



# St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday



*Rejoice!*

## **WELCOME**

Welcome to St. Francis! Whether this is your first time at St. Francis', you attend sporadically, or you have been here since our founding in the 1990's, we rejoice that you are with us today!

You may be surprised to know that you won't find the word "Easter" in the Bible, yet our yearly celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus is profoundly biblically centered. Jesus teaches that he will make all things new and call all people to him. Through his life of loving and listening to God, his suffering, death, and resurrection, all creation has access to new light and life. A new relationship with God is possible over and over again. This is what we celebrate, for we are new people with a new relationship to God through Jesus Christ.

No matter where you are in your journey of faith, St. Francis' has a place for you!

In the hope of the Risen Christ,

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti  
Vicar

## **EASTER FLOWERS A GIFT OF:**

### **THE ANZILOTTI FAMILY**

*In Memory of Joe, Dad, Papa,  
from your loving family.  
May perpetual light shine on you .*

### **JOE AND DONNA BERNERT**

*In Memory of Joe Thum, Donna's Dad,  
and Joe and Louise Bernert, Joe's Parents*

### **CAROLE CLARY**

*In Gratitude for Prayer Answered—Salomé and Ryan*

### **JANET HOUSEMAN**

*In Memory of Michael Barcelona*

### **JERRY AND JENNY KARR**

*In Memory of Joseph and Betsy Graham  
and Louis and Marion Karr*

### **CHRIS AND MARY ANN KINDER**

*In Memory of Floyd and Virginia Kinder and  
Jim and Saundie Hogan*

### **DAVID LUCKES**

*In Thanks for the People of  
St. Francis' Episcopal Church*

### **AL AND GINA NESSEL**

### **SUE SCHMIDT**

*In loving memory of Granny, our Easter Bunny,  
and John, Our Golden Egg*

### **JIM AND DORIS SCHNEIDER**

### **NANCY SINCLAIR**

*In Loving Memory for my Cousin Jim with his  
sense of humor, gentleness and strength  
during a long stroke-affected life*

### **BILL AND DELLA THOMPSON**

*In Memory of Rose Bonicelli  
In Memory of Myron Thompson*

### **NATHAN AND MADDIE WHALEY**

*In Memory of Jim Cooper*

### **ANN WIDNER**


*In Thanks For My Beautiful  
Friends, Rosie and Ernie*

## PRELUDE


## WELCOME

### GATHERING HYMN *Stand* JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY


H 207



1 Je - sus Christ is risen 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 heaven - 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 heaven - 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!

## OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

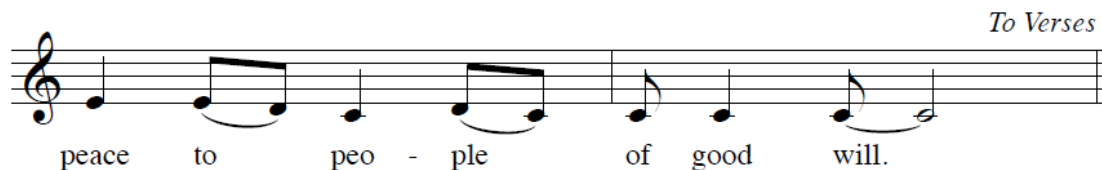
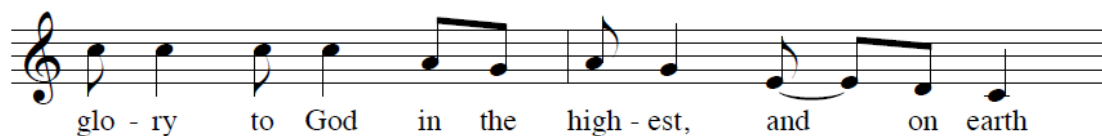
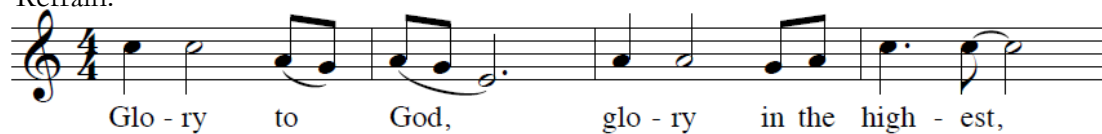
Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our heart by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

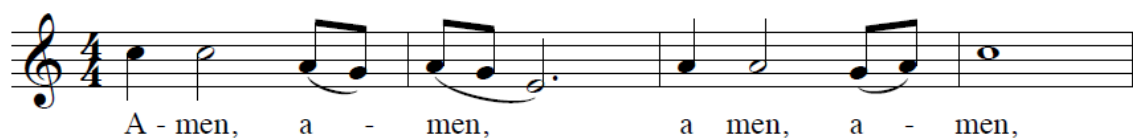
## GLORIA

At 8am, only refrain is sung. Sing 3 times.

Refrain:



1. We praise you,  
we bless you, we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.



## THE COLLECT

Presider            The Lord be with you.

People             **And also with you.**

Presider            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.

People             **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### THE FIRST LESSON

Reader            A reading from the book of Jeremiah. 31:1-6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest,  
the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built,  
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,  
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

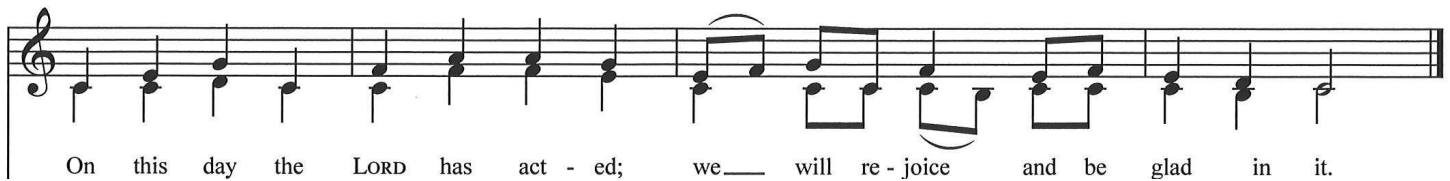
Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant,  
and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call  
in the hill country of Ephraim:

"Come, let us go up to Zion,  
to the Lord our God."

The Word of the Lord.

People            **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim,  
"His mercy endures for ever." **ANTIPHON**
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation 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! **ANTIPHON**
- 17 I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely,  
but he did not hand me over to death. **ANTIPHON**
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord;  
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me  
and have become my salvation. **ANTIPHON**
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes. **ANTIPHON**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the letter to the Colossians.

3:1-4

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ANTIPHON** *Stand and sing twice.*



**THE GOSPEL**

Presider            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.            28:1-10

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL ANTIPHON** *Sing the music above one time through.*

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS** *Stand*

Presider Do you trust in God?

People **I trust in God, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you trust in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I trust in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you trust in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I trust in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

Presider How will you connect to Christ in community?

People **With God's help I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.**

Presider How will you resist evil and turn to Christ?

People **With God's help I will persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.**



Presider How will you show Christ in your life?

People **With God's help I will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.**

Presider How will you seek and serve Christ in your life?

People **With God's help I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as myself.**

Presider How will you preserve God's creation?

People **With God's help I will cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation.**

*Presider sprinkles congregants with holy water as a reminder of their baptisms.*

## **NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

**10:30AM**

*The Presider invites new members to come forward.*

Presider Almighty God, we thank you for the life journey that brought these people to join our church today. We celebrate the unique impact they will make here and already have made here, through their presence, gifts and talents. May this congregation offer support in times of trouble and rejoice with them always. May our church home strengthen their faith and deepen their discipleship. All this we pray in Christ's Holy Name.

People **Amen.**

Presider To the church of St. Francis, do you promise to help them find their place in the body of Christ, to pray with and for them, to welcome them fully in holy friendship, to be angels for them in times of distress and servants to them in times of need?

People **We promise, with the help of God.**

Presider Let us, the members of St. Francis, express our welcome and affirm our ministry together.

People **We joyfully welcome you into the common life of our church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share in the hopes and labors of this church. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we grow together in faith and be witnesses to the love of God and the peace of Christ.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Presider Christ has burst through the tomb of death, victorious over its power, revealing the triumph of light over every darkness. In thanksgiving, we offer our prayers, responding, "Hear us, O risen Christ."
- Intercessor In thanksgiving for the resurrection of Jesus, who moves the immovable rock of fear and reveals the way to abundant life; let us pray.
- People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**
- Intercessor For the leaders of the nations, that they may guide the world to a greater fulfillment of its quest for freedom, justice, and peace; let us pray.
- People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**
- Intercessor For the innocent in troubled places and wherever strife stifles harmony, that the actions of the global community may free all who are suffering or imprisoned unjustly. We also remember those whose lives have been changed by violence especially the Ukrainian people, the women of Iran and Afghanistan, and the people of Turkey and Syria; let us pray.
- People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**
- Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit—we pray especially for our parishioners Noel, Roger, Kathleen, Paul B., Mary, Max, Bob, Becky, Ann, Chris, Sue, Paul J., Mike, Jerry, and Tony; and for those who have asked for our prayers, particularly Rhonda, Lucille, Peg, Ervin, Scott, Kert, the Curtis Family, Naseer, Jeff, Dennis, Martha, Melanie, Joachim, Virginia, and Laurie C. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation; let us pray.
- People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**
- Intercessor In thanksgiving for those who have gone before us, and those who have left us an inheritance of God's blessings, and who now join in the chorus of angels and the saints in paradise, especially Dottie, McAuley, and the students and staff who died at the shooting at Covenant School in Nashville, TN; let us pray.
- People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**
- Intercessor In thanksgiving for all who have gathered here today to share in this Easter celebration, that we may each be changed by the message of new life, and the Food of eternal hope, growing richly and fully into the forgiving compassion of Jesus; let us pray.
- People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**
- Presider Christ, Morning Star, shine in us and through us as we continue our prayer. Amen.

## THE PEACE

Presider            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People             **And also with you.**

*We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*We return with thanksgiving the gifts God has given us. This includes bread and wine of the earth and financial offerings from our labor. Representatives of the congregation bring these to the common Eucharistic table.*

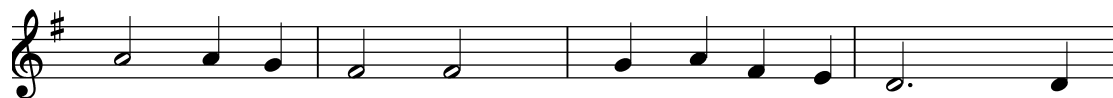
## OFFERTORY

## CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

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1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -  
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through  
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -  
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -  
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



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

## DOXOLOGY

*The following is sung as ushers present the offerings. Please stand.*

H 38o

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above you heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The text is: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The lyrics are in a mix of black and blue ink.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho -  
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Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Presider

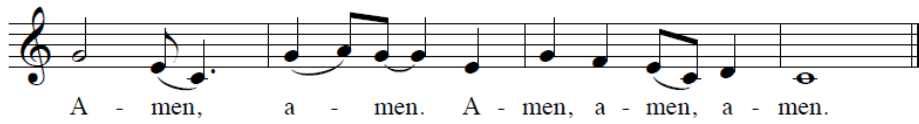
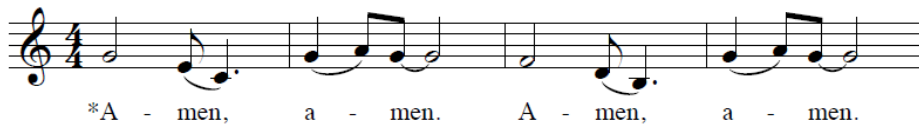
Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled + with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Mary, St. Francis, St. Clare, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

## AMEN



*\*Pronounced: Ay-men.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-free. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.*

*Sing three times.*

Christ has a - ris - en, Al - le - lu - ia. Re - joice and  
 praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia. For our Re - deem - er burst from the  
 tomb, E - ven from death dis - pel - ling its gloom. Let us sing praise to Him  
 with end - less joy. Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy, Our sin for -  
 giv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia. Je - sus is liv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After all have received communion the Presider says*

Presider Let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving God,  
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
 of the most precious Body and Blood  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
 And now, send us out  
 to do the work you have given us to do,  
 to love and serve you  
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
 be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

## THE EASTER BLESSING

Presider      May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life;  
and the blessing of the Lover, the Beloved and the Love that exists between them be with  
you this day and always.

People      **Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

## HE IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN

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1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
\*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
4 He is ris - en. he is ris - en! He hath o - pened  
joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
um - phunt day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ning  
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,  
let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,  
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion  
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the  
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er  
we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.  
pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.  
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

## DISMISSAL

Presider      As we go out this day, go and serve the Lord in the joy that abides in this day of  
resurrection forever! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People      **We will share the joy of this day! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**