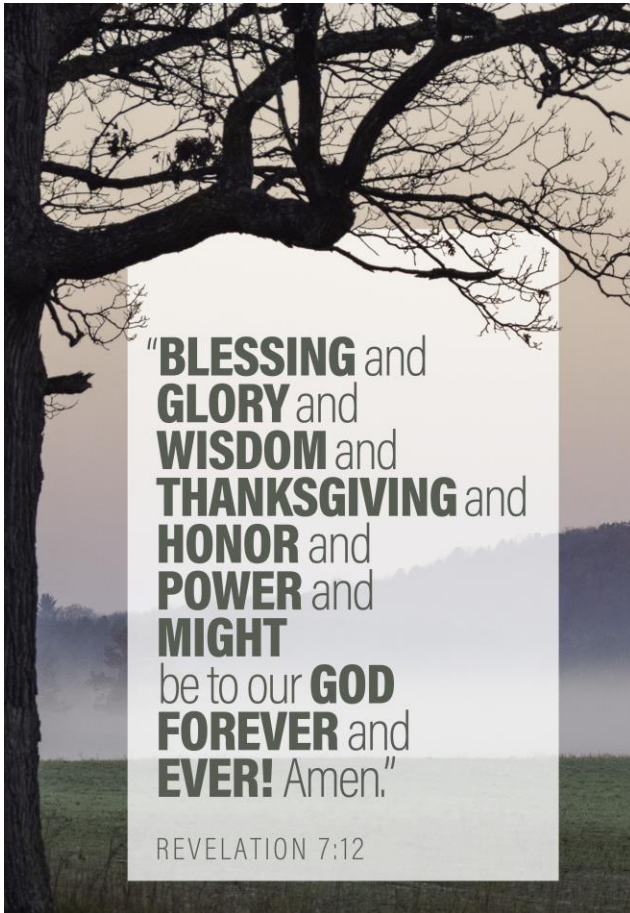


**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 8, 2022**  
**10:30 a.m.**



**"BLESSING and  
GLORY and  
WISDOM and  
THANKSGIVING and  
HONOR and  
POWER and  
MIGHT  
be to our GOD  
FOREVER and  
EVER! Amen."**

REVELATION 7:12



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**"Christ- Students- Community Coming Together"**

*With the fourth Sunday of Easter the gospel readings turn away from resurrection appearances of Jesus and begin to focus on echoes of Jesus' earlier words that had pointed toward his death and resurrection during his ministry. He meant to go this path all along. As we listen to Jesus' words from the tenth chapter of John's gospel, we learn that Jesus is both shepherd as well as the victorious Lamb. Peter is a shepherd like Jesus as he leads one of Jesus' sheep from death to life.*

## PRELUDE

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

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

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 23:1, 6b; Revelation 7:17*

**P** The LORD is my shepherd;  
**C** I shall not want.  
**P** For the Lamb in the midst of the throne  
**C** will be their shepherd,  
**P** and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.  
**C** And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.  
**P** I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.  
**P** LORD, our God  
**C** We confess that we have strayed from hearing the voice of Your Son, our Shepherd, who went through death to eternal life for us. We have failed to trust in You fully. We have sinned in our thoughts,

words, and deeds. Forgive us and renew in us faith and trust. Grant us to hear anew our Shepherd’s voice and to follow wherever He leads, until we see Him with You in Your eternal house.

**P** Fellow sheep within Christ’s fold, our Lord Jesus was God’s sacrificial Lamb and has gone through death, paying for the sins of all people, and He now reigns in eternity. Therefore, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C**Amen.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*As you Introduce yourself and greet those around you, please be mindful of others who do not wish to shake hands. Other options while saying the following greeting are placing your hand on your heart, a head nod or bowing. Peace be with you / And also with you.*

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**OPENING HYMN**

**“This Joyful Eastertide”**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the melody and harmony with lyrics. The music features a mix of single notes, dyads, and triads, with some measures containing rests for certain parts. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding musical staves.

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

sor - - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
riv - - - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill  
slum - - - ber Till trump from east to west

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page

Has sprung to life this mor - - - row:  
My pass - ing soul de - liv - - - er:  
Shall wake the dead in num - - - ber:

*Refrain*

Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,

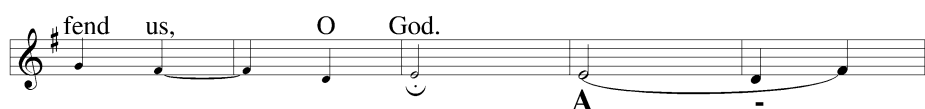
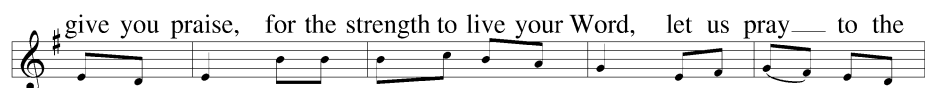
Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

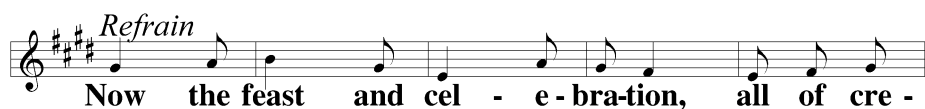
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C** **And also with you.**

**P**

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the  
Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Continue the following without interruption. All sing the Refrain.





1. *Choir or soloist:* Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. *(brief interlude, then all sing the Refrain above)*
2. *Choir or soloist:* Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. *(brief interlude, then all sing the Refrain above)*
3. *Choir or soloist:* For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new. *(brief interlude, then all sing the Refrain above)*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**[P]** The Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep,

**[C]** **grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads;**

**[P]** through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**[C]** **Amen.**

*Sit*

*Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.*

## THE LESSONS

**FIRST LESSON:** Acts 9:36-43

*When Dorcas, faithful minister to the widows of Joppa, fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.*

**[R]** Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing

that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND LESSON:** Revelation 7:9-17

*Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering, in whose blood the saints have washed their robes and made them white.*

**R** After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever!  
Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

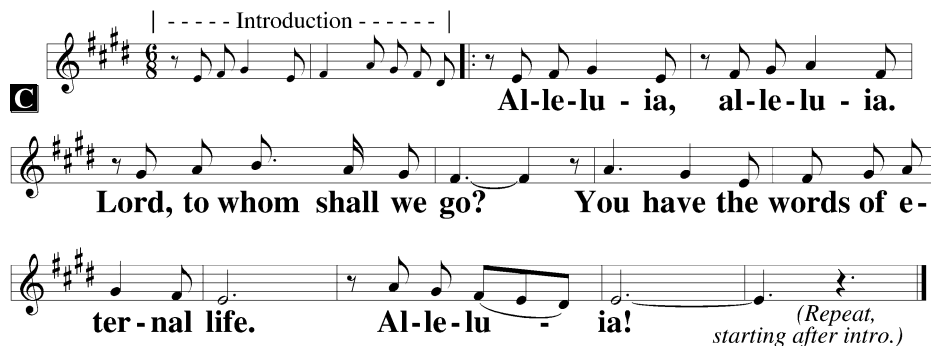
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## ALLELUIA

| - - - - Introduction - - - - |



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

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-

ter - nal life. Al-le-lu - ia! (Repeat, starting after intro.)

## GOSPEL

[P] The Holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 10th, beginning at verse 22. [C]

### Glory to You, O Lord.

*Three times Jesus says that his sheep are secure; no one will snatch them from Jesus' or the Father's hands. The sheep have eternal life and so shall never perish.*

[P] At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise to You, O Christ.

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,



And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence He will come again 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.

*Sit*

# MESSAGE "Who are these people?"

*Stand*

## HYMN "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my

I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

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5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!

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*Psalm 23; John 10:11; Luke 15:4–7; Rev. 7:17*

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *Psalm 23*

**[P]** Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various conditions.

We pray for those who do not listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd, asking the Holy Spirit to give them opportunity to come to faith and join us in saying:

**[C] The LORD is my shepherd.**

**[P]** We pray for all who lack the food, clothing, and shelter that they need for a fully human life, asking our Father in heaven to meet their needs using His caring people, including ourselves, for we are confident:

**[C] I shall not want.**

**[P]** We pray for those falsely imprisoned or denied true justice, asking our Lord to free them and open doors of opportunity for them, as He so graciously has done for us:

**[C] He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

**[P]** We pray for all who are depressed in spirit or unsure of God’s will for them, asking the Holy Spirit to lift them up and guide them, that with us they may rejoice to say:

**[C] He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.**

**[P]** We pray for those who are facing sudden crises or long-term ills, and all who are grieving the loss of loved ones, [*including . . .*], asking our risen Lord to lift their eyes to His eternal home so that they may each declare:

**[C] Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

**P** We pray for first responders and police at home and for armed forces deployed, asking our Father in heaven to guide and protect them, and for all who grow crops and tend herds that He would bless them with bountiful harvests so that they may thank Him, praying:

**C** **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

**P** Finally, we pray for ourselves and all who gather around Word and Sacrament, that the Holy Spirit would keep us firm in the faith so that we may joyfully profess:

**C** **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SERVICE OF THE TABLE

**THE OFFERING:** *We invite you to use the enclosed envelope for your offering.*

*\*You may give an offering on your smartphone by texting the amount to 517-879-0989 and following the prompts. Please complete the information sheet and hand it to the usher during the offering.*

### OFFERTORY SONG *Stand*

**C**


*introduction* *rit.* *Refrain*

**As the grains of wheat once**  
**scat-tered on the hill were gath-ered in - to one to be -**  
**come our bread; so may all your people from**  
**all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in**


*Verses*

**you.** *(1st & 2nd times: go to verses; 3rd time: end)*

**1. As this cup of blessing is of**  
**2. Let this be a fore-taste of**



shared with - in our midst, ————— may we share the  
all that is to come when all cre - a - tion

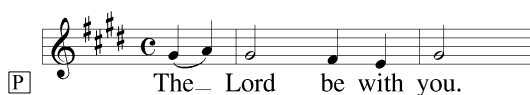


pres - ence of your love. (Sing Refrain & 2nd Vs.)  
shares this feast with you. (Sing Refrain once more)

**[P]** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**[C]** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us -  
ourselves, 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.

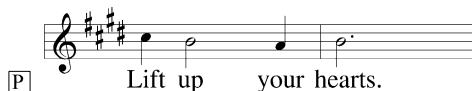
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



**[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 God thanks and praise.

**[P]** It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

|--Introduction - |

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of  
 pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are  
 filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
 Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** 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.

**P** 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.*

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

AGNUS DEI

----- Introduction -----

1) Lamb of God, you take a -  
2) Lamb of God, you are the

way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us,  
way of mer-cy and love: have mer - cy on us,

(hold) mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us. (Sing vs. 2 above)  
(hold) mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us. (Sing vs. 3-->) 3) Lamb of

God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

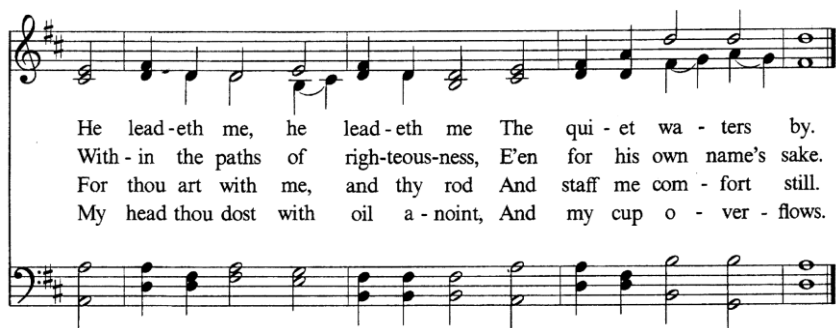
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**THE DISTRIBUTION** You are invited to approach the altar when you are ready, as places open. *The communion elements are individually packaged for each person. The bread is in one end of the chalice, the wine is in the other. Gluten free bread and grape juice are also available.*

HYMN "The Lord's My Shepherd"

1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, And me to walk doth make  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;  
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres-ence of my foes;

In pas - tures green; he lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
With - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, E'en for his own name's sake;  
For thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me com - fort still;  
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.



He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me The qui-et wa-ters by.  
 With-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, E'en for his own name's sake.  
 For thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me com-fort still.  
 My head thou dost with oil a-noint, And my cup o-ver-flows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
 Shall surely follow me,  
 And in God's house forevermore  
 My dwelling-place shall be.

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

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER



[C] 1) Praise to you, O God of mer-cy: Thanks be to  
 2) From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to  
 you for-ev-er! Rais-ing high the weak and  
 you for-ev-er! Truth and jus-tice you have  
 low-ly: Thanks be to you for-ev-er! (sing vs. 2)  
 taught us: Thanks be to you for-ev-er! (cont.-->)  
 Strong is your faith-ful-ness, strong is your love, re-  
 mem-b'ring your cov-e-nant of life with us.  
 Praise to you O God of mer-cy: Thanks be to you for-  
 ev-er! Rais-ing high the weak and low-ly: Thanks be to



[P] Let us pray. We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith towards you and in fervent love towards one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

- [P] The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C Amen.**
- [P] Go in peace; serve the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## CLOSING HYMN "Christ is Risen, Alleluia"

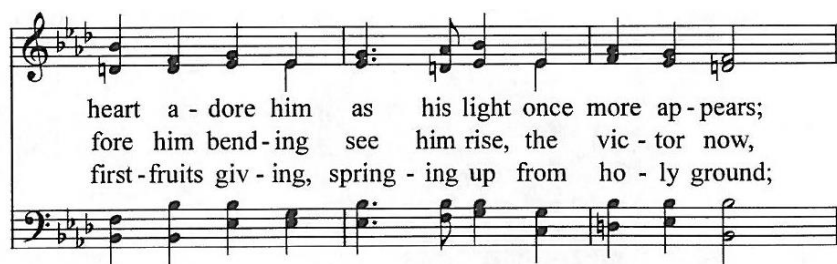
*harmonized for part-singing*

1) Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic -  
2) Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en  
3) Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning

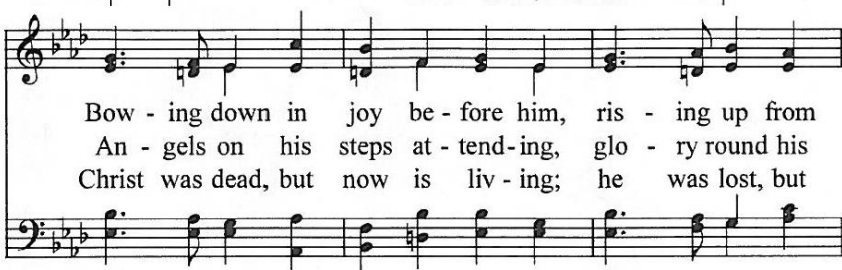
to - rious head! Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!  
fast is o'er; Through the o - pen gates of glad - ness  
round him lay Now has found a glo - rious mor - row

Christ is ris - en from the dead! Grate - ful - ly our  
he re - turns to life once more; Death and hell be -  
in the ris - ing of to - day. See the grave its



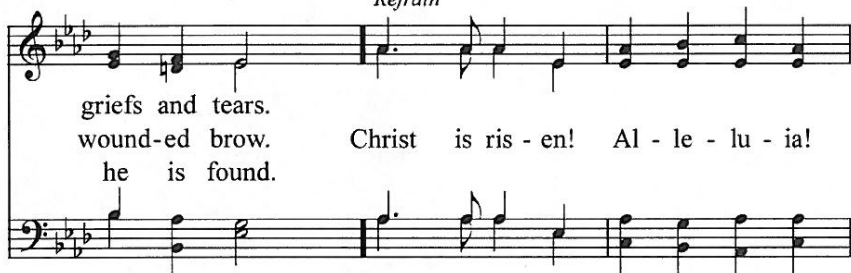


heart a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
fore him bend - ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
first-fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;

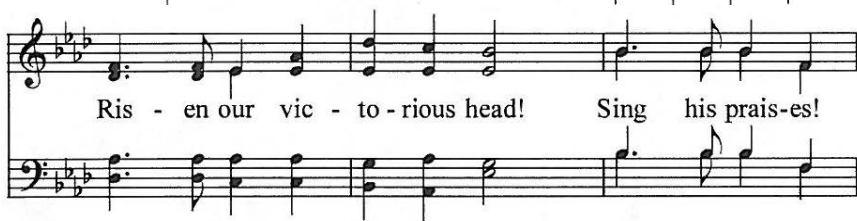


Bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from  
An - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his  
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but

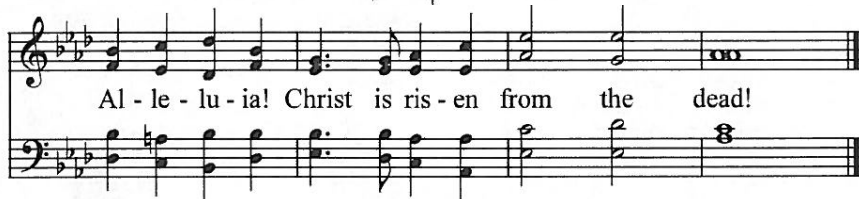
*Refrain*



griefs and tears.  
wound - ed brow. Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia!  
he is found.



Ris - en our vic - to - rious head! Sing his prais - es!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

4) Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev-er death or hell shall us en-thrall.  
We are Christ's, in him for-ev-er we have tri-umphed o-ver all.  
All the doubt-ing and de-jec-tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;  
Hail the day of res-ur-rec-tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.  
(sing Refrain above)

Meter: 87.87 D, with refrain  
John S. B. Monsell, 1863, alt.

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Tune: Morgenlied  
Frederick C. Maker, 1876

## POSTLUDE

----- *The liturgy is ended; let the service begin* -----

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Our Confession about Communion

Our Confession

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

- a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;
- b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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