

# Holy Eucharist

## St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

**Ministers of St. Michael's: All Members of the Congregation**

**Church Musician:** Nadia Kelham

Welcome to historic St. Michael and All Angels, a Welcoming and Affirming Total Ministry congregation!

### **A Prayer of Welcome:**

Holy Spirit living within us, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome today all those who worship at St. Michael's. Give us discerning hearts so that everyone who crosses our threshold feels welcomed in the spirit of your love. Help us to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. And most of all, O God, let this be a place of love and acceptance of all your children, in the name of your Child, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Mission Statement:** Empowered by the Holy Spirit through our baptism and transformed by Word and Sacrament, we follow Christ to serve the world as ministers of God's redeeming love.

**Easter Day**

April 5, 2026

*Please be seated as we share announcements, concerns, birthdays and anniversaries (inside cover of BCP) and other prayers of thanksgiving.*

**Prelude – Centering Time** *(A time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship)*

*Please stand for the opening hymn.*

**Hymn ~ Christ the Lord is risen today**

*(See next page)*

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re-ply, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where's thy vic - tory, boast-ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

United Methodist Hymnal 302  
 WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739  
 MUSIC (EASTER HYMN 77.77 D): *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

## Liturgy of the Word

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.  
*Celebrant and People*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Gloria

1x unison, then 2x as a round, right (North) side first, then left (South).

1. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
 2. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994, © 1979, 1988, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Reader*        Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
*People*        Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24**

*Read responsively by whole verse*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 *Let Israel now proclaim,  
“His mercy endures for ever.”*
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 *There is a sound of exultation and victory  
in the tents of the righteous:*
- 16 “The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”
- 17 *I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.*
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely,  
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 *Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.*
- 20 “This is the gate of the LORD;  
he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 *I will give thanks to you, for you answered me  
and have become my salvation.*

22 The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 *This is the LORD's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.*

24 On this day the LORD has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

## Second Reading

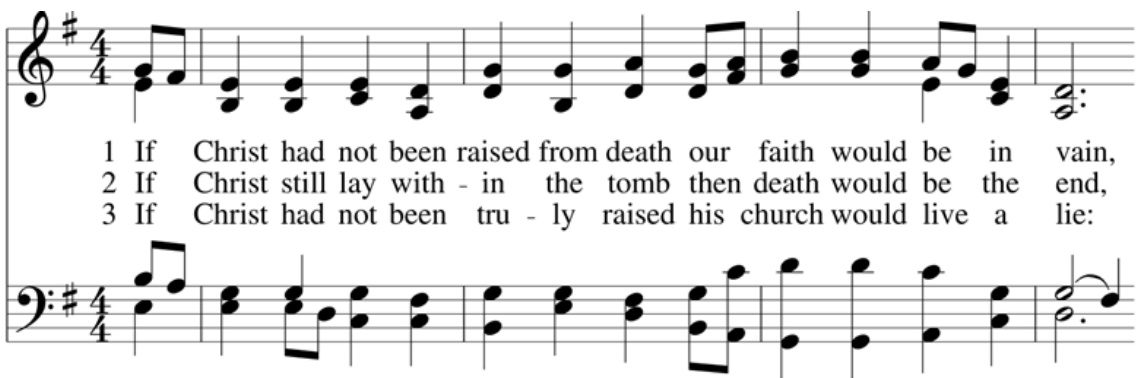
Colossians 3:1-4

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

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Hymn ~ If Christ had not been raised from death



1 If Christ had not been raised from death our faith would be in vain,  
2 If Christ still lay with - in the tomb then death would be the end,  
3 If Christ had not been tru - ly raised his church would live a lie:



our preach-ing but a waste of breath, our sin and guilt re - main.  
and we should face our fi - nal doom with nei-ther guide nor friend.  
his name should nev - er - more be praised, his words de - serve to die.



But now the Lord is risen in - deed; he rules in earth and heaven:  
But now the Sav - ior is raised up, so when a Chris-tian dies  
But now our great Re - deem-er lives; through him we are re - stored:



his Gos - pel meets a world of need—in Christ we are for - given.  
we mourn, yet look to God in hope—in Christ the saints a - rise!  
his word en - dures, his church re - vives in Christ, our ris - en Lord.



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MUSIC: English melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
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## Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                 according to John.

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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. 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 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. 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 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.'" 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.

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*      Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **Sermon**

Sandy Benes

## **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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man.  
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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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 People**

*Deacon* Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying,  
God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

*Reader* For the Church throughout the world,  
that as we celebrate the feast of Jesus' resurrection, we may renew  
our faith and strengthen our witness in Jesus' name.  
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For pastors, teachers, and ministers,  
that they be wise in leadership, humble in service, and fearless  
in the face of evil; *(Please pray for the Church)*  
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For the governments of the world and its leaders,  
that they may practice compassion  
and reject the politics that use death and suffering as  
means of control; *(Please pray for all leaders and those in the military)*  
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For our planet Earth,  
that people may be good stewards of its resources and share in its  
abundance; *(Please pray)*  
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For the poor and the stranger,  
that they may receive a place of refuge, hope, and hospitality;  
*(Please pray for our partners in ministry)*  
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For the sick and those in distress,  
that they may find healing for their pain and be restored to fullness of  
life; *(Please pray for those in need)*  
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For our neighbors,  
that together we may dwell in harmony; *(Please pray)*  
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For our enemies,  
that we may love them and be agents of reconciliation  
in the name of Jesus; *(Please pray)*  
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have died and those who mourn their loss;  
*(Please pray)*  
For all our joys and blessings;  
*(Please pray)*  
For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries;  
*(Please pray)*  
And for those who teach and the opportunity to learn;  
*(Please offer prayers for our teachers and students)*  
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God,  
receive these prayers we offer,  
and by the power of your Holy Spirit  
use us for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.  
In his name we pray. **Amen.**

## Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

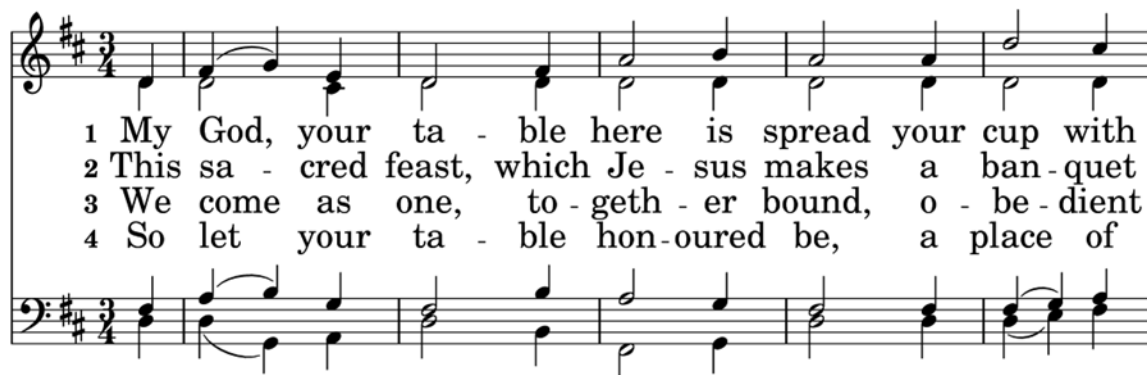
*Please be seated after the exchange of the Peace. We remain seated as we sing the offertory hymn.*

## Offertory

*Celebrant*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Hymn** ~ My God, your table here is spread



1 My God, your ta - ble here is spread your cup with  
2 This sa - cred feast, which Je - sus makes a ban - quet  
3 We come as one, to - geth - er bound, o - be - dient  
4 So let your ta - ble hon - oured be, a place of

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with four numbered lines of text. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady rhythm.

love still o --ver - flows; may we your loved ones  
of his flesh and blood; how glad each one who  
to your lo - ving call; We know our lives in  
love for joy - ful guests; and may all souls sal -

now be fed as Christ his peace and mer - cy shows.  
here par-takes that sa - cred drink, that heav'n-ly food!  
you are found, We name you as our all in all.  
va - tion see, who here its ho - ly bles - sings taste.

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TEXT: Verses 1, 2 & 4: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751); alt. Verse 3: ©2024 Peter C. Blum, used by permission.  
MUSIC (ROCKINGHAM, LM): *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, 1783; harm. Edward Miller, 1790

## Doxology (Please stand)

1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below, Praise  
God a-bove, you heav'n-ly host, Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men.

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TEXT: Thomas Ken (1674), P.D., alt.  
MUSIC (OLD HUNDREDDTH, LM): Genevan Psalter, 1551

## Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

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

*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*

Thanks and praise fill our hearts, Almighty God,  
for you are the Lord of creation and new creation,  
of covenant and new covenant.

You brought your people out of slavery  
to freedom in the Promised Land,  
and you brought your Son from the depth of death  
to the glory of resurrection life.

And so we gladly thank you,  
with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
singing the hymn of your unending praise:

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The music is marked with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The lyrics are written below the notes: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and". The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm.

might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow'r and might. Heav - en and earth are full,

full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. by Richard Proulx, 1937–2010, © 1985, 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.

### *The Celebrant continues*

Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God,  
for in your conquest of death we see the destiny  
of every hope in you.

Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that your children may be blessed with power and grace,  
and that this bread and cup may become for us  
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;  
who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,  
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,  
“Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and people*

*Christ has died.*

*Christ has risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

*Celebrant*

Hope and glory are our breath, merciful God,  
for you have rolled away the stone of despair,  
the stone of oppression, the stone of lament, the stone of grief,  
the stone of death, the stone of sin, the stone of fear.

Come and stand among us and breathe on us your peace,  
breathe on us your power, breathe on us your eternal life,  
that all who labor, all who stumble, all who hunger,  
and all who fall shall meet you in the breaking of the bread  
and be lifted up by your touch.

Shape your church to be your risen body;  
make our scars beautiful like your scars,  
make our lives life-giving like your life,  
and make our communion holy with your saints,  
until you come again in glory  
and we eat with you in your kingdom,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God. *AMEN.*

*The Celebrant continues*

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Breaking of the Bread**


Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Celebrant*

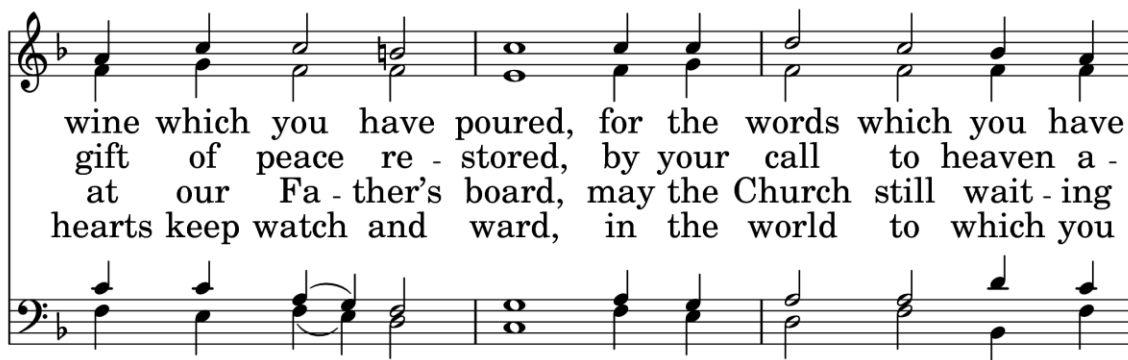
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome to receive communion at God's table. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine is received by carefully dipping the bread into the chalice when it is presented. \*\*Please note that we do use real wine. You may choose to receive only the bread if you would rather not consume alcohol.\*\* If you would prefer not to receive communion, you may come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving communion we return to our seats and remain seated as we finish singing the communion hymn.*

## Hymn ~ For the bread which you have broken



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the  
2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your  
3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed  
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our



wine which you have poured, for the words which you have  
gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -  
at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing  
hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you



spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

*Hymnal 1982* 341

Words: Louis F. Benson (1855-1930), alt.

Music (OMNI DIE 87. 87): Melody from *Gross Catholisch Gesangbuch*, 1631; harm. William Smith Rockstro (1823-1895)

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Blessing**

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn This day of resurrection, we sing

(See next page)



1 This day of re-sur-rec-tion, we sing our joy-ful  
 2 As Je-sus walked a-mong us, his heal-ing power was  
 3 Though weak-ness and con-fu-sion still cloud our earth-ly  
 4 Sing praise to God the Fa-ther, sing praise to Christ the

song, E-mer-ging from the de-sert, where we have wandered  
 plain. We heard his words of blessing; the pro-mise of God's  
 sight, We go with God's commis-sion, we walk in Je-sus'  
 Son! And praise the Ho-ly Spir-it! We praise the Three in

long. We praise our ris-en sa-rior; we hail him as our King!  
 reign. We fled and we de-nied him, suc-cumb-ing to our fear.  
 light. We heed the call to ser-vice, we seek the way of peace.  
 One! We pray for Je-sus' guid-ance, we wait for his re-turn;

Through ev - 'ry hill and val - ley may al - le - lu - ias ring!  
 But still with grace and mer - cy he bids us all draw near.  
 We go to find the cap - tives, pro - claim - ing their re - lease!  
 His Word is life and heal - ing, his way we seek to learn!

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## Dismissal

*Deacon* Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Receive the good news: Christ is risen from the dead!  
 Tell the good news: the power of death shall no more  
 oppress us!  
 Live the good news: we are free to love as he has  
 loved us!

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

## Postlude

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