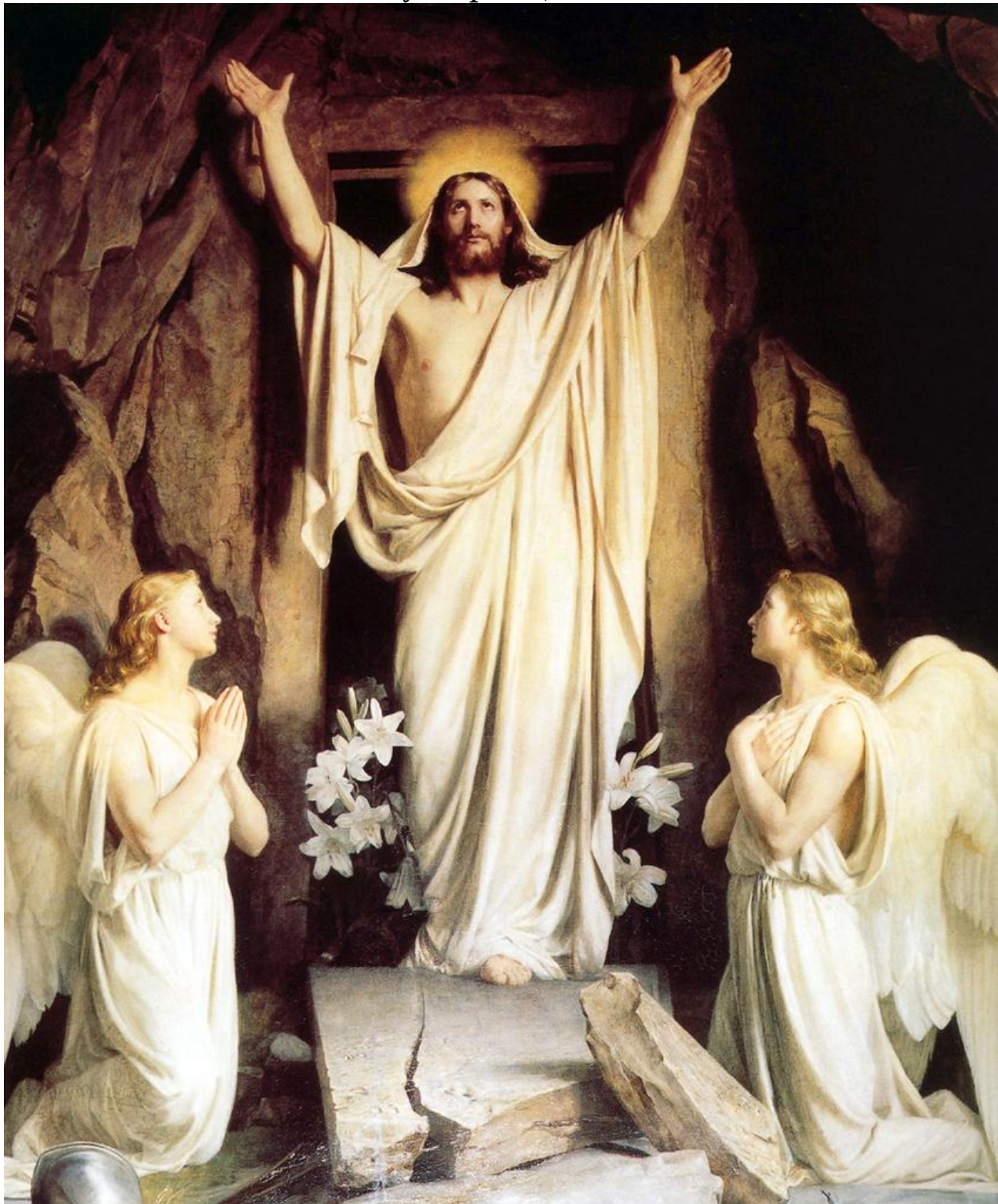


+The Divine Service+

Easter Day | April 5, 2026 | 9AM



The Resurrection of the Son of God

The Liturgy of Easter

OUR LENTEN preparations have ended, and joyous feast of holy Easter is here. Alleluia! From earliest days, the Easter was called the *Pascha*, or 'the Christian Passover.' The dying and rising of Christ were remembered and celebrated together as a 'new exodus.' God led Israel out of slavery and into freedom. Christ leads us by his death out of death to life.

ON EASTER, it is customary for the members of Christ's body to greet one another thus:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



The liturgy of Easter contains these ancient elements:

+ *The Lighting of the Paschal Candle*. The Paschal or Christ Candle is lit throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter, from the Easter Vigil to Pentecost. The Paschal Candle is *the* liturgical sign of the resurrection of our Lord. It is also lit for Baptisms and Funerals throughout the Church year as a confession of the resurrection of Christ and his people.

+ *Flowers*. It is appropriate to adorn the Church and sanctuary with flowers, especially Easter lilies, throughout this week, in confession and celebration of the new life that emerges from the dust of the earth in the body of Jesus, the firstfruits of the new creation.

+ *The return of the Alleluia, and the Gospel Procession*. After holding her breath and refraining from "Alleluias" throughout Lent, the Church exhales with exuberant praise of God throughout Eastertide. Our joy is no longer restrained. The procession of the cross is meant to picture the resurrected Christ coming right into our midst with his Gospel word of peace, just as Christ came into the midst of his mourning disciples while they were gathered in the Upper Room for fear of the Jews, greeting them and giving the Absolution.

+ *The liturgical color: white*. The color white is used for all the festivals of Christ. It signifies the purity of Christ and the righteousness of those who live by faith in him.

+ *The Time of Easter*. In the early Church, there was controversy over the date of Easter. Churches in the East kept it on the same day as the Jewish Passover, the 14th Day of Nisan. Western Christians insisted on celebrating Easter on the Lord's Day (Sunday), following Passover. The Council of Nicea (AD 325) finally stated that the feast of the resurrection would be celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. And so it is to this very day that Easter is celebrated throughout Western Christendom on this date, which, of course, varies year to year.

+The Divine Services on Easter Sunday do not contain the Preparatory Rite of *Confession/Absolution*, since the Season of Lent has prepared our hearts in repentance, and since the Church was absolved on Maundy Thursday in the Rite of Corporate Confession/Individual Absolution. The Absolution will be offered next Sunday.

Kyrie



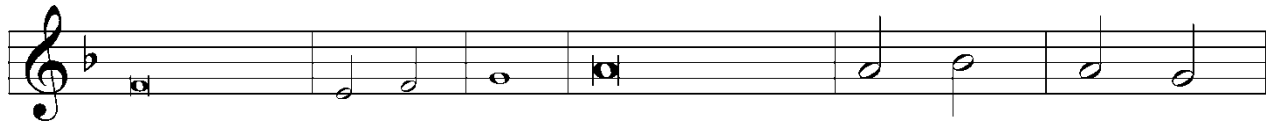
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



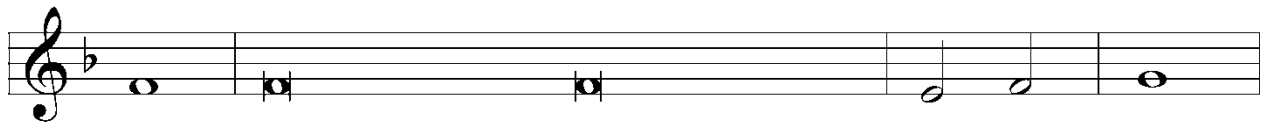
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

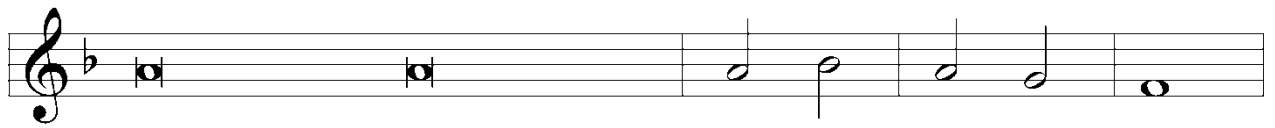
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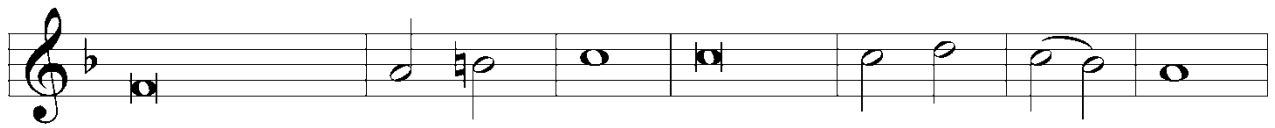
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



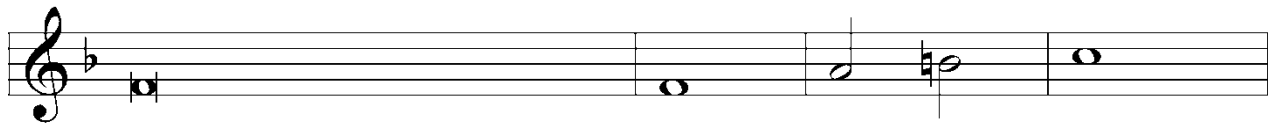
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



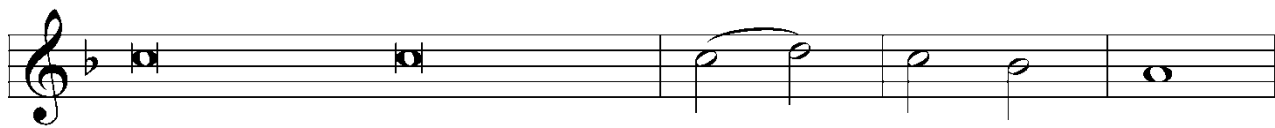
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



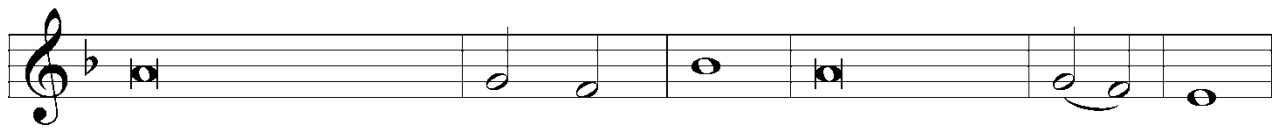
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



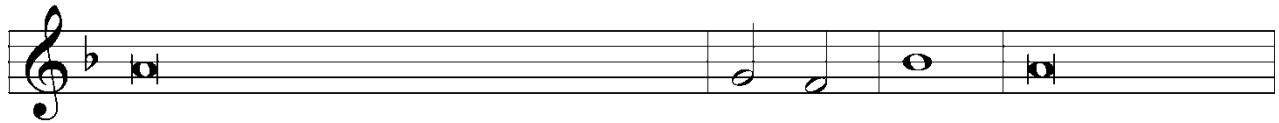
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



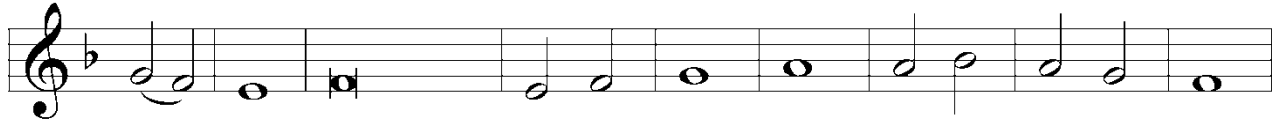
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



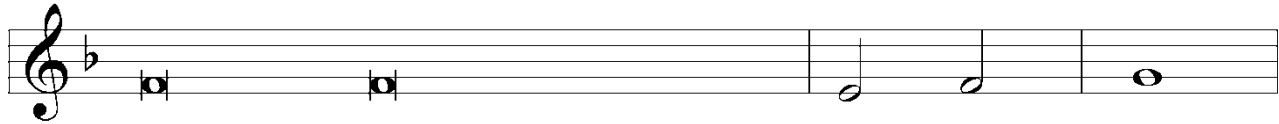
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



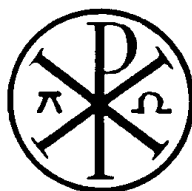
C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our 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 forever.



C A - men.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:1–6

¹“At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.”

²Thus says the LORD:

“The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,

³the LORD appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!
Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines
and shall go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

⁵Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant
and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶For there shall be a day when watchmen will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 3:1–4

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Face the cross as it enters the nave.

Alleluia and Verse

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C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
 Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
 He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—
 Je-sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

back cover of hymnal

Sit

Hymn of the Day | 478 The Day of Resurrection

Sermon

At the close of the sermon, stand, as the pastor speaks the following blessing:

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus unto life everlasting!

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory

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C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

The Offering

The Choir sings "Christ Our Light and Life" as the Offering is received.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

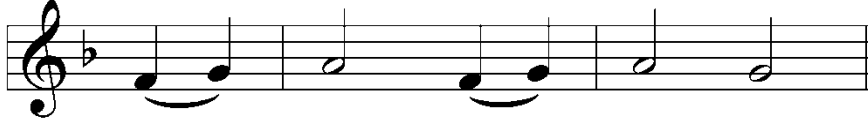
The Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



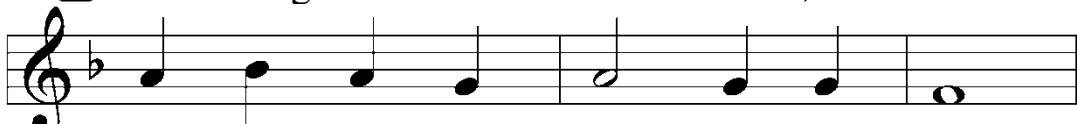
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

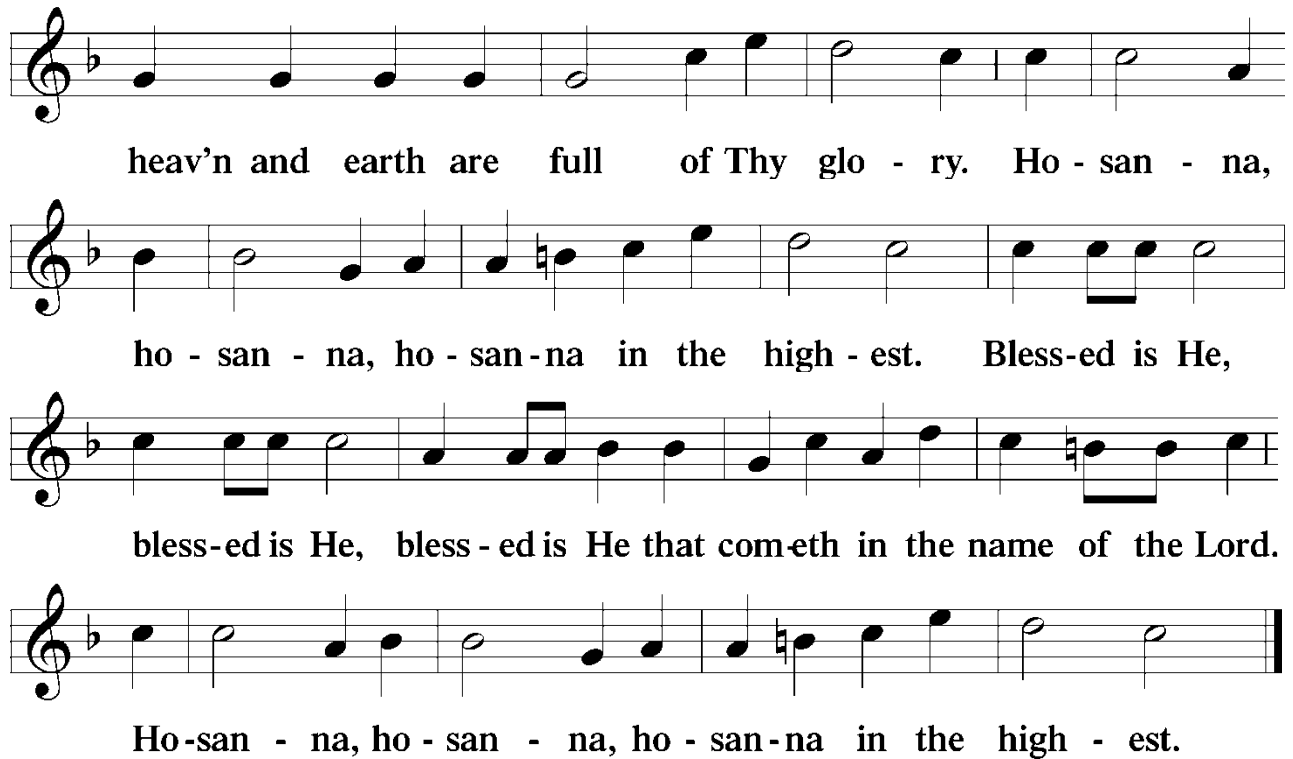
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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The Words of Our Lord

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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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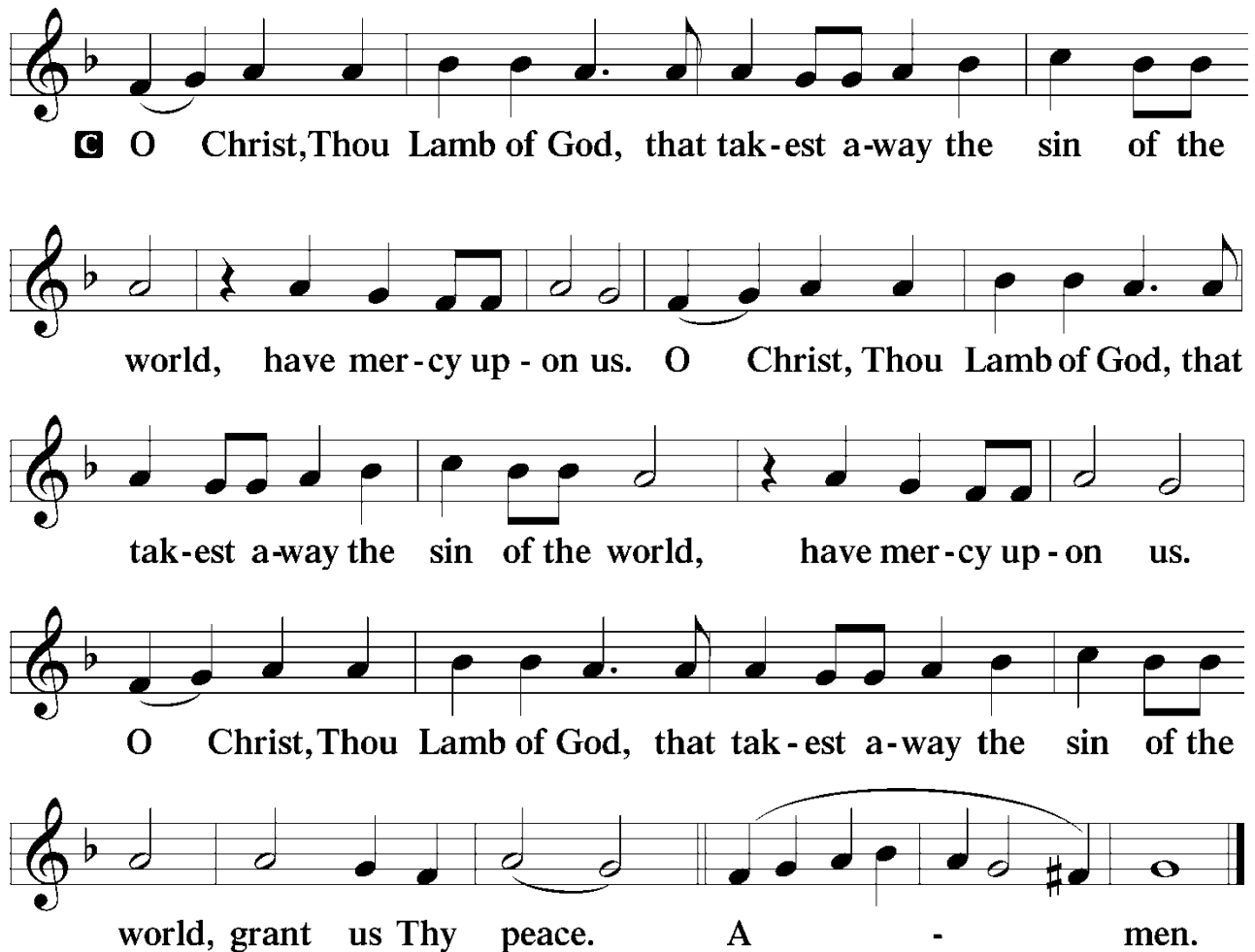
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



G A - men.

Agnus Dei

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G O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Holy Communion at St. Paul

Our congregation confesses the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or of another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of our Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

To begin the Distribution, the Choir sings "At the Lamb's High Feast"

Distribution Hymn | 155 This is the Feast

Distribution Hymn | 458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Distribution Hymn | 480 He's Risen, He's Risen

Distribution Hymn | 487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

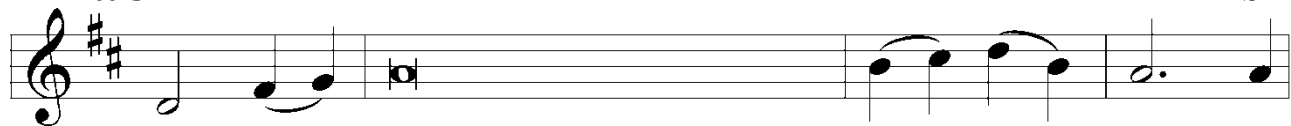
Stand

The Dismissal

P The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace. **C** Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

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C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



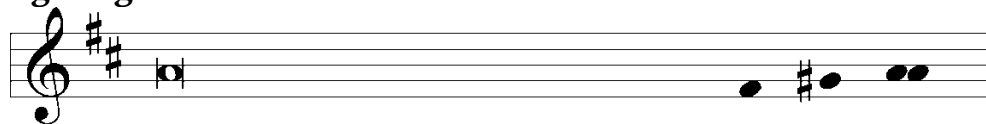
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



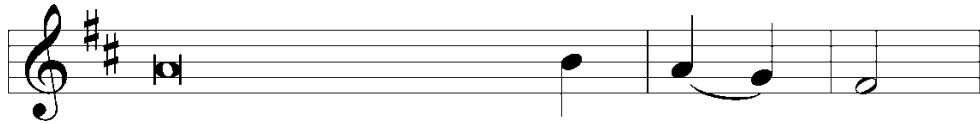
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

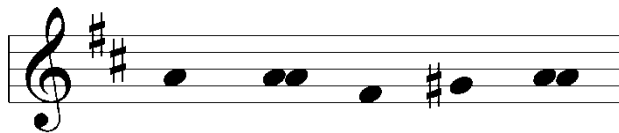
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Salutation



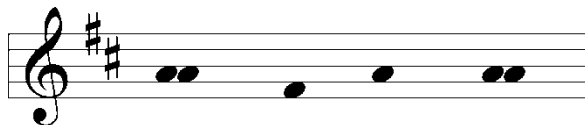
P The Lord be with you.



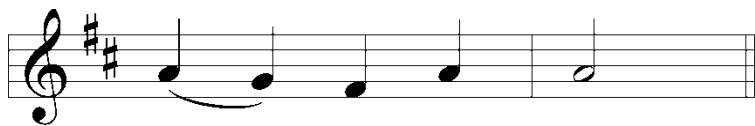
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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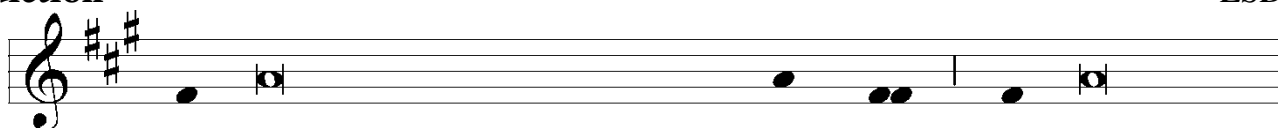
A Bless we the Lord.



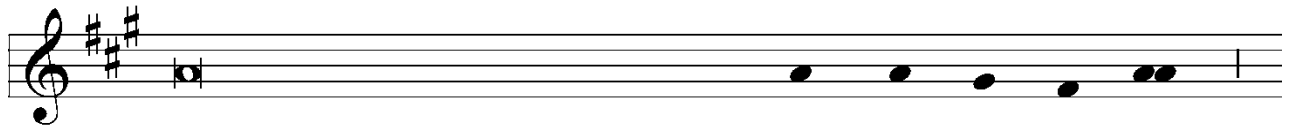
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

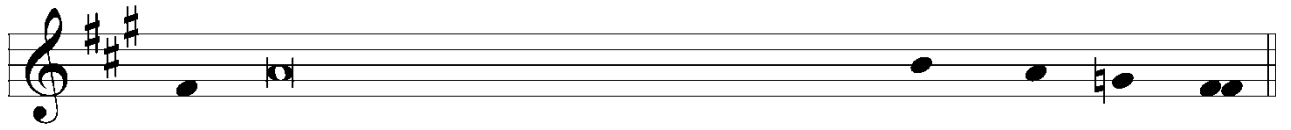
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart | 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Easter Flowers 2026

We give thanks to God for our Lord's resurrection as we remember those who have fallen asleep in Christ in the hope of that resurrection.

Dick and Laverne Borne—all our loved ones

Jeff and Samantha Stout and family—loved ones

Jim and Rhonda Brune—parents, grandparents, and Corey Shaffer

Sarah and Jamie Tharp and Isabelle Friedt—in loving memory of Mike Hoffman

Ken and Pendency Selking—all of our loved ones

Jake and Jamie Miller and family—all family members we have lost

John and Claudia Schueler—loved ones past and present

Pastor and Heather Yeager and family—Katherine Thomas, Jean Berry, our grandmothers

Jennifer and Sean Faurote—all of our dearly departed

Darin and Emily Koenemann and family—in memory of our mothers Debra Koenemann and Cathy Duryee

The Nussbaum family—glory to God

Jim and Sandy Kolter—parents, grandparents, Jacob and Joseph Vogel

Gary and Kimary Fravel—thanks to God

Jan Blum—all praise to our risen Lord and in loving memory of Bart Blum

Zack and Danielle Brune and family—Faye and Bob Keuneke and Servando Martinez

Alan and Joy Hamilton—all loved ones

Jared and Courtney Butcher and family—our grandparents

Diana Hoffman—in memory of Michael Hoffman

Tim and Susie Ehlerding—loved ones

Allen and Susan Gaines—our parents

Tim and Cheryl Hoffman—Mike Hoffman and all loved ones

Arlema Ehlerding—Floyd Ehlerding

Announcements

St. Paul

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! If you are a visitor, we rejoice to have you in our midst this Sunday. Please speak with one of the pastors as they would be glad to meet you. Join us for the Easter breakfast at 7:30AM. After Sunday, Wednesday services will continue weekly at 7PM.

Ladies Aid will be setting up to make noodles April 12th. **We will be making noodles 4/13, 4/14, and 4/15 with final bagging and clean up 4/16 (Thursday).** Any and all help is welcome! If you have never participated in the life-changing noodle-making experience of the St. Paul Preble Ladies Aid, you are in for a wild ride, to say the least. Join us.

Elders, Council, and Voters Meetings will take place 4/13 and 4/14. We will meet in the sanctuary as the Ladies will be making noodles in the fellowship hall. Join us.

Confirmation Retreat. This Thursday 4/9 to Sunday 4/12, our five 8th grade catechumens will join the eighth graders of Friedheim and Bingen on a confirmation retreat, hosted by Pastors Brock, Ulmer, and Yeager, for the purpose of catechesis and fellowship. We pray for Jon, Jordan, Walt, Jazper, and Andrew as they prepare for their Confirmation in the Christian faith and as they are prepared by God's Word and the Catechism to receive the Supper of our Lord.

Wyneken

Grandparents/VIP Day: Friday, April 8th, 7:45-10:45AM. Registration and check-in will start at 7:45AM. Classroom visits for Kindergarten-8th Grades only will take place from 7:45AM-10AM with a Chapel service to follow in the main gym. Dismissal of guests will follow the chapel service. Information for grandparents day can be found at the following site <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4XeHBS7sFZ07duSHOu3SpxRGE1G5Nu5slb0xmsPxvU4meZA/viewform>. A link can be found at wyneken.org. All attendees are encouraged to pre-register for this event. We hope you are able to join us! If you are unable to register your guests online, you may call the office with your guests' names.

Spring Association Meeting: Tuesday, April 21st at 7PM. Come join us! We would love to see familiar faces and share updates on all the great things happening at Wyneken.

Community

Cross Connections celebration and partnership dinner is Monday, April 13 at 6PM at Salomon Farm Park Wolf Family Center. Come and learn more about Cross Connections and join us for a fun and inspiring event catered by Shigs In Pit. Keynote speaker: Rev. Dr. Todd Peperkorn, CTS—Ft. Wayne. If you would like to attend, forms are in narthex. \$50/ticket.

Acolytes

4/5 6AM *No acolyte scheduled but any male youth here may suit up!* 10:15 Chase Baker

Attendance

Wednesday, March 25 Lent Midweek 5 68
Sunday, March 29 8AM 119 10:15AM 102

Stewardship for 3/22/26

Offering: \$7,562.00 Online Offering: \$1,230.13 Total for the week: \$8,792.13

Weekly Goal: \$7,667.00 vs. Year to Date: +\$1,442.03

Prayer of the Church

- +**The Sick and recovering:** Cheryl Hoffman, Adam Levi, Terry Thatcher.
 - +**Those who mourn:** the family of Dorty Boness, grandmother to Meg Todd.
 - +**Our Wyneken School:** Mrs. Heather Yeager, teachers, staff, students, and childcare.
 - +**Expectant mothers:** Chloe Johnson; Katie Keuneke, Sunni Jones.
 - +**The Homebound:** Laurna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer, Warren Scheumann, Anita Spiegel, Judy Teague (all at Woodcrest); Don Haines, David Schueler (Ossian Health), Ron Selking (Residences, Chesterton).
 - +**Birthdays 4/1-4/7.** Peter Melcher, Madalyn Fravel, Darin Koenemann, Pam Smith, Stephanie Ehlerding, Lynn Brege.
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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 5 **6AM Easter Sunrise—Divine Service**
7:30AM Easter Breakfast—all are welcome
If you like, bring a dish to share
Youth, please be on hand to serve and clean up
9AM Easter Day—Divine Service
No Lutheran Lads Greek Study today.

Wednesday, April 8 **7PM Easter Wednesday Vespers**

Thursday, April 9 1PM Senior Fellowship

Sunday, April 12 **8AM The Second Sunday of Easter—Divine Service**
9:30AM Bible Study/Sunday School/Confirmation
10:15AM The Second Sunday of Easter—Matins
No Lutheran Lads Greek Study today.

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