



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday
8:30 and 10:30 am • April 5, 2026

Welcome to Church of the Nativity on this Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday, when we commemorate our Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection and victory over death.

Everything you need to participate in today's service is found in this bulletin, including all readings, responses, prayers, and hymns. Text in *italic type* indicates a hymn tune name when next to a hymn title, designates the speaker in responsive readings and prayers, or is instructional. Text in **bold type** is to be spoken by the People.

If you have any questions about the service or about Nativity, please don't hesitate to ask our Vestry Representative of the day, who greeted you in the Narthex as you came in today. If you would like to fill out a welcome card or make a donation, you can do that by scanning the QR code on the back of this bulletin. If you visited this morning looking for a church community, welcome home.

THE PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Easter Joy

Arrangement by John A. Behnke

The Nativity Ringers

Organ Prelude: Alleluias

Robert Lau

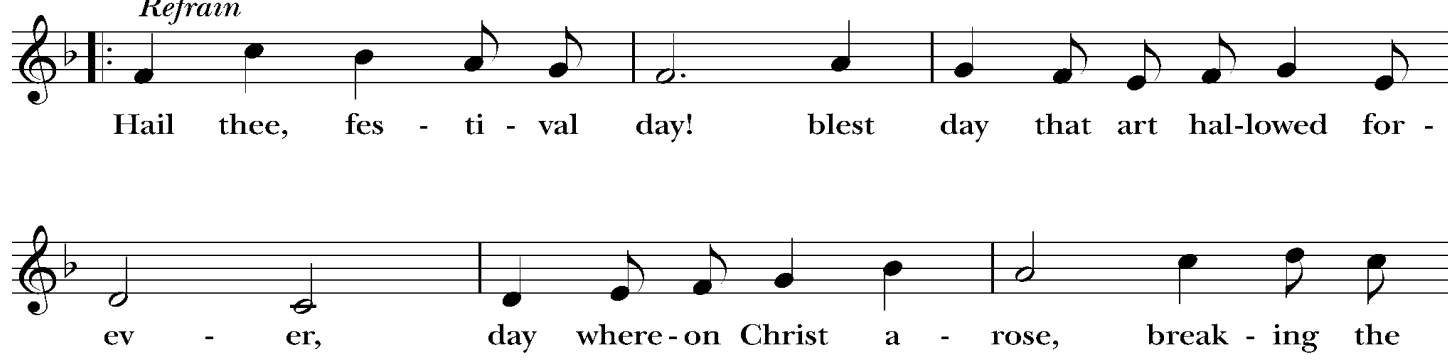
Christian Schoen, Organist

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 175. Hail Thee Festival Day (sung by all)

Salve Festa Dies


(Please stand.)

Refrain

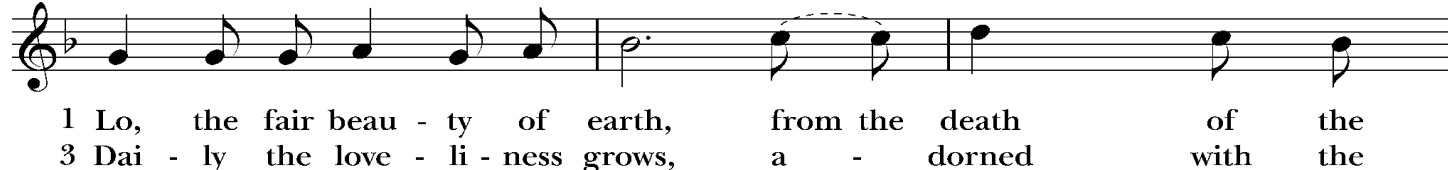


Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal-losed for -
ev - er, day where-on Christ a - rose, break - ing the

First time only | 2



king - dom of death. death.



1 Lo, the fair beau - ty of earth, from the death of the
3 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the

win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - ery good
glo - ry of blos - som; hea - ven her

Repeat Refrain

gift of the year now with its Mas - ter re - turns:
gates un - bars, fling - ing her in - crease of light:

2 He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the
4 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art au - thor of

ru - ler of na - ture; all things cre - a - ted on
life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of

Repeat Refrain

earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
death, life thou be - stow - est on all:

THE WORD OF GOD

(Please be seated)

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano

THE CHILDREN'S HOMILY

Following the children's homily, the children will return to sit with their families. There will be no children's formation today.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia**

(Please stand)

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: Mass of Wisdom

Steven R. Janco

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth— peace to
peo - ple of good will. We praise— you, we bless you, we a -
dore— you, we glo-ri - fy you, we give you thanks for—
your great glo - ry, Lord— God, heav - en - ly King, O
God, al - might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be -
got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,
you take a - way the— sins of the world, have mer - cy on
us; you take a - way the— sins of the world, re - ceive our
prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther,

have mer-cy on us. For you a - lone are the
 Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118

Confitemini Domino



Choir:

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for | he ● is | good; *

his | mercy ● en | dures ● for | ever.

2 Let Israel | now ● pro | claim, *

"His | mercy ● en | dures ● for | ever."

♠ 14 The LORD is my | strength and ● my | song, *

and he has be | come | my ● sal | vation.

Congregation Joins Choir:

15 There is a sound of exul | tation ● and | victory *

____ | in ● the | tents of ● the | righteous:

16 "The right hand of the | LORD ● has | triumphed! *

the right hand of the LORD is exalted!

the right | hand of ● the | LORD ● has | triumphed!"

17 I shall not | die, ● but | live, *

and de | clare ● the | works of ● the | LORD.

22 The same stone which the | builders ● re | jected *

has be | come ● the | chief | cornerstone.

23 This is the | LORD'S | doing, *

and it is | marvel ● ous | in ● our | eyes.

24 On this day the | Lord ● has | acted; *

we will re | joice | and ● be | glad in it.

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

SEQUENCE HYMN: LEVAS 165. Higher Ground

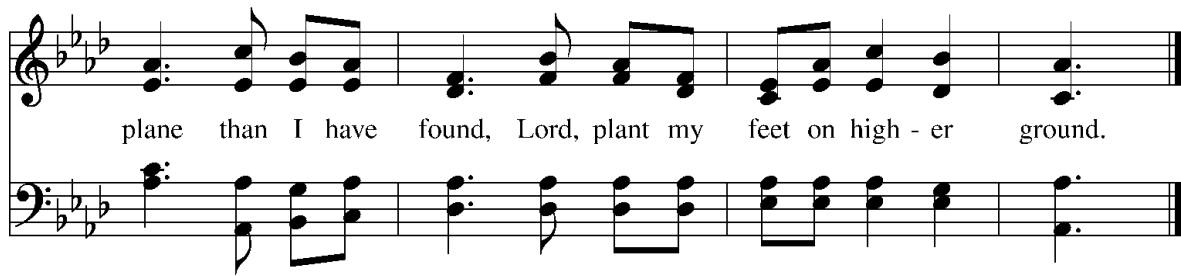
I'm pressing on the upward way

1. I'm press - ing on the up - ward way, New heights I'm
 2. My heart has no de - sire to stay Where doubts a -
 3. I want to live a - bove the world, Though sa - tan's
 4. I want to scale the ut - most height, And catch a

1. gain - ing ev - ery day; Still pray - ing as I on - ward bound,
 2. rise and fears dis - may; Though some may dwell where these a - bound,
 3. darts at me are hurled; For faith has caught a joy - ful sound,
 4. gleam of glo - ry bright; But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,

1. "Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground."
 2. My prayer, my aim is high - er ground. Lord, lift me
 3. The song of saints on high - er ground.
 4. "Lord, lead me on the high - er ground."

up, and let me stand By faith, on heav - en's ta - ble - land; A high - er



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People (please stand and recite together)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and

the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We give thanks for resurrection in all things, for new birth in our gardens and forests, for new possibilities in our life and work, and for new people coming to Christ and making Christ known in this season.

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

We give thanks for empty tombs, for victory over death, and for all those finding healing and hope in this world.

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

We pray for our youth preparing for confirmation, and for all young people in our midst, seeking to navigate an ever changing and confusing world.

We give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; **his mercy endures for ever.**

We pray for all those who are healing, hurt, and lost this season, for those who find themselves alone and scared, for prisoners and captives, and for those on our parish prayer list, including Alice, Alison, Barry, Bear, Betty, Bill, Catherine, Chuck, Diane, Eva, Jan, Jane, Liz, Mary, Maxine, Nancy, Nancy, Remmy, and Tom. And our friends and family, including Andrea, Barb, Caline, Clarence, Clarence, Danielle, Denise, Ernstein, Evonne, Frances, Gemma, Ginger, Hannah, Heather, James, Jim, Joelle, John, Jonathan, Joseph, Kate, Keili, Krista, Laird, Leeann, Lois, Lori, Margaret, Mel, Moira, Nik, Peter, Renee, Rev. Al, Rosalie, Roy, Sandy, Sandy, Sara, Sarah, Shannon, Shannon, Sharon, Stephanie, Tim, and Will.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; **his mercy endures for ever.**

We pray for safety for soldiers and civilians in harm's way, for faith communities that cannot worship in this holy season, for safety for those living in fear from violence, and for the Prince of Peace to reign in our hearts this Easter season.

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

As the women gathered at the tomb, so we gather in prayer for those who have died, especially Marbe McNeill and Ann Lucas; may you grant them a place in your eternal kingdom.

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING: Anthems of Love (sung by the choir)

Dan Forrest

Around us the sound of celestial music, anthems of love from the heavenly throne; The Father Himself singing over His children, His love song a gift that He sings to His own. Sing to the Lord, with a song give Him glory. Heaven will hear and will join in our praise. The Father Himself singing over His children, taking delight in the anthems we raise. Sing with the sun as it rises each morning melody, harmony, lighting the day. Sing through the night, with the moon and stars shining, hymns of deliverance, pardon and grace. Echoes of love coming down from the Father, echoes of love that we lift to His throne. Sing to the Lord, with a song give Him glory. Heaven will hear and will join in our praise. The Father Himself singing over His children, taking delight in the anthems we raise.

THE HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Doxology with Alleluias

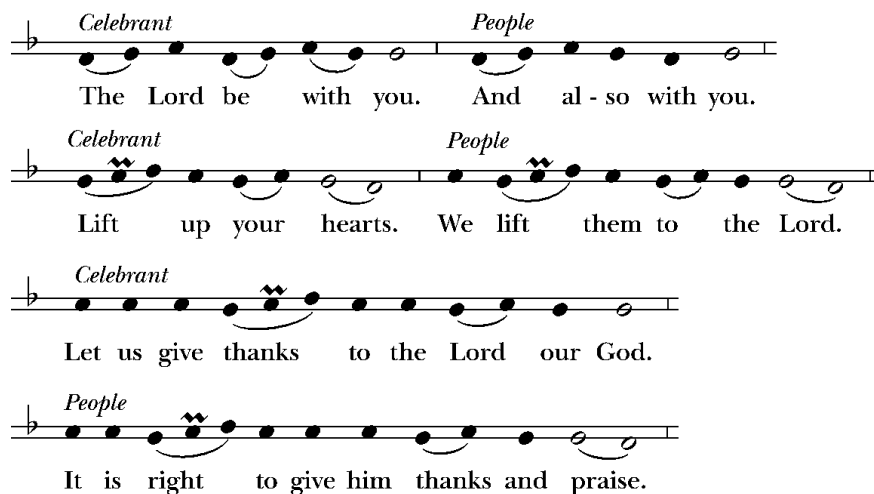
Thomas Ken

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures
here be - low. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Ho - ly Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B (*please stand*)



Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

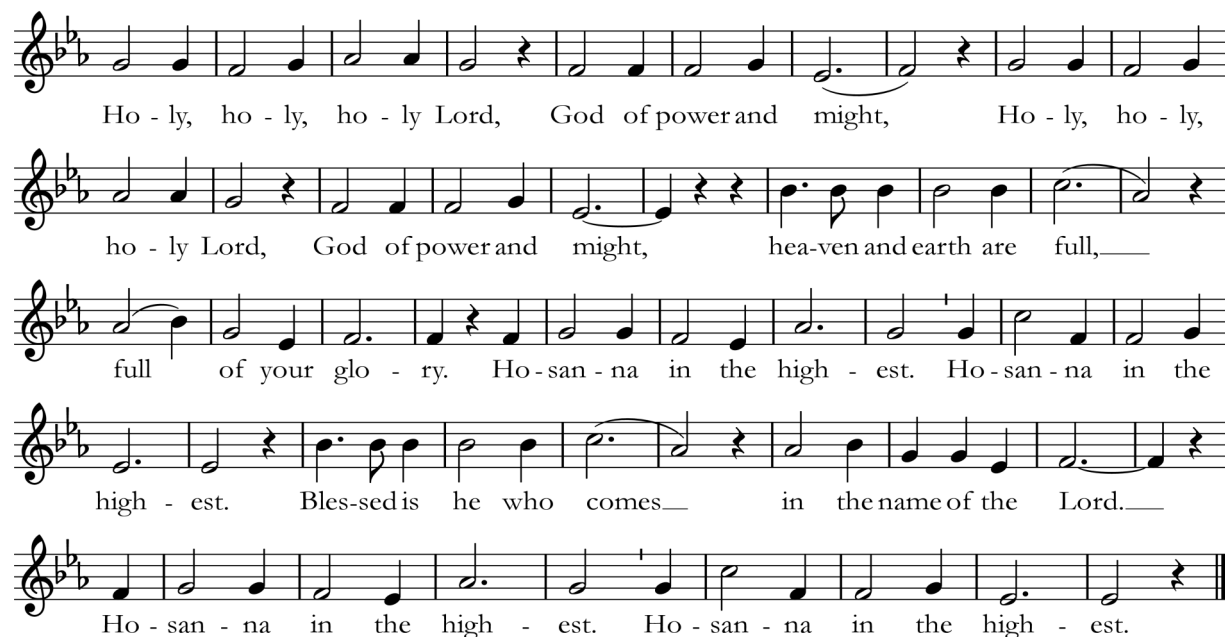
Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (sung by all)

Franz Schubert, *Deutsche Messe*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, —
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes — in the name of the Lord. —
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Traditional Version

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

Celebrant and People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Celtic Alleluia

O'Carrol/Walker

(Sung by all.)

Refrain

Al - le - lu - - ia! Al - le - - lu - - ia!

5
Al - le - lu - - ia! Al - le - - lu - - ia!

1 Now he is living, the Christ: Out of the tomb He is ris'n! He has conquered death, opened Heaven to all believers!

2 Christ is the first fruits from death, filling the church with His glory! Darkness vanishes in the light of His power.

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

At God's table all are welcome. Please join us at the altar to receive the sacrament. You are invited to receive just bread or both bread and wine. If you require gluten free communion let us know.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

This Joyful Eastertide (sung by the choir)

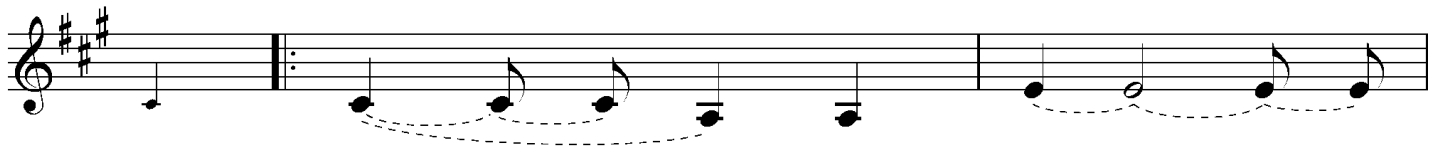
arr. Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide, away with care and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow. *Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his threeday prison, our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen.* My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber, till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river: Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.



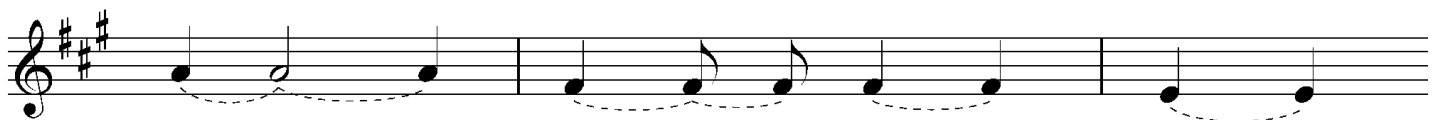
1 I am the bread of life;— they who
 2 (The) Bread that— I will give— is my
 3 (Un-) less— you eat— of the
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion, —
 5 (Yes,) Lord, — we be - lieve— that—



1 come to me shall not— hun - ger; they who be -
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, — and they who
 3 Flesh of the Son of — Man — and —
 4 I — am the — life. — They who be -
 5 you — are the — Christ, — the —



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 2 eat — of this bread, they shall — live for
 3 drink — of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
 4 lieve — in me, e - ven — if they
 5 Son — of God who — has



1 me — un - less the — Fa - ther draw them.
 2 ev - er. — they shall — live for ev - er.
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.
 4 die, — they shall — live for ev - er.
 5 come — in - to — the — world. —

(Music continues on next page)

Descant

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

1-4

Final Ending

last day. _____ 5 Yes, day.

last day. _____ 2 The day.

3 Un- day.

4 —

5 Yes, day.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*please stand.*)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

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

People **Amen.**

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

People **Amen.**

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

People **Amen.**

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

People **Amen.**

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN: 207. Jesus Christ is risen today (sung by all)

Easter Hymn




1. Je - sus Christ is risen to-day, Al - le - lu - ia! our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! un - to Christ, our heaven-ly King,
3. But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia! our sal - va - tion have pro-cured,
4. Sing we to our God a-bove, Al - le - lu - ia! praise e - ter - nal as his love,



Al - - le - lu - ial who did once, up - on the cross, Al - - le -
Al - - le - lu - ial who en-dured the cross and grave, Al - - le -
Al - - le - lu - ial now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - - le -
Al - - le - lu - ial praise him, all ye heaven-ly host, Al - - le -

(*Music continues on next page*)



lu - ia! suf - fer to re - deem our loss, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia! sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia! where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia! Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Al - - le - lu - ia!

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE: Rondeau from Suite de Symphonies

Jean-Joseph Mouret



All children in 5th grade and younger are invited to participate in our Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 am service. Please gather at the top of the stairs outside the narthex and wait for the signal to start. We look forward to this joyful Easter tradition together.



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2026

Wardens Hannah Harris (Senior), Randy R. Smith
(Junior), and Jim Ingram (Junior)

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Ward, Scott Beaver, Randy R. Smith

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We thank the following for their participation in this morning's service:

CELEBRANT & PREACHER	The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano
MUSICIANS	Christian Schoen, The Nativity Choir The Nativity Ringers, Harlan Hagge - Trumpet, Emma Wang - Violin, Jasmine Zhao - Violin, Thomas McCall - Viola, Luis Vargas - Cello
LECTORS (8:30)	Ed and Annette Hughes, Jeremy Clos
(10:30)	Arrin Dutton, Isabella Maggiano, Ailsa Tessier
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (8:30)	Steve Dearth, Rene Garces
(10:30)	Helen Armstrong, Jeremy Clos
CRUCIFERS (10:30)	Parker Walls, Alicia Lester-Bodford
TORCHES (10:30)	Maddie and Hannah Parker
BANNER (10:30)	Vance Dutton
USHERS (10:30)	Emily Phillips, Matt Chytka
GREETERS (10:30)	Harrison Goode, Carolyn Kerr
ALTAR GUILD	Emily Jividen, Olivene Virtue
FLOWERS	The Nativity Flower Guild
LIVESTREAM (10:30)	Rick Burts
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE (8:30)	Susan Kelley
(10:30)	Robert Joines

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