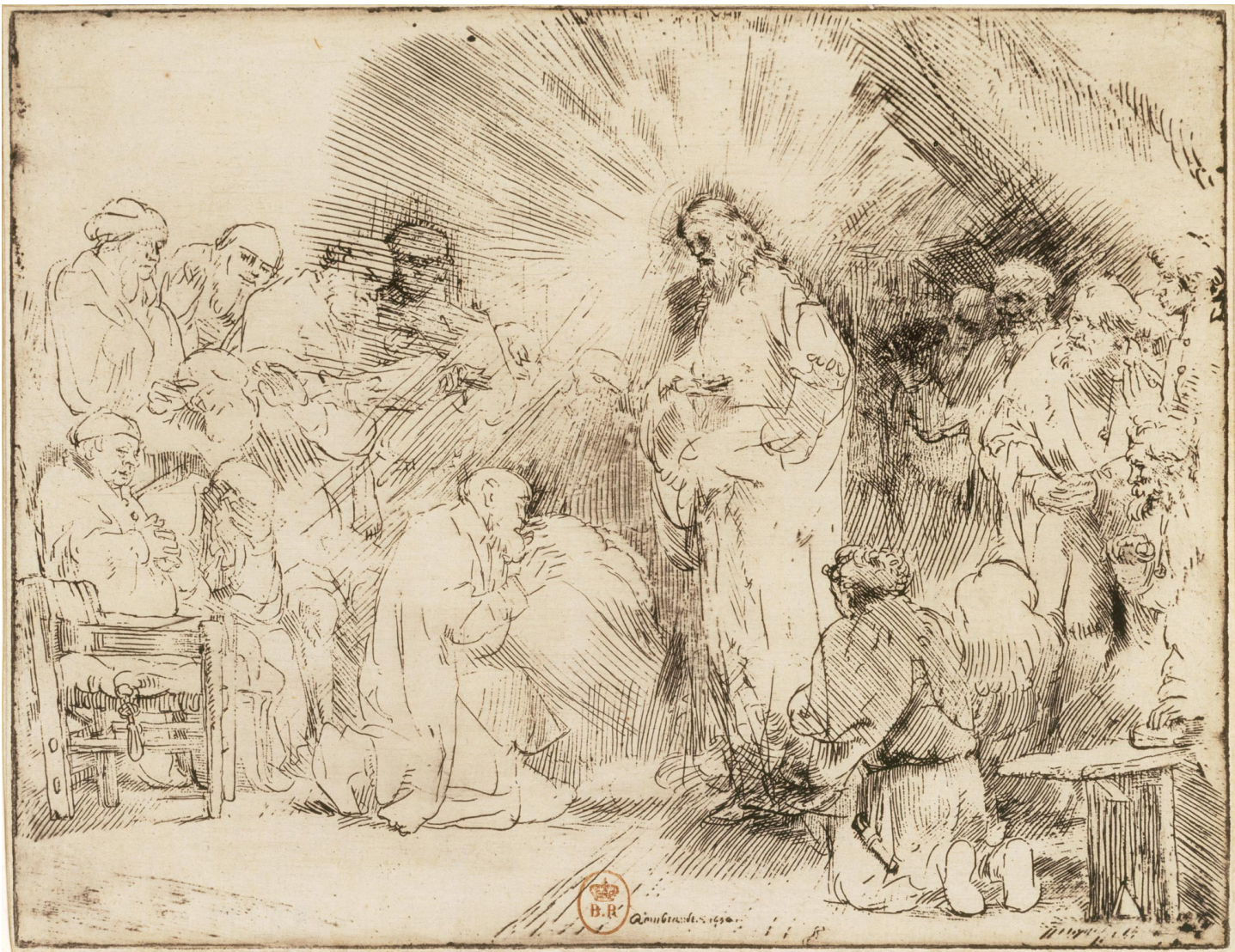


# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



*Jubilate Sunday*

**APRIL 14, 2024**

## WELCOME, GUESTS

Welcome to all who worship with us today. We are thankful for your presence and invite you to share in “the food which endures to eternal life.”

Please sign the visitor’s book at our Welcome Center in the narthex. If you’d like to know more about us or are considering becoming a member, please complete the form found in each pew, return it to an usher or simply put it in the collection plate. There is a cry room down the stairs off the narthex where the service can still be heard. Busy-bags, children’s bulletins and magazines and are also provided in the Narthex.

We’d like for you to learn more about us!

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation: We welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; and we are committed to work for racial equity.



A Green Congregation: for being stewards of the earth.

In Covenant with Lutheran Campus Ministry (LuMin St. Louis), [lcmstl.org](http://lcmstl.org)

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## The Third Sunday of Easter – *Jubilate*

Tradition designates this Third Sunday of Easter as **Jubilate Sunday**, from the Latin entrance chant for this day which begins with the words “*Jubilate Deo, omnis terra!*” “Be joyful in God, all you lands!” These are the first words of both Psalm 66 and Psalm 100.

In keeping with the spirit of this day of jubilation, several of our musical selections are inspired by the text of Psalm 100. Our **choral introit** is a youthful work by Mozart based on this text. Our **offering canticle** is the well-known *Old Hundredth Psalm Tune*, which is closely identified with William Kethe’s psalm paraphrase,

“All the people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice!  
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell;  
Come ye before him and rejoice.”

[Cf. *ELW* # 883]

On this **Jubilate Sunday**, the Church enjoins us to proclaim, with St. Augustine, that “we are an Easter people, and ‘Alleluia’ is our song!”

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In support of our goal of being a caring, inclusive, Christ-centered community, we

- ❖ care for God’s creation
- ❖ promote the non-violence of Christ and care for those who suffer
- ❖ participate in the Spirit toward a global religious community

# + The Third Sunday of Easter +

*Jubilate Sunday*

Setting Three

April 14, 2024

10 AM

*“The responses of the assembly appear in **bold** type.*

*“ELW” refers to Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the cranberry-colored book in the pew racks.*

*Standing and sitting are corporate acts of the assembly.*

*When the assembly stands, those who are able stand on behalf of those who cannot.*

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*The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord’s day. In today’s gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples’ food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.*

*Before we commune today, we will sing “Be known to us, O Jesus, in the breaking of the bread” – praying confidently that Jesus will be known to us as he was once known to his disciples.*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

### CHORAL INTROIT

motet: *Jubilate Deo*

Music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

[sung in Latin]

*Jubilate Deo, omnis terra;  
servite Domino in latitia.*

*Laudate nomen ejus,  
quoniam suavis est Dominus.  
Alleluia.*

Sing joyfully to God, all the earth,  
Serve the LORD with gladness;  
Praise God’s name,  
For the LORD is gracious and merciful.  
Alleluia.

[Psalm 100:1, 4b-5]

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*The assembly stands.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*The presiding minister gives thanks: ... now and forever. **Amen.***

*As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly is sprinkled with water during the gathering hymn.*

### GATHERING HYMN

*With High Delight Let Us Unite*

ELW # 368

MIT FREUDEN ZART

### GREETING

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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.**

*The canticle of praise is found starting in the middle of page 140 near the front of the cranberry book.*

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Worthy Is Christ (This is the Feast)*

ELW pages 140-141

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

1. High voices      2. Low voices

3. High voices      4. Low voices

**ALL sing the refrain.**

High voices = soprano/alto

Low voices = tenor/bass

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song*

## FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-19

*Health and forgiveness through the risen Jesus*

*After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.*

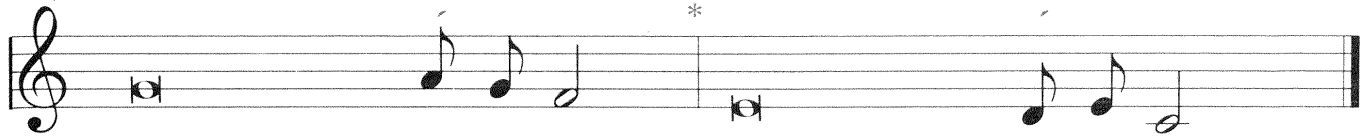
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified Jesus, the servant of God, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though Pilate had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in the name of Jesus, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what had been foretold through all the prophets, that the Messiah of God would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**



*Cantor* Answer me when I call, O God, defender / of my cause;  
you set me free when I am hard pressed;  
have mercy on me and / hear my prayer.

*Assembly* **You mortals, how long will you dishon- / or my glory;  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run af- / ter false gods?"**

*Cantor* Know that the Lord does wonders / for the faithful;  
when I cry out, the / Lord will hear me.

*Assembly* **Tremble, then, and / do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence up- / on your bed.**

*Cantor* Offer the appointed / sacrifices,  
and put your trust / in the Lord.

*Assembly* **Many are saying, "Oh that we might see / better times!"  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon / us, O Lord.**

*Cantor* You have put a gladness / in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine and / oil increase.

*All* **I lie down in peace; at once I / fall asleep;  
for only you, Lord, make me / dwell in safety.**

## SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

*The revealing of the children of God*

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

A reading from the First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know God. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when it is revealed, we will be like God, for we will see God as God is. And all who have this hope in God purify themselves, just as the Son is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness. You know that Christ was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in the Son sins; no one who sins has either seen or known the Son. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as Christ is righteous.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

*Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*

ELW # 370

CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN

Prelude by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

1. All    2. High voices    3. All    4. Low voices    5. All

High voices = soprano/alto    Low voices = tenor/bass

# HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

## *Eating with the risen Christ*

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

*As the gospel is announced, a small cross may be traced with the thumb on the forehead, then on the lips, then on the breast, as a prayer that the gospel may dwell in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.*

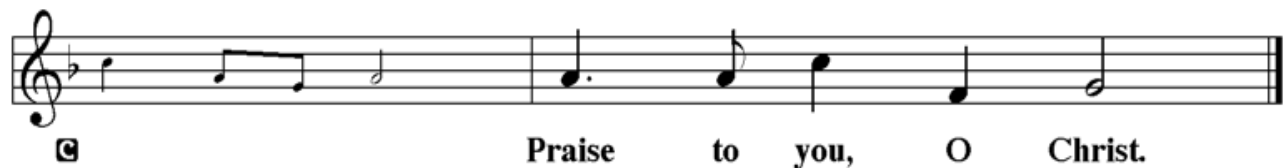
The ☩ holy gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the laws of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

The gospel of the Lord.



## SERMON

Pastor Scott Benolkin

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*The Peace of the Lord*  
*LA PAZ DEL SEÑOR*

ELW # 646

*The choir sings the first stanza in Spanish; then the assembly sings stanzas 1 through 3 in English.*

Choir (in Spanish)

In English: 1. High voices 2. Low voices 3. All

High voices = soprano/alto Low voices = tenor/bass

## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;  
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 INTERCESSION

*The assisting minister invites the assembly into prayer.*

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:*

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

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Yvonne, Angie, Theo, Cindi, Wayne, Will, Mary, Russ, Tom, Lori, Sue, Dyan, David, Richard, Charlene, Richard, Steve, Jack, Rudolph, Brittany, Mary, David, Julie, Nick, Ronald, Meredith, Joe, Michael, Marcie, and Anne-Marie.

We give thanks for the life of Andrew.

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers:*

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.**

## THE PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, "Peace be with you."

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

*After greeting one another, the assembly is seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see the schedule and written announcements on the last inside pages.*

# MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## OFFERING

*An offering is gathered, and the table is set.*

*To make an offering online: [bethelstl.org/offering](http://bethelstl.org/offering)*

## VOLUNTARY

*Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense, BWV 728*

*JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT*

Chorale setting by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Matt Bear, organist

## OFFERING CANTICLE

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

[music: *ELW* # 883]

*OLD HUNDREDTH*

*The assembly stands.*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

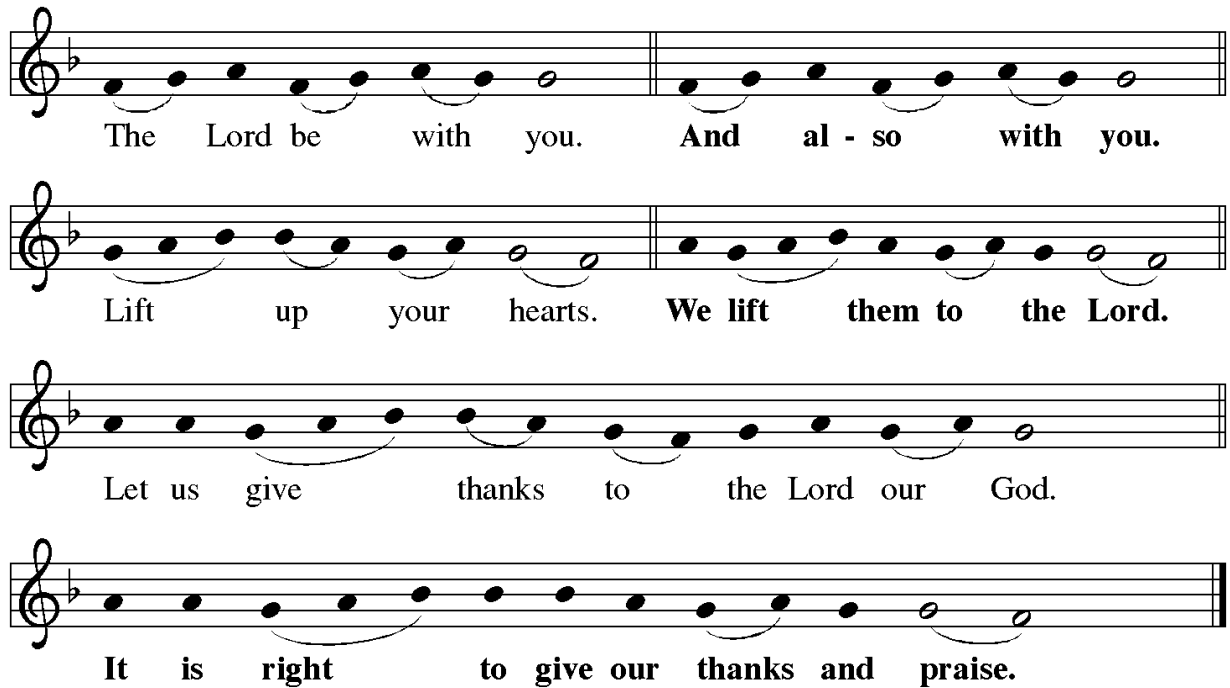
## OFFERING PRAYER

*The assisting minister leads the offering prayer.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Believing in the real presence of Christ in the holy meal, this church practices Eucharistic hospitality.  
All are welcome at God's table.*

*The assembly stands. The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*



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

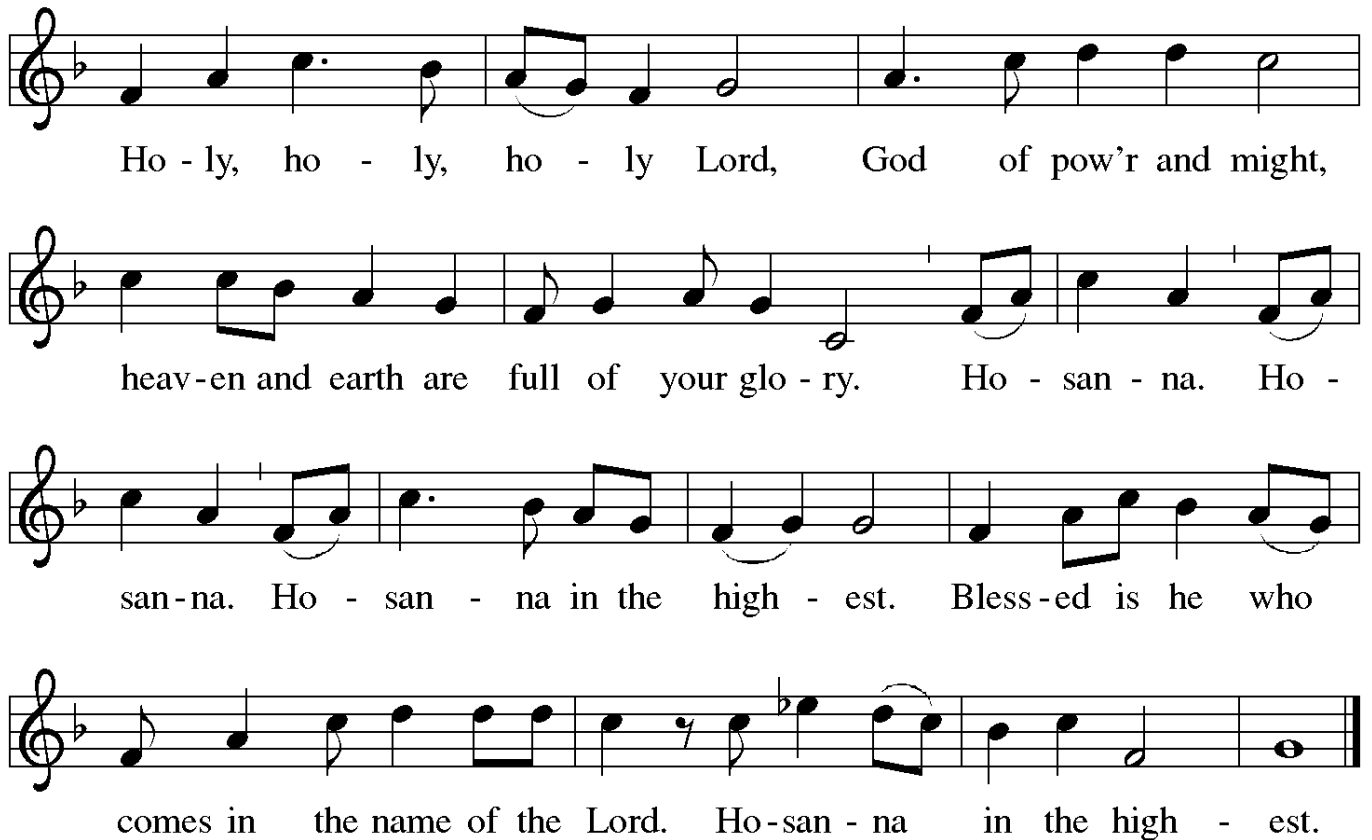
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)



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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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; he 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 ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

*The Great Thanksgiving concludes with the Lord's Prayer.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The presiding minister invites the assembly to Christ's table, where all are welcome.*

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

*The assembly is seated.*

*We invite all persons to share in Holy Communion. Those who do not commune are invited to come forward for a blessing. The silver chalices contain wine. In the individual cups, wine is clear; grape juice is a rose color. For sanitary reasons, we do not practice self-intinction: please do not dip the bread into the chalice. Gluten-free wafers are available. If any need to commune under one element (only the bread or only the wine/juice), know that the fullness of the sacrament is present in the one element.*

## AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (FRACTION ANTHEM)

*The cantor sings the refrain, then all repeat:*



[antiphon and verses by Matthew T. Bear, 1993]

*All* **Be known to us, O Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

*Choir* The bread which we break, alleluia,  
is the communion of the body of Christ. [1 Corinthians 10:16]

*All* **Be known to us, O Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

*Choir* One body are we, alleluia,  
for though many we share one bread. [1 Corinthians 10:17]

*All* **Be known to us, O Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

## COMMUNION MEDITATION

*Adagio in C major, KV 356*  
(originally for glass harmonica)  
Music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense*  
*JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT*

*ELW # 621*

*The assembly stands for the postcommunion canticle.*

## POSTCOMMUNION CANTICLE

*This Joyful Eastertide*  
*VRUECHTEN*

*ELW # 391*

Stanza 1 only.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

## BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

*The Risen Christ*  
WOODLANDS

ELW # 390

## DISMISSAL

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

from the motet, *Exultate Jubilate*, KV 165

finale: *Alleluja*

Music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart [in transcription]

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**This morning's music** includes selections by perhaps the most miraculously gifted of all composers, **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** (1756-1791). The selections include works from Mozart's youth as well as from his later years. Nonetheless, these elegant pieces all exhibit the characteristic lyric grace and expressive charm typical of the Salzburg master, who is arguably the most famous (and, thanks to Hollywood, possibly the most misunderstood) of all composers.

## IN OUR PRAYER CONTINUALLY

We pray for **Yvonne Fisher** (sister of Jane Orling), who is starting chemotherapy next week.

We give thanks for the life of **Andrew**. May God bring peace to Rachel and his family.

We pray for **Angie Brlas** (cousin of Sylvia Titgemeyer), who has started chemo.

We pray for **Theo Heuer** (cousin of Sylvia Titgemeyer) as he recovers from surgery and radiation.

We pray for **Wayne Grupe** (brother of Mike Grupe), who is diagnosed with both Alzheimer's and Lewy Body Dementia.

We pray for God's guidance and peace for the **Grenda family** during a difficult time for their son **Will**. Heidi and Dave Grenda are dear friends and former members of Bethel.

We pray for peace and comfort for **Mary Ditton** (aunt of Cindy Gross), who is dealing with serious health conditions.

We pray for the health and wellbeing for **Russ Ficker**, who is recovering from a recent illness and hospitalization. Russ is a cousin of Dr. Mager.

We pray for continued healing for **Tom Dewey** at the completion of his medical treatments.

We pray for **Lori Cornell**, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

We pray for **Sue Boettcher** as she recovers from a recent hospitalization.

We pray for **Dyan Glaenzer** (daughter-in-law of Richard and Jeanette Glaenzer). She is currently undergoing treatment for cancer.

We pray for **David Harms** (brother of Dan Harms), who is recovering after a stroke.

We pray for **Richard Glaenzer**, who is at home in long-term hospice care. We ask God's comfort and peace for Rich and Jeanette, and their family.

We pray for **Charlene Reimann** in her time of need.

We pray for **Richard Jones**, help in seeking renewed living arrangements and employment.

We pray for **Steve Bristol** (father of Christian, Heather and Zachary), who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. We pray for comfort, strength and support for him and his family.

We pray for **Jack Williamson** (father of Jennifer Williamson), who has dementia. May he and his family find support in learning to find joy in the new.

We pray for God's comfort and peace for **Rudolph Mueller**, who is now under hospice care.

We pray for **Brittany** (niece of Ann and Bob Mottl) for her continued healing as she begins radiation treatments that will be followed by five months of chemotherapy.

We pray for God's comfort and strength to be with **Mary Baker Findley** (sister of Vicki Baker Lottes) with stage 4 cancer and her husband **David Findley** whose Alzheimer's is progressing rapidly.

We pray for **Julie Murthy** (cousin of Emily Pelcak) as she starts her battle with cancer.

We pray for strength and wisdom for **Nick Peppes** (colleague of Gail Heyne Hafer), who is facing personal challenges.

We give thanks for the recovery of **Ronald Thompson** (stepbrother of Kristin Soifer) from the injury he sustained in a fall, and pray for him as he continues to face chronic illness.

We pray for **Meredith Sallee** (sister of Katy Koontz) during her treatment for cancer.

We pray for **Joe Whelan** (stepson to Tim Gutknecht), who is dealing with a genetic condition.

We pray for **Michael Moentmann**, who lives with chronic illness.

We continue our prayers for **Marcie Dowell** as she lives with a heart condition. May God's peace comfort her during this time.

We pray for **Anne-Marie Bogdan** (sister of Nathan Schroeder) as she lives with long-standing health conditions. May God's comfort and strength be with her and her family.



# Announcements

## **Concert invitation – Masterworks Concerts in the coming weeks:**

The Masterworks Children’s Chorus will present *Voices of Spring: A Viennese Kaffeeklatsch*. **Sunday, April 21, 3:00 PM** at **Saint Paul United Church of Christ**, 115 West “B” Street, in Belleville, Illinois. Music of Viennese classics for voices and piano, by Schubert, Mozart, Beethoven, and Johann Strauss; plus selections from *The Sound of Music*. The children will perform in traditional Alpine costume. Beverages and desserts will be served.

The **Masterworks Chorale** of Metro-East will present *Handel’s Messiah, parts II-III* on **Sunday, May 5, 2:00 PM** (early time) at **Saint Peter’s Cathedral**, 200 W. Harrison, Belleville, Illinois. Music from the Easter portion of Handel’s celebrated oratorio, performed by the Masterworks Chorale, Orchestra and guest soloists, under the direction of Dr. Stephen Mager. Some Bethel members will participate.

For both of these events, see Dr. Mager about tickets and directions. Or visit [singmasterworks.org](http://singmasterworks.org).

## **Good Ground Pantry Next Sunday**

For the past 8+ years, Bethel Congregation has partnered with Second Presbyterian Church in the Central West End in support of the Good Ground Pantry, which has provided nourishing food and personal care products for numerous families in our community on a weekly basis. Over 25 Bethel members have assisted with the distribution of food on Saturday morning over the years. And virtually all Bethel members have brought food items to help fill the shelves at the GGP. Michael Willock from Second Presbyterian Church has coordinated this effort. Mike will be visiting Bethel on Sunday, April 21st, during the worship service to express their appreciation for all of our efforts and to strengthen this partnership. Thank you for your support. Please plan to welcome Mike.

## **ADOPT-A-PLANT**

Bethel’s Green Team is leading us in creating a garden hospitable to God’s creation: native, beautiful, and pollinator-friendly. Please join us by adopting plants for us to sow in the right-of-way space in front of the parking lot by Bethel and the LuMin house! You can contact Deborah Bohlmann or Cindy Gross to pledge or fill out a pledge form at church. If you are ready to give now, you can drop off cash or check with the Green Team after church or go to the Bethel giving site and select Green Team in the drop-down menu of accounts. Our overall fundraising goal is \$1076.00. Also, you are invited to help us plant our 240 quart-size natives on Sunday, April 28th, after church. Bring your gloves and your trowel and let’s dig in the dirt together!

## **Sunday's Cool and Youth**

Sunday’s Cool, Confirmation and Bethel Youth sessions begin at 8:45 am in the Youth Lounge. Bethel Youth: Sherman has some great LEGO-type kits for us to assemble as we talk.

### **Special Youth/Parent Opportunity**

On Sunday, April 14 during the education hour, Pastor Tina (she/her/ella) from LuMin St. Louis will discuss with the confirmation and high school students (and parents) "LGBTQIA: What does this mean?" We'll spend time defining each of those letters and how we, as God's people, welcome and support folks whoever they are and wherever they are on their journeys. This is meant as a beginning part of larger discussions that we will encounter in our daily lives. Meet in the Youth Lounge at 8:45am.

Service Hours? If someone in your household needs community service hours, ask Deb about the planting days coming up: at the Danny Coverson Community Garden in The Ville on April 13, or at Bethel on April 28.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

May 9, 2024 is Ascension Day in our church year. This year, it is also Give STL Day, powered by the St. Louis Community Foundation. LuMin St. Louis is one of the non-profit ministries that will benefit from your online donation to further our work in welcoming, empowering, supporting, and sending our young adults into the world with a deeper understanding of their faith journey.

Early giving begins April 24. And we'll update you when your dollar can go a little further with power hours. We are also challenging our alumni groups (by decade) to see which group donates the most to campus ministry. Please take some time to rise up to our challenge of \$5000.

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## SCHEDULE

[bethelstl.org/events](http://bethelstl.org/events)

SUN	4/14	<b>The Third Sunday of Easter</b>	
	8:45 AM	Faith Formation hour	
	10 AM	Holy Communion	
SAT	4/20		
	10 AM	Books and Bagels: <i>Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians</i>	
		Book group; meet in the conference room downstairs	
		Every Saturday from 10 AM to 11:30 AM through May 18	
SUN	4/21	<b>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	<i>Good Shepherd Sunday</i>
	8:45 AM	Faith Formation hour	
	10 AM	Holy Communion	
SUN	4/28	<b>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	<i>Cantate Sunday</i>
	8:45 AM	Faith Formation hour	
	10 AM	Holy Communion	
SUN	5/5	<b>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	<i>Rogate Sunday</i>
	10 AM	Holy Communion at Bethel	
	12 noon	Holy Communion at the Windegger Shelter in Tilles Park, 9551 Litzinger Rd, Ladue, MO 63124	

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Steward	Gwennie Slagle
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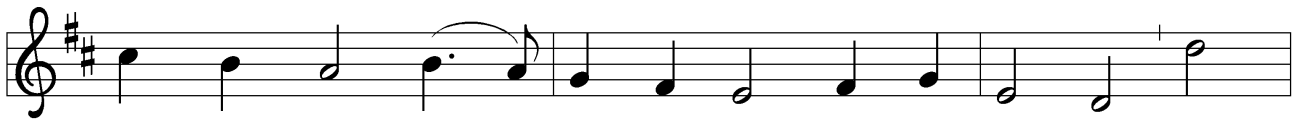
## With High Delight Let Us Unite



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in  
2 True God, he first from death has burst forth  
3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



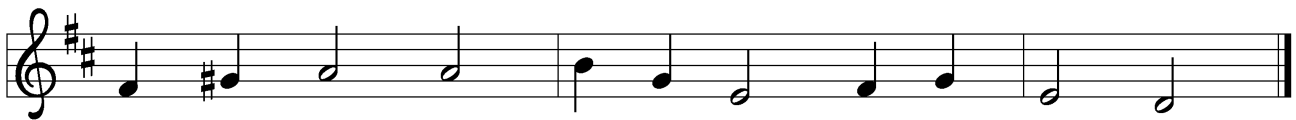
songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all  
in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now  
Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To  
van - quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And  
word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to  
yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says  
shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.  
he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.  
death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune  
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# Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of - fens - es giv - en;  
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus, God's own Son, here in our stead de - scend - ed;  
 3 Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free - ly gave us,  
 4 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the Lord in - vites us;  
 5 Then let us feast this Eas - ter day on Christ the bread of heav - en;



but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from heav - en.  
 the knot of sin has been un - done, the claim of death is end - ed.  
 who died on the ac - curs - ed tree— so strong God's love!—to save us.  
 Christ is the ver - y joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.  
 the Word of grace has purged a - way the old and e - vil leav - en.



There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right thank - ful - ly  
 Christ has crushed the pow'r of hell; now there is naught but death's gray shell—  
 See, his blood now marks our door; faith points to it; death pas - ses o'er,  
 Now his grace to us im - parts e - ter - nal sun - shine to our hearts;  
 Christ a - lone, our ho - ly meal, the hun - gry soul will feed and heal;



loud songs of	hal - le - lu - jah!	Hal - le - lu - jah!
its sting is	lost for - ev - er.	Hal - le - lu - jah!
and Sa - tan	can - not harm us.	Hal - le - lu - jah!
the night of	sin is end - ed.	Hal - le - lu - jah!
faith lives	up - on no oth - er!	Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite

Music: CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524

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# The Peace of the Lord

## *La paz del Señor*



1 *La paz del Se - ñor, la paz del Se - ñor, la*  
 1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the  
 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the  
 3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the



*paz del Re - su - ci - ta - do: la paz del Se -*  
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the  
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the  
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the



*ñor a ti y a mí, a to - dos al - can - za -*  
 Lord is for you and for me, and al - so for all of God's  
 Lord is a - mong us right now, so o - pen your - selves to re -  
 Lord kept with - in can - not live, so o - pen your - selves now to



*rá; la paz del Se - ñor a ti y a*  
 chil - dren. The peace of the Lord is for you and for  
 ceive it. The peace of the Lord is a - mong us right  
 share it. The peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not



*mí, a to - dos al - can - za - rá.*  
 me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.  
 now, so o - pen your - selves to re - ceive it.  
 live, so o - pen your - selves now to share it.

2 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor,  
 la paz del Resucitado:  
 se hace presente ahora y aquí  
 apréstate a recibirla;  
 se hace presente ahora y aquí  
 apréstate a recibirla.*

3 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor,  
 la paz del Resucitado:  
 no puede vivir encerrada en sí,  
 apréstate a compartirla;  
 no puede vivir encerrada en sí,  
 apréstate a compartirla.*

## Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense



1 Je - sus lives, my sure de - fense and my ev - er - last - ing Sav - ior!  
2 Je - sus, my re - deem - er, lives; I too un - to life shall wak - en.  
3 No, too close - ly am I bound un - to him by hope for - ev - er;  
4 I am flesh and must re - turn un - to dust, whence I am tak - en.



Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence rests in hope and will not wa - ver,  
Bright the hope this prom - ise gives; shall my cour - age, then, be shak - en?  
faith's strong hand the rock has found, grasped it, and will leave it nev - er;  
But these eyes my Lord will know when from death I shall a - wak - en,



though the night of death be fraught still with man - y an anx - ious thought.  
Shall I fear then? Can the head rise and leave his mem - bers dead?  
e - ven death now can - not part from its Lord the trust - ing heart.  
with my Sav - ior to a - bide in his glo - ry, at his side.

5 Then take comfort and rejoice,  
for his people Christ will cherish.  
Fear not, you will hear his voice;  
dying, you will never perish;  
for the very grave is stirred  
when the trumpet's blast is heard.

6 Here on earth, then, let your hearts  
rise from longings vain and hollow.  
Seek what Christ your Lord imparts  
while you in his footsteps follow.  
As you now still wait to rise,  
set your hearts beyond the skies!

Text: Otto von Schwerin, 1616–1679; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: Jesus, MEINE ZUVERSICHT, attr. Johann Cru. ger, 1598–1662

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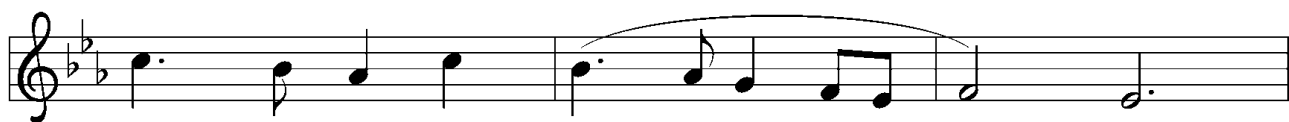
# This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son  
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall  
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - this row.  
wake the dead in num - - ber.  
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

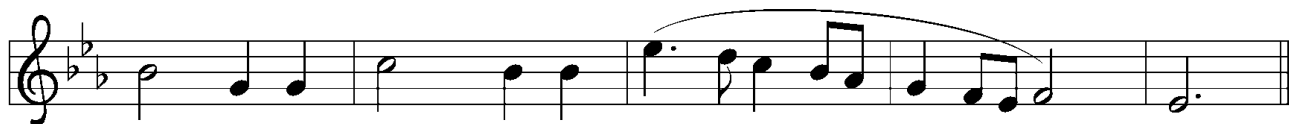
## *Refrain*



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 -

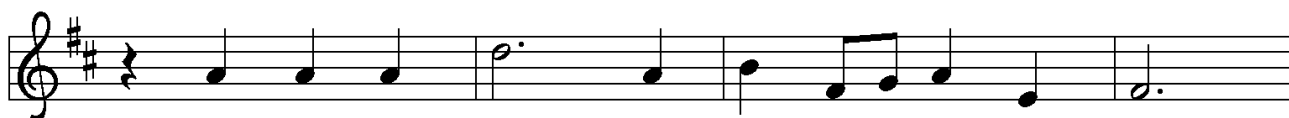


ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934

Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

# The Risen Christ



- 1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet
- 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,
- 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand
- 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark-ened cit - y street,  
breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide  
the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,  
with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,  
whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;  
re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,  
till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.  
new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.  
en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.  
re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

Text: Nigel Weaver, b. 1952

Music: WOODLANDS, Walter Greatorex, 1877-1949

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