



Easter Sunday



Celebration of Worship
April 20, 2025

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10:30 am

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Enter in Prayer, Worship with Gratitude, Go Forth to Serve

Opening Voluntary

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

arr. Robert A. Hobby

Isaac Hopkins, trumpet

Dana Hamant, trumpet

Kyle Hopkins, horn

Rob Tierney, trombone

Jayne Hayes, tuba

Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

Alleluias

Robert Lau

For Brass Quintet, Organ and Chorus

Christ the Lord is risen again!
Christ has broken every chain!
Now through all the world it rings:
the Lord is King of Kings!

The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;

the song of triumph has begun.

Alleluia!

Christ, our Paschal lamb indeed today your people freed.

Alleluia!

Call to Worship

Acolytes

Charlotte Scafe and Murphy Miller

*Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today!

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*Responsive Sentences

Lindsey Miller

One: Do not look for signs of life amidst the halls of cruelty—

All: the Way-Makers are walking around in the Garden of Life—

One: pulling weeds of despair, tending to the ways of thriving.

Christ is Living! Mary Magdalene saw the stone rolled away herself!

All: Even in despair the Holy Spirit surprises us with a jolt of Hope!

One: Can you feel it? Wild possibility—brimming and unfurling?

Alleluja, the Ways of Life expand beyond systems of evil!

All: Resurrected Christ—inspire our compassion for the world.

We will shake off our grave clothes and dance towards New Life.

*Response of Praise Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls



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*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Holy One, through you the impossible becomes possible. You birth hope into inconceivable places: In our greatest pain. In our heaviest grief. In our weightiest battles with injustice. Even when we cannot yet perceive it, your Spirit is at work. Give us the faith, O God, to trust in the mystery of your redemptive hand.

Mysterious Spirit of Hope and Wonder—amidst the sorrow of the world, we seek signs of life. We long for empty tombs. Our hearts break for those for whom Easter will never come, the injustice of the world, seeming to swallow them whole. Tend with us our grief, that in the tending, we may open space for New Life to live alongside it. Grant us space and courage to cultivate joy, practice hope, relish wonder, and embody freedom. For you are a God who holds all things. You are the one who taught us to pray...

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Mark 16:1-8 **Lindsay Miller**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But 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. But 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.' So 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.

Matthew 28:1-10 **Finley Stevens**

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 worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Luke 24:1-12 **Francie Robu**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body.

While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.'

Scripture Readings

Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

John 20:1-18 **Katie Robu**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Welcoming Song *These Treasured Children* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (Let the children come forward.)



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A Moment with the Children

Lindsay Miller

Choir Anthem

God is Our Refuge

Allen Pote

God is our refuge and strength;
A present help in time of trouble
Though the mountains shake in the heart of
the sea,
though the waters roar and foam, we will
not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord,
the awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of his people,
in all the earth.

He is the Word, we are his hands,
He will lead us
He is the air, we are his song
We will celebrate his presence all the day
long.

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Though the mountains shake in the heart of
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Come and behold the work of the Lord,
the awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of his people,
in all the earth.

He is the rain, we are the stones,
He will cleanse us
He is the air, we are his song,
We will celebrate his presence all the day
long.

God is our refuge and strength;
A present help in time of trouble
Though the mountains shake in the heart of
the sea,
though the waters roar and foam, we will not
fear.

(Psalm 46)

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Choir Anthem

"I Will Make a Way!"

Tom Trenney

Behold! I will do a new thing!
Everything old has passed away.
See, everything old has become new.
I will make a way in the wilderness.
I will make rivers in the desert.
Do not remember the former things

or consider the ways of old.
The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and ostriches.
For I give water in the wilderness,
the desert shall be a pool.

(Based on Isaiah 43: 19-20
and 2 Corinthians 5:17)

Hymn of Preparation

"The Strife is O'er"

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Sermon

"History or Parable"

Dr. Robu

Closing Hymn

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

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*Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Aaron Shows

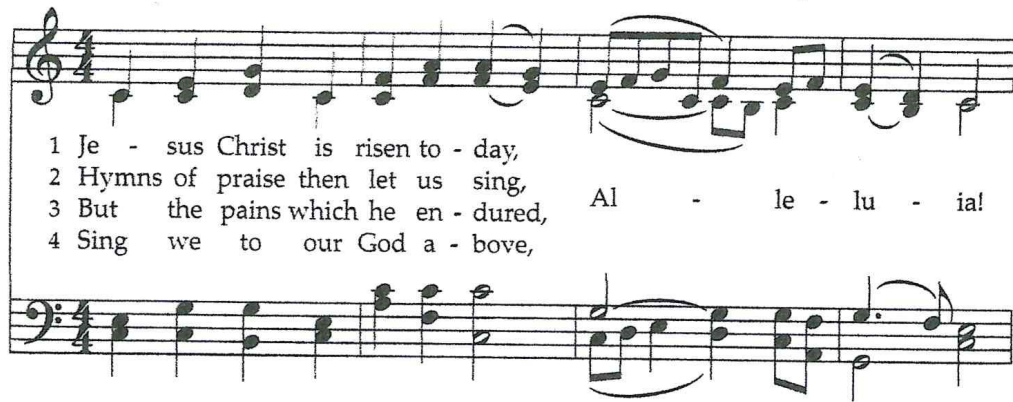
* Let all who are able please stand.

*** Ushers will seat late comers

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Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



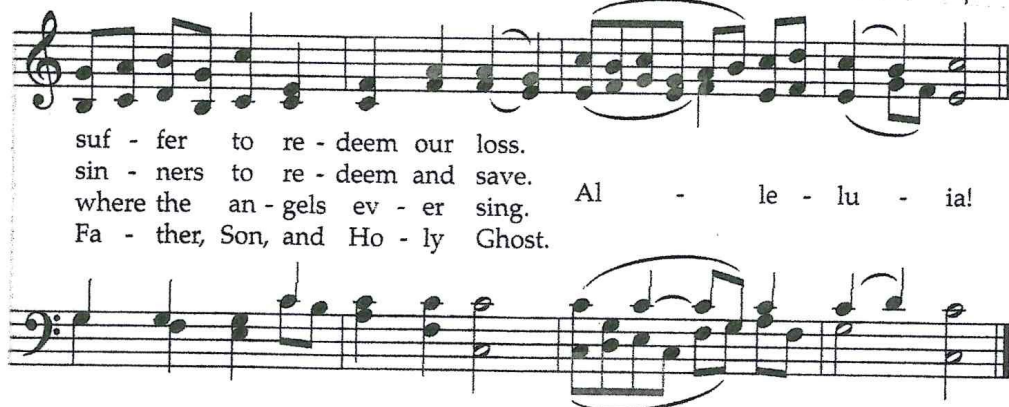
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



our tri - um-phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.



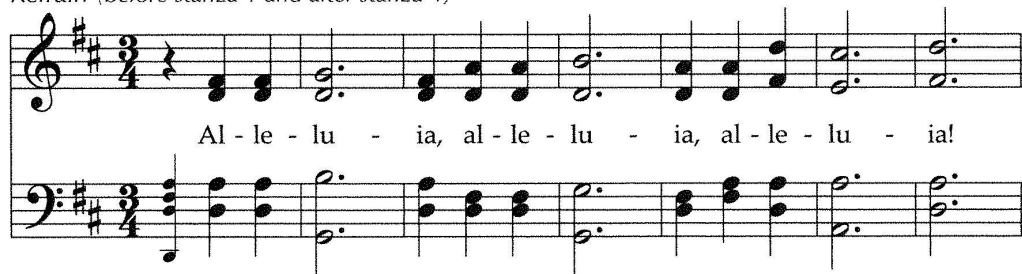
who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven-ly host,



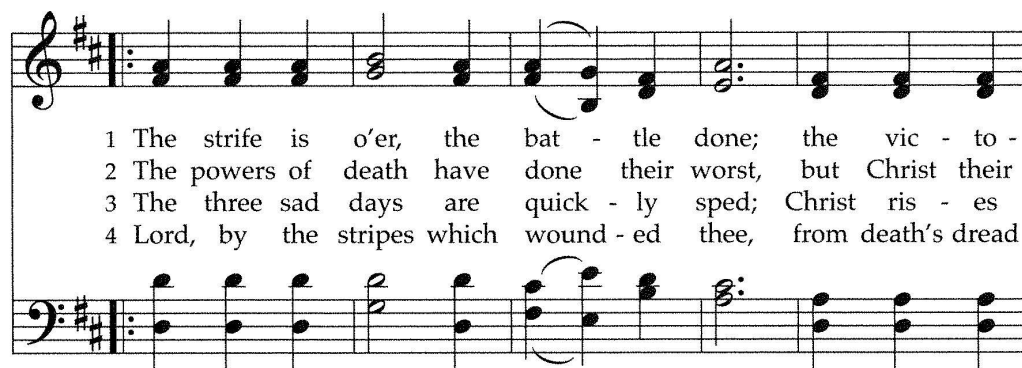
suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Strife Is O'er

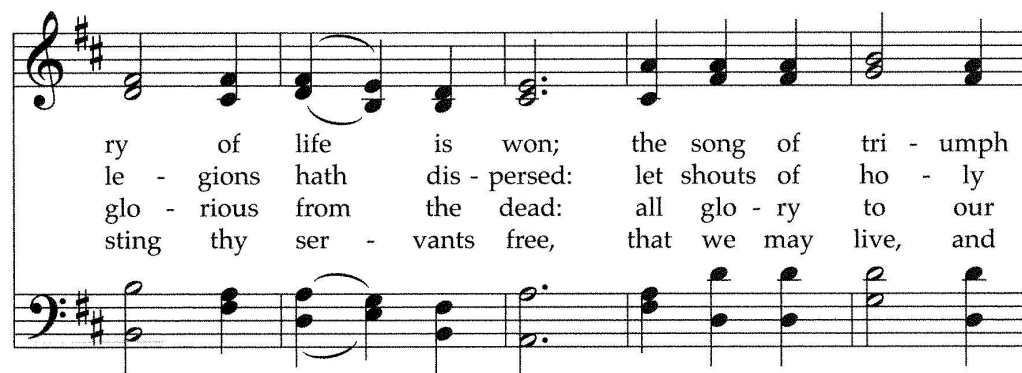
Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)



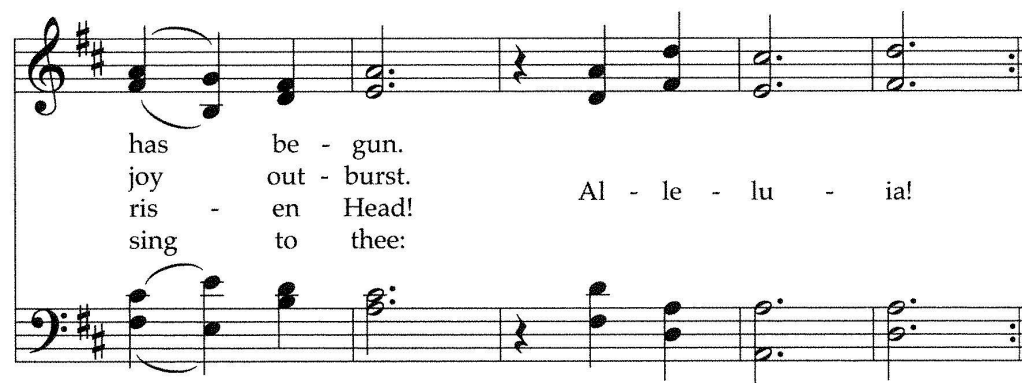
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; Christ ris - es
 4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread




ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shouts of ho - ly
 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 sting thy ser - vants free, that we may live, and





has be - gun.
 joy out - burst.
 ris - en Head!
 sing to thee: Al - le - lu - ia!

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Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!





1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.


Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 SPINNING BOOTS 5:30 PM CABINET	2 AEROBICS 5:30 PM WED DINNER AND LENTEN SPEAKER	3 PLYMOUTH PROJECTS WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	4 AEROBICS 10 AM MUSIC THEATER GUILD	5
6 10:30 AM WORSHIP YOUTH SUNDAY	7 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING PEO GROUP - COMMONS	8 SPINNING BOOTS	9 AEROBICS 5:30 PM WED DINNER AND LENTEN SPEAKER	10 PLYMOUTH PROJECTS WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	11 AEROBICS	12 NEW DATE! SPRING CLEAN UP DAY 9-12
13 9:15 AM GROWTH STEERING 10:30 WORSHIP PALM SUNDAY	14 INVESTMENT CLUB AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	15 SPINNING BOOTS	16 AEROBICS NO WED NIGHT DINNER	17 PLYMOUTH PROJECTS WOMEN'S AA COFFEE SEDER DINNER	18 AEROBICS GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7 PM	19
20 9 AM MISSIONS 9:00 AM MISSIONS 10:30 WORSHIP EASTER SUNDAY	21 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	22 5:30 PM TRUSTEES SPINNING BOOTS	23 AEROBICS 5:30 PM WED DINNER AND GAME NIGHT!	24 PLYMOUTH PROJECTS WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	25 AEROBICS	26
27 9 AM CE BOARD 10:30 WORSHIP 11:30 AM DEACONS	28 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	29 SPINNING BOOTS	30 AEROBICS 5:30 PM WED DINNER AND BOOK CLUB			