

*April 7, 2024 – The Second Sunday of Easter  
10:00 am Livestream Liturgy*



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**Prelude:** *Alive* - arr. Victor Labenske

**Greetings & Announcements**

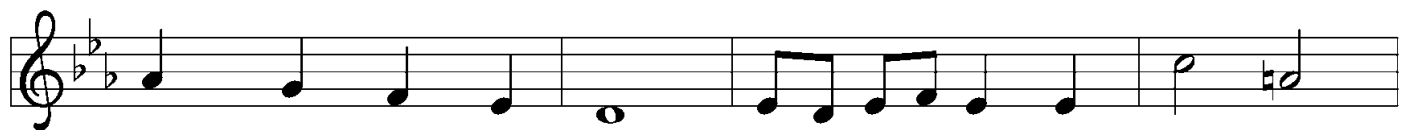
**Opening Hymn:** "*Thine Is the Glory*"



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*



where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

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



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



al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of



vic - to - ry. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



☐ Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



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



al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of



vic - to - ry. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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 be<sup>2</sup> 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 ... Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C) **Amen.**

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**First Reading: Acts 4:32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*R) The Word of the Lord.*

**C) Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 133** (Read responsively by whole verse)

How good and how pleasant it is,

when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

**Second Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter.*

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

### Gospel: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me?"

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P) *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

## Children's Sermon Sermon

**Hymn:** "The Head That Once Was Crowned"



- 1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
- 2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov-'reign right,
- 3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low
- 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;



a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.  
the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.  
to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;  
their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855

Music: ST. MAGNUS, Jeremiah Clarke, 1669–1707



## 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.**

P) Rejoicing in the resurrection, let us seek God's forgiveness, that dying to sin, we may walk in newness of life.

P) Most merciful God,

C) **we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P) Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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**

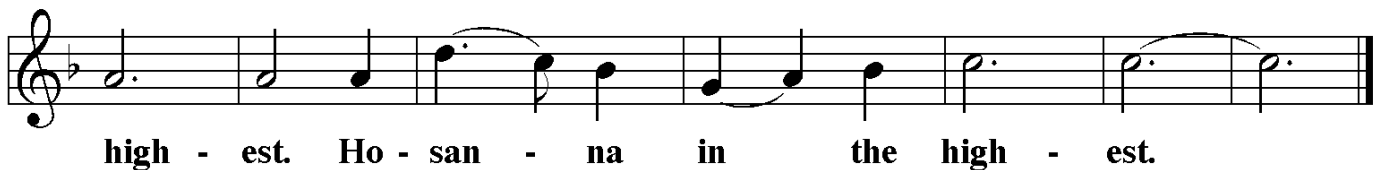
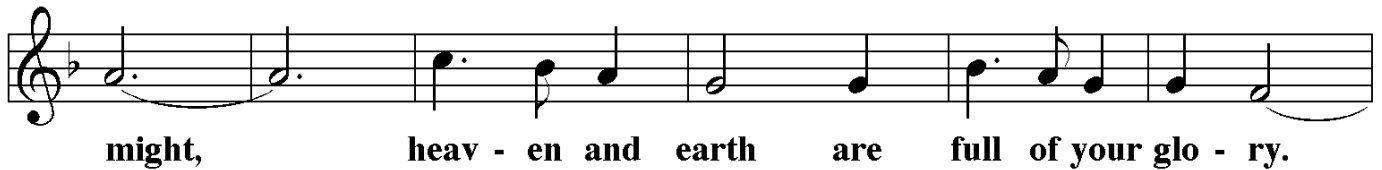
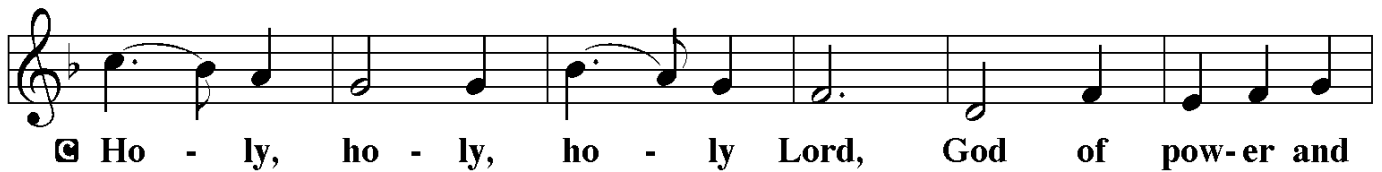
*Revelation Song - arr. Carol Tornquist*

### **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 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**

*Glorious Day* - arr. Carol Tornquist

- 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) Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, Bless you and raise you to newness of life, now and forever.
- C) **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** “*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia*”



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.  
Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

**Dismissal**

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



## Postlude

**Altar flowers are given by Judy Bruening in celebration of Paul & Megan's birthday.**

**Please also join us on:**

**Saturday, April 13**

**Saturday Worship @ 5 pm (in-person only)**

**Sunday, April 14**

**Worship @ 10:00 am**

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

**Sunday School @ 11:00 am**

**Join us for a special presentation today 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!](#)

**Bathroom renovation is due to begin this week!** This is great, but it means that for about the next 10 days, everyone will need to use the bathrooms in the BYC. The refresh on the bathrooms will be done before the Coffeehouse / Auction on April 20.

**Announcing the restart of the Men's Book Club on Tuesday, April 16th [Note Date change!] 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](mailto:mpd1023@aol.com) if interested, light refreshments will be served. Please join us, all are welcome!

**Theology on Tap** will be back on **Thursday, April 18 [Note Date change!] 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**Adult Bible Study** - Come join us during Adult Coffee and Conversation hour after the Sunday service in the sanctuary as we learn more about God and encourage one another through discipleship!

**April 21** What on Earth am I Here For? *Ministry*

**April 28** What on Earth am I Here For? *Mission*

**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*

**Patriot Shredding will be at Prince of Peace on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM** for a shredding event. There is no charge for the event as it is being sponsored by Judy Martin, Real Estate Agent C21 Redwood Reality. For security all shredding will be done on the premises.

**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 on a mission trip 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. Donations are being accepted to support a construction project to build a cinder block home for a family in need, as well as latrines for a remote community. Thank you for all the generous donations thus far! If you are interested in learning more about how to contribute to this year's trip, please contact [Ric](#) or [Sherry](#) Kienzle.

**Thanks to all who supported the Lenten Sharing Bags collection**, and to **Rachel Carreras** for coordinating the project, and **Cherie and Mike DeGeorge and Jane Sahmel** for delivering the donations. POP donated 193.1 pounds of food to Gaithersburg HELP and multiple bags of needed items to Stepping Stones Shelter.

**Food for Thought:** Like spring, a new season awaits. (*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*)

**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 3:12–19](#); [Psalm 4](#); [1 John 3:1–7](#); [Luke 24:36b–48](#)

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