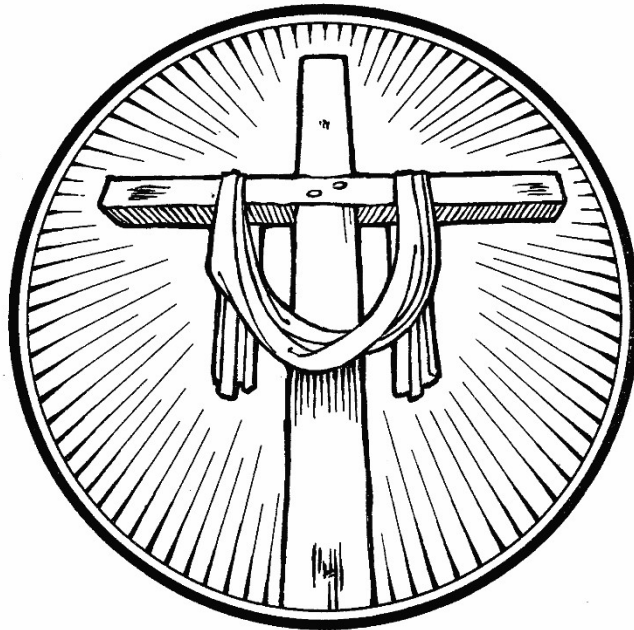


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## Holy Easter Morning

The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord

12 April A+D 2020

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Welcome in the name of Christ our Savior!

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Thank you for joining us where Christ our Lord has promised to be with his gifts of faith, forgiveness, and everlasting life through His Word and Sacraments! **Guests**, please sign our guestbook. To all in attendance, please sign the **Red Attendance Books** as they are passed down the pews during the offering.

### Today's Service

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“I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”

—Revelation 1:18

## Easter Acclamation

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## Opening Hymn

*LSB 457 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 endured, 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 ABSOLUTION

*Stand*

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** **Amen.**

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

# Introit

*Psalm 8:1, 5-6, 9; antiphon: Luke 24:5b-6b*



**He is risen! Alle- | luia!\***

**Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alle- | luia!**

**Remember how he told you, Alle- | luia,\***

**that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise. Alle- | luia!**

**O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!\***

**You have set your glory above the | heavens.**

**Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings\*  
and crowned him with glory and | honor.**

**You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands;\*  
you have put all things under | his feet.**

**O | LORD, our Lord,\***

**how majestic is your name in | all the earth!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

**He is risen! Alle- | luia!\***

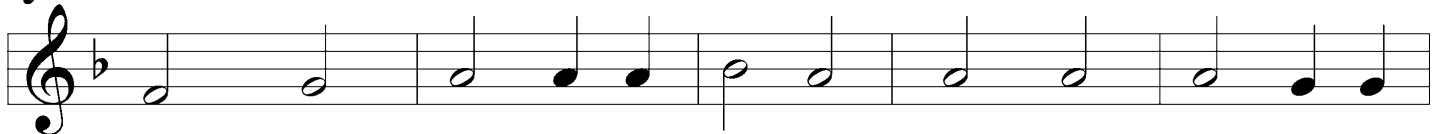
**Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alle- | luia!**

**Remember how he told you, Alle- | luia,\***

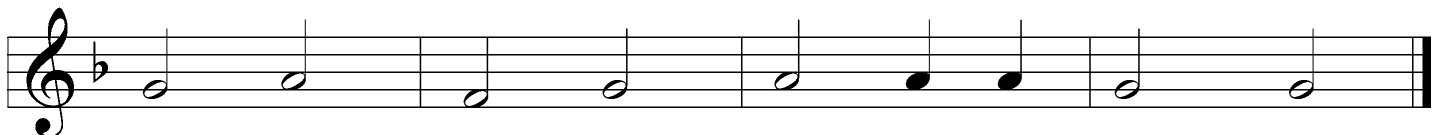
**that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise. Alle- | luia!**

# Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



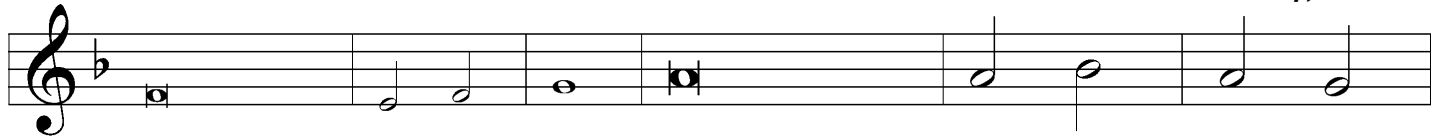
**☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -**



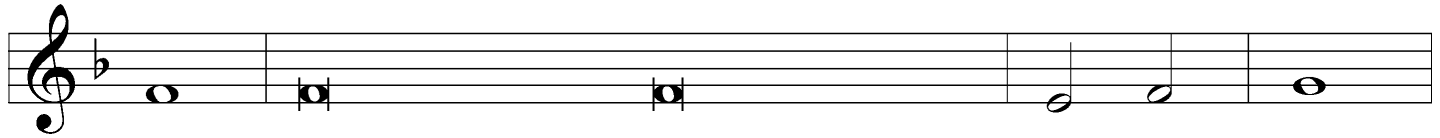
**on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.**

# Gloria in Excelsis

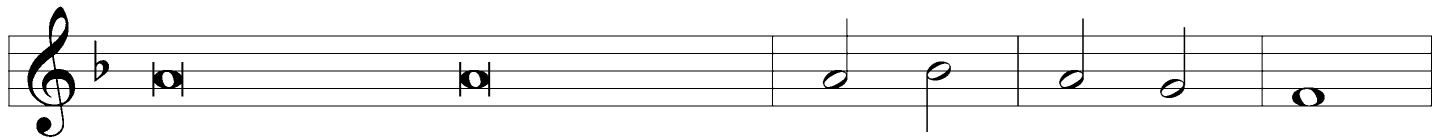
Luke 2:14; John 1:29



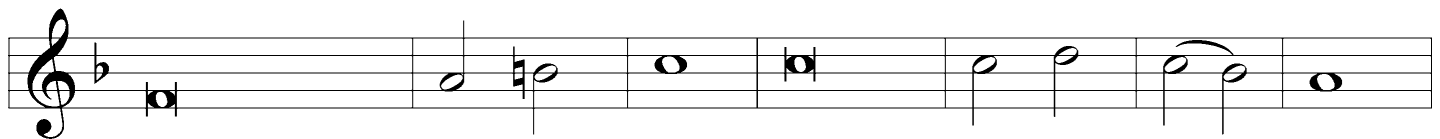
**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



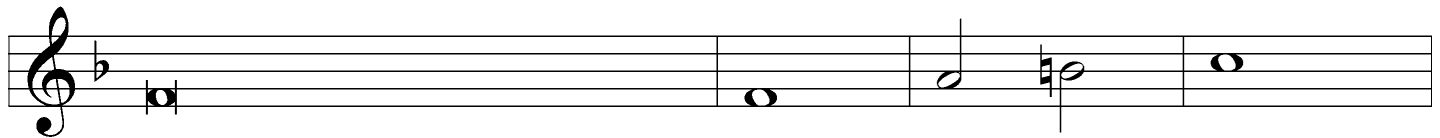
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



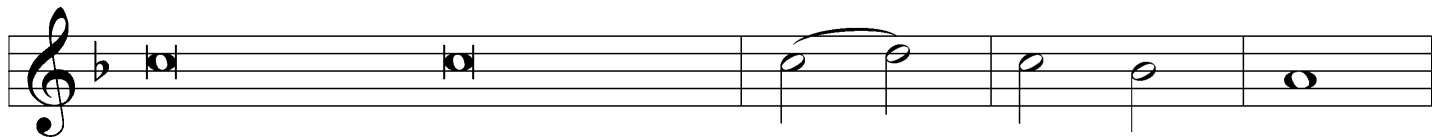
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



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



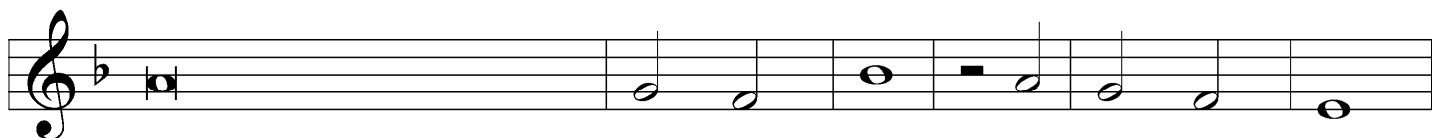
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



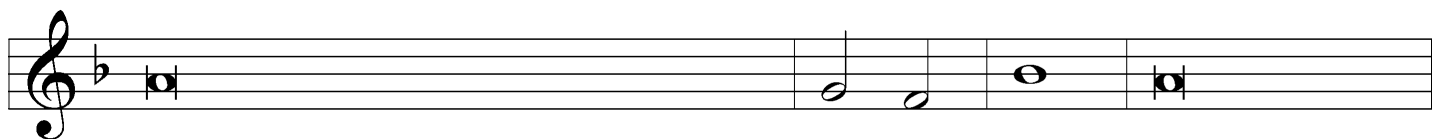
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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** 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** Amen.

*Be Seated*

## Old Testament Reading

*Job 19:23–27*

<sup>23</sup>“Oh that my words were written!  
 Oh that they were inscribed in a book!  
<sup>24</sup>Oh that with an iron pen and lead  
 they were engraved in the rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
 and at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
<sup>26</sup>And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
 yet in my flesh I shall see God,  
<sup>27</sup>whom I shall see for myself,  
 and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
 My heart faints within me!”

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

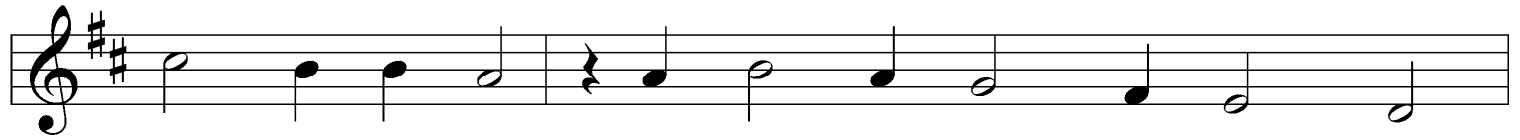
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual Hymn

LSB 488 *He Is Arisen! Glorious Word*



He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled



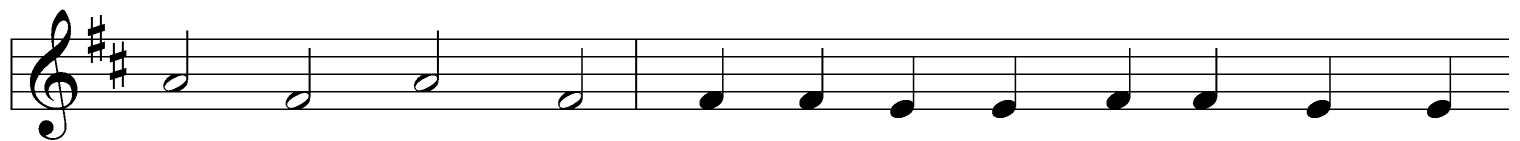
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.



My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -



rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.



O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,



Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

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## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:51–57*

<sup>51</sup>Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:



“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

<sup>55</sup>“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

<sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

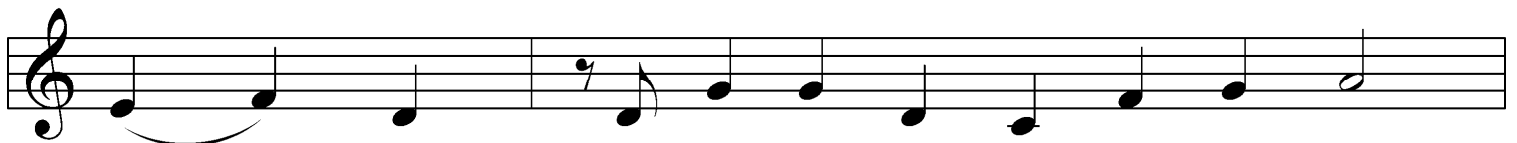
*Stand*

## Sequence Hymn

*LSB 459 Christ Is Arisen*



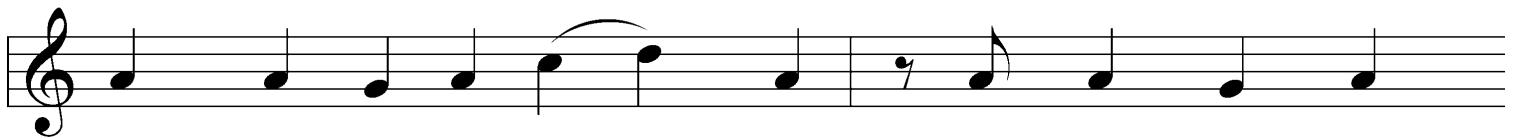
1 Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark



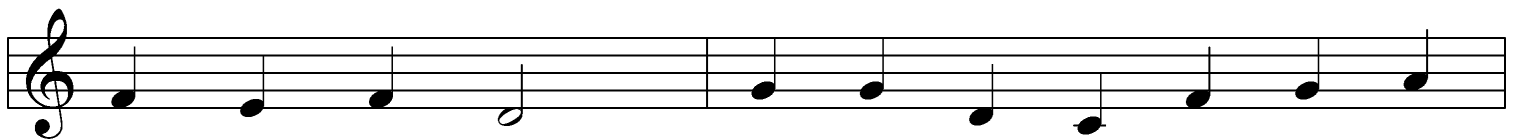
pris - on. So let our joy rise full and free;



Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!



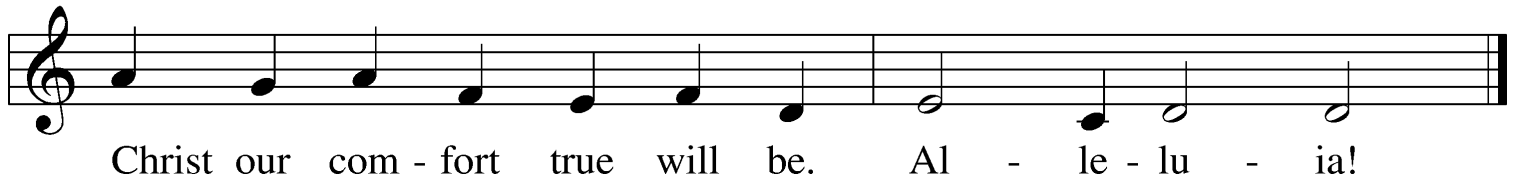
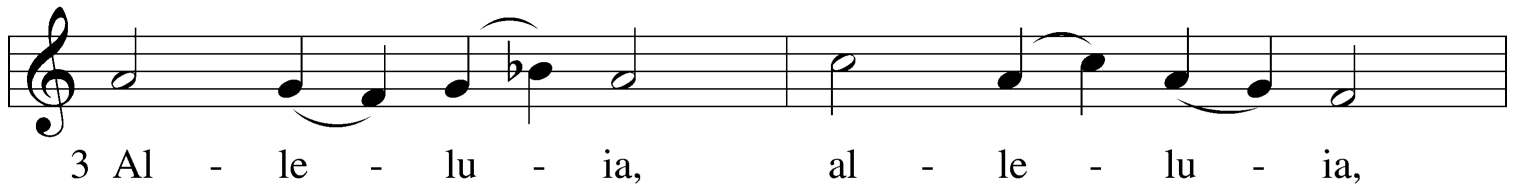
2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, Then death were still



our pris - on. Now, with Him to life re - stored,



We praise the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!



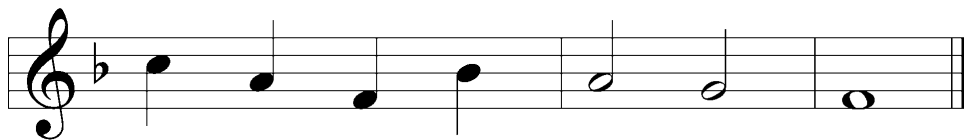
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## Holy Gospel

*Mark 16:1–8*

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” <sup>4</sup>And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup>And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## **Apostles' Creed**

**C** 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.**

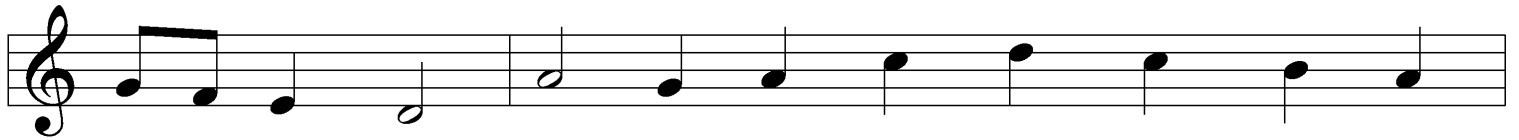
*Be Seated*

# Hymn of the Day

LSB 458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands For our of - fens -  
2 No son of man could con - quer death, Such ru - in sin  
3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, His peo - ple to  
4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife When life and death



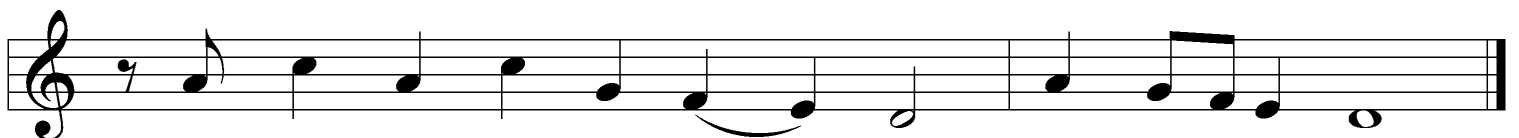
es giv - en; But now at God's right hand He stands  
had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on earth,  
de - liv - er; De - stroy - ing sin, He took the crown  
con - tend - ed; The vic - to - ry re - mained with life,



And brings us life from heav - en. There - fore let us  
And there - fore death had brought us In - to bond - age  
From death's pale brow for - ev - er: Stripped of pow'r, no  
The reign of death was end - ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture



joy - ful be And sing to God right thank - ful - ly  
from of old And ev - er grew more strong and bold  
more it reigns; An emp - ty form a - lone re - mains;  
plain - ly saith That death is swal - lowed up by death,



Loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
And held us as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Here our true Paschal Lamb we see,  
Whom God so freely gave us;  
He died on the accursèd tree—  
So strong His love—to save us.  
See, His blood now marks our door;

Faith points to it; death passes o'er,  
And Satan cannot harm us.  
Alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival  
To which the Lord invites us;  
Christ is Himself the joy of all,  
The sun that warms and lights us.  
Now His grace to us imparts  
Eternal sunshine to our hearts;  
The night of sin is ended.  
Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day  
On Christ, the bread of heaven;  
The Word of grace has purged away  
The old and evil leaven.  
Christ alone our souls will feed;  
He is our meat and drink indeed;  
Faith lives upon no other!  
Alleluia!

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## Sermon

*Pastor Brian Thorson*

*Stand*

## Offertory

*Psalm 51:10–12*

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.

## The Offering is Received

*Please send your offering to the Church*

## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

**P** O God, in the paschal feast You restore all creation. Continue to send Your heavenly gifts upon Your people that they may walk in perfect freedom and receive eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

# Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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

**C** Amen.

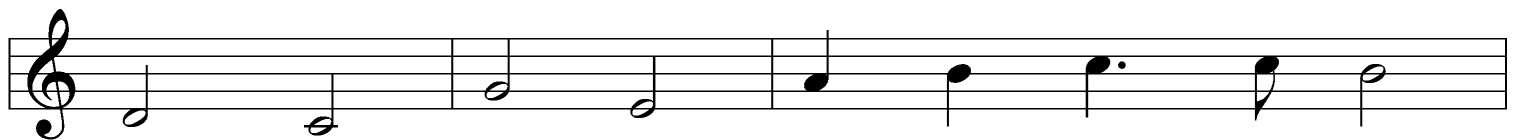
Be Seated

# Closing Hymn

LSB 490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -  
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is  
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus  
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall  
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!  
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,  
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,  
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell  
 mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er  
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is  
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I  
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will  
 When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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## Announcements

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**We are glad you are participating in our online services for Easter.** The Easter season continues for six more weeks! We will continue to sing Easter hymns and hear of our Lord's triumphant resurrection throughout the Easter season! We pray that you will join us in-person as soon as we resume regular services.

**Would you like to try using Zoom online for Bible class?** If so, please contact Pastor.

**The following precautions have been implemented at Grace while the coronavirus is spreading across our country** (these are recommended by The LCMS and many are aimed to prevent people from touching things that others have touched):

- Services and activities are currently cancelled. Please watch our services at our website or through our YouTube channel. As long as services are cancelled, we will be placing services online. This includes midweek and Sunday services.
- Please mail or drop off your offering.
- Please contact Pastor to receive Holy Communion. Registration is available on our church website.
- Hand sanitizer is available at both entrances to the church and at the bulletin table.

**Most activities at church have been cancelled** to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Pastoral care is still available from Pastor. He is happy to privately commune our members who desire it. To schedule, call or text him at 816-934-1741 or register on our church website.

**The April Voters Meeting** has been postponed until May. A date will be announced in late April or early May, depending on stay-at-home guidelines.

**Portals of Prayer for April-June** are now available in the narthex table.

**Parents**, while Sunday School and WWW are suspended, it is important to continue teaching your children the Christian faith. In addition to your regular Bible stories, devotions, and prayers that you do with your children, there are now some Sunday School resources available to you for free. Please make use of them. You can find links to them from our church website under "In the Word."



**We are now podcasting** our sermons. Details are found on our church homepage under “COVID-19 Update” and the sermon listing with audio and video are under “Sermons.”

**We have a Preschool teacher.** If you know of students who are interested in enrolling, please contact the Church Office to receive registration forms.

**Volunteers are needed to be trained in using the church’s automatic defibrillator (AED).** A layperson’s CPR class and AED training will be offered at the Lexington Fire Department once a month for the next several months (a free 2-hour class). Please see Kristin Summerlin or Bernice Wagner for additional information.

**Plans for Vacation Bible School** are beginning. We need a VBS Director or a pair of codirectors. Please prayerfully consider serving this year. If interested, please see Pastor or Education Committee chairman Dan Lefholz.

**Bridge of Hope Resource Center** has outgrown its current space and purchased the old Bott Radio building on the south side of the square in Richmond. An anonymous donor has come forward to match \$25,000 in donations given by May 22, 2020. If you would like to help, please send your donation to Bridge of Hope, 112 S. College St., Richmond, MO 64085.

**Our hymn of the Easter season** is LSB 458, “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands,” written by Dr. Martin Luther (1483-1546). This hymn speaks of Christ’s triumph over death and Satan through His victorious resurrection. Study the words of this hymn and you will find it to clearly proclaim the Gospel.

**The Lent/Holy Week offering designations** are as follows (please send in your offerings to the Church and clearly mark your designations):

- Midweek Lent 4 (March 25): University Lutheran Chapel in Minneapolis
- Midweek Lent 5 (April 1): KMMO Radio Missions
- Maundy Thursday (April 9): Seminarian Tom Goodroad from Trinity, Kearney
- Good Friday (April 10): Local Lutherans for Life
- Holy Saturday (April 11): Community Charity

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## Easter Lilies

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We would like to thank the following for donating lilies  
to help decorate the church this Easter season.

*Sharon Crump, in memory of Larry Crump, Carl and Frances Kalthoff.*

*The Gooden family (3), in thanksgiving for our church family and to the glory of  
God.*

*Marlin Harrison, in loving memory of Sarah Harrison.*

*Anonymous (3), in thanksgiving for God's Word faithfully shared.*

**Lilies may be picked up anytime beginning Easter Sunday.**

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## An Order for Daily Prayer

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In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

**In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.**

My mouth is filled with Your praise, **And with Your glory all the day.**

O Lord, open my lips, **And my mouth will declare your praise.**

**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.**

### **Hymn: LSB 458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands**

1 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands

For our offenses given;

But now at God's right hand He stands

And brings us life from heaven.

Therefore let us joyful be

And sing to God right thankfully

Loud songs of alleluia!

Alleluia!

### **Catechism Recitation: The Sacrament of the Altar**

*What is the Sacrament of the Altar?* It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

### **Scripture Recitation: Mark 16:6**

You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here.

*The Ten Commandments and the Creed may be confessed. A devotion may be read. The Lord's Prayer may be prayed.*

Let us pray. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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## Special Prayers

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**Homebound:** Kay Alpers, Shirley Bertz, Arnold Viebrock

**Sick, injured, recovering or special needs:** Erma Hechsel, Terry Thorson, Sam Wagner, Lyn & Barb Wilkey, and all who are affected by COVID-19

**Expecting Parents:** Rebecca & Scott Steele

**Those in the armed forces:** Jared Clapper, Sarah & Tom Seagroatt

**Seminary Students:** Michael Fox, Dale Krienke, and Tom Goodroad

**Missions:** Rev. John Fehrmann of CLEF, Rev. Charles Ferry in Southeast Asia, our preschool, and the work of our congregation

**Our congregation,** as we observe our centennial

*To add or remove names from our prayer list, please contact Pastor. Thank you.*

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## This Week at Grace

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*For hospital visits, private confession and absolution, communion for the homebound or any other pastoral calls, please contact Pastor.*

Today, Apr. 12, 2020: The Resurrection of our Lord

Sunday School (materials under “In the Word” at our website)

Divine Service (online at [www.gracelutheranlexington.org](http://www.gracelutheranlexington.org))

Next Sunday, Apr. 19: Quasimodogeniti, the Second Sunday of Easter

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Looking Ahead

Oct. 4      Centennial Celebration