

March 31, 2024 – The Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Sunday
10:00 am Livestream Liturgy



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+++ THE GATHERING +++

Prelude: *Easter Medley* - arr. Lee Marcum (Peter Fraize; tenor sax)

Greetings & Announcements

Opening Hymn: "*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*"



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you 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!

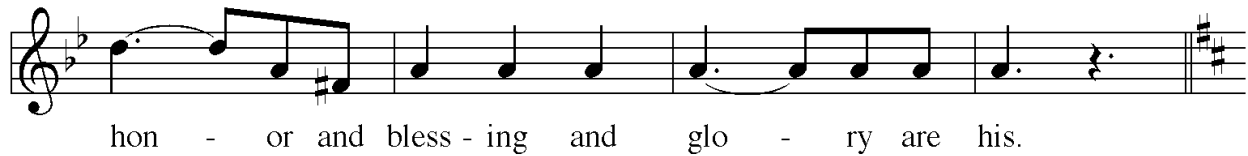
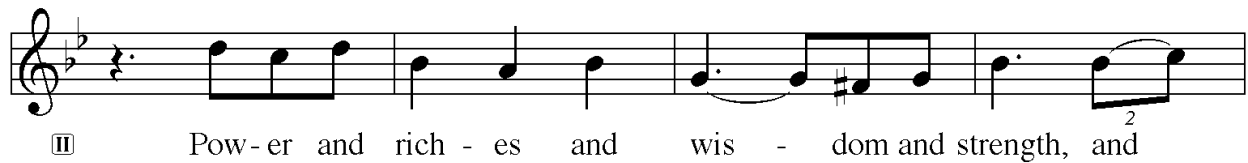
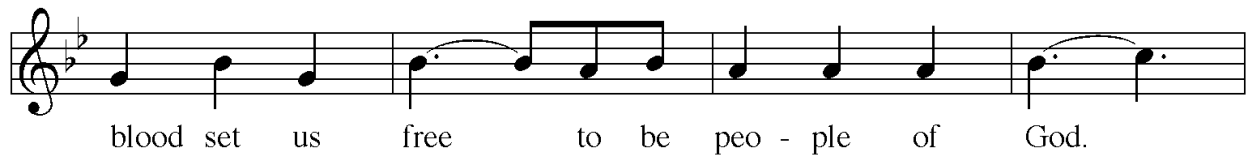
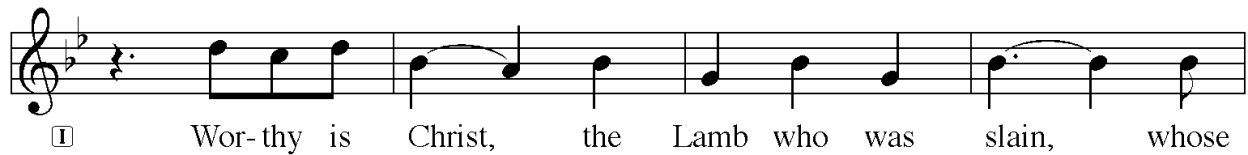
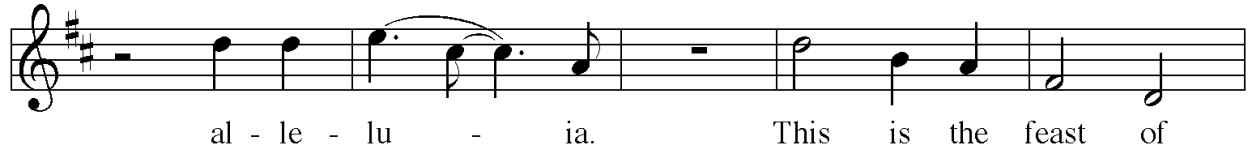
P) Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C) **He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

C) **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise



I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

II Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be² to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

III This is the feast of vic - to - ry. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia. For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P) Let us pray ... O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C) **Amen.**

+++ **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** +++

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

R) The Word of the Lord.

C) Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 118 (The Congregation joins in singing the response below)

Let Us Rejoice

Psalm II for the Easter Season Marty Haugen

Psalm 118

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re -
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

joice and be glad; _____ This is the day the
lu - ia! _____ Al - le - lu - ia, Al -

Lord has made, let us re - joice and be glad! _____
le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! _____

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Verses:

- 1) Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever; Let the house of Israel say: "His mercy endures forever."
- 2) The hand of the Lord has struck with power, his right hand is exalted, I shall not die, but live anew, declaring the works of the Lord.
- 3) The stone which the builders rejected as become the cornerstone, the Lord of love and mercy has brought wonder to our eyes!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

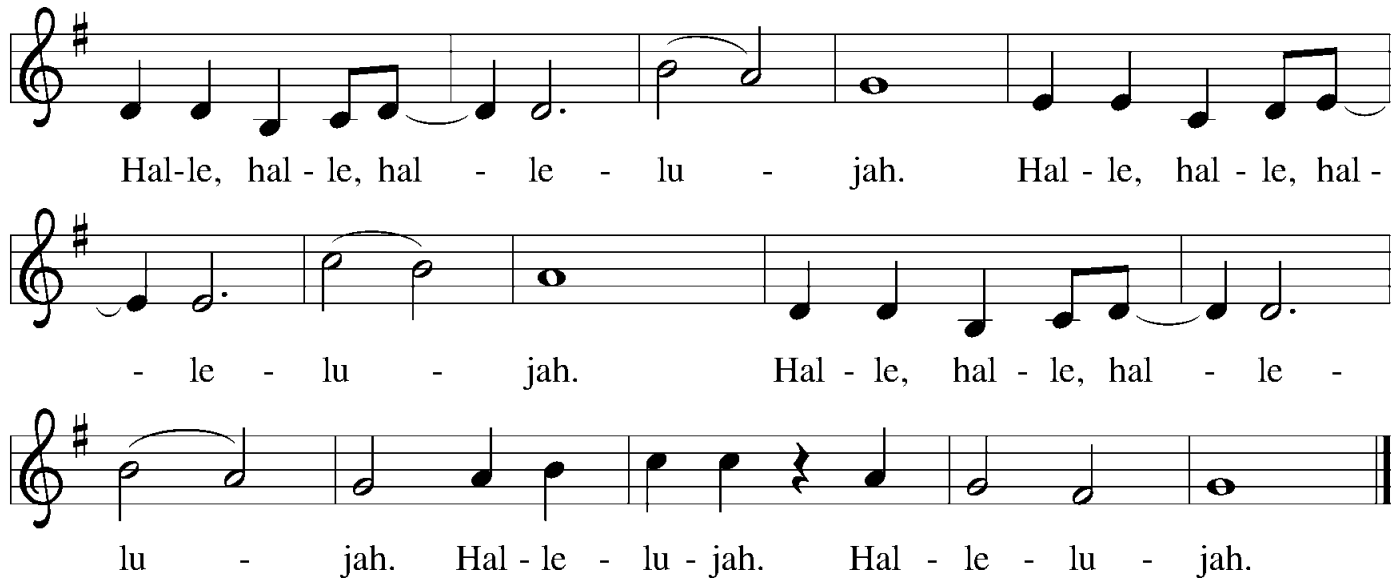
Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

R) The Word of the Lord.

C) Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

P) The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark, the 16th Chapter.

C) Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P) The Gospel of the Lord.

C) Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon Sermon

Hymn: “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”



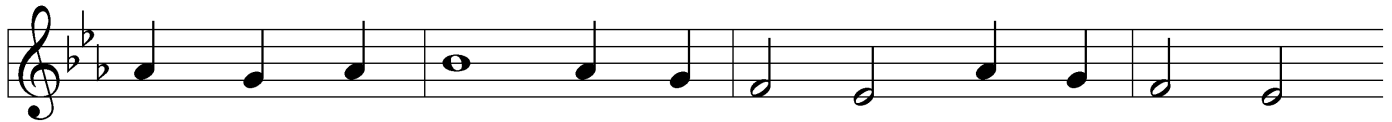
1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; set heart and will on
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n-ly



still a - bounds: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”
rap - ture sings: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”
things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;
bless - ed sing: “Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!”



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -
grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives
Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: “Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!”
ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

Nicene Creed

C) We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

- P) Rejoicing in God's marvelous works of new life, let us pray for renewal in the world, in the church, and in every living creature.

Each petition concludes:

P) Lord, in your mercy,

C) **Hear our prayer.**

- P) To you, O God of newness and renewal, we lift up all for whom we pray, through the one whom you lifted up from death and the grave, Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

C) **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace

- P) The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C) **And also with you.**

The Offering

We encourage everyone to support our ministry together here at Prince of Peace! If possible, [please give electronically](#) or through online banking. If you are worshipping live with us, you may also place your offering in the plate or scan this QR code to give electronically. Thank you for your continuing support of our ministry!



The Offertory

Two for Easter - arr. N.M. Lacanski
(Peter Fraize; alto saxophone)

Offering Response

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,

and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

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 your pres - ence, O

Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

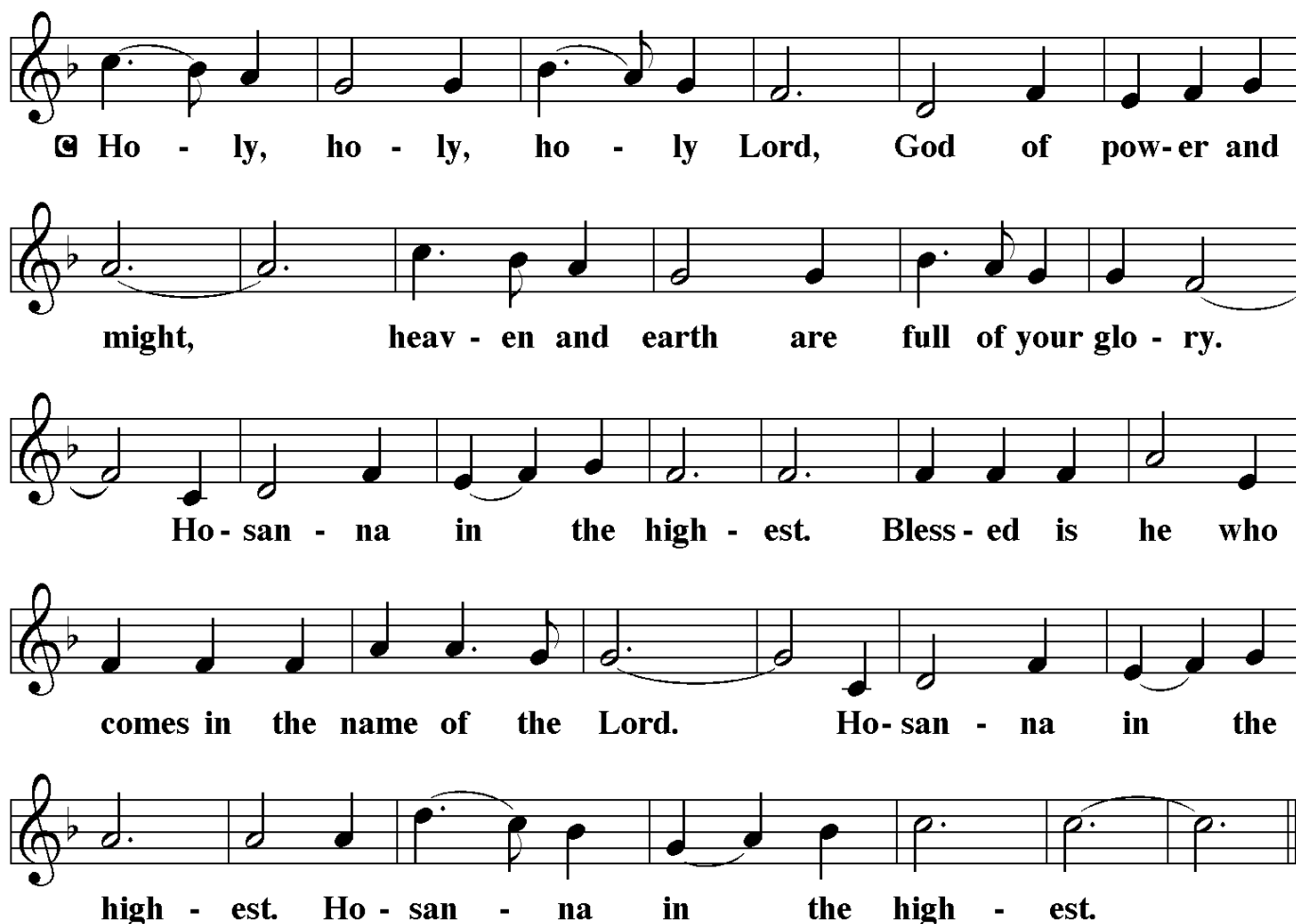
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Offertory Prayer

- P) Let us pray... Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you made yourself known to your first disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, and form us into your risen body in the world.
- C) **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

- 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 God thanks and praise.**
- P) It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The musical score is written on five staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff includes a common time signature 'C' at the beginning. The music consists of a single melodic line with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Eucharistic Prayer for Easter

P) Holy God, mighty Lord, Gracious Father,
you bring light from darkness, speech from silence, and life from death.
We praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.
We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for the prophets words which will not be in vain.
But mostly we give you thanks for Jesus, your Son,
who, living among us, forgave sinners,
healed the sick, fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for us.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
‘Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me’.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.’

Remembering, therefore,
his life-giving death and his glorious resurrection,
we await the fullness of your promised life for all this dying world.
Breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death into life,
that we may live as your risen people,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C) Amen.

The 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.

Lamb of God



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.

Communion

Communion will be distributed by individual glass (red wine; white grape juice) if you are worshipping in person. Gluten free wafers are also available.

If you are worshipping at home, please commune yourself or one another with the words:
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Music During Communion

I Will Rise - by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Lou Giglio and Matt Maher
(Rebecca Poyatt; soprano)

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

Post-Communion Prayer

- P) Let us pray... Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with the risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal, strengthen us to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C) **Amen.**

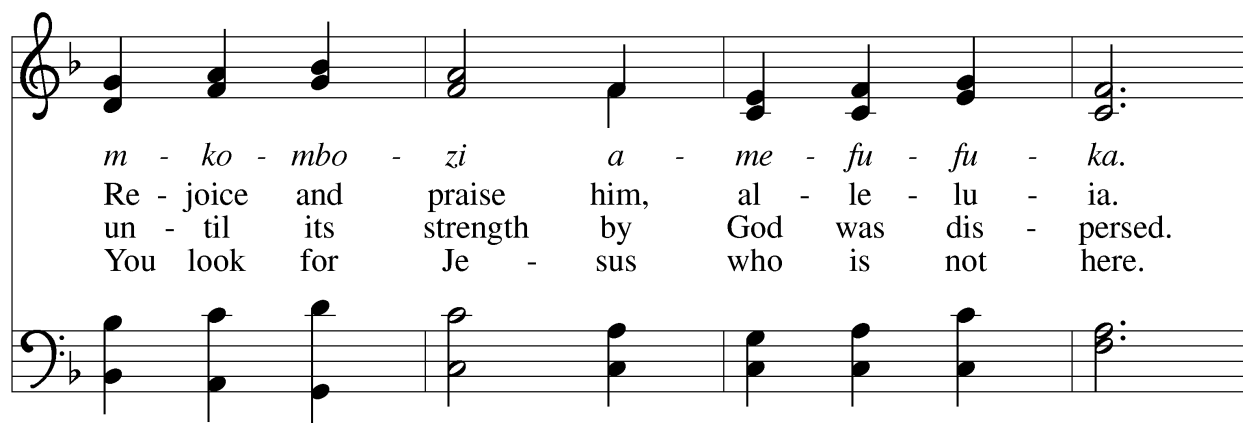
The Benediction

- P) The God of peace – who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant – make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.
- C) **Amen.**
- P) May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.
- C) **Amen.**
- P) Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C) **Amen.**

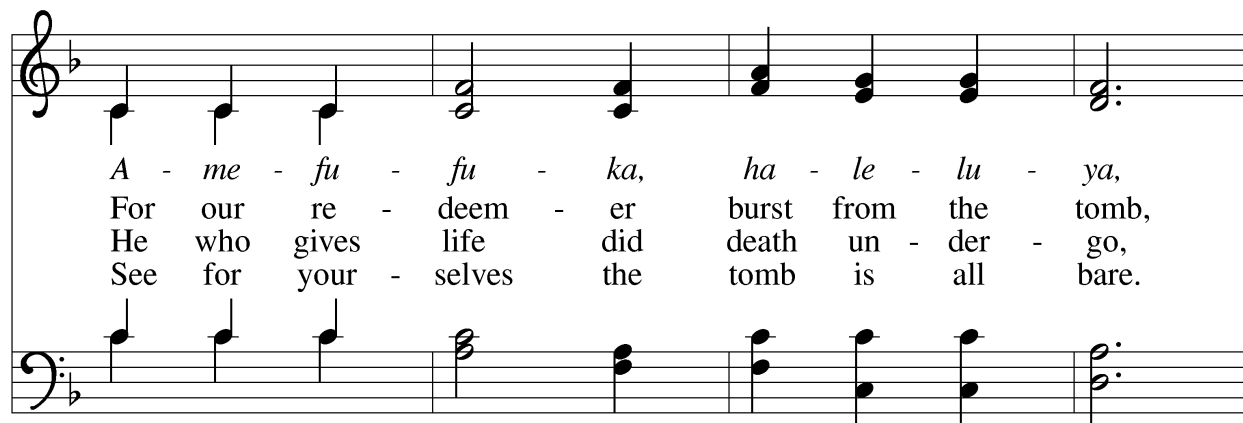
Closing Hymn: "Christ Has Arisen"



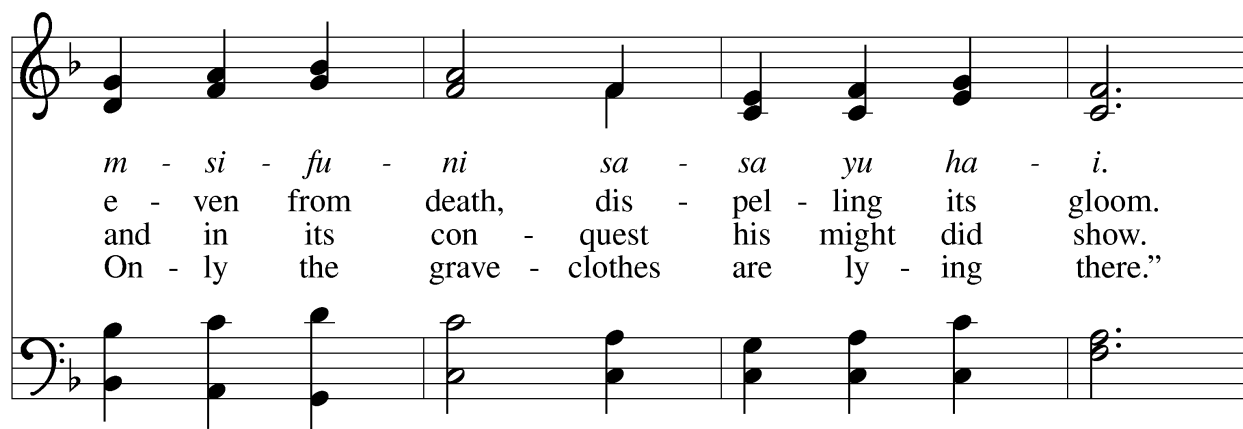
M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.



A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go,
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



m - si - fu - ni sa - sa - yu ha - i.
e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
and in its con - quest his might did show.
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain

Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 “Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus’ redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won.” *Refrain*
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: Tanzanian traditional

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Dismissal

- P) Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
- C) **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P) Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.
- C) **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

Special thanks to Peter Fraize and Rebecca Poyatt for providing special music for us this morning!

Please also join us on:

Sunday, April 7

Worship @ 10:00 am

(in person & [live stream on Facebook](#))

Sunday School @ 11:00 am

Mark your calendars for a special presentation on April 7th in the POP sanctuary during the 11 o'clock Sunday School hour! Join Alex and Yasya Yanevskyy who are going to tell us about Ukraine, its history, and news from their family members who still live in the country. Enjoy Ukrainian treats, too. [View the trailer by clicking here!](#)

Announcing the restart of the Men's Book Club on Tuesday, April 9th at 7PM at Mike DeGeorge's house, 11332 Freas Drive, North Potomac. The book is *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris. Please call Mike at 301-512-0095 or email mpd1023@aol.com if interested, light refreshments will be served. Please join us, all are welcome!

Theology on Tap will be back on **Tuesday, April 16 from 6:30 – 8 pm** in the Fellowship Hall! Pastor Steve will lead a discussion looking at Matthew's Resurrection Narrative (Matthew 28:1-20). BYO food and drinks and come join us!

Come join us on April 20th, 6-8 pm for our Coffee House Silent/Live Auction to benefit Gaithersburg HELP. You will have a night full of fun and fellowship while contributing to a great cause. We are still in need of donations for the Live and Silent Auction. Please contact [Cherie DeGeorge](#) or [Joan Kowalik](#) if you would like to make a donation or if somewhere you frequent would like to make a donation. Donation forms and flyers are on the credenza in Narthex. See you at the Auction!

Sacred Grounds - Many congregants of Prince of Peace find joy, peace, and inspiration outdoors. By planting native plants, we can be good stewards of God's creation which nurtures us and our neighbors. **Join us virtually from 7:30-9 PM on Thursday, May 2** to learn from experts about how you can create wildlife habitat and protect our local streams by planting native plants. **Register and receive the Zoom link [here](#).** Planting native plants conserves God's creation for our children and future generations. *Everything growing on earth, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all forever. Daniel 3:76*

On Saturday, May 11, we will be making another dinner to take to Stepping Stones Shelter, a family shelter in Rockville. We're going to prepare a meal of lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and a dessert. If you would like to join us in this project, **we will gather at the Church around 2:30 pm to assemble the dinner.** If you have questions, or would like to donate to this project, please contact [Jane Sahmel](#). Thanks so much for your support.

Honduras Mission Trip 2024! Prince of Peace will partner with non-profit, Haven Universe to serve various communities in Honduras from **June 6-16, 2024**. The itinerary will include planned construction projects, medical brigades, and a local VBS camp. Those who have participated in the past have been impacted and blessed as much as those being helped! If you are interested in learning more about this year's trip, please contact [Ric](#) or [Sherry](#) Kienzle.

Food for Thought: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." (*John 11:25*)

Prince of Peace welcomes people as they are and embraces all the dimensions of diversity in which God has made us: race, gender identity, sexual orientation, family structure, physical ability, and cultural and religious backgrounds, among others. We are all loved by God.

Next Sunday's Readings

[Acts 4:32-35](#); [Psalm 133](#); [1 John 1:1-2:2](#); [John 20:19-31](#)

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