

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2024

Rite II, 10:30am



Jesus Appears in the Midst of the Disciples by James Tissot

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Holy Eucharist

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Welcome to worship this morning.

We are so happy you are here today, in-person and online.

For those of you coming to church in-person, please follow these guidelines to keep everyone safe.

Masking is now recommended at church services. For those who have vulnerable health issues, our 10:30am services always offer an option to worship from the safety of home. Please stay home if you feel sick.

For those attending remotely, you may connect in either of two ways:

1. by computer or smartphone (video and audio):

You may access our ZOOM meeting on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82690025101>

2. by telephone (audio only):

Dial +1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 826 9002 5101

When prompted for a participant number, touch the pound key (#).

*Please follow the usual procedures for muting and unmuting (*6) and raising a hand (*9). For the sake of audio clarity, your mic will be muted on entry.*

*Please note: Regarding joining us on Zoom, we welcome newcomers and appreciate your **on-time** attendance. If you arrive more than 15 minutes after the service begins, our Zoom protocols may not permit your joining the service.*

Equally important, please be sure that your zoom account ID includes your first and last name. We look forward to seeing you

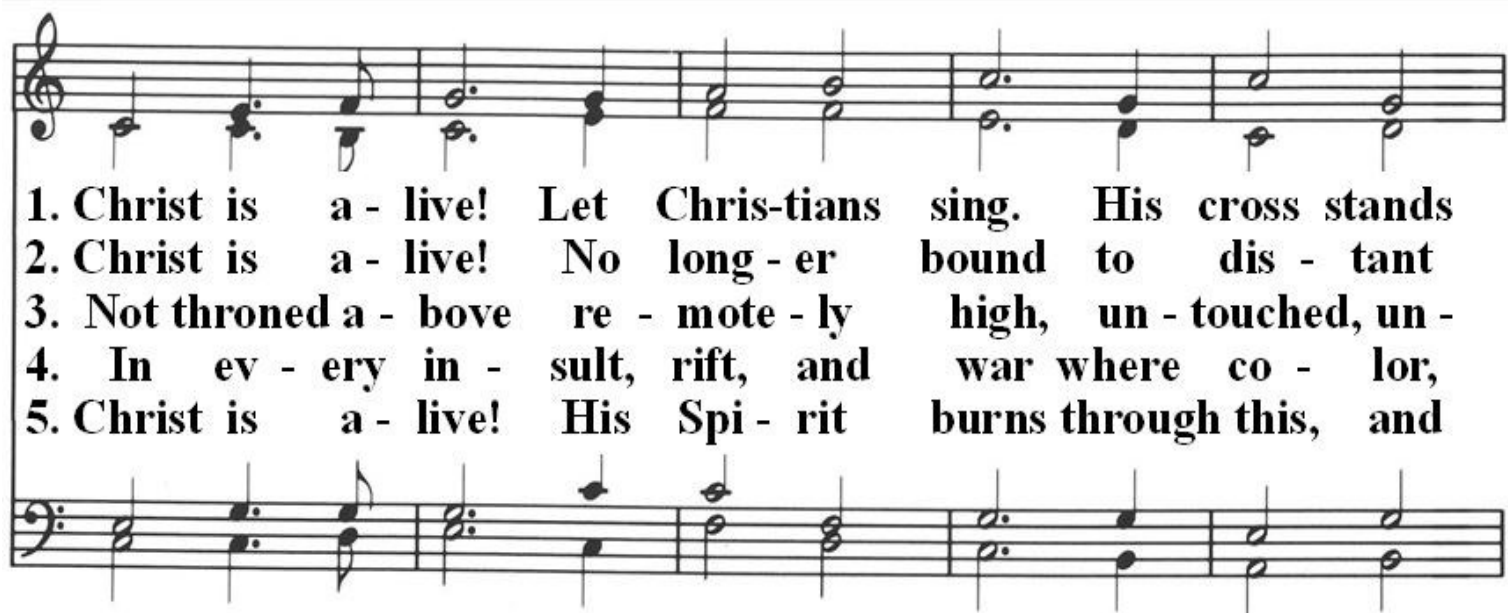
Prelude

Opening Hymn

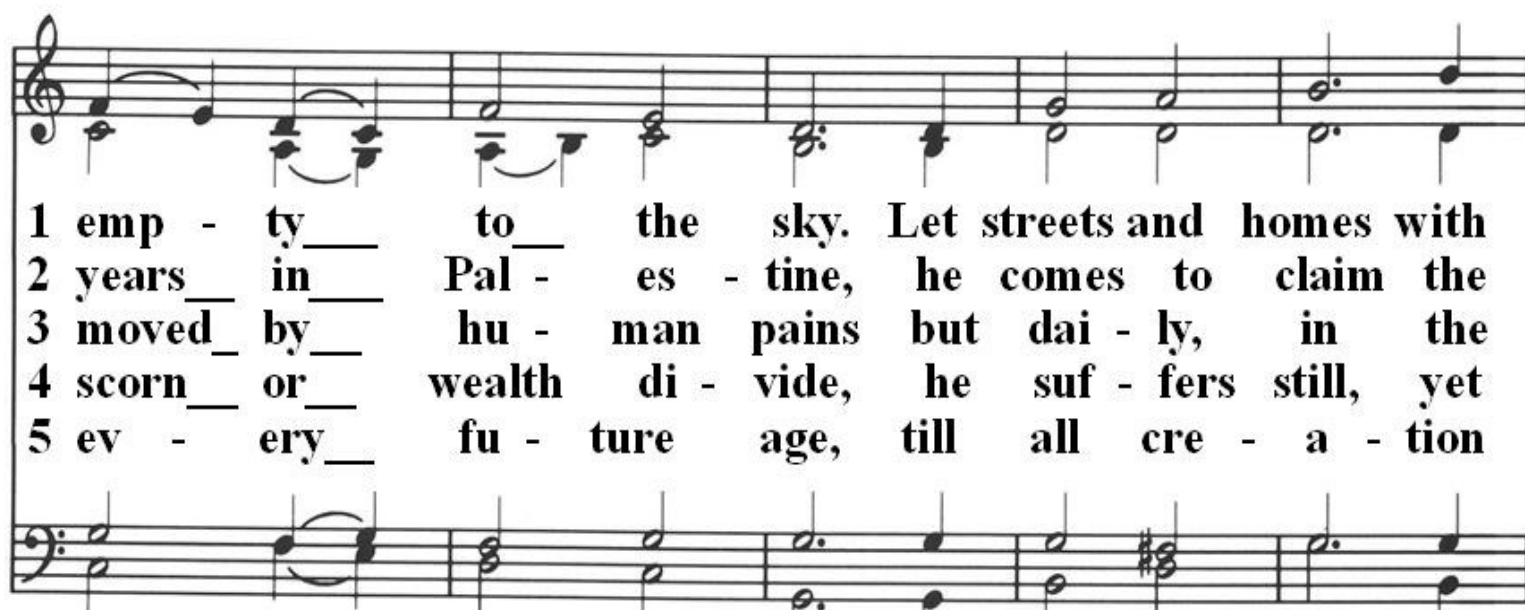
Hymnal #182

Christ Is Alive!

All are invited to sing along. Zoom participants, please stay muted.



1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris-tians sing. His cross stands
2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3. Not throned a - bove re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5. Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this, and



1 emp - ty__ to__ the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years__ in__ Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
3 moved__ by__ hu - man pains but dai - ly, in the
4 scorn__ or__ wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
5 ev - ery__ fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

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1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice love, and praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), rev.

Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmody Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

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Greeting

Celebrant:

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

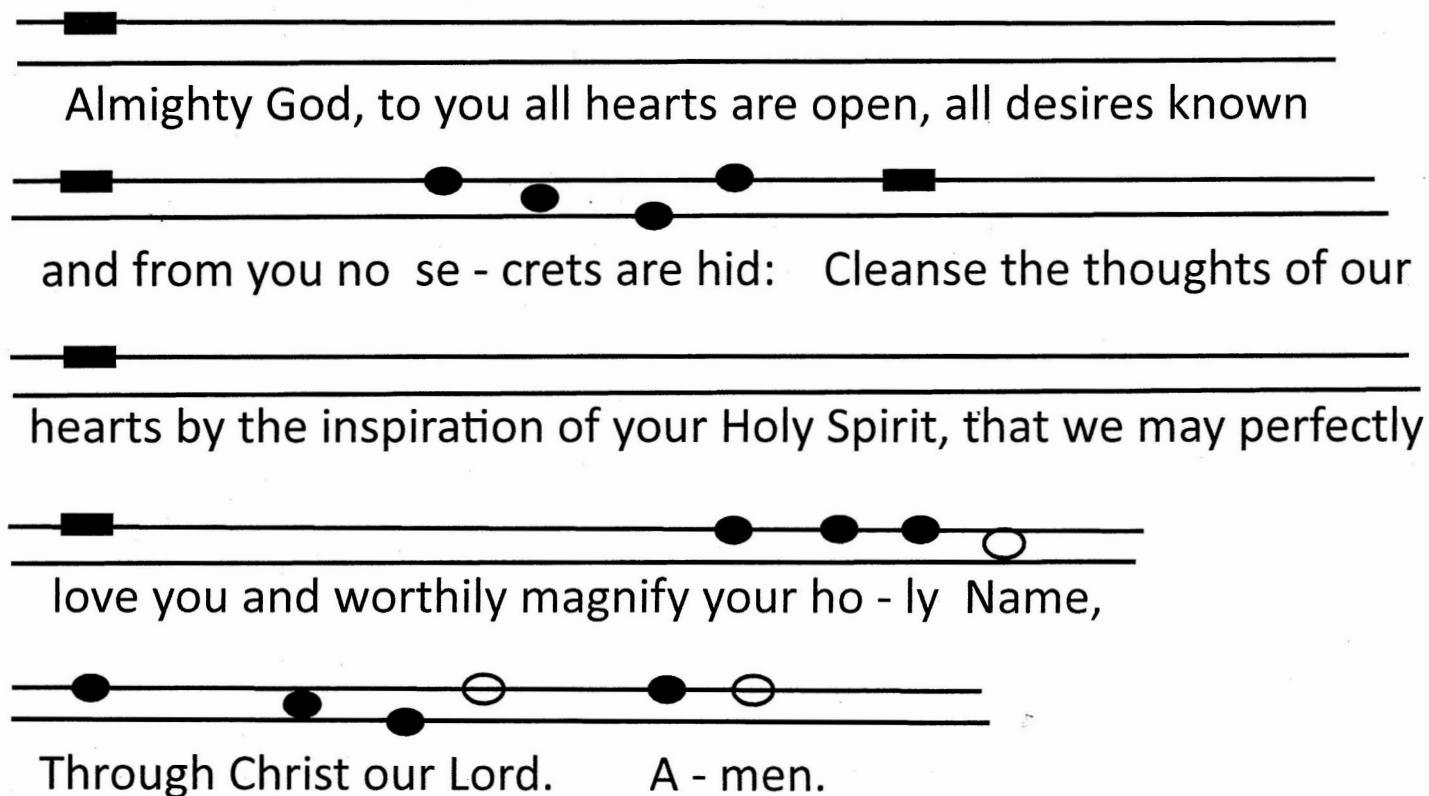
People:

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia

Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

Collect for Purity

Celebrant:

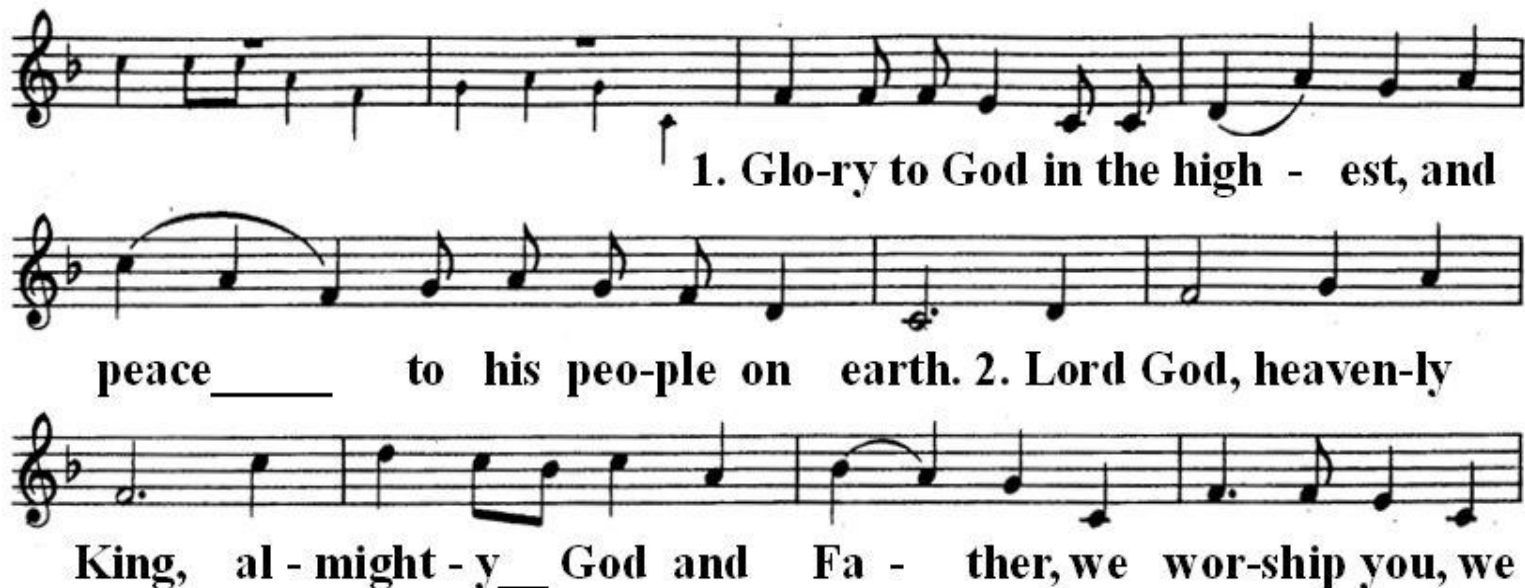


Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known
and from you no se - crets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you and worthily magnify your ho - ly Name,
Through Christ our Lord. A - men.

Gloria

Hymnal S-280 Robert Powell

Please join in singing the Gloria. Zoom participants please stay muted.



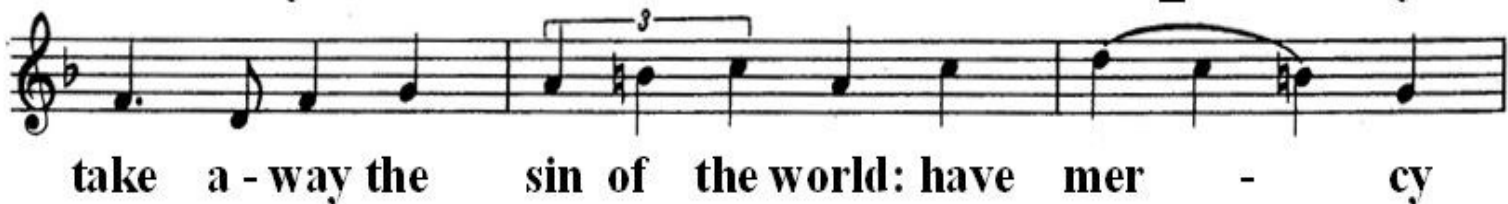
1. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and
peace _____ to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly
King, al - might - y_ God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you_ for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God Lamb_of God, 4.you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



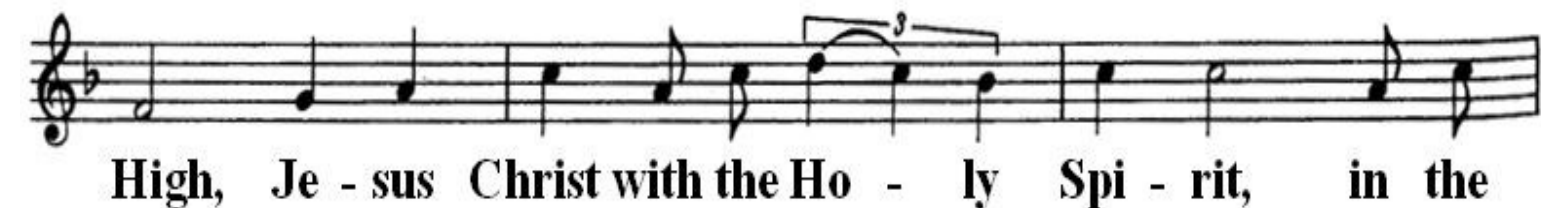
on us; 5.you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6.For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



you a - lone_ are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most_



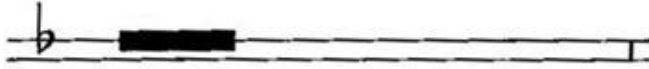
High, Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the



glo - ry of God___ the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter



Celebrant: God be with you.



People: **And also with you**



Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold

through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 4

The choir and the congregation sing together the refrain.

Zoom participants please stay muted.

Refrain:



You have put ___ glad - ness in my heart, O Lord.

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?" *Refrain*

Refrain:



You have put ___ glad - ness in my heart, O Lord.

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the Lord.

Refrain

Refrain:



You have put ___ glad - ness in my heart, O Lord.

Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!"
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety. *Refrain*

Refrain:



You have put ___ glad - ness in my heart, O Lord.

The Epistle: 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in

him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

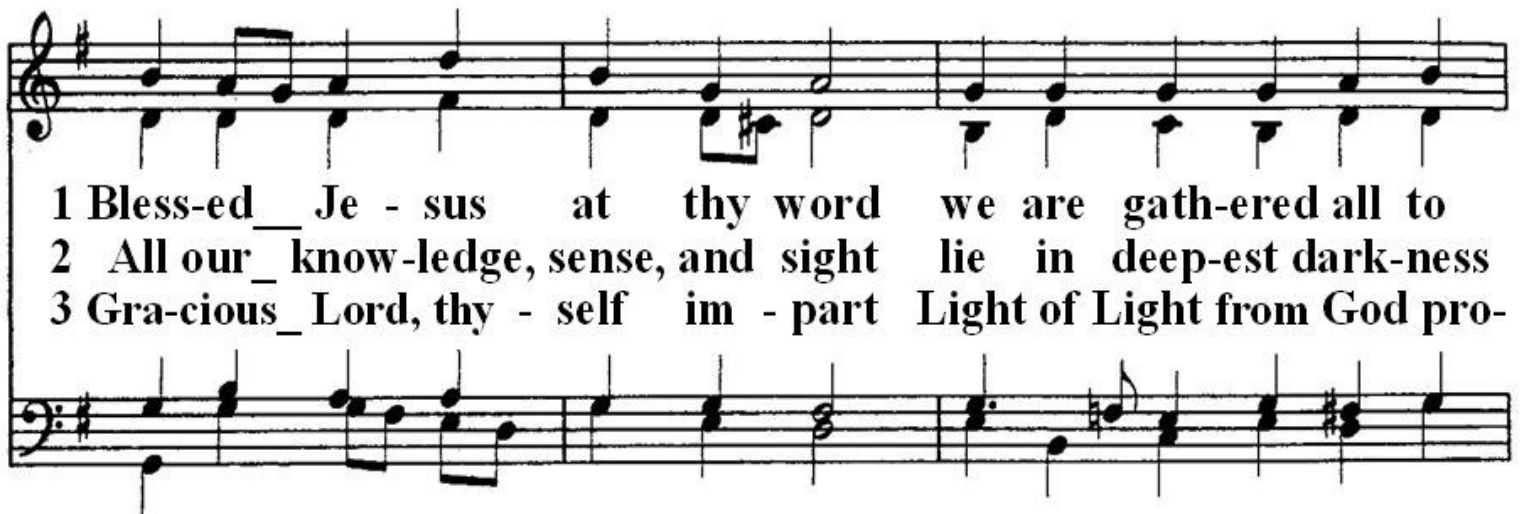
People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal #440

Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word

All are invited to sing along. Zoom participants, please stay muted.



1 Bless-ed_ Je - sus at thy word we are gath-ered all to
2 All our_ know-ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep-est dark-ness
3 Gra-cious_ Lord, thy - self im - part Light of Light from God pro-



hear thee; let our_ hearts and souls be stirred
shroud - ed, till thy_ Spi - rit breaks our night
ceed - ing, o - pen_ thou our ears and heart,

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now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach-ings
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
Church up-rai-s-es; hear, and bless our prayers and prai - ses.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

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The Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet;

see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: Thanks be to God

The Sermon

*After the sermon there will be a time of silence
for reflection.*

The Nicene Creed

**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 of the People from *Liturgy for the Whole Church* by Susan K. Bock

Leader: Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death,

People: And Christ will give you life!

Leader: Bring newness and change to your church, O God,
that we might serve you with courage and grace.
Awake, O Church, rise from death,

People: And Christ will give you life!

Leader: Bring newness and change to your world, O God,
that all might know the goodness of your love.
Awake, O World, rise from death,

People: And Christ will give you life!

Leader: Bring newness and change to our nation, O God,
that each person might share and honor the other.
Awake, O People, rise from death,

People: And Christ will give you life!

Leader: Bring newness and change for the suffering, O God,
that they might know your saving help.
Awake, O Sorrowful, rise from death,

People: And Christ will give you life!

Leader: Bring newness and change to even the departed, O God,
that they might forever grow in your likeness.
Awake, O Saints, rise from death,

People: And Christ will give you life!

Leader: Bring newness and change to our hearts, O God,
that we might grow larger in faith and hope.
Awake, O Soul, rise from death,

People: And Christ will give you life!

Leader: Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death, for Christ has burst forth
from the tomb, making all things new. Rise and live, says
the Lord. This day God has made for life and all joy!
Amen, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, amen!

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And also with you.

The people and the ministers greet one another.

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
 source of life abundant.
 From before time you made ready the creation.
 Your Spirit moved over the deep
 and brought all things into being:
 sun, moon, and stars;
 earth, winds, and waters;
 and every living thing.
 You made us in your image,
 and taught us to walk in your ways.
 But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
 and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
 you would not forget us.
 Time and again you called us
 to live in the fullness of your love.
 And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
 in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
 lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

All are invited to sing along, Zoom attendees please stay muted.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly__ Lord, God of pow-er and



might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

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comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. ___

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat:
This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.

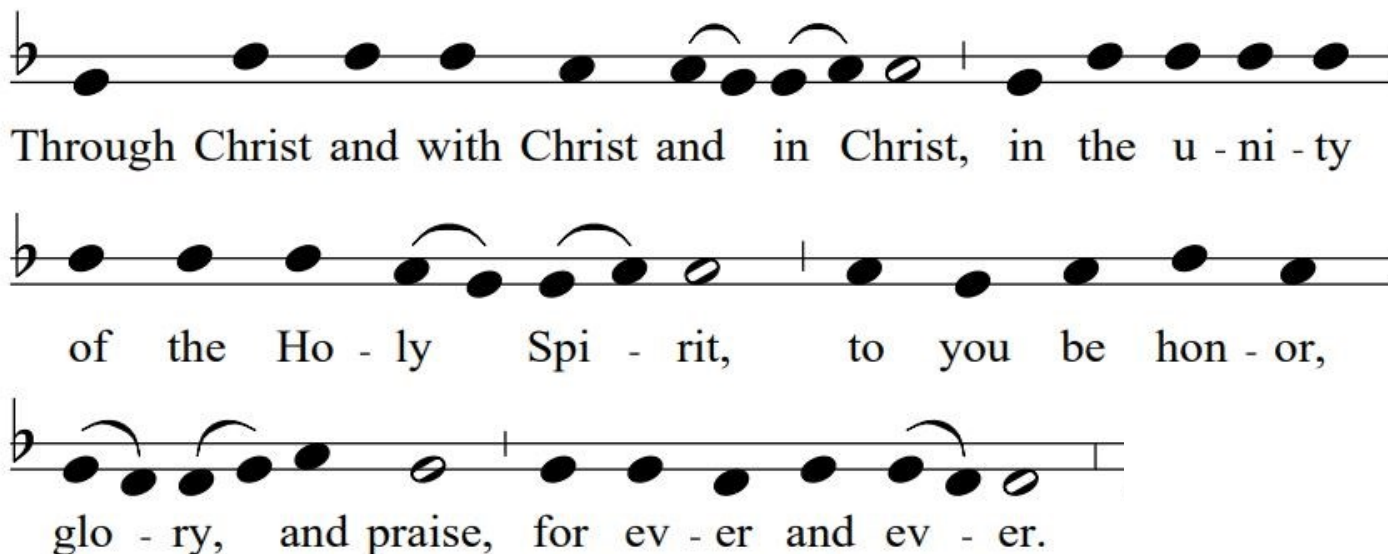
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with Thomas and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Celebrant:



Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the u - ni - ty
of the Ho - ly Spi - rit, to you be hon - or,
glo - ry, and praise, for ev - er and ev - er.

Celebrant and People:



A - MEN_.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

The Lord's Prayer

**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 for ever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem

WLP #875

Be Known to Us

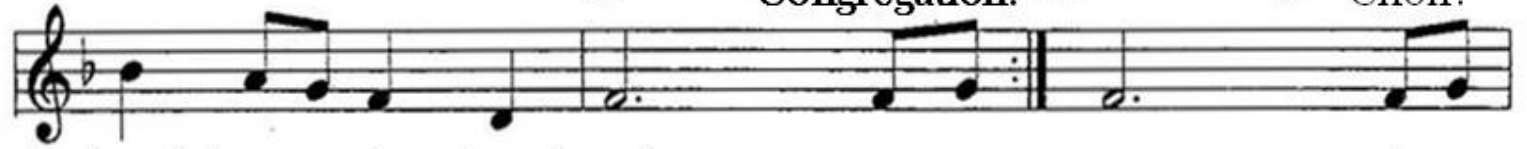
*The Choir will lead the Fraction Anthem. All are invited to sing the responses.
Zoom attendees please stay muted*

Choir: *(1st time; Congregation repeats)*

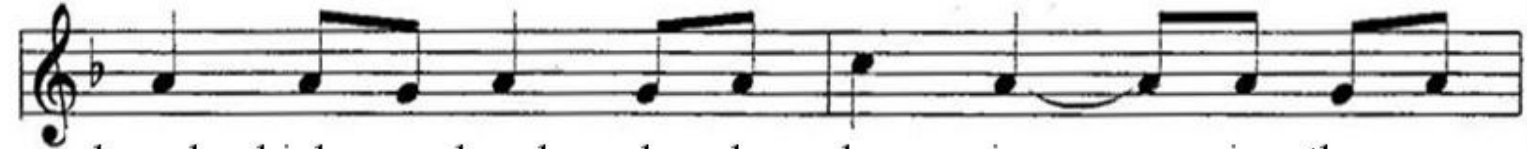


Be ___ known to ___ us, Lord ___ Je - sus, in the
Be ___ known to ___ us, Lord ___ Je - sus, in the

1. Congregation: 2. Choir:



break-ing_ of the bread. **Be__ bread.** The_
break-ing_ of the

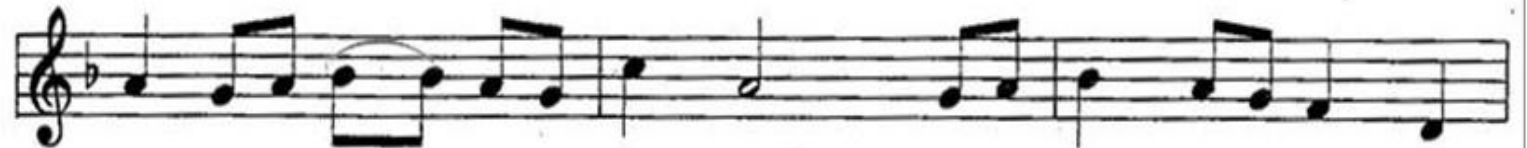


bread which we break al - le - lu - ia is the com -

Congregation:



mun-ion of the bod - y of Christ. **Be__**



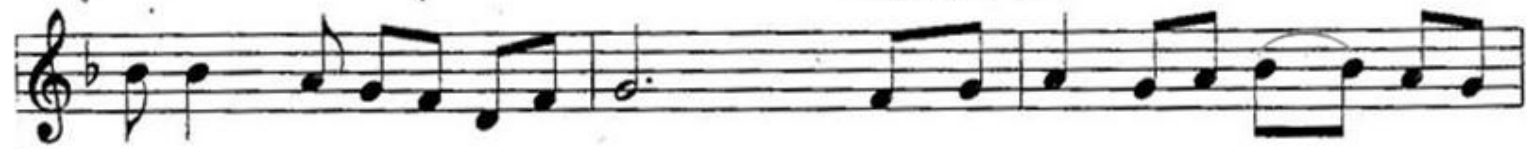
known to__ us Lord__ Je - sus, in the break-ing_ of the

Choir:

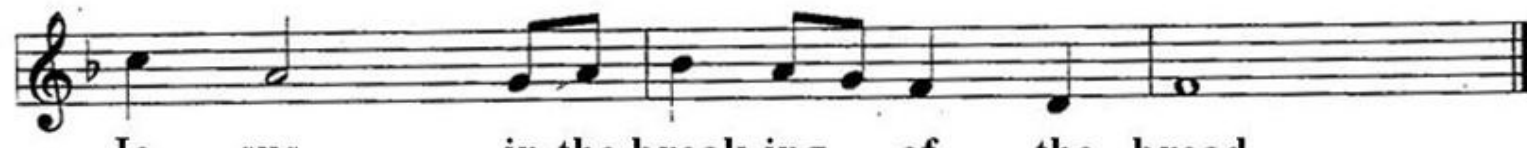


bread. One_ bod - y are we al - le - lu - ia, for though

Congregation:



man-y, we share_ one_ bread. **Be__ known to_ us, Lord__**



Je - sus, in the break-ing_ of the bread.

The Communion

Everyone is invited to come forward to receive Communion.

Please come to the rail.

- *You may stand or kneel at the altar rail, as you are able.*
- *The wine will be served in the chalice and in the small cups. The chalice will precede the cups. If you do not reach for the chalice, it will pass and the cups will follow. (Please place the empty cup on one of the trays near the aisles.)*
- *Please, do not dip the bread in the wine.*
- *If you do not wish to receive communion, you may receive a blessing: please cross your arms over your chest as a sign that you wish to be blessed.*
- *Gluten free bread is available upon asking.*

Communion Hymn

Hymnal #305

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Come, Risen Lord

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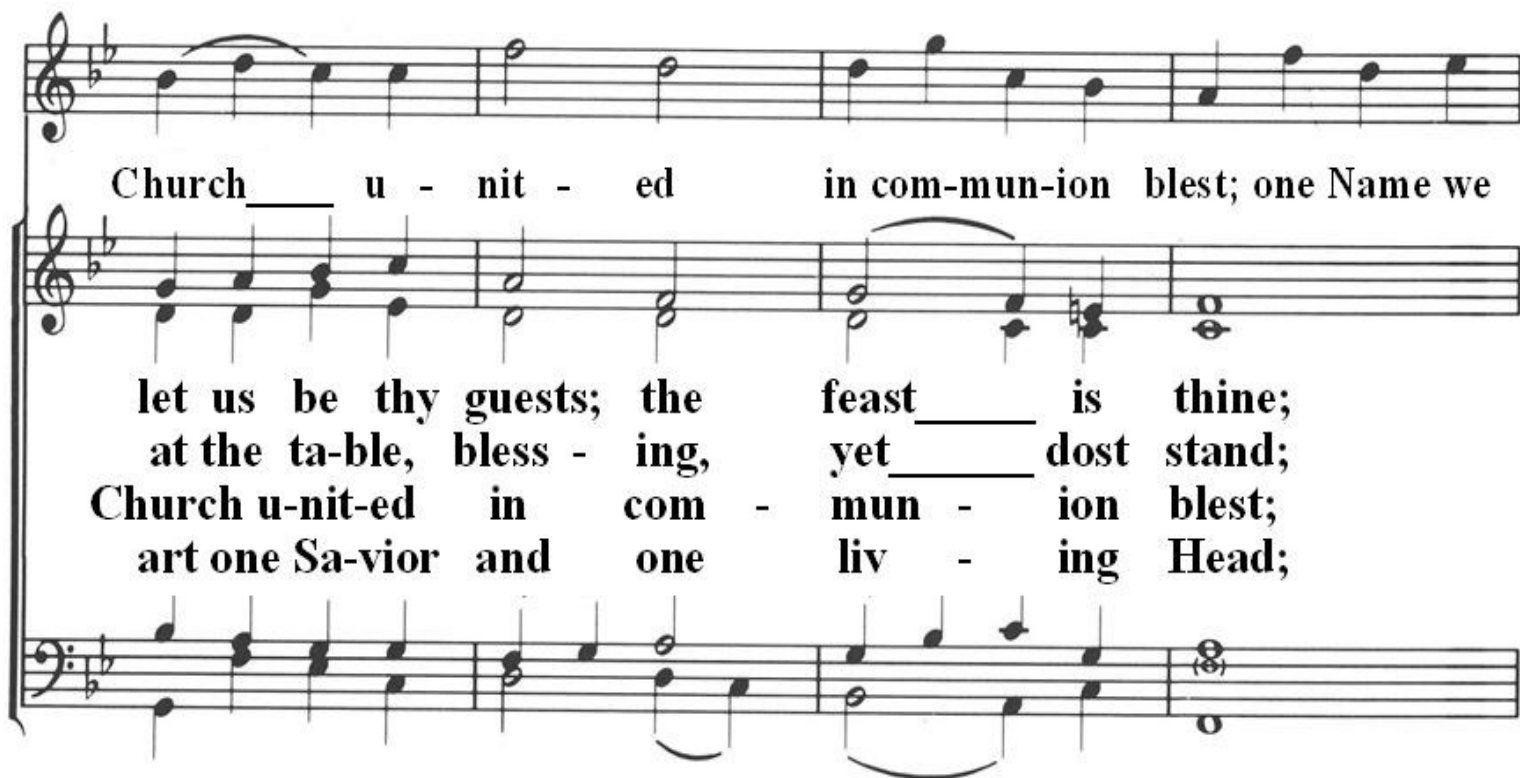
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3 one bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one

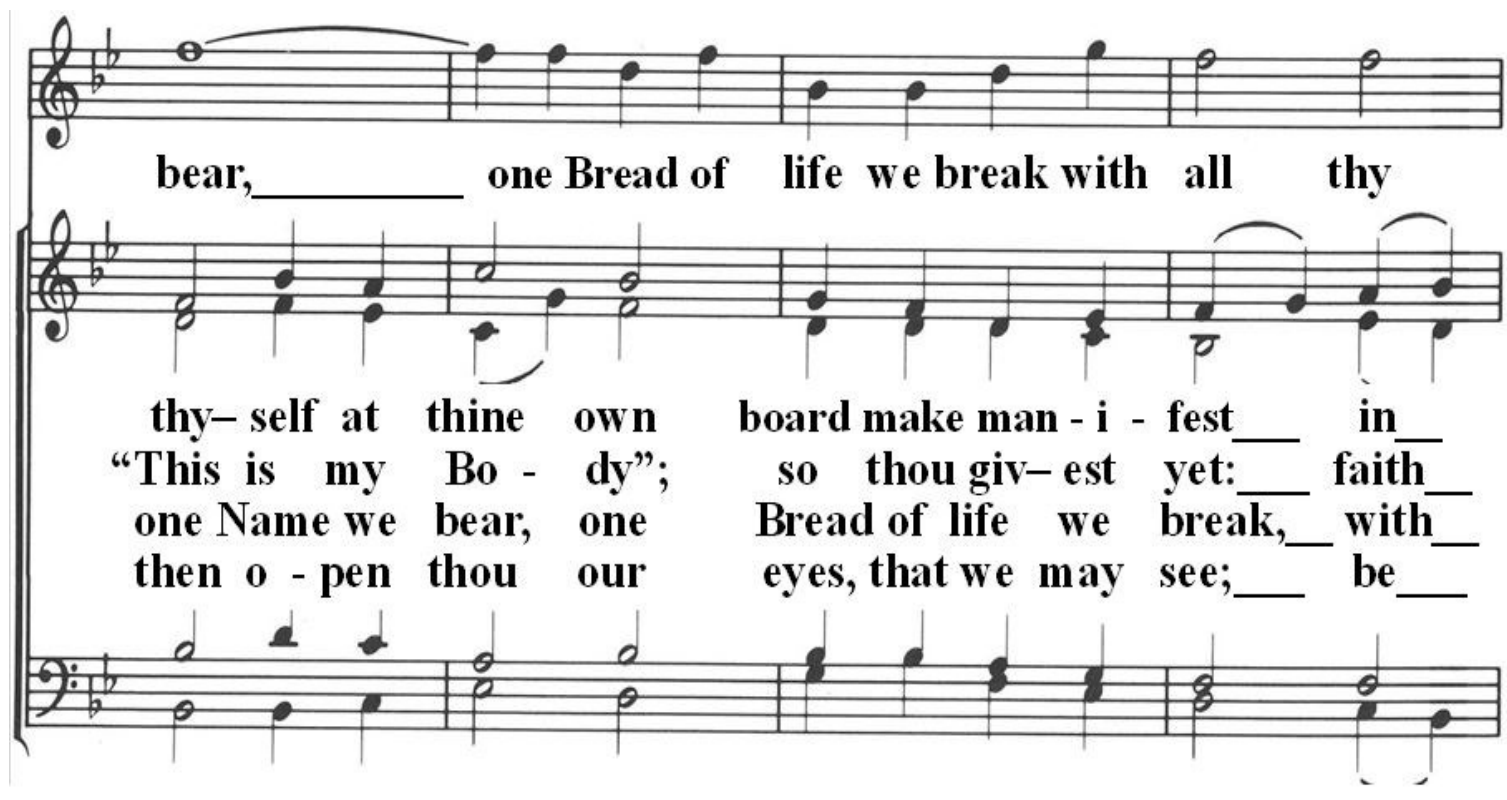
1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay,
2 We meet, as in that up-per room they met; thou
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who

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Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest; one Name we
 let us be thy guests; the feast ___ is thine;
 at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet ___ dost stand;
 Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest;
 art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;



bear, ___ one Bread of life we break with all thy
 thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest ___ in ___
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet: ___ faith ___
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break, ___ with ___
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see; ___ be ___

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saints on earth and saints at rest.

thine own Sac-ra-ment of Bread and Wine.
 still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
 all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
 known to us in break-ing of the Bread.

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt.
 Music: *Rosedale*, Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

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Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant and People:

**Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now, Father, send us out
 to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Book of Occasional Services

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hymnal # 193

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

Zoom participants are invited to sing along. Please stay muted.



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his
3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in
5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

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1 sun shone out_ with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
2 wound-ed hands_ and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn
3 thou thy-self_ our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon
5 thee, who, dead_ a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



1 eyes re - stored the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
4 death can wield thine own re-deemed for ev - er shield.
5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost we raise.

Words: Latin, 5th cent.; ver. *Hymnal* 1940

Mus: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

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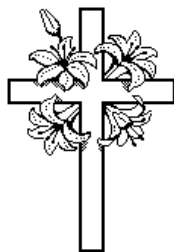
The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Benjamin Belew



Serving today

The St. Thomas Altar Guild

Officiant: The Rev. Salying Wong

Preacher: Lou Poulain, LLP

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Cobb

Lectors: Susan McVey, John McVey

Cantor: Chris Schmidt

Greeters: MaryJane Johnson, Pat Turnbull,
Stephanie Daugherty, Donna Cobb

Members of the **St. Thomas Choir**

Director: Patricia Pietrzyk

Accompanist: Benjamin Belew

Tech lead: Andrew Yeh

Zoom host: Abby O'Connell

Today in the Parish

The Altar Flowers are given today...

by Peg Prior, in honor of their 53rd wedding anniversary,
and by Mabel Cheng, in remembrance of her relatives who have
passed away.

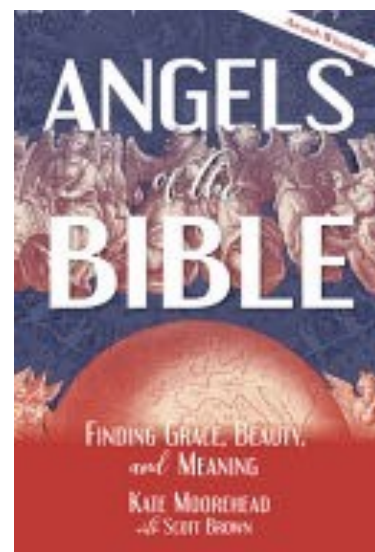
Coffee Hour today will be in Cowans Hall. Please be mindful of
Covid protocols.

Library News:

Book of the Week April 14, 2024

[*Angels of the Bible: finding grace, beauty, and meaning*](#) by Kate Moorhead

Angels appear in the greatest of biblical moments: at the gates of the Garden of Eden, at the birth of Christ, and at the tomb of the resurrection. But modern-day Christians tend to either dismiss angels as fantasy or caricaturize them as one-dimensional cherubs. Episcopal priest Kate Moorehead invites us



into a more dynamic understanding of the realm of the angels. Scholar P. Scott Brown offers historical and theological context for these paintings of pivotal angelic appearances, including the Annunciation, the Celestial Hierarchy, and the Final Battle from Revelation.

Upcoming Events

Parish Events - Save the Dates

Funeral Planning Workshop will be **April 18 at 9:30am** on Zoom. Please follow this link to attend: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81124109730?pwd=WTFrTFhHb0FPZXc3U20zZmIzcW5xZz09>

The workshop will be recorded for anyone who would like to view it. Planning your funeral is a great help to those you leave behind. If you have any questions, please contact her at pastorsalying@stthomas-svale.us.

Agape Circle for Food, Fun and Friendship – Friday, May 3

Please note that Agape Circles are no longer a monthly engagement, but are scheduled in months with fewer parish events.

General Announcements

Library notes: Literature Rack – right side of the narthex

The latest *Upper Room* and *Forward Day by Day* copies have arrived. They are available in the literature rack found in the Narthex of the church. The *Upper Room* also includes large print copies.

Thanksgiving and Memorial Donations to Altar Guild

Our altar guild appreciates your support in making our space holy and beautiful. You can make a donation for fresh flowers on a designated

date or a general donation for supplies, like communion wine and bread and oil for the candles. You can make this donation online or by check, with “altar guild” on the memo line. If applicable, **please also include** (1) the date for the commemoration and (2) the person or occasion to be commemorated.

Pledges, Offerings & Donations

Stewardship update: Pledges Gratefully Accepted

If you are considering pledging to our annual budget for 2024, you can still do so. You may submit a pledge card by mail, by email at finance@stthomas-svale.org, and by hand-delivery to Jim Cobb.

Also, if you choose to donate securities, please contact the Treasurer, Jim Cobb, if you need the account number and transfer information. It is important to notify us when the transaction is submitted to ensure our prompt attention to your donation!

Your pledges and other donations may always be mailed to the church office and marked to the attention of the Treasurer.

When donating by check, please make the check payable to “St. Thomas Episcopal Church”.

Under our current public health restrictions, we encourage you to mail in your pledges and offerings to the church or use our online donation option.

Online Giving Please look for the “GIVE” option on the main menu bar on the St. Thomas website. It is located on the upper right side of the home page. Once you select “GIVE”, you will be taken to a new page where you may donate through PayPal, using a debit or credit card. OR, if you prefer, you may go directly to the PayPal site through the following link:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=9C43D8TLRQCLU&source=url

If you choose to give online, please be aware that St. Thomas does pay a fee for each transaction.

As always, we want to say “Thank You!”

Peace, Jim Cobb

St. Thomas Library The church library will be open on Sundays after the 8 a.m. service, and again after the 10:30 service. Carol or a member of the Library Committee will be available to answer questions on Fridays from 10-12; after 12:00 our administrator Anne will be available until 4:00 to open the door for you. Call 408-736-4155 for access, or knock loudly! We request that you remember to wear your mask.

Small Groups and Spiritual Formation Ministries

St Thomas Stepping Stones Jail Ministry

Get proximate to the pain and you will make the deepest connection. Join the St. Thomas Stepping Stone Jail ministry and get proximate to those who are in need of community and love. You can participate by becoming a pen-pal and/or visiting people in jail (requires special training).

Marilyn Winans and Naveen Prasad are the liaison to this ministry. Please request their contact information through the office.

The Prayer Chain Anyone who needs prayers or needs pastoral care assistance or would like to join in this ministry, please send an email to: prayerchain@stthomas-svale.us.

Children's Ministry Pam Storrer is leading our children's Sunday School. Pastor Salying leads our youth ministry and is organizing a confirmation class for those who will be 14 years old by the time of confirmation. Please contact them through the church office.

Senior Ministry Pam Storrer and Carol Campbell lead our senior ministry, which means getting a weekly senior activity over email and an annual luncheon. If you wish to be included, please contact them through the office.

Zooming in Men's Spiritual Growth Group

Yes! Now you can be there in your pajamas (at least), and therefore sleep a bit longer. But on the other hand we can no longer advertise coffee + if you arrive a bit early. We are now meeting **weekly** with a standard format, alternating between wondering what the scriptures might be leading us to personally on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays (9-10 AM on your computer), and on the other Saturdays, a check-in and just for sanity's sake (starting at 9 AM). Our Zoom meetings are password protected so you'll need to connect with Chris Schmidt (randischris@gmail.com) if you are new to the group. We invite all men (even those not a part of St. Thomas) to join with us for fellowship and good discussion.

St. Thomas offers English Language Classes. A class for Chinese speakers meets most Fridays at 10:00am in the chapel. A class for Japanese speakers meets Wednesdays at 12:45pm in the chapel.

Craft Group The Craft Group is back, and will continue meeting on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the library. The next meetings will be Thursdays, April 25 & May 9.

Book Club usually meets once a month from 7 to 8 p.m. in the St. Thomas Library. We are an open book club: All are welcome, whether you have read the book or not. Our next meeting will take place on **Monday April 29**, when we meet to discuss *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi, a best-selling novel that makes history visceral and captures, with singular and stunning immediacy, how the memory of captivity came to be inscribed in the soul of a nation. In 18th-century Ghana two half-sisters are separated by circumstance, one married off to an Englishman and living in comfort in palatial rooms in Cape Coast Castle, the other sold into slavery and shipped off to America. One's descendants live through centuries of warfare in Ghana, the other's through the Civil

War and its lingering aftermath.

Please join us—contact Dorothy through our website www.stthomas-svale.org/contact for the Zoom link.

Weekly Worship at St. Thomas

Tuesdays, 5pm Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina,

led by Pastor Salying

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/724376004>

Dial-in option: 1 669 900 9128 meeting ID# 724376004

Wednesdays, 12:15pm Noonday Prayer with Commemoration of a Saint,

led by Pastor Salying: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86313271549>

Dial-in option: 1 669 900 9128 meeting ID# 86313271549

Thursdays, 6:30pm Intercessory Prayer Group on Zoom

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82381715053?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82381715053?pwd=UmN1QXZ4UjNWdWdZbmZFYk9Bd0VwQT09)

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Sundays: 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the church
and

10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II in the church
(Hybrid format: with simultaneous livestream on Zoom)

Zoom link for livestream: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82690025101>

Dial-in option: 1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 826 9002 5101

Both Sunday services led by Pastor Salying

All Are Welcome

St. Thomas' Parish is a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community striving through worship, love, and service to welcome all people just as God created them. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender identity and gender expression, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical, or mental ability. God delights in the diversity of creation, and so do we!

Parish Mission Statement

St. Thomas is joyfully on the way!

We are becoming whom Jesus calls us to be: a spiritually-centered community dedicated to creating connections with God, each other, and our neighbors, so that we might walk together with love toward justice, compassion, and hope.

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Newsletter Editor: Anne Buelteman.....office@stthomas-svale.org
Accompanist (organ/piano): Benjamin Belew
Our Daily Bread (ODB) Coordinator: David Barnes.....408-736-4108, odb@stthomas-svale.org

THE VESTRY OF ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SUNNYVALE

Joe Gutierrez, Senior Warden	2024	2025	2026
Emilee Wilhelm-Leen, Junior Warden	Ann Kopischke	Joe Gutierrez	Jeannie Battagin
	Gage McKinney	Dena Ware	Naveen Prasad Durairaj
Gage McKinney, Clerk	Rita Welsh	Emilee Wilhelm-Leen	Tian Zhu

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Mabel Cheng Stephanie Daugherty Susan Durham Powers Angela Rausch

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