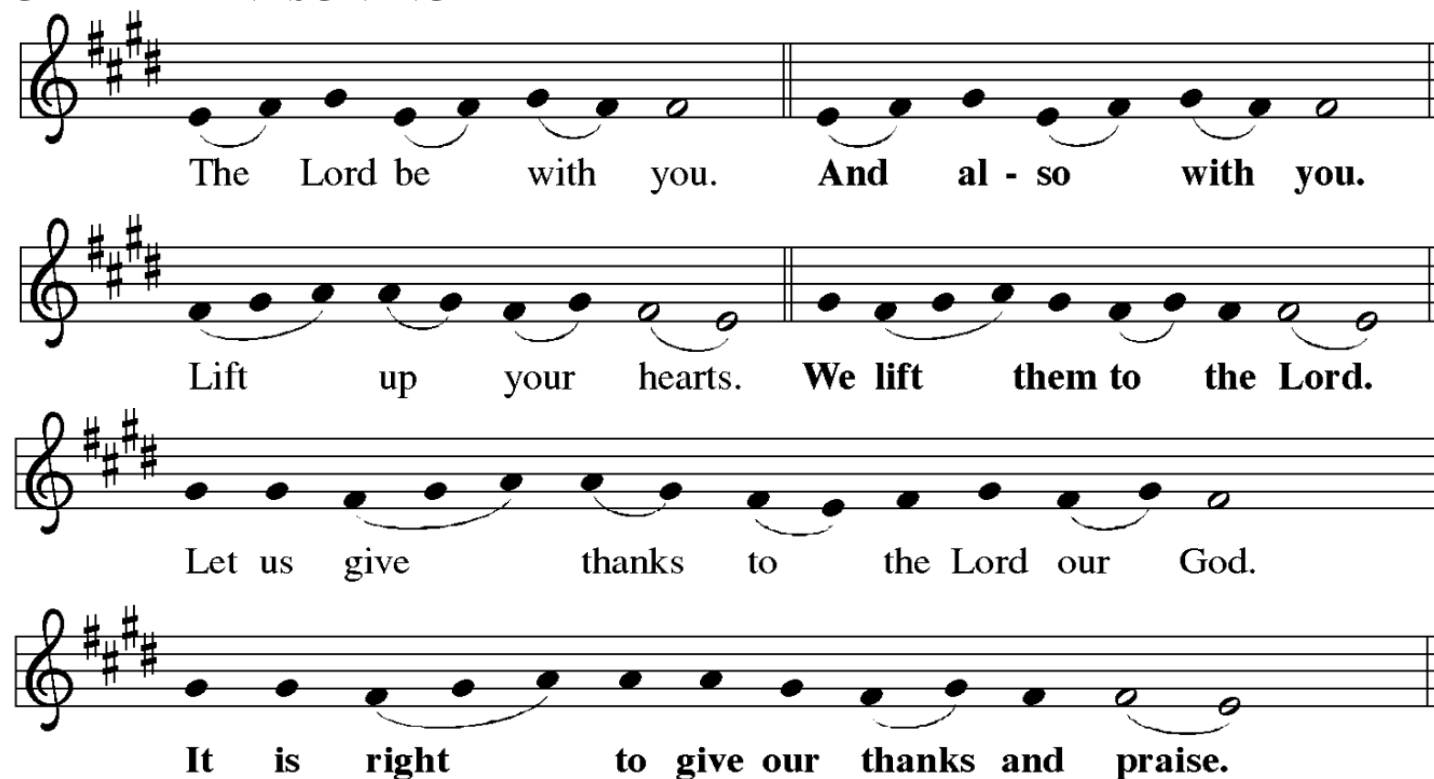
## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

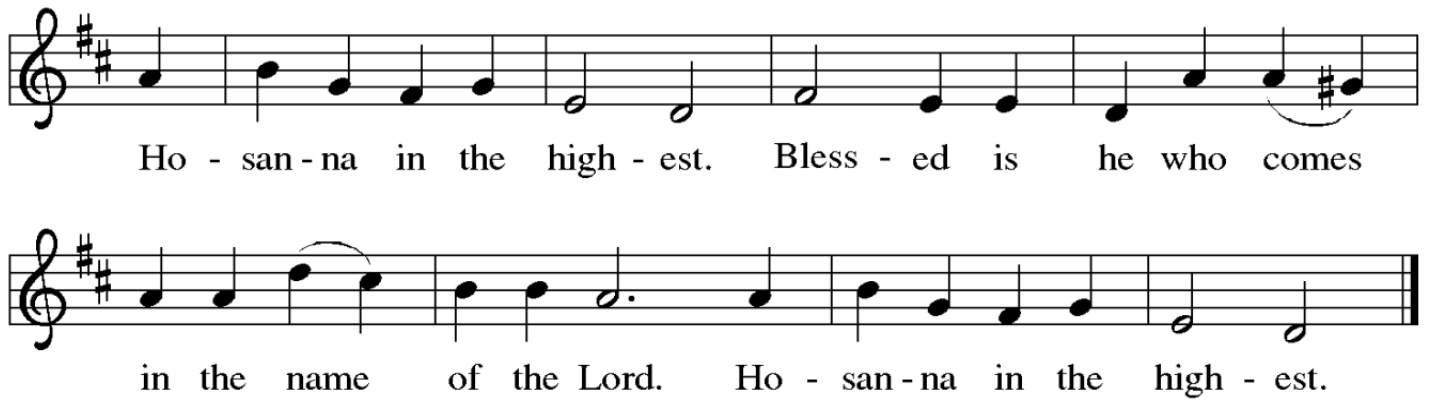
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places.... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.





## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we  
proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these  
gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

### **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

### **Invitation to Communion**

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.



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



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Communion Hymns:** That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright ELW 384  
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! ELW 385

## TABLE BLESSING

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

## PRAAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** The Day of Resurrection (Alternate tune LANCASHIRE)  
see attachment)

# Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

# Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

## Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude:**

**Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound from Samson**

**G.F. Handel  
(1685-1759)**

**Camarada Brass Quintet & Dr. Haake**

## **Music Notes**

Special thanks to the Camarada Brass Quintet for joining us in worship today.

### **CAMARADA BRASS QUINTET**

**Jeff Huston-Trumpet I**

**Chris Hall-Trumpet II**

**Phil Tryon-French Horn**

**Matt Stemple-Trombone**

**Jonathon Stuck-Tuba**

William Billings is the first published American composer of psalms and hymns. Born with vision in only one eye and uneven legs, Billings started music lessons as a young boy with a local choirmaster, and by the late 1760's, he had become America's first professional composer. He organized the first church choir in America and made history with the publication of the book *New England Psalm-Singer*, the first tune book given entirely to the music of one American composer. Billings did much to further music reading and singing in early America, and he fostered the shape-note tradition— four part a cappella singing using different shaped notes to represent different scale degrees.

On this final day of Women's History month, we feature music by the well-known composer, conductor, and clinician, Sondra Tucker. Her sacred compositions for handbells, organ, and choir are in the catalogs of most major church music publishing houses. She was Founder and Artistic Director of the Houston Chamber Ringers, and also founded the Pyramid Ringers of Memphis, Tennessee. She leads denominational seminars as well as numerous Handbell Musicians of America local, area, and national events. Ms. Tucker is a retired church musician living in Houston, Texas, and is Handbell Editor for Alfred Handbell, a division of Jubilate Music Group. She holds a Bachelor's degree in music education from The University of Arkansas and a Master of Sacred Music degree from the University of Memphis.

## **FLOWERS**

**Altar Flowers** are donated today by Sue Ambrosic in honor of the Kitchen Angels.

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## **In our prayers today we will remember**

*Richard Kreemer, Amy White, Lindsay Mays, Errett Butler, Barb and Tom Hamilton, Paula Kritzer, Dave Paul, Eleanore Grunde, Pat Adams, Chris Collard, Chrissy Sturtz, Carol Rohr, Mary Gainer, and Phyllis Keefer.*

**Chancel Choir Practice, every Wednesday 7:00 pm**

**Handbell Choir Practice, Wednesdays at 6:00 pm**

**Needed: Handbell Ringers!**

**Can you count to three or four? Do you like having fun? Can you commit three Wednesdays? Come make a joyful noise and join us April 17 and 24 and May 1 in preparation to ring in worship on May 5!**

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## **Cathedral Concerts Series**

**The Canton Symphony Chorus  
Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm  
Director Doug Berry**



**May 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm  
Camarada Brass Quintet & Silver and Strings Trio**



## Adult Sunday School

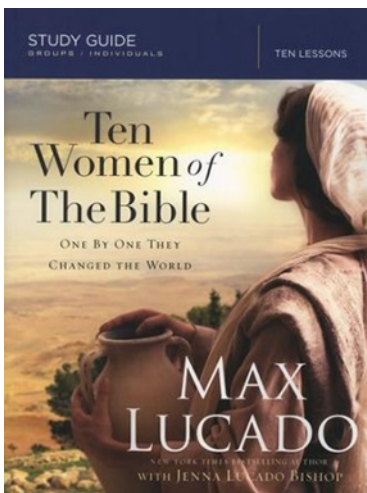
### What Just Happened?

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us....” (Luke 24:32a)

It is hard to imagine the reaction of those who personally encountered the resurrected Christ. Yet as recorded in the scriptures, we catch a glimpse of their confusion, amazement, and subsequent actions. During the month of April and into May, we’ll look closely at those who had the supreme privilege of seeing the Lord Jesus after his resurrection. We will study the words of Jesus to them and their response, all so we might be more faithful. The class meets at 11:30 a.m. after the Sunday worship service, upper floor of Parish Hall. An elevator is available for easy access.

## Capital Campaign Report

<b>Phase One Projects</b>	<b>\$337,000</b>
<b>Funds raised</b>	<b>\$255,189</b>
<b>Interest</b>	<b>\$ 2,308</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 30,000</b>
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<b>Remaining funds to be raised</b>	<b>\$ 49,503</b>



### Thursday Morning Bible Study: 10:00 am

Ten Women of the Bible By: Max Lucado

Their actions stood out to the writers of Scripture, even though society overlooked their contributions. In *Ten Women of the Bible*, a 10-session workbook, Lucado tells the stories of 10 pivotal biblical women, including Sarah, Rahab, Abigail, Esther, Sapphira, Mary Magdalene, and others. Each session features insights and study questions that explore their lives - and help you apply the lessons to yours.



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*We invite you to **study, pray, reflect,** and **give** with us during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving — for our families, our neighbors and communities around the world.*

These 40 days are a season to reflect and remember, to look forward and ahead. These are not easy times for many of us. We know the challenges our world faces. Yet the season of Lent reminds us that God is not yet through with us or our world. Amid our own dependence on God, we know by faith that God is even now at work, drawing us toward the resurrection and restoration of the world.

ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving invites us to be part of that work and to bear witness to it with partners, companions, friends, and neighbors. Will you join us? Pick up your coin banks at the entrance to the sanctuary and return them on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Thank you to those serving today:

<b>Presiding</b>	<b>Rev. Mark Kreemer</b>
<b>Director of Music</b>	<b>Dr. Abigail Haake</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Rev. Lynn Williamson</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Veronica Kreemer</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Lea Lang &amp; Greg Klein</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Gary Collard</b>
<b>Sacristy</b>	<b>Sue Ambrosic</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Gary Collard, Chris Hall Shane Jackson, Craig Maurer</b>
<b>Soundboard</b>	<b>Jim Johnson</b>
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	Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!	<b>ELW 385</b>
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<b>Sending Hymn:</b>	The Day of Resurrection	(Alternate tune LANCASHIRE)
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# Jesus Christ Is Risen Today




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



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



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



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

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4  
 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

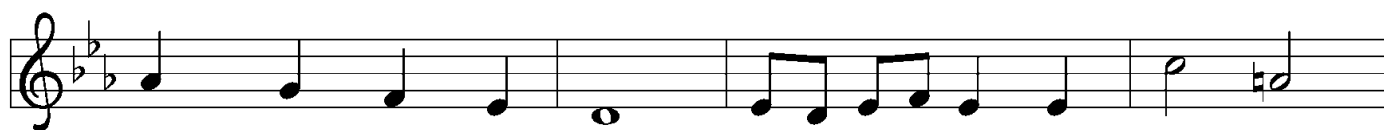
## Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

### *Refrain*



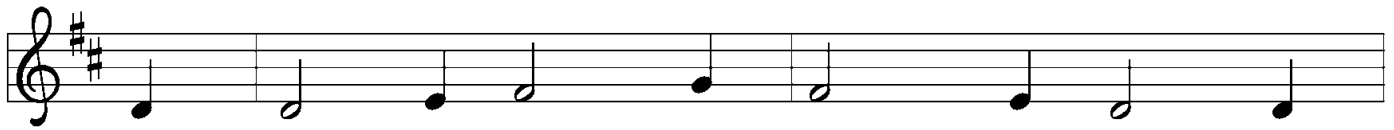
where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939  
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

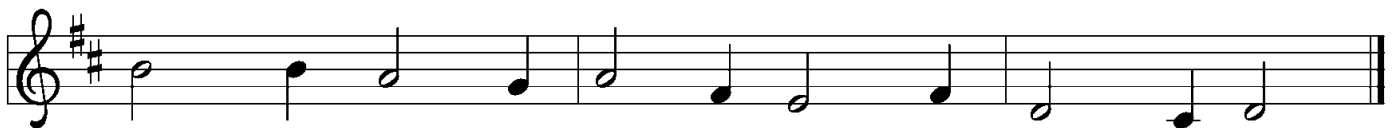
## That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



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



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



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

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

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpus, 1570–1615

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