

EASTER SUNDAY

April 17, 2022



John 20:1-18 - Resurrection

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MUHLENBERG
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Day ~ APRIL 17, 2022

WELCOME

We welcome you in the name of Christ. **We love welcoming guests/visitors** and encourage you to complete one of the blue cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering basket, or **scan this QR Code** with your smart phone to complete the visitor card digitally. We have a gift for you at our Welcome Desk – please stop by after worship. You are invited to join in all parts of worship. Everything you need is printed in this worship booklet. All who desire to receive Holy Communion are welcome at the table. If you do not wish to receive, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing! For instructions on how to receive the bread and wine, see the Communion section later in this booklet. Portions of worship in bold print are to be spoken by the whole congregation. We stand for portions of our worship service. **Please feel free to remain seated, if you prefer.**



HEALTH AND SAFETY

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, wearing a mask was one of the most fundamental signs of love we shared with our community to protect one another. As COVID rates have declined, the CDC has developed new guidelines. When both Harrisonburg City and Rockingham County are “green” or “yellow,” based on CDC guidelines/metrics, **masks will be optional but welcome.** If either the city or county is “orange,” we will go back to mandatory masking. **This morning, our balcony will be a “masks mandatory” space.** If you feel more comfortable being in an area where everyone is masked, please make use of the balcony.

OUR WORSHIP

Our worship is rooted in the ancient pattern of the church – gathering, word, meal, sending. The shape of this liturgy and much of the actual words/prayers come directly from scripture. Though we make seasonal shifts, the constancy of our worship reflects God’s constant love and promises through forgiveness, scripture, and the sacraments of baptism and communion. Following this liturgical pattern, as well as the Narrative Lectionary (a four-year cycle of scripture readings in biblical order), we are connected through our worship with Christians around the world and throughout time.

Worship will be live-streamed at 11:00 am. Digital ministry is an essential part of our community with the Wellstream service at 11:00 am allowing those at home to worship alongside our gathered community for a service of Holy Communion. The cameras will be primarily focused on our worship leaders and offer some wide-angle views of the sanctuary. If you have questions or concerns about appearing on camera, contact Pastor Alex or Communication Minister Christian Perritt (perritt@muhlenberglutheran.org).

OTHER NOTES

- **Amplification devices** for the hearing impaired are available from ushers or at the Welcome Desk.
- A **restroom** is located at the north end of the Gathering Area (additional restrooms downstairs).
- Our **Nursery** is open at 8:30 (unstaffed) and 11:00 (staffed).

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If you're interested in why we do what we do, follow the notes in this column.

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING

We come from our homes, our labor, our struggles, and our joys – which we share in fellowship as a Christian community. We are gathered together as God's people to worship.

PRELUDE

Brass Quintet

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(We stand)

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We sing as the Spirit gathers us for worship. This hymn sets the tone for the day.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

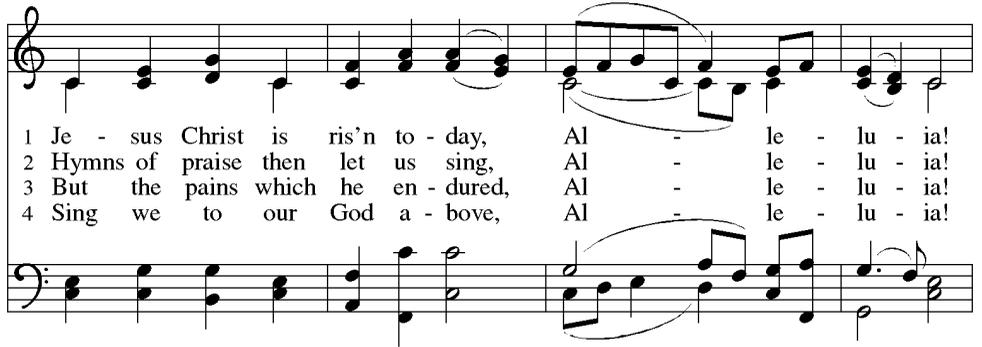
EASTER HYMN

The congregation turns to face the cross as the procession approaches the altar, reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence and love of God.

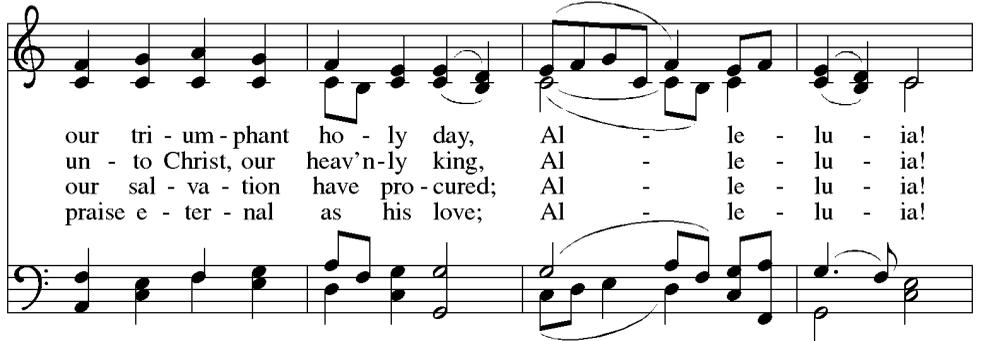
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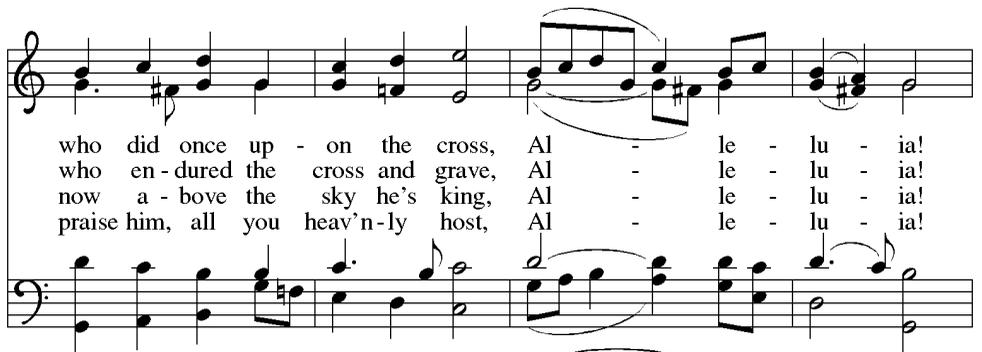
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



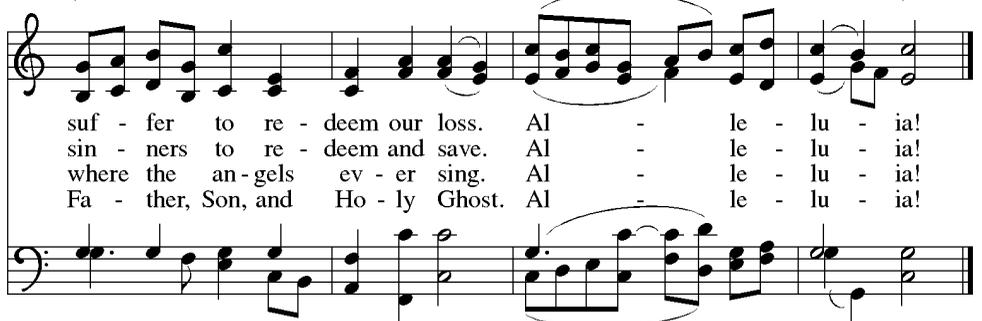
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



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!

GREETING

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE ~ Alleluia (P. Stopford, 2004)

Festival Choir

This prayer collects the themes from today's scripture readings.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, with joy and unending praise we raise our voices to you, as together we sing, "Hallelujah! Jesus is risen!" **Amen.**

(We sit)

WORD

The first half of our liturgy focuses on the Word of God through the reading of scripture and preaching. The pattern of reading, singing, reading, singing is an ancient one, which comes from Christianity's roots in Jewish synagogue worship.

Liturgy, from the Greek, means "the work of the people." Our worship is designed so we all take part. We are far more than just spectators.

PSALM 118:19-26 All sing the Refrain at beginning and after each verse. Choir sings the verses.

Refrain



Bless-ed, yes, bless-ed is the One who now comes.



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- vs1 Open the gates through which the righteous may enter;
We will give thanks to God, our praises we'll render.
- vs2 God in great mercy heard and answered our pleading;
God is the God of all, yes, all gods exceeding.
- vs3 See the great stone, the stone the builders rejected;
Now it's the cornerstone, no longer neglected.
- vs4 Vict'ry is ours, O yes, we tell forth the story;
God has delivered us, we sing out God's glory.
- vs5 This is the day, the day the Lord has created;
Let us be glad in it, the day long awaited.

The Psalms were the original Hymns in Holy Scripture, used by God's people for personal and corporate devotion. They continue to be prayed, sung and read by God's people all over the world as a rich and honest expression of faith.

(We stand)

GOSPEL PROCESSION we sing verse 1

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we
and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

*We stand during
the gospel because
we believe our
Lord is present
with us in the
reading.*

GOSPEL ~ John 20:1-18 *see pew Bible N.T. page 119*

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

The Holy Gospel according to ... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

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

GOSPEL PROCESSION ~ Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds *we sing verse 4*

~see page 4~

(We sit)

HOMILY

Pastor Alex Zuber

ANTHEM ~ Angels Visit When We Sing *(text: T. Troeger ; music: T. Trenney)* Festival Choir

(We stand)

NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith:

**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.**

*The creeds
(statements of
faith) date back
to the 4th century
and contain the
basics of what
Christians
around the world
hold to be true.*

**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.**

The use of the non-capitalized word "catholic" here means simply worldwide or universal.

We pray as a community. The assisting minister leads this time to gather the prayers of all, and at their invitation you may add others aloud or silently in your heart.

Much more than a pleasant greeting – we do this to proclaim God's promise of peace to one another.

PRAYERS

After each petition:

. . . Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The lay assisting minister concludes the prayers:

**Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Amen.

Have a prayer concern to share? Forms are available in the back cover of each hymnal.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*The congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:
"Peace be with you."*

(We sit)

Our offerings are collected and dedicated to our Lord's service. They support the ministries of Christ's church in this congregation, the Virginia Synod, ELCA, and our global mission partners.

This song becomes our prayer as our gifts are collected and dedicated to our Lord's service.

MEAL

In the second half of our liturgy, we gather around the table, following Jesus' invitation. Here in this meal we encounter the risen Lord who gives himself for the forgiveness of sins and strengthening the Body of Christ.

OFFERING ~ Grave from Sonata 'St. Mark' (Tomaso Albinoni arr. by David Hickman)

Brass Quintet

(We stand)

OFFERING SONG we sing verses 1 & 2

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



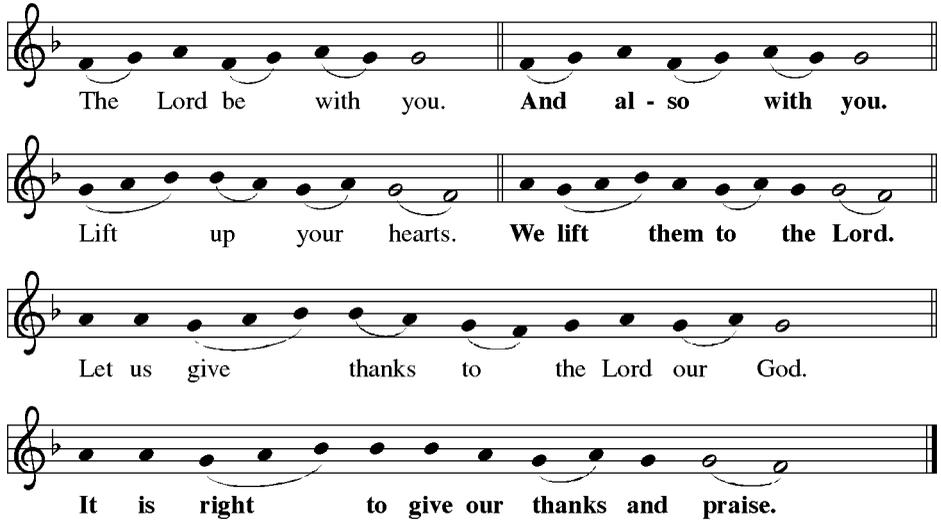
flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving is an ancient part of the worship that proclaims our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

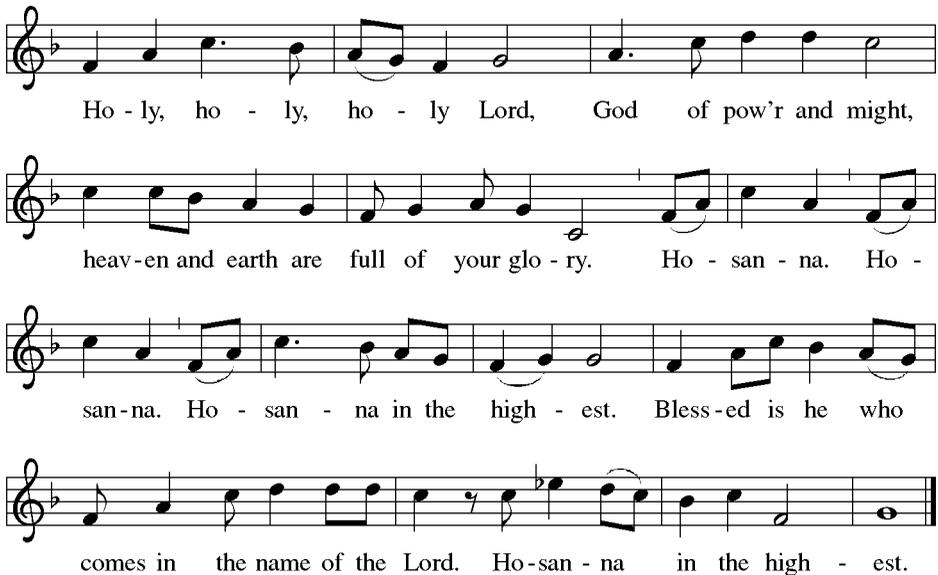
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The "Holy, Holy, Holy" echoes the heavenly chorus in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus enters Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility. Some will make the sign of the cross at the announcement of God's presence: "Blessed is He..."



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.

Eucharist is the Greek word for thanks.

*These are the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture:
1Cor. 11:23-26
Matt. 26:26-29
Luke 22:15-20*

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 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.

Jesus taught his disciples this prayer. In this prayer, all our needs and concerns are addressed. See ELW page 1163 for Martin Luther's explanation of this prayer in the small catechism.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

The "last supper" was a meal that Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion. He invited them to share this meal in the future to remember him and he promised to be present in a mysterious, but very real sense.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table. Alleluia! Come to the feast. **Alleluia!**

(We sit)

COMMUNION

Processional Communion

All are welcome to come to the Lord's Table! After the invitation to communion, the ushers will direct each row to come forward to receive the prepackaged communion kit. If you are unable to come forward, signal an usher or raise your hand, and an assisting minister will bring the elements to you.

If you wish to receive communion and are unable to come forward, please let an usher know. We will be glad to serve communion to you in the pew.

As the minister says, "The body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you," you may take the elements and say: "Amen." Then return to your seat and consume the elements. If you need gluten-free and/or non-alcoholic juice communion elements, they are located on a small table at the front. Take one and present it to the pastor for blessing. Please dispose of your communion packaging in the trash can by the doors on your way out.

All who desire to participate are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If for any reason you do not wish to receive, you may come forward for a blessing. Feel free to remain seated if you prefer..

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God

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.

Touch That Soothes and Heals (text: M. Bringle; music: G. De Mey)

Festival Choir
Dillon Corral, Soloist
Piano Duet

In Christ Alone (arr. P. Keveren, 2002)

(We stand)

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

Our worship does not end, but continues in the world. In our daily lives we are called to be ministers of God's love and mercy as we live and serve by the power of the risen Christ.

We gather once more in song as our worship concludes, and we prepare to take this good news into the world.

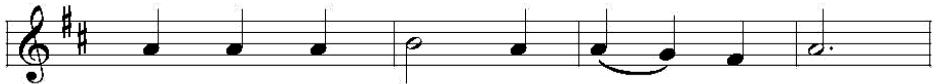
RECESSIONAL HYMN

The Strife Is O'er

Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)



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



All 1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
All 2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
Choir 3. *The three sad days are quick - ly sped;*
All 4. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee,



the vic - to - ry of life is won;
but Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed:
Christ ris - es glo - rious from the dead:
from death's dread sting thy ser - vants free,



the song of tri - umph has be - gun.
let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst.
all glo - ry to our ris - en Head!
that we may live, and sing to thee:



Al - le - lu - ia!

In this blessing we are reminded we bear God's name as we depart to live out our baptism, serving our neighbor and spreading the gospel.

BLESSING

The God of life, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go out into the world in the joy and peace of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Feel free to stay and listen to music.

POSTLUDE

My Spirit be Joyful (J.S. Bach arr. by Harry Herforth)

8:30 Brass Quintet

Toccatà, from Symphonie #5 (Widor; arr. R. Proulx, 2006) 11:00 Organ & Brass Quintet

After worship, Pastor Lauren and Pastor Alex invite you to greet them and each other in the Gathering Area and outside. Please maintain physical distance and be mindful of others' wishes for space.

Please leave this worship booklet in the basket at the sanctuary entrance for the next service and take *The Chimes* home with you.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

PREACHING MINISTER ~ Pastor Alex Zuber

PRESIDING MINISTER ~ Pastor Lauren Eanes

USHERS **8:30** ~ Bart Long, Karen Thomsen, Susan Gallaher, Carl Holyfield
11:00 ~ Melissa, Billy and Henry Perritt, Jeff Williams

CRUCIFERS **8:30** ~ Bill Whitmire
11:00 ~ Cheryl Hoak

TORCH BEARERS **8:30** ~ Jim Doyle, Gus Kagey
11:00 ~ Brandon Stees, Nathan Eanes

LAY ASSISTING MINISTERS **8:30** ~ Kim Fawley
11:00 ~ Robert Alley

LECTORS **8:30** ~ Malcolm Wilfong
11:00 ~ Jon & Jenny Gibson

SOUND TECHS **8:30** ~ Mike Koch
11:00 ~ Todd Hedinger

MUSICIANS Elizabeth Williams, Music Minister
Linlin Uta, Music Ministry Accompanist
Brass Quintet: Chris Carrillo, Trumpet; Christine Carrillo, Trumpet;
Andy Lankford, Trombone; Kevin Stees, Tuba; Ian Zook, French Horn;
Liam Wightman, Percussionist
Festival Choir: Members of Celebration Singers, Sanctuary Choir, and JMU Music
Majors Dillon Corral & Olivia Rominiyi

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