

EASTER CONTINUES...



MAY 11 8:30 & 11



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Easter Greeting

P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

A: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Amen.

Entrance Hymn

Blessing and Honor

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A musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. Below the staves, there are four lines of lyrics, numbered 1 through 4. The lyrics are: 1 Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and; 2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name; let all the; 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy, ev - er de -; 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the.

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rich - es and strength ev - er - more, be to the Lamb who our
 earth sing his glo - ry and fame. O - cean and moun - tain, stream,
 scend - ing the love from on high; bless - ing and hon - or and
 robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the

bat - tle has won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the
 for - est, and flow'r ech - o his prais - es and tell of his
 glo - ry and praise— this is the theme of the hymns that we
 Lamb who was slain, dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to

throne; whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne!
 pow'r; ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.
 raise; this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
 reign; dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign!

Opening

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

C: Give thanks to the Lord, whose mercy endures forever.

A: Let God's people now proclaim, "His mercy endures forever."

C: Give thanks to the Lord, whose mercy endures forever.

P: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

C: Give thanks to the Lord, whose mercy endures forever.

A: "This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter."

C: Give thanks to the Lord, whose mercy endures forever.

P: I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

C: Give thanks to the Lord, whose mercy endures forever.

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

C: Give thanks to the Lord, whose mercy endures forever.

P: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

C: Give thanks to the Lord, whose mercy endures forever.

A: On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

C: Give thanks to the Lord, whose mercy endures forever.

P: The grace of our victorious and risen Lord, the love of God who raised him and the communion of the Holy Spirit which He gives to us be with you all.

C: And also with you.

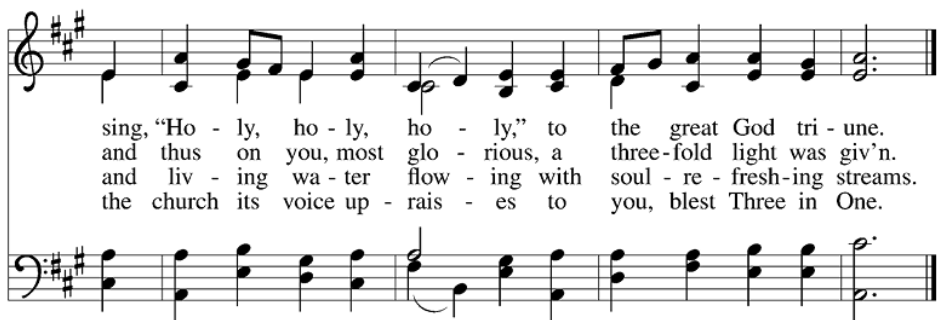
Hymn of Praise

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1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;
3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n - ly man - na falls;
4 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,

O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:
on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;
to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum - pet calls,
we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;
where gos - pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams
We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Lord Jesus your resurrected presence brought both joy and transformation to the lives of Paul and the disciples. Come now to our gathering so that in our prayer and worship we, too, will be filled with joy and renewed in our discipleship. In your name we pray. Amen.

First Lesson

Acts 9

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to The Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

He asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up! And enter the city! And you will be told what you are to do."

The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias.

The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias."

He answered, "Behold, here I am, Lord."

The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight! And at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul! Behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."

But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much of a terror he has been to your saints in Jerusalem; and now he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name."

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a vessel whom I have chosen to carry my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel. I, myself, will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

So, Ananias went and entered the house.

He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.


For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

All who heard him were moved to incomprehension and said, "Is this not the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?"

Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Psalms 30



You have turned my wail-ing in - to danc-ing, in - to danc-ing.

*I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.*

**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.**

*O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.*

**Sing praises to the Lord, O you the Lord's faithful ones,
and give thanks to the Lord's holy name.**

*For the Lord's anger is but for a moment;
the Lord's favor is for a lifetime.*

**Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning. R**

*As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."*

**By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face; I was dismayed.**

*To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:*

**"What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?**

*Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?*

**Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!" R**

*You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,*

**So that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever. R**

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!"

And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

*Children's Sermon**Verse*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give
thanks to the ris - en Lord; Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give - praise to his name.
Spread the good news o'er all the - earth;
Je - sus has died and has ris - sen!

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 21st Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

John 21

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias. And he showed himself in this way. . .

Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.

Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing."

They said to him, "We will go with you."

They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?"

They answered him, "No."

He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some."

So, they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."

So, Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast."

Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?"

because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."

He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old you will stretch out your hands and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God.) After this Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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1.O Risen Christ, you search our hearts
With love's all-seeing eye
And ask us, "Do you love me most?"
And wait for our reply

2."Yes, Lord, we love you!" we protest.
"Have you not heard our praise,
Nor seen that we have followed you
And served you all our days?"

3. "Friend, do you love me more than these —
Than comfort, praise, and wealth?
And do you love me more than this —
Your closely guarded self?"

4. "Yes, Lord, we love you," we reply,
"Beyond all other good;
But tempted, tested, still we fail
To serve you as we should."

5. Christ, help us live the love we speak,
Our sacred vows to keep,
To hear and answer when you call,
"Now go, and feed my sheep!"

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.**

The Prayers of the Church

Passing of the Peace

Offertory

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praises everlasting ring!

Angels sing in adoration,
in God's presence, face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us Pray

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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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.

P: It is indeed . . .



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



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



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.

The Lord's Prayer

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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

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1	Now	the	green	blade	ris - es	from	the	bur - ied	grain,
2	In	the	grave	they	laid him,	love	by	ha - tred	slain,
3	Forth	he	came	at	Eas - ter	like	the	ris - en	grain,
4	When	our	hearts	are	win - try,	griev - ing,	or	in	pain,



wheat	that	in	dark	earth	man - y	days	has	lain;
think	- ing	that	he	would	nev - er	wake	a - gain,	
he	that	for	three	days	in	the	grave	had
your	touch	can	call	us	back	to	life	a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.



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 - - 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 -



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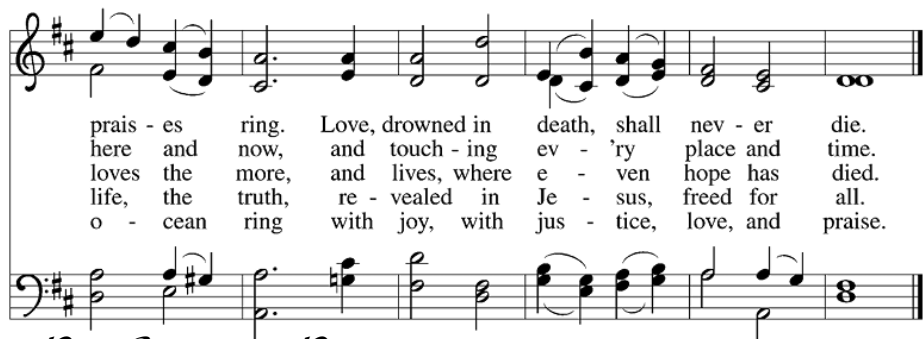


1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers, still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and





prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

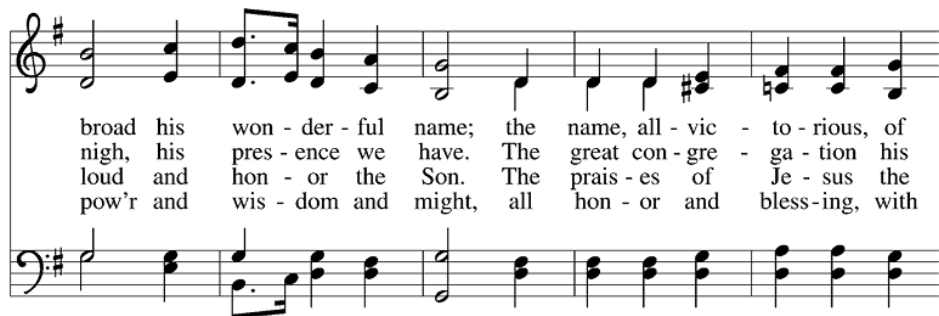
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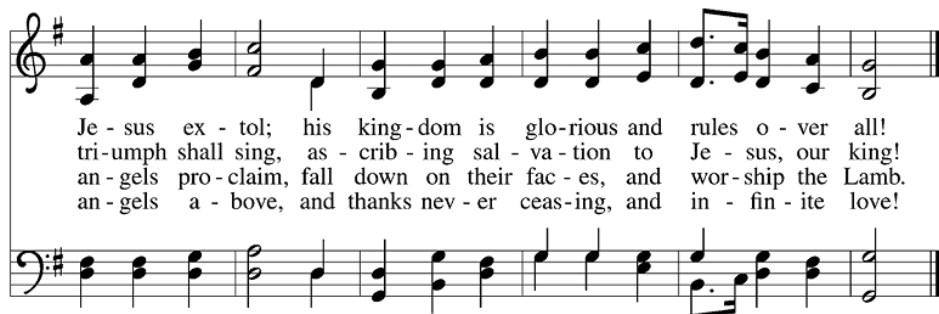
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1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
 nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion, his
 loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
 pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
 tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
 an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Postlude (please be seated) / Dismissal

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Berrios family, in loving memory of Gelacia Muyet, Luis Ortiz, Lourdes Cotto Martinez and Dora Cotto.



Sunday, May 11

Happy Mother's Day!

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class Final Exam Review

9:45 a.m. No Sunday School

10:10 a.m. No Choir Rehearsal

Monday, May 12

9:30 a.m. Widowed Support Group

7:00 p.m. Social Ministry/Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, May 13

6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study & Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid

3:30 p.m. Bible Study Lite 101 w/ Pastor Chris

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class Final Exam Review

7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – online

Wednesday, May 14

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group Meeting

1:00 p.m. Grace Book Club

7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 18

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class Final Exam

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Worship



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