



## Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 2025

### PRELUDE

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (arr. Craig Curry)  
Jazz Team

### WELCOME

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*Stand*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P In the name of ☩ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C Amen.**

P Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C make us one as you are one.**

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C make us one as you are one.**

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C    make us one as you are one.**

**P** Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**C    Amen.**

*Please stand and turn to face the processional cross.*

**GATHERING HYMN**

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright (ELW 384)*

- 1    That Easter day with joy was bright;  
the sun shone out with fairer light  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!**
- 2    O Jesus, king of gentleness,  
with constant love our hearts possess;  
to you our lips will ever raise  
the tribute of our grateful praise.**
- 3    O Christ, you are the Lord of all  
in this our Easter festival,  
for you will be our strength and shield  
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.**
- 4    All praise, O risen Lord, we give  
to you, once dead, but now alive!  
To God the Father equal praise,  
and God the Spirit, now we raise!**

**GREETING**

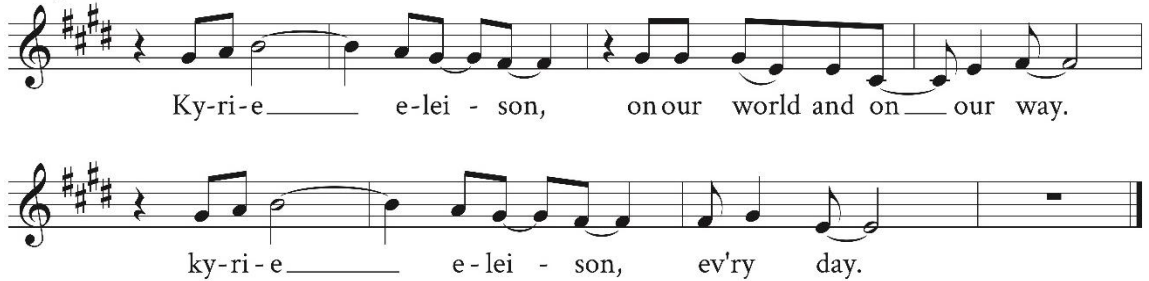
*With Saint Paul and generations of Christians, we greet one another in the name of God (2 Corinthians 13:14)*

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C    And also with you.**

## KYRIE

*Refrain - All*



Cantor:

For the peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **R**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **R**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **R**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **R**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

*This is the feast of victory for our God,  
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.*

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,  
Blessing, and glory are his. Refrain*

*Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

## WORD

*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

R Word of God, Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

Psalm 30

R <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

C **<sup>2</sup> O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**

R <sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

C **<sup>4</sup> Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**

R <sup>5</sup> God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

C **<sup>6</sup> While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.**

R <sup>7</sup> You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

**C** <sup>8</sup>**I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

**R** <sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust, praise you or declare your faithfulness?"

**C** <sup>10</sup>**Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper."**

**R** <sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

**C** <sup>12</sup>**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

## SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

**R** Word of God, Word of life.

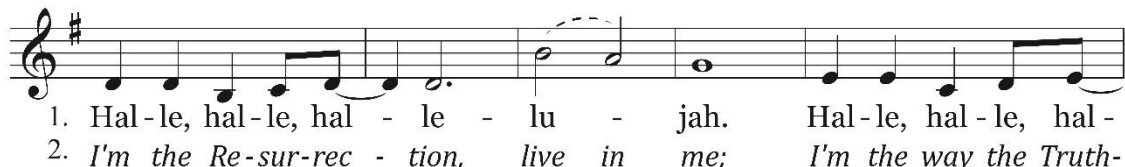
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## KIDS' MESSAGE

Laura Gaulty, Faith Trek Coordinator

*Stand (In preparation for the Gospel reading, we stand to honor and receive the story and the words of Jesus Christ.)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



1. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
2. I'm the Re-sur-rec - tion, live in me; I'm the way the Truth-



**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

<sup>1</sup> After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came

and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. <sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

**SERMON**

Pastor Erin Heidelberger

*Stand*

*The Word of God and the theme of the day are repeated in song.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Your Love is Everlasting* (Dakota Road)

**Since time began through centuries**

**God's love is everlasting**

**To distant unknown galaxies**

**God's love is everlasting**

**Splendor springs forth 'cross the land**

**God's love is everlasting**

**Abundance sharing hand in hand**

**God's love is everlasting**

*Chorus*

**Your love (Your love) is lasting  
Your love is everlasting  
Your love (Your love) is lasting  
Your love is everlasting**

**A mothers womb a brand new life  
God's love is everlasting  
An empty tomb the risen Christ  
God's love is everlasting  
Weeping may last for the night  
God's love is everlasting  
But joy breaks forth with morning light  
God's love is everlasting *Chorus***

**Signs of hope a voice of peace  
God's love is everlasting  
The prophet's cry for war to cease  
God's love is everlasting  
For the down and out and high and proud  
God's love is everlasting  
Come all you people shout out loud  
God's love is everlasting *Chorus***

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**P** God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**



**I believe 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. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS**

*Lord Listen to Your Children Praying*

All: Sing as opening and closing of the prayer

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;' and 'Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow/r, send us grace.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the word 'grace'.

*In our prayers with recent concerns:* Doris Bushard, Fred Ohles, Michael Dalton, Shari Peters, Jen Wemhoff, Daniel Robles, Harold Sutter and Bill Shaner.. *Those with ongoing concerns:* Elaine Kruse, Pastor Bill Peterson, Mary Brass, Vern Westberg, Richard Bouma, Gloria Van Ackeren, and Tracy Troutman. *Those who are part of our homebound community:* Sylvia Kempf, M. Joyce Hansen, Donna Nelson, Cindy Schuster, Betty Miller, Jeanette Metteer, Dennis Schuster, Ralph Hayden, Rod Price, Millie Howe and Margrett Wehland.

**P** We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C Amen.**

## **THE PEACE OF CHRIST IS SHARED**

*In an act of unity; blessing, and reconciliation, we greet one another with the Peace of Christ (Matthew 5:23-24)*

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Sit*

## **NOISY OFFERING**

Lighthouse of Lincoln

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Crown Him with Many Crowns* (arr. John Devries)

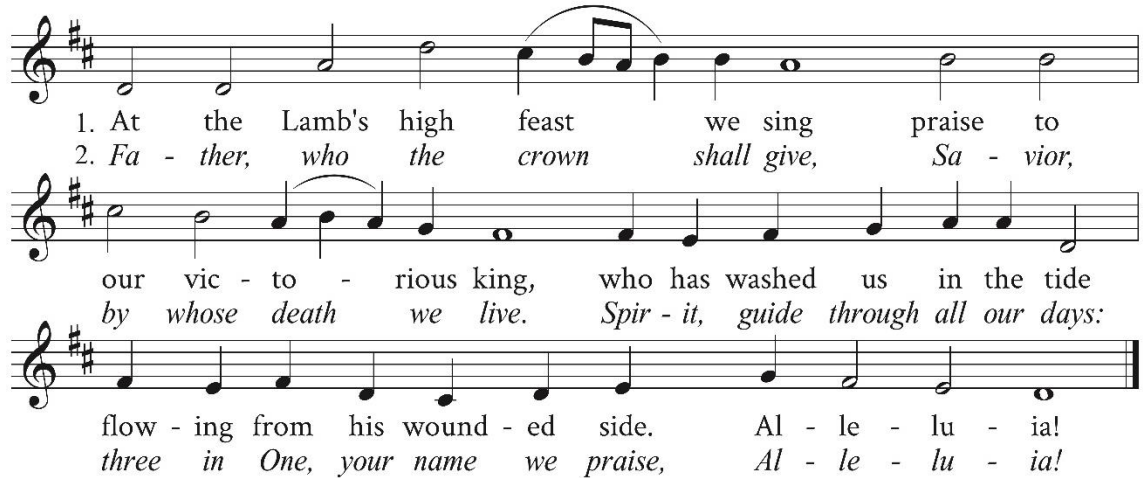
Jazz Team

P To God be the glory.

C **Amen.**

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY HYMN



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to  
2. Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sa - vior,  
our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide  
by whose death we live. Spir - it, guide through all our days:  
flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
three in One, your name we praise, Al - le - lu - ia!

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **Risen one, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*In our table prayer we offer thanks and praise for God's act of salvation and for the meal we are about to share.*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

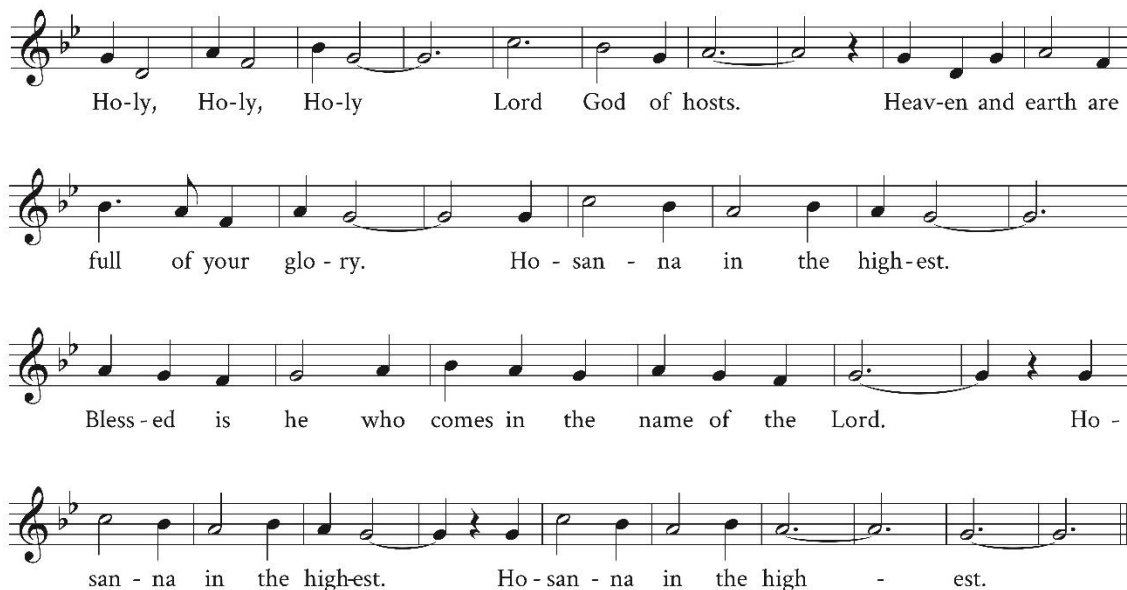
P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed... *(here the minister continues with the proper preface, concluding:)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C 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.**

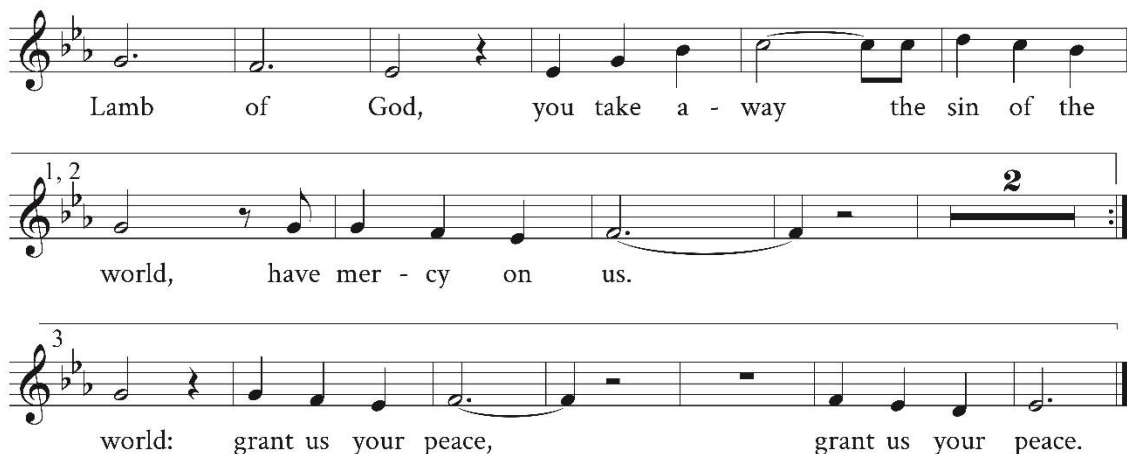
#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

P Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

**C This is the feast of victory for our God! Alleluia!**

*Sit*

## LAMB OF GOD



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

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*All Hail the Power of Jesus Name* (arr. Matt Hyzer)

Bob Schoettger, saxophone

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*Hallelujah! We Sing Praises* (ELW 535)

### *Refrain*

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.  
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness. *Repeat***

**1 Christ the Lord to us said:  
I am wine, I am bread,  
I am wine, I am bread,  
give to all who thirst and hunger.  
*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain***

**2 Now he sends us all out,  
strong in faith, free of doubt,  
strong in faith, free of doubt.  
Tell to all the joyful gospel.  
*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain***

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**
- 3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
when contending death and life, Alleluia!  
met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

*Stand*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** **Amen.**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.**

#### **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

#### **BLESSING**

**P** The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

**C** **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Christ Is Alive! Let Christian Sing* (ELW 389)

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching ev'ry place and time.
- 3 In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.
- 4 Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

## DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Go in peace, In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

*I Know that My Redeemer Lives* (arr. Bradley Sowash)

Jazz Team

Lead Pastor: Erin Heidelberger  
Associate Pastor: Andrew Kitzing  
Cantor: Kristi Fisher  
Livestream: Kathleen Simley

Jazz Team:

Saxophone: Dakota Fisher, Kristi Fisher, Bob Schoettger  
Trumpet: Alex Hinton, Jay Sears  
French Horn: Bennett Bacon  
Drums: Martha Tanner

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