

*April 19, 2026 – The Third Sunday of Easter
10:00 am Livestream Liturgy*



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Welcome to Prince of Peace! This morning's complete service is printed in this booklet.
A supervised nursery is available during the worship service.

+++ THE GATHERING +++

Prelude: *Only King Forever* - arr. Larry Shackley

Greetings & Announcements

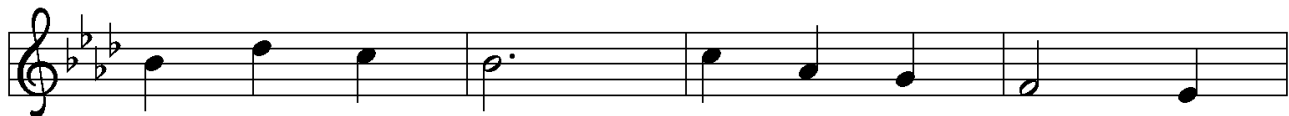
Opening Hymn: "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!"



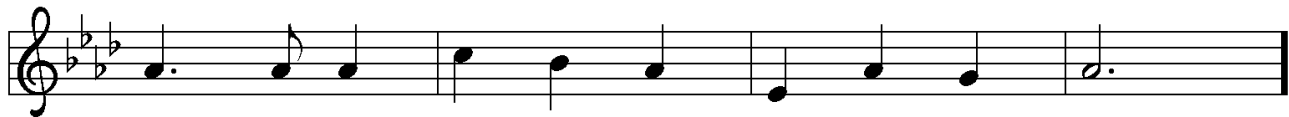
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



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



Give God the glo - ry! 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



☐ 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.



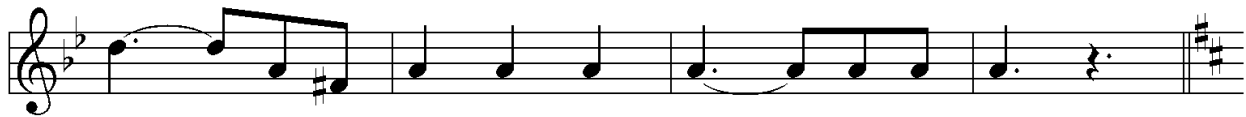
☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



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 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, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may recognize his presence in our lives as well; through the same 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 2:14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

R) The Word of the Lord.

C) Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (Read responsively by whole verse)

I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

**for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of the LORD:

"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

**I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.**

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.

**Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.**

O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,
in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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. Hal - le - lu - jah.

P) The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter.

C) Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P) The Gospel of the Lord.

C) Praise to you, O Christ.

**Children's Sermon
Sermon**

Hymn: "We Come to the Hungry Feast"



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever

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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

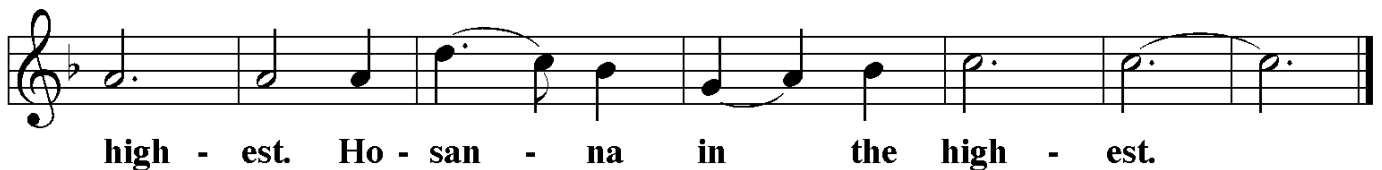
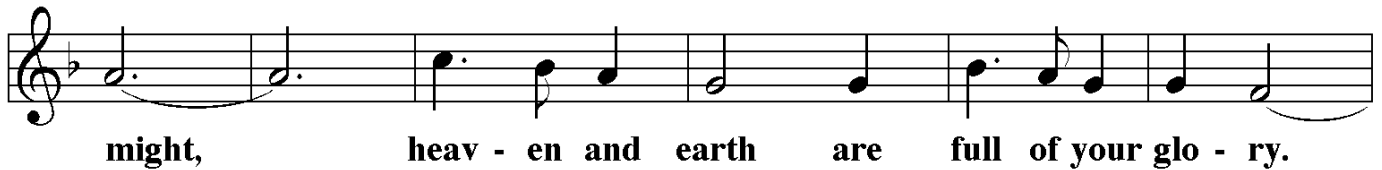
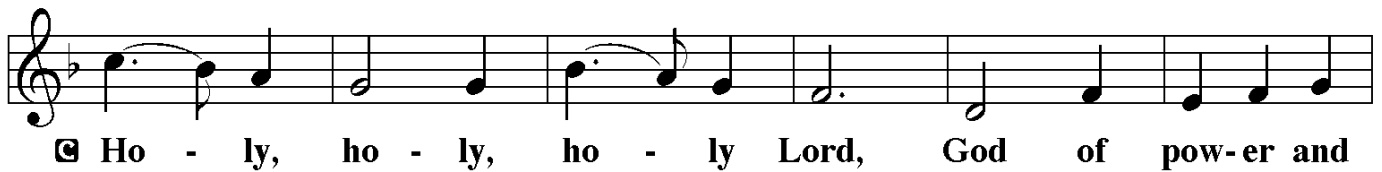
No Matter What - Matt Schinske

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

Man of Sorrows - arr. James Koerts

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: "This Joyful Eastertide"



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.
wake the dead in num - - ber.
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

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

Special thanks to Pr. Christine Dunn for preaching and leading worship this morning!

Please also join us on:

Sunday, April 26

Worship @ 10:00 am

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

Sunday School @ 11:00 am

The next men's book club will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd at 7 pm at the house of Dick Moore. The book is *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho.

Prince of Peace Farmers & Artisans Market starts Thursday, May 7 at 3:00 pm in the back parking lot. Come each Thursday May 7 – November 19, 3:00 – 6:30 pm (except May 28). Come browse and shop through and say hello to the local growers, bakers, makers, and your neighbors while supporting our church community. For more information, email farmersmarket@poplutheran.org

Rest & Recharge on the Ridge ([Mar-Lu-Ridge!](#)) on April 26 from 2-5:30 pm

Mar-Lu-Ridge is hosting this free event for you to find a quiet space to reconnect with nature, engage in a favorite creative hobby & recharge your soul. Hiking, mindfulness, yoga, hymn singing, arts & crafts, hammocks, nature activity guides, & a light meal at 4:30 pm. It's always helpful to know folks are coming! Email mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org to RSVP.

POP Cares: What a generous response to the call for items for Stepping Stones Shelter! This week, Social Justice Ministry delivered 77 canisters of Lysol wipes, 19 bottles of multi-surface cleaner, 41 bags and jugs of laundry pods, and 81 boxes of Ziploc bags. We needed two cars to get it all there. Many thanks to all for your generosity and caring for our neighbors in need!

Haven Universe “Saturday Night Alive!” These events are hosted for individuals with special needs and their families and friends, many of whom are adults that attend with their caregivers **on the following dates from 3:00-5:00pm at Lakelands Park Middle School: Apr. 18, May 16.** Positions for potential volunteers include front desk check-in, AV tech setup/takedown, craft table, merchandise sales, or just mingling with participants. (High school students can also earn SSL hours by volunteering.) Contact [Ric](#) or [Sherry](#) Kienzle for questions.

Honduras Mission Trip 2026! Prince of Peace will partner with non-profit, Haven Universe on a mission trip to serve various communities in Honduras from **June 18-28, 2026.** We are excited to support the following PoP members in this mission: Luke Dillon; Ric, Sherry, and Sydney Kienzle. Please keep these missionaries in your prayers in the weeks leading up to the trip! The itinerary will include planned medical brigades and construction projects for those living in remote communities. Donations are being accepted to fund these projects, and we give thanks for all the generous contributions thus far! If you are interested in learning more about how to support this year’s trip, please contact Ric or Sherry Kienzle.

Shop till you drop for Mother’s Day from 10am - 2pm on 5/2 at the Village at Rockville’s Blooming Spring Sale, located at 9701 Veirs Drive. Jewelry, baked goods, handmade items, vintage items and more will available for purchase. Proceeds will go towards the Benevolent Care Fund and benefit residents.

All-Ages Earth Day Celebration at Fairhaven UMC - Please join our friends at Fairhaven UMC, located at 12801 Darnestown Rd for their Earth Day celebration **on Sunday, 5/3 from noon-2pm.** There will be native plant sales and giveaways, children's activities, information from Montgomery County Recycling and the Interfaith Partnership for the Chesapeake - and much more!

Food for Thought: Jesus said to her, “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 2:42–47](#); [Psalm 23](#); [1 Peter 2:19–25](#); [John 10:1–10](#)

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