



**RESURRECTION OF OUR SAVIOR
FIRST SUNDAY OF EASTER
MARCH 31, 2024**

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF NORTHEAST MINNEAPOLIS

Welcome to worship! We are a congregation with a long history of loving God and serving our neighbors. **We welcome and celebrate all of you, including race, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, age, and family.**

We welcome you to share fellowship with us in your joys and struggles. If you hunger for a good meal, a bag of groceries, the bread of communion, an opportunity to serve your neighbors, or a welcoming church home, **there is a place for you at Grace!**

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✠ When you see this symbol you're invited to stand as you are able.

Two single-stall and wheelchair-accessible restrooms are just outside the sanctuary in the Commons, and another one is down the hallway across from the gym.

We love to sing! When music and words are not printed in the bulletin, you can find the song in the red hymnal underneath the chairs at the page number listed.

Children belong in worship! We recognize that children aren't wired to "sit still" for an hour, so we welcome their quiet movement, joyous singing, and encourage their involvement in worship. Children of any age may pick out a book, toy, or art supplies in the Commons for use during the service.

Help love reach beyond these walls. You can give online at gracenempls.org/give or scan the code at the right. You can also place your offering in the plate as you come up for communion (envelopes are on the cart in the Commons).



All are welcome at Jesus' table to receive holy communion. We set the table with wheat bread, gluten-free crackers, white grape juice, and red wine.

Join us for fellowship time! All are invited to stay after worship for coffee, treats, and community connection in the Multi-Purpose Room.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETING

Let us share the ancient Easter greeting:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

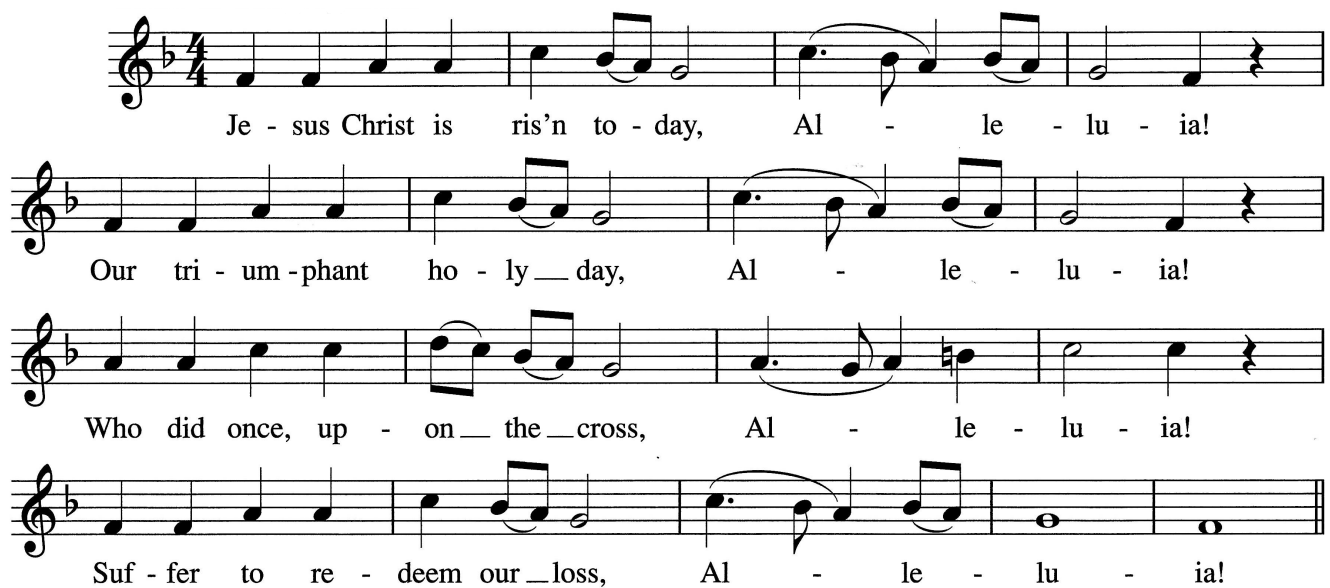
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

✠ CHORAL OFFERING & HYMN *Risen Today!*

Please rise when invited

Choir prelude: He is risen. He is risen. He is risen today!

Choir & congregation:



Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!

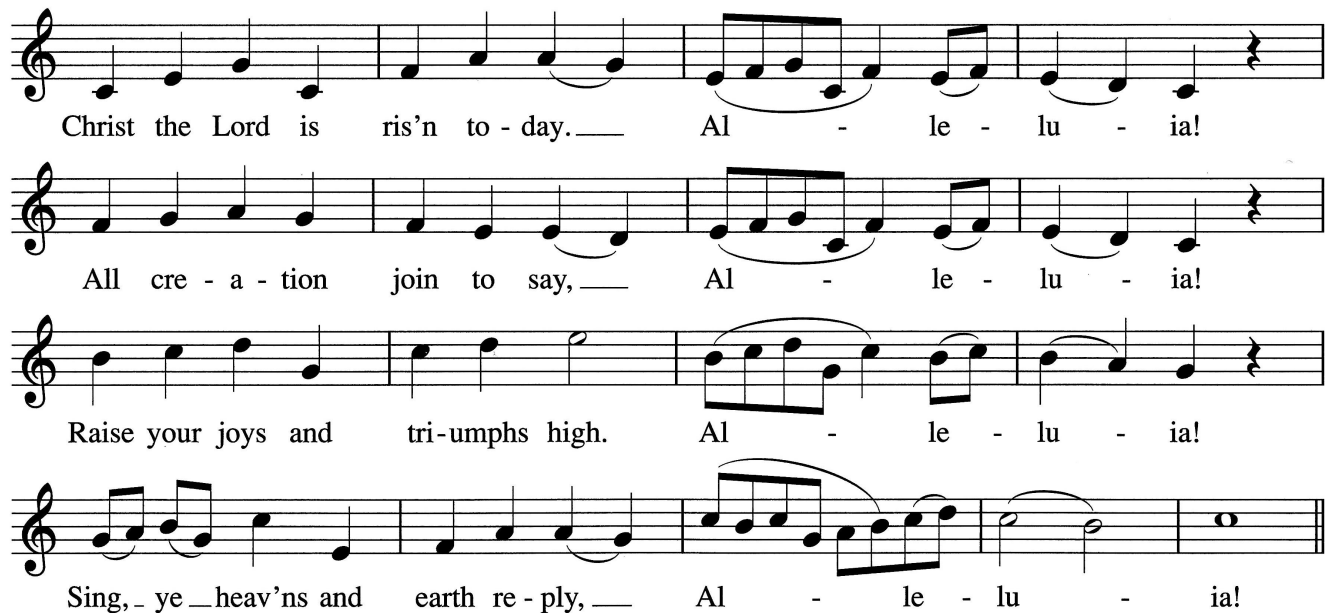
Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once, up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!

Choir only: The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Choir & congregation:



Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion join to say, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high. Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heav'ns and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!

Choir only: Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise.
Sing to God a hymn of gladness; sign to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled.
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Choir postlude: He is risen. He is risen. He is risen today!

✠ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life
with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation.
For this gracious mystery,
and for the water in this font,
let us bless the living God.

We praise you, Creator, for your fruitful love:
igniting the stars, greening the earth,
filling the oceans and rivers with life.
We praise you, O God!
We praise you, O God!

We thank you, Covenant-Maker, for your faithful love.
In the clouds you placed your rainbow.
Through the sea you led your people to freedom.
Over the river your voice thundered,
"This is my beloved child."
We thank you, O God!
We thank you, O God!

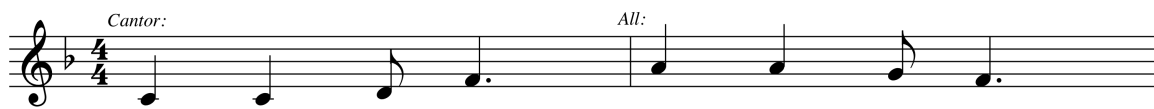
We bless you, Compassionate One, for your love poured out:
forgiving our sin, calming our fears,
sending us to feed your sheep.
Send your Spirit upon this water
and root your church in resurrection life,
that we might bear good fruit.
We bless you, O God!
We bless you, O God!

To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
our Comfort and Courage,
be all glory and honor,
now and forever. **Amen.**

*Remember you are baptized and rejoice!
If you are not baptized, receive the sprinkling of waters
as a symbol of God's free-flowing gifts to you.*



✠ SPRINKLING HYMN

Love Is Flowing

1. Love	is	flow - ing:	love	is	flow - ing,
2. Peace	is	pour - ing:	peace	is	pour - ing,
3. Grace	is	flood - ing:	grace	is	flood - ing,
4. Mer - cy's		stream - ing:	mer - cy's		stream - ing,
5. Hope	is	spring - ing:	hope	is	spring - ing,



Love	is	flow - ing	from the	foun - tain	of life;
Peace	is	pour - ing	from the	foun - tain	of life;
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✠ PEACE

Please share a sign of peace with others as you are comfortable. When the hymn of praise begins, you may return to your seats and remain standing.

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

Love Is Flowing

OBJECT LESSON

Any children who are interested and comfortable are invited to come forward for a reflection and short prayer. Parents and guardians are welcome too!

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain, the LORD of heavenly forces will prepare for all peoples a rich feast, a feast of choice wines, of select foods rich in flavor, of choice wines well refined.

The LORD will swallow up on this mountain the veil that is veiling all peoples, the shroud enshrouding all nations. God will swallow up death forever. The LORD God will wipe tears from every face; God will remove the people's disgrace from off the whole earth, for the LORD has spoken.

They will say on that day, "Look! This is our God, for whom we have waited—and God has saved us! This is the LORD, for whom we have waited; let's be glad and rejoice in the LORD's salvation!"

This is the word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Dear siblings, I want to call your attention to the good news that I preached to you, which you also received and in which you stand. You are being saved through it if you hold on to the message I preached to you, unless somehow you believed it for nothing.

I passed on to you as most important what I also received: Christ died for our sins in line with the scriptures, he was buried, and he rose on the third day in line with the scriptures. He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve, and then he appeared to more than five hundred people at once—most of them are still alive to this day, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all Christ appeared to me, as if I were born at the wrong time. I'm the least important of the apostles. I don't deserve to be called an apostle because I harassed God's church.

But I am what I am by God's grace, and God's grace has not been for nothing. In fact, I have worked harder than all the others—that is, it wasn't me but the grace of God that is with me. So then, whether you heard the message from me or them, this is what we preach and this is what you have believed.

This is the word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

✠ GOSPEL CHANT

As Jesus is risen, let us rise with joy to greet the Gospel!



✠ GOSPEL READING

John 20:1-18

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they’ve put him.”

Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn’t go in. Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus’ head. It wasn’t with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. They didn’t yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying.

Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot.

The angels asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

She replied, “They have taken away my Lord, and I don’t know where they’ve put him.” As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn’t know it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

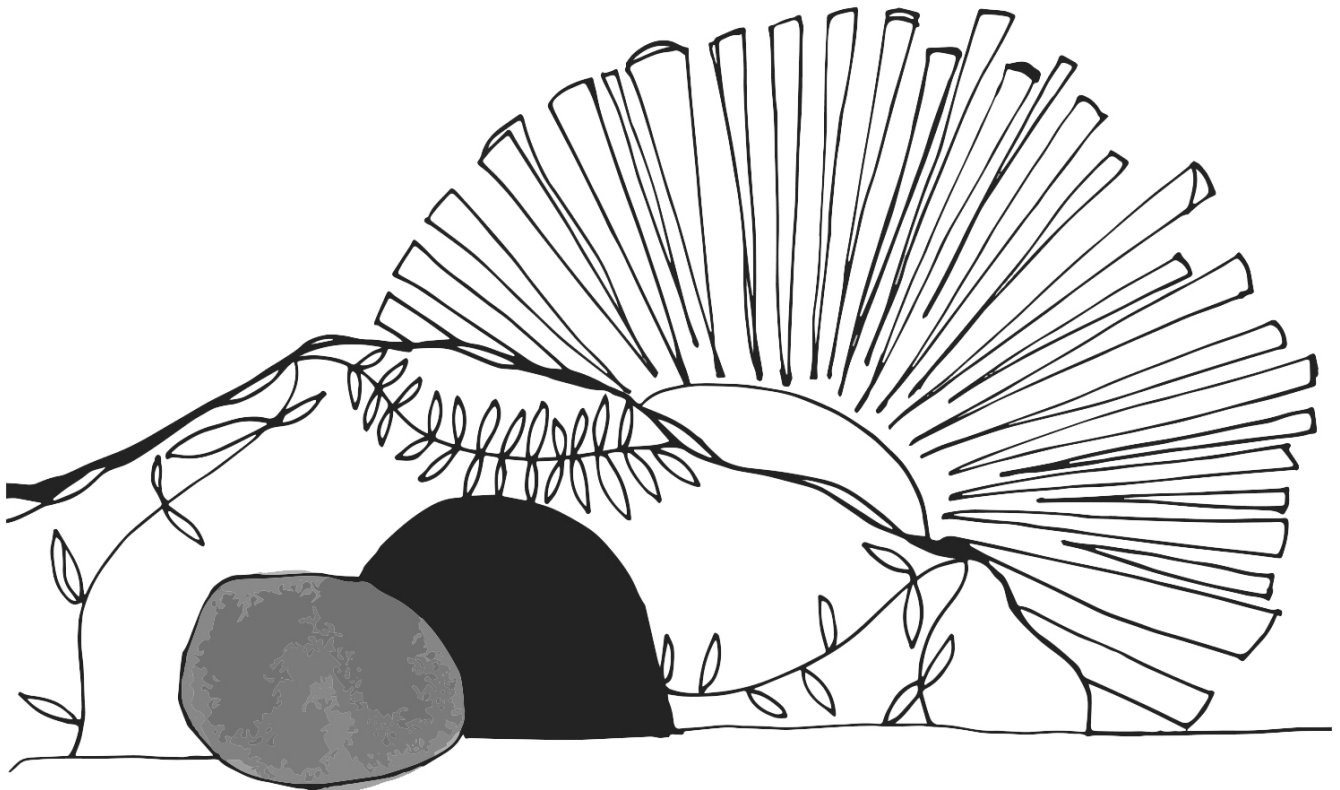
She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabbouni” (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, “Don’t hold on to me, for I haven’t yet gone up to my Father. Go to my beloved ones and tell them, ‘I’m going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, “I’ve seen the Lord.” Then she told them what he said to her.

This is the good news. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON





1 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, who has
 2 Wom - an, wait - ing in the gar - den, af - ter
 3 Wom - an, walk - ing in the gar - den, Je - sus
 4 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, weep for
 5 Wom - an, danc - ing from the gar - den, find the



pushed the stone a - side? Who has tak - en Je - sus'
 men have come and gone, af - ter an - gels give their
 takes you by sur - prise; when the gar - d'ner calls you,
 joy, for you have seen Je - sus, the Mes - si - ah,
 oth - ers and pro - claim Christ is ris - en as he



bod - y, Je - sus Christ the cru - ci - fied?
 wit - ness, si - lent - ly you watch the dawn.
 "Mar - y!" faith and joy meet in your eyes.
 ris - en; Christ, of whom the proph - ets dream.
 prom - ised; tell the world he knew your name!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit intercedes for us and opens our hearts to Jesus' own heartbreak, joy, and hope for the world.



O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart. *Repeat*

As you feel led, join in singing the higher part:



O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart. *Repeat*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Trusting in God's resurrection power, we invite you to help us match \$10,000 generously donated by members of our community. At each \$1000, we will add a flower to our Spring Match field and dream about what God can do through us. You can give online at gracenempls.org/give or scan the code at the right. You can also place your offering in the plate as you come up for communion.



✠ COMMUNION: SINGING THE STORY

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!

Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!

Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!

Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!

Refrain

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

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

Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it,
said to the fearful, "God's peace be with you.
Eat and remember this is my body.
All that was promised
is now coming true!"
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

The cup he shared with the disciples
Jesus now drinks in this heavenly feast.
Mercy for you, life for all people—
share the good news with
the greatest and least!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

✠ COMMUNION: PRAYER

We praise you, all-holy God,
fountain of life and ground of being,
for rolling prairies, verdant forests,
and for the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers.
And so with heaven and earth we shout: "Alleluia!" **Alleluia!**

We praise you for your covenant promise,
for swallowing up death and laying a feast for all,
and for Jesus Christ, your beloved, our brother,
who call us by name and sends us with good news to share.
And so with heaven and earth we shout: "Alleluia!" **Alleluia!**

We pray for your Holy Spirit,
descending dove, strength to love,
to move among us now.
Nourish us with the life of Christ,
inspire your people for service,
and renew the world with your mercy,
that the grace within us may bless the world.

We praise you, all-holy God,
our maker, our lover, our keeper,
today, tomorrow, and forever.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

With disciples in every time and place, let us pray:
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**



COMMUNION: SHARING THE MEAL

The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.
Alleluia! Amen.

All are welcome at the Lord's table. If you wish to receive, ushers will invite you forward. The pastor will place a piece of bread or a gluten-free cracker in your cupped hand as you hear "Body of Christ, given for you." In the brass trays are cups of red wine or golden grape juice. Take a small cup as you hear, "Cup of Christ, given for you." You may respond with "Amen," "Thank you," or with quiet acceptance.

If you cannot come forward but wish to receive communion or a blessing, please let an usher know and the servers will come to you. If for any reason you do not wish to receive, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing with your arms crossed over your chest.

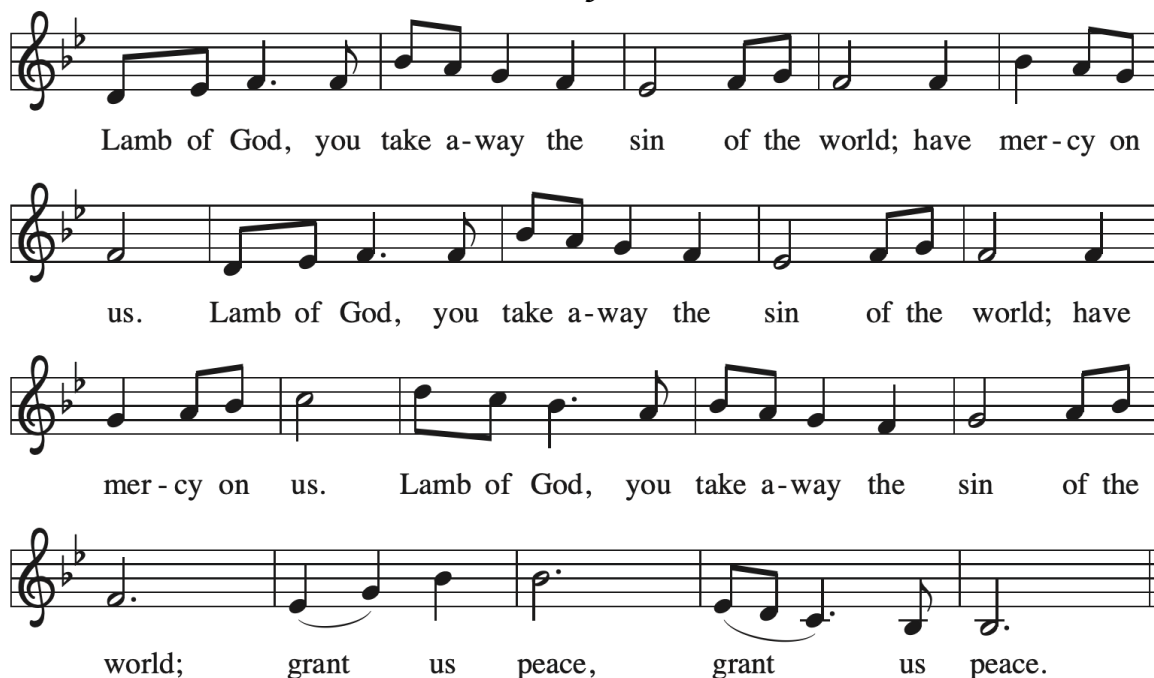


As we celebrate Communion, you may join in singing:

HYMN

Lamb of God

ACS Setting 12



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

HYMN

Day of Arising

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1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,
un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.
When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing
and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

✠ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Now may the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray: **Living God, our grateful hearts
 rejoice in this foretaste of the feast you prepare for all peoples.
 As grains become a single loaf, so unite your church
 and make us bread to feed the hungry world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

✠ BENEDICTION *based on 2 Corinthians 13:13*

May the grace of the risen savior, Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God, who wipes away our tears,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit, renewing all creation,
 surround you, uphold you, and lead you on,
 today and always. **Amen.**



Refrain/Estrillo



¡A - le - lu - ya! Cris - to re - su - ci - tó
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is a - ris - en.



de ma - dru - ga - da el do - min - go.
Bright is the dawn-ing of the Lord's day.



1 Fue - ron mu - jer - es al se - pul - cro. La pie - dra, un
1 Run, faith - ful wom-en, to the grave-side. Mar - vel, the
2 Rise, Mag - da - len - a, from your weep-ing; Christ stands be -
3 Gath - er, dis - ci - ples, in the eve - ning: sud - den - ly



án - gel re - mo - vió; les di - jo: "Ha re - su - ci -
stone is rolled a - way! Hear from the an - gel, "He is
fore your ver - y eyes. Quick - ly re - turn to the dis -
Christ your Lord ap - pears. "Look, it is I, your wound - ed

Refrain/Estrillo



ta - do." Y al ir - se, les sa - lió el Se - ñor.
ris - en." Christ goes be - fore you all the way.
ci - ples; bear the good news: "He is a - live."
Sav - ior. Peace be with you, and do not fear."
Lord's day: "Touch me and see; have faith in me."

2 La Magdalena fue a llorarlo
y Cristo se le apareció;
le pidió ir a sus hermanos
con un encargo que le dio. Estrillo

3 A los discípulos, de tarde,
Cristo también se presentó.
Les enseñó las cinco heridas;
dando la paz los saludó. Estrillo

✠ SENDING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. In word and deed, proclaim the good news!

We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

*Join your neighbors in the Multipurpose Room after worship
for a time of Christian community.*

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