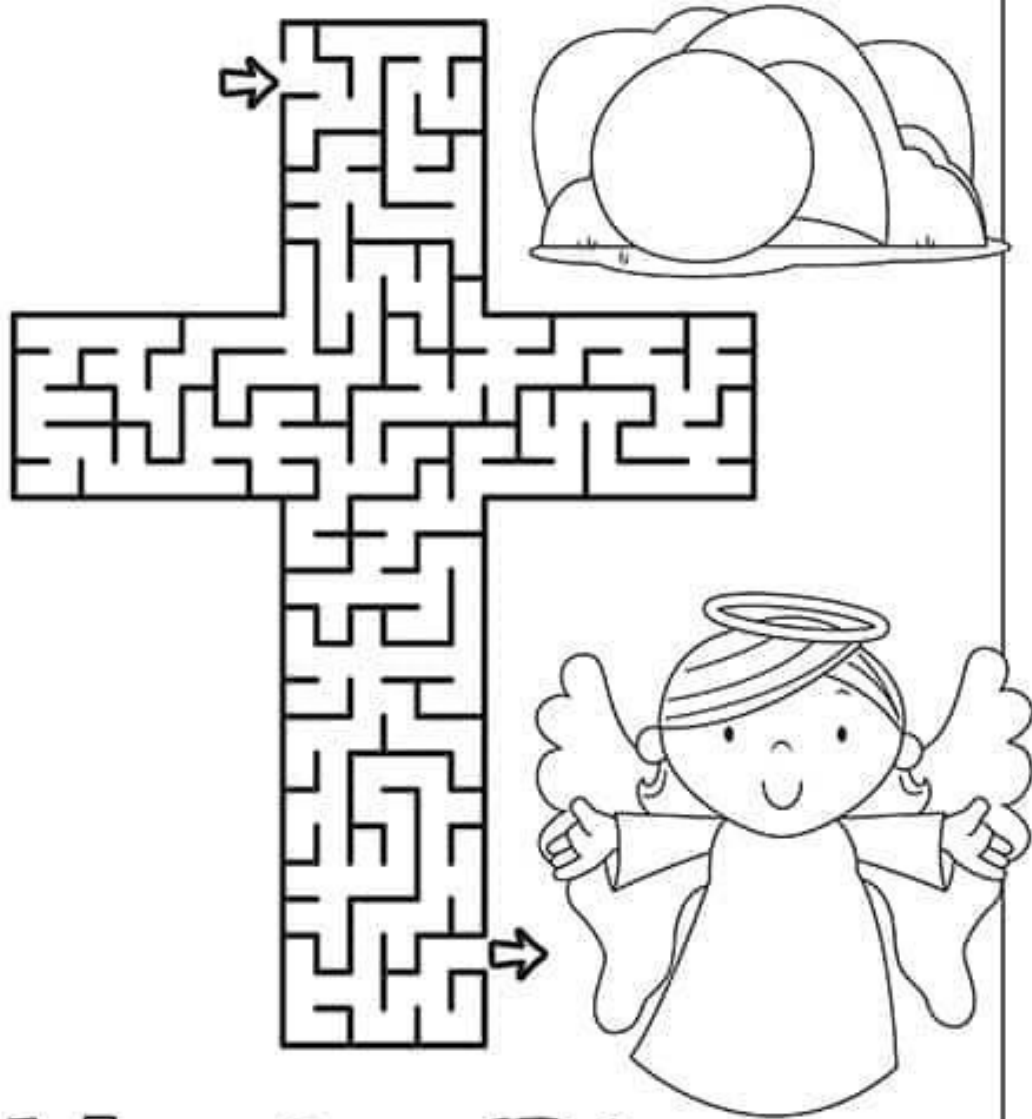


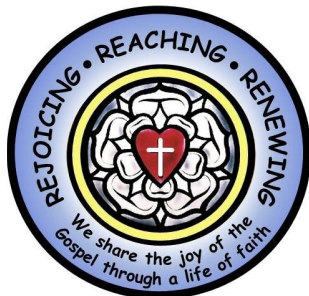
Easter Cross Maze



He is Risen!

Easter Sunrise Service





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March 31, 2024 ✝ The Resurrection of Our Lord

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

✝ GATHERING ✝

Prelude

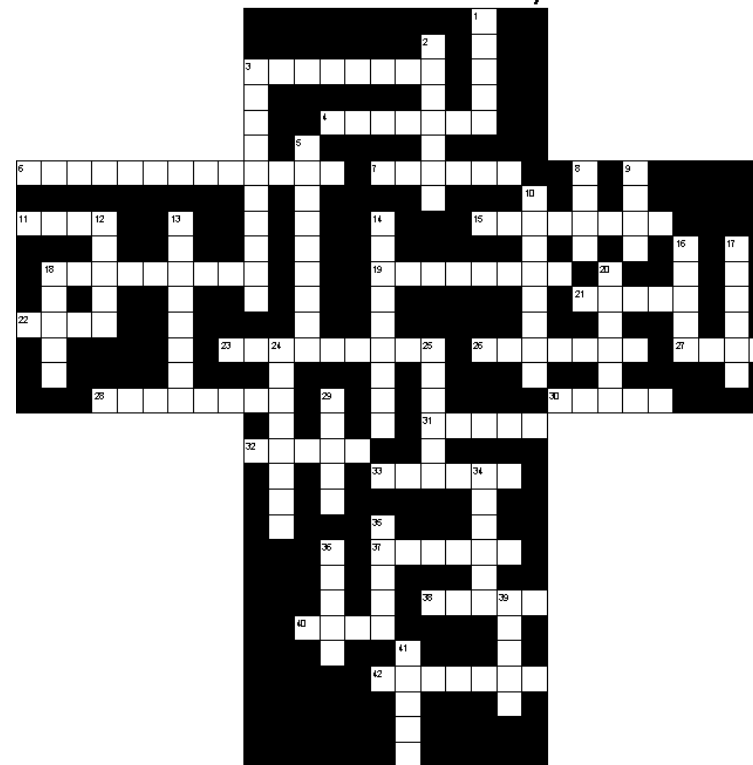
(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.

The Easter Story



Down

1. The father-in-law to the high priest. Jesus was first brought to him
2. Another name for the place of His crucifixion.
3. The garden where Jesus prayed before He was arrested
5. And it was the third hour, and they _____ Him.
8. This was written and set over His head: "_____ of the Jews"
9. Judas betrayed Jesus with a _____.
10. "Go ye into the world and preach the gospel to every _____"
12. Joseph took His body down and wrapped it in fine _____.
13. The prisoner released by Pilate instead of Jesus
14. The pharisee that brought spices for His burial
16. The apostle who betrayed the Christ
17. "Why seek ye the _____ among the dead?"
18. He was taken up; and a _____ received Him out of their sight.
20. Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of _____.
24. And they crucified Him, and parted His _____, casting lots:
25. He appeared to two disciples on the way to this village.
29. Jesus told Peter to feed His _____.
34. The Roman governor who washed his hands of the whole affair
35. This was rolled in front of the tomb and then sealed.
36. and His sweat was as it were great drops of _____.
39. The soldier pierced His side with this _____
41. He is not here: for He is _____ as He said.

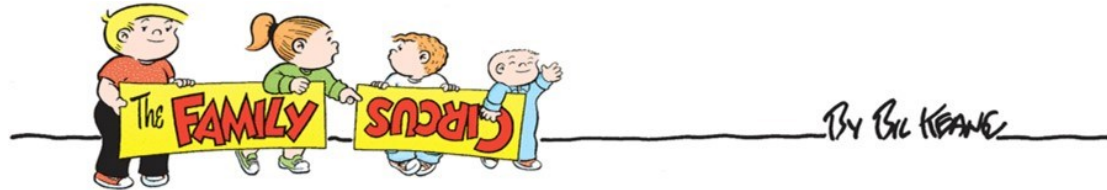
Across

3. It means "A place of a skull;" Where He was crucified
4. These guys were crucified on each side of Him.
6. And He was numbered with the _____.
7. Jesus was anointed with precious ointment in preparation for His _____.
11. This part of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom
15. And when the sixth hour was come, there was _____ over the whole land.
18. This Roman said, "Truly this was the Son of God."
19. The high priest who said it was expedient that one man die for all.
21. The _____ of blood was purchased with the betrayal money
22. The disciple that took Mary home as his own mother
23. He appeared first unto Mary _____.
26. "Father, _____ them; for they know not what they do."
27. He shed His blood so our _____ would be forgiven.
28. The Last Supper was a celebration of this Jewish holiday
30. The ruler of Galilee
31. This was sent to strengthen Him when He was praying in the garden.
32. This apostle denied that He knew Jesus three times.
33. This wealthy man of Arimathea buried Him.
37. The doubtful apostle
38. "A spirit has not _____ and bones as ye see me have."
40. And they stripped Him, and put on Him a scarlet _____.
42. They gave Him this to drink when He was on the cross.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news of our Risen Savior.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Luther League



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EASTER SUNRISE

The Resurrection of Our Lord

March 31, 2024

7:00am

Call to Worship

Dawn quiet . . . still grief . . . incredible sorrow.

The Son of Man lies dead, killed by human greed and fear.

Cool morning sun . . . awakening life.

The garden is now Christ's home, the tomb his dwelling.

The guards stir, the sun climbs the sky, and life begins again.

Jesus lies in sleep this third day since his death.

Life shatters the peace. Bringing blinding light. Incredible energy!

Frantic guards run in fear from the face of God.

Angels! Brilliance! God's power is manifested!

The stone is moved. Jesus' body is gone!

The impossible becomes reality.

Life conquers death.

Loving friends come to the garden to offer final farewells.

A familiar hand touches again.

A loving voice says, "I am here. Know me!"

Oh, my Lord Jesus, it is you!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Incredible joy. Supernal wonder. God's Son is alive again!

No grave can keep His body down. Alleluia!



Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † One God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence for meditation and self-examination)

Gracious God,
**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

God who is rich in mercy,
loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

#365



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!

† SENDING †

Announcements

Benediction

The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
surround and sustain you, keep you from harm,
and fill you with courage. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

#369



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Distribution Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

#471



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

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Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

We give you thanks, generous God,

for in this bread and cup

we have tasted the new heaven and earth

where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,

that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.



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!

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Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

ELW setting 8



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

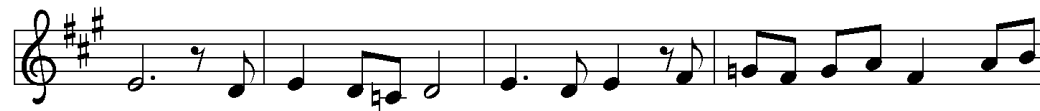
Hymn of Praise

Lord of the Dance

(Gather)



1. I danced in the
2. I danced for the
3. I danced on the
4. I danced on a
5. They cut me



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Distribution Hymn

We Place Upon Your Table, Lord

#467



- 1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, where you by
- 2 With - in these sim - ple things there lie the height and
- 3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them



grace have bid us dine, these to - kens of our dai - ly
 depth of hu - man life: our pain and tears, our thoughts and
 hum - bly from your hand; put these your gifts to high - er



work, the food of life, the bread and wine.
 toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.
 use: the ho - ly meal that you com - mand.

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Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,
 send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,
 whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love.

Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.
 Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,
 that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions,
 as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing,
 until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,
 we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:
 through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,
 with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together as Jesus taught us...

**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

Lamb of God

ELW setting 8

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

morn-ing when the world was be-gun, And I danced in the scribe and the phar-i-see, But they would-n't Sab-bath and I cured the lame: The ho-ly peo-ple Fri-day when the sky turned black; It's hard to down and I leap up high; I am the moon and the stars and the sun, And I dance, and they would-n't fol-low me; I said it was a shame. They dance with the dev-il on your back. They life that-'ll nev-er, nev-er die; I'll came down from heav-en and I danced on the earth; danced for the fish-er-men, for James and John; whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, bur-ied my bod-y and they thought I'd gone; live in you if you'll live in me: At Beth-le-hem I had my birth. They came with me and the dance went on. And left me there on a cross to die. But I am the dance and I still go on. I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. Dance then wher-ev-er you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wher-ev-er you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he. dance, said he.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

God of mercy,

**we no longer look for Jesus among the dead,
for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.**

**Increase in our minds and hearts
the risen life we share with Christ,
and help us to grow as your people
toward the fullness of eternal life with you,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

More than 700 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah proclaims the good news of God's salvation and calls all people to rejoice! God will make a rich feast for all people. God will wipe the tears from their eyes. And most importantly, God will destroy death itself.

A reading from Isaiah.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire for warmth and light;
you nourish the lands with water.

You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains,
with grace deeper than the seas,
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying,
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.*

Together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,
the first-born of your new creation.

We remember his life lived for others,
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.

We await his coming,
when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Proper Preface

It is indeed right and salutary
that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise
to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God.

But chiefly we are bound to praise you
for the glorious resurrection of our Lord;
for he is the true Passover Lamb
who gave himself to take away our sin,
who by his death has destroyed death,
and by his rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW setting 8



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



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Let us read Psalm 118 responsively.

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation
echo in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

¹⁶The right hand of the Lord is exalted!
The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.**

¹⁸The Lord indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰"This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

A reading from Acts.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the

people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.
³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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.
³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hallelujah Verse *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* #172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

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

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;
 let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
 not a mite would I with - hold;
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.

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✠ MEAL ✠

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also 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 God our thanks and praise.



Teach leaders your way of justice.
Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news
Roll away the stones that keep people
from living with dignity and wholeness.
Breathe new life and hope into people
struggling to make it through each day.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith
and for your Spirit in our midst.
Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom,
that we may serve and care for others.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death.
Renew our trust in your promises,
that we live with joyful courage and compassion.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God,
we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love;
through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The Peace of our Risen Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**


✠ OFFERING ✠

Offering Response

Take My Life, That I May Be

#583 (v. 2)

Refrain/Estrillo



Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time
Sermon

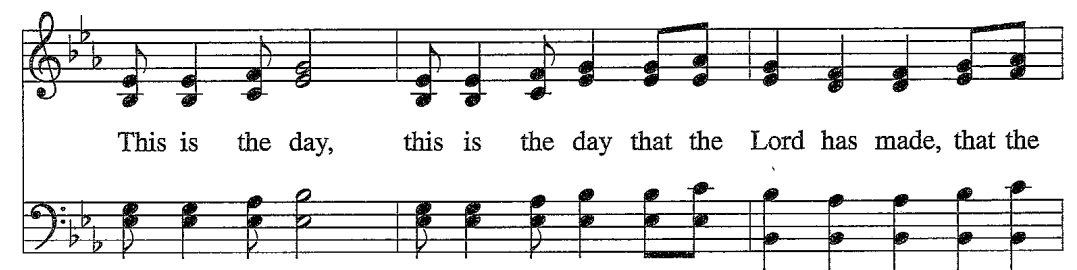
E-A-S-T-E-R
The Tale of Three Trees

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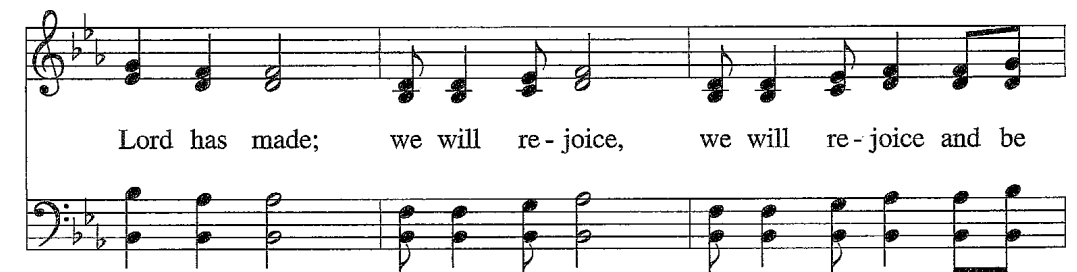
Hymn of the Day

This is the Day

(TF#262)



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the



Lord has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be

glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the
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Nicene Creed

Living together in trust and hope, 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.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church.

Where the church is persecuted, protect it.

Where the church is privileged, grant it humility.

Where the church is fractured, heal it.

Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world.

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

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation.

Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise

and roaring waters of new life,

that together we may proclaim Easter hope.

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

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations.

Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse.