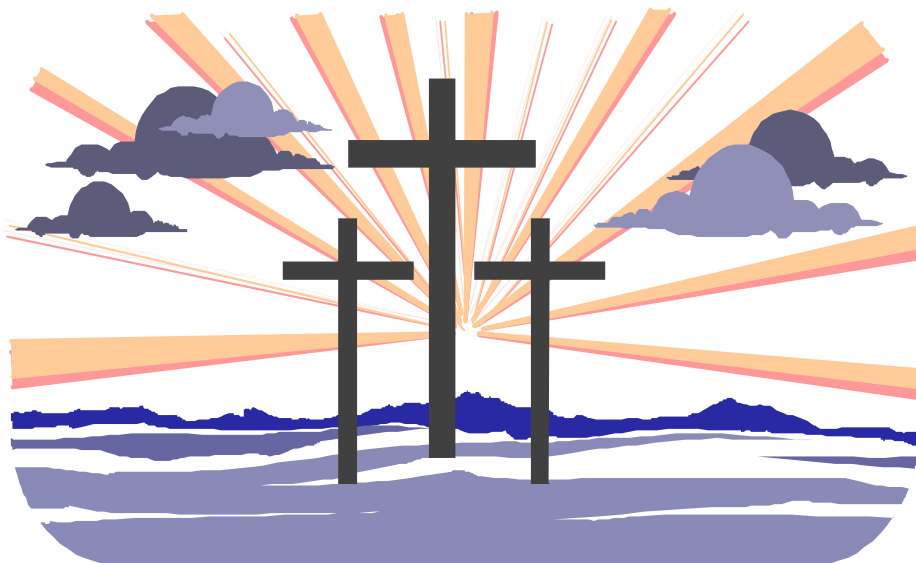


**Easter Sunday/The Resurrection of Our Lord**  
**April 4, 2021 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service**



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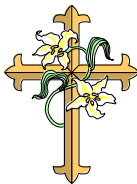
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### ***Pre-Service Meditation (Psalm 22:22-31)***

### ***LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION***

***(selected portions)***

Jesus, our Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and hast taken away the sins of the world:

*Have mercy upon us.*

Jesus, who by Thy death hast destroyed death and by Thy rising to life again hast restored to us everlasting life:

*Have mercy upon us.*

By Thy glorious resurrection;

By Thy victory over death;

By the glorious majesty of Thy risen body:

*Good Lord deliver us.*

That we may walk in love, even as Thou didst walk in love;

That we may set our affections on things above, not on things on earth;

That we may dwell with Thee forever in the new heaven and earth, in the Holy city, the New Jerusalem:

*Grant us, good Lord.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:

*Have mercy upon us.*

O God, who makest us glad by the yearly Festival of the Resurrection, mercifully grant that we who do now celebrate these joyous holy days on earth may attain hereafter to eternal joys in heaven; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Amen.*

## ***AS WE GATHER***

Today is a day of celebration! Jesus is alive! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. This fact informs all of our lives---if God can raise Jesus from the dead, He can bring life to my situation; He can take away my fear of death. So this day, we rejoice. We celebrate Jesus, no longer dead, but alive.



## **EASTER VIGIL - CLOSING PRAYER**

**P** O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** Amen.

## **EASTER ACCLAMATION**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD SUNRISE

Divine Setting – Service One

April 4, 2021 7:30 a.m.

## *Welcome & Announcements*

+ INVOCATION +

*LSB 151*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19b*

**C** Amen.

**Processional Hymn** (*is sung as we follow the cross into the Sanctuary*)

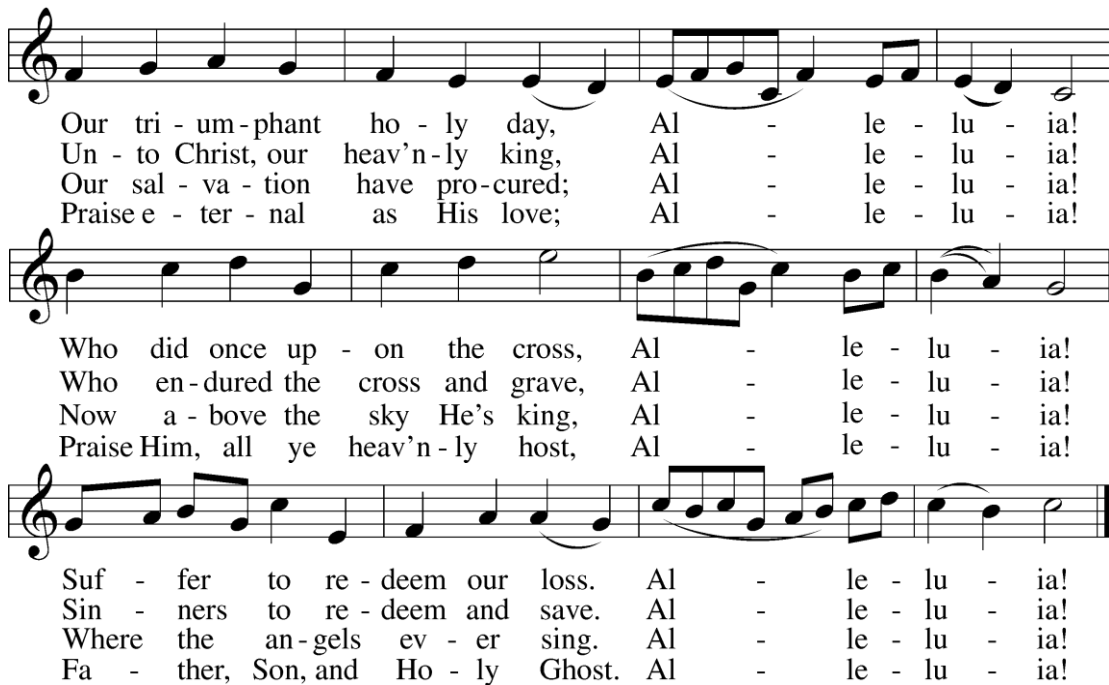
*Opening Hymn*

*LSB 457 sts. 1-4*

*“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*



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!



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 ye 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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## Confession and Forgiveness

*LSB 151*

*(Adapted)*

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** Jesus Christ was the first to conquer death,  
 He is the ruler over all the kings of the earth.

**C** He loves us, and by His blood He set us  
 free from our sins.

**P** Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

*(Silence for self-examination and confession to God in light of the Ten Commandments and reflection on God's Word)*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.



**P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. *LSB 292*

**C** Amen.

**P** Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness? *LSB 293*

**C** Yes.

**P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

**P** Almighty God in *LSB 151*

His mercy has given His Son  
to die for you and for His sake forgives you all  
your sins. As a called and ordained servant of  
Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive  
you all your sins in the name of the Father and  
of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**Alleluia**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C** He is risen indeed, alleluia!

## Introit

LSB 152

*Ex. 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18; antiphon: Ex. 15:1b*

**[P]** I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

**[C]** The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

**[P]** Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

**[C]** You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

**[P]** You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,

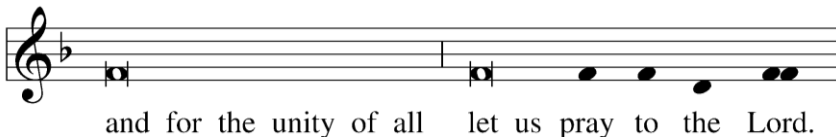
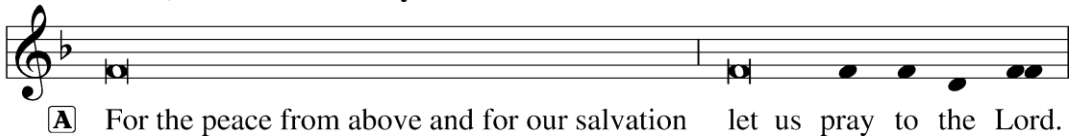
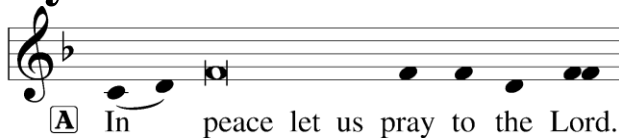
**[C]** the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established. The LORD will reign forever and ever.

**P C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

## Kyrie

*LSB 152*





**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



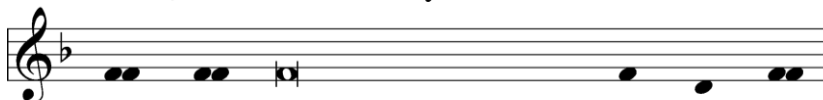
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



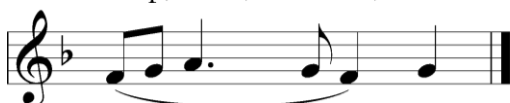
let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## *Hymn of Praise/Gloria in Excelsis*

*LSB 154*



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



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.

## Collect of the Day

*LSB 156*

**P** Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the

same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD + *LSB 156*

**Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 25:6-9*

6 On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine - the best of meats and the finest of wines.

7 On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; 8 he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

9 In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

**A C** Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

## Epistle Reading

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

1 Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.

6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

9 For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them - yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.



11 Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*We welcome back Alleluia!*

### **Responsory**

**P** When Mary and Mary went to Jesus' tomb that first Easter morning they were startled by the angel telling them Jesus has risen.

**C** Sometimes alleluia surprises us.

**P** The angel knew they sought the dead body of Jesus but showed them instead the empty tomb.

**C** Sometimes alleluia surprises us.

**P** The angel told them to 'go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead!'

**C** Sometimes alleluia is to be shared!

**P** Jesus met the women as they were going and greeted them.

**C** Always alleluia is with us by the presence of Jesus.

**P** We again this Easter day celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and say "Christ is risen."

**C** "He is risen indeed, Alleluia!" In God's time, we proclaim Alleluia!

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**      *2 Tim. 1:10b, LSB 156*

**P** Alleluia.

**P C** [Christ Jesus] abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

**Easter Gospel**

*Mark 16:1-8*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

1 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.

2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb 3 and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.

5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

6 "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

8 Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

*Hymn of the Day*

*LSB 463 sts. 1-4*

*“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”*



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 Hail, 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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**Sermon**

**Pastor Tom Rhodes**

**“Easter! At Last!”**

*Stand*

*Together We Confess our Common Faith Using  
the Apostles’ Creed*

*LSB 159*

**☐ ☑ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the  
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

## **Offering**

*In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)*

## **Offertory**

*LSB 159*

**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



## Prayer of the Church

*LSB 159*

**P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father,  
who raised Jesus from the dead.

### *Brief silence*

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, on this glorious  
day fill Your people with a holy joy at the  
resurrection of Your Son, that they might tremble  
no longer before the grave but rejoice and live  
now in the truth of Your almighty pardon, peace,  
and reconciliation. Lord, in Your mercy:

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Let Your grace be with Matthew, our Synod president; Lee, our district president; and all our pastors, so that they may faithfully deliver to Your people the apostolic Gospel of Your Son's death, burial and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy:

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Let we, and all Your people hold fast to the Word that is preached to us, that receiving it with joy we may take our stand in it and be saved by it. Hinder all those who would sow doubt in You, the only triune God, in people's hearts, and grant Your people courage to confess this singular truth in our daily lives. Lord, in Your mercy:

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Help all those who suffer for the sake of Christ to hold fast to Him, that rejoicing in the glory of His resurrected might they would fear no



other. Have mercy on their persecutors as You had mercy on St. Paul, and grant them to know the love of the One that they now persecute in hate. Lord, in Your mercy:

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Bless Joseph, our president, and all who make and administer our laws, that they may frustrate the forces of evil and not cooperate with them or further their goals. Guard our armed forces as they stand watch for us at home and abroad; let them serve with honor and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy:

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Have mercy on the sick, remembering before You all who we know suffer; let the dawning light of the new creation in Christ sustain them in faith. In accord with Your will, grant them renewed health as a foretaste of their eternal healing in Him. Lord, in Your mercy:

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Comfort those who mourn with the truth of Christ's empty tomb, that in the midst of their grief they might abide in the hope of His resurrection; uphold them in faith as they await the day when You will wipe every tear from all faces. Lord, in Your mercy:

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Rejoicing to join in the eternal alleluias of the innumerable angels and the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven and the spirits of the righteous made perfect, we lay these petitions before You, dear Father, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 162*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
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.

## **Blessing And Benediction**

*LSB 166*

**P** Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C** He is risen indeed, alleluia!

*Sit*

# Closing Hymn

LSB 474 sts. 1-5

## “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the  
3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -  
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us  
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the  
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: “O grave, be  
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
o - pen!” Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

### Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

*(As the acolyte leaves the chancel with the light from the altar, reminding us that the light of God's word is among us and goes with us; so we are reminded that we take the mark of our baptism, the light of the cross of Christ, with us to a dark, broken and hurting world, where we go **Hearing, Sharing and Living the Gospel**)*



**The Easter Lilies on the Altar were given by  
the Ladies Guild and members of the congregation**