



# St. Francis Episcopal Church

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

9:30 am

**Welcome to St. Francis.** Your presence among us deepens and enriches our worship, and for that we are grateful. In this service leaflet, the people's responses are in **bold**. The time prior to the service is set aside for prayerful waiting and reflection. Please be respectful in observing silence at this time. Please silence all electronic devices. If you are a guest this morning and would like to know more about St. Francis, please fill out a visitor card in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate. The Rev. Toni Belhu would like to sit down with you for a visit. You may reach her at the church office at 828-287-3888 ext. 2 or her cell at 704-215-1882.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE PRELUDE

All stand, as able

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today

Hymnal p. 207

1 Je - sus Christ is risen 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 heaven - 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 ye heaven - 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!

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People:** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## THE COLLECT OF PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets 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 holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (S-280)

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All sit for the lessons*

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "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."

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the LORD.

- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD'S doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes .
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

#### THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

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

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 \*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
 4 heavn's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

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. 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Toni Belhu

*Silence may be kept after the homily.*

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Book of Common Prayer p. 303

*The Celebrant leads the people in the Renewal of Baptismal Vows, first addressing the people in these or similar words, all standing*

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

*Celebrant:* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**People: I do.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting**

*Celebrant:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our presiding Bishop, José our Bishop, for Toni our Rector, and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Today we pray especially for **Josephine, James, John, Ruth, Bobby, Helen, June, Wesley, Debbie, Charles, Sandra, Sally, Lyn, Jeanne, Lucinda, Mel, Lynn, Kensley, Malisha, Madison, Jim, Shirley, John, Billy, Beverly, Robin, Ricky, Mary, Shirley, Haden, Tony, Debbie, Chris, June, Gillian, Fran, Jack, Dee, and all those on our long-term prayer list.** Are there others? (Please add the names of others either silently or aloud)

In thanksgiving we pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the coming week, especially **Lucy Hooper (4), Tim Turner (4), Silas Turner (4).**

We pray for all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad especially those on our military prayer list, saying together, **Ben, Jeremiah, Daniel, David, Christopher, Daniel, Adam, Jeremy, Nicholas, Nathan, Peter, Joseph, Tony, Christian, Brendan, Will, Tom, Christopher, Nick, Chase.** We pray also for their families, friends, and neighbors who await their safe return.



We pray for our sister church St. Gabriel's. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Easter Sunday everywhere. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

We pray for our missionaries and their work in the world, for **Russ and Heidi Smith in Chile and John and Zsófi Wilson in Hungary.**

We pray for St. Francis Day School, and for its students and teachers and their families, that they may grow in stature and wisdom, and in the knowledge and love of your grace and truth.

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
*Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Celebrant concludes with a collect.*

THE PEACE

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Then the ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*All stand, as able*

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN

Alleluia, alleluia!

Hymnal p. 191

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:  
2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,  
3 Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first-fruits of the ho - ly har - vest - field,  
4 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heaven - ly grace,  
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

1 sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
2 glor - ious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.  
3 which with all its full a - bun - dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield:  
4 rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of thy face;  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;

1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,  
2 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:  
3 then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,  
4 that, with hearts in hea - ven dwell - ing, we on earth may fruit - ful be,  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty:

1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.  
2 we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.  
3 ri - pened by his glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.  
4 and by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with thee.  
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty.

All stand, as able, as the offering is presented, singing together the Doxology.

## THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Prayer A

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS (S-129)

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,  
**grant us thy peace.**

INVITATION TO HOLY EUCHARIST

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

*To receive communion, come to the communion rail. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. Eat the bread and then drink from the cup when it is offered to you, or, if you wish, you may hold one finger up to indicate to the priest you would prefer intinction.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available. Please make your need known to the priest.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing rather than receive communion, please join in the movement to the communion rail and cross your arms over the front of your chest. If you do not wish to receive the wine, after receiving the bread, please cross your arms over the front of your chest. This will alert the ministers of your wishes.*

1. God sent His Son, — they called Him Je - sus; — He came to love, —  
 2. How sweet to hold — a new - born ba - by, — And feel the pride, —  
 3. And then one day — I'll cross the riv - er; — I'll fight life's fi -

1. — heal, and for - give; — He lived and died — to buy my  
 2. — and joy he gives; — But great - er still — the calm as -  
 3. - nal war with pain; — And then as death — gives way to

1. par-don, — An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives. —  
 2. sur-ance, — This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives. —  
 3. vic - t'ry, — I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives. —

Be - cause He lives — I can face to - mor - row; — Be - cause He lives —

— all fear is gone; — Be - cause I know — He holds the

fu - ture, — And life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives. —

1 I am the bread of life; they who  
 2 (The) Bread that I will give is my  
 3 (Un-) less you eat of the  
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,  
 5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve that

1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -  
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who  
 3 Flesh of the Son of Man and  
 4 I am the life. They who be -  
 5 you are the Christ, the

1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 2 eat of this bread, they shall live for  
 3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -  
 4 lieve in me, e - ven if they  
 5 Son of God who has

1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.  
 2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.  
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.  
 4 die, they shall live for ev - er.  
 5 come in - to the world.

*Refrain*

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. 2 The  
 3 Un- day.  
 4  
 5 Yes,  
 (2)

The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.  
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*Descant*

*Refrain*

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

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

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

*1-4* *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.

4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

*Repeat Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.

Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -

Now we shall live for ev - er.

joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

*The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.*



1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, — While the  
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice — Is so  
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him — Though the

1. dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing  
 2. sweet the birds hush their sing - ing; And the me - lo - dy that He  
 3. night a - round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go through the

1. on my car, The Son of God dis - clos - es.  
 2. gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.  
 3. voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He

tells me I am His own, — And the joy we share as we

tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er — known. —

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

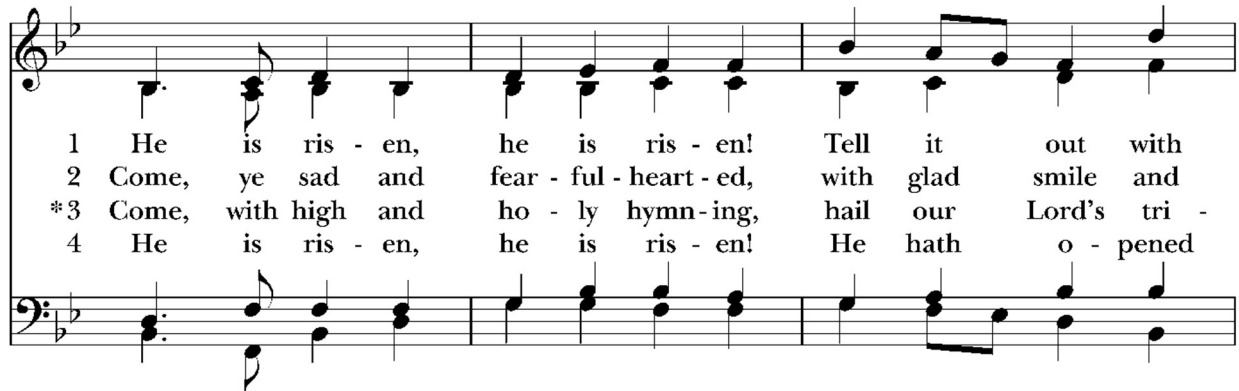
THE BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

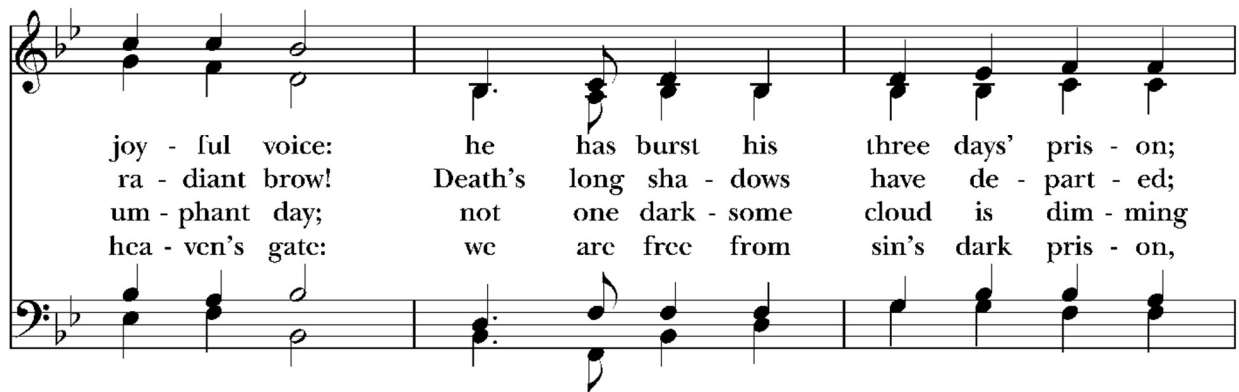
THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

He is Risen! He is Risen!

Hymnal p. 180



1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
\*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened



joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming  
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re-joice: death is con- quered,  
 Je- sus' woes are o- ver now, and the pas- sion  
 yon- der glo- rious morn- ing ray, break- ing o'er the  
 ris- en to a ho- lier state; and a bright- er

we are free, Christ has won the vic- to- ry.  
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.  
 pur- ple east, sym- bol of our Eas- ter feast.  
 Eas- ter beam on our long- ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680).

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

***People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST: James, Dickinson, Burtches, Zoey, Addison, Keith, Brenda, Tony, Judy, Ricky, Billy, Mary, Greg, Max, Johny, Layla Rose, Ramona, Edwin, Sherry, Mark, the Aytes family, Elora, Oscar.

**Worship Leaders**  
**9:30 am**

Usher – Terra Putman, Don Corry  
 Greeter – Anne Stanley  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson – Doug Tribou  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson – Lucinda Humphries  
 Chalice – Rob McDaniel  
 Acolyte – Anthony Guarriello  
 Vestry Lock Up – Ann Stanley  
 Camera – Stephanie Williams  
 Children’s Church – Linda Tribou,  
 Judi Gustafson  
 Fellowship – Linda Tribou  
 Thurifer – Rebecca Melton

**Worship Leaders for next Sunday**  
**9:30 am**

TBD

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*The Easter Flowers have been given to the  
glory of God and...*

*In Loving Memory of..*

**Roscoe Conn, Sr.**  
*By The Conn Family*

**Ruth & Max Reger**  
*By Nancy Bole*

**Rob Bole**  
*By Nancy Bole*

**Mary McKinney Taylor**  
*By The Cunningham & McMahon Family*

**Robert L. Cunningham**  
*By The Cunningham & McMahon Family*

**Mary M. Montie**  
*By The Cunningham & McMahon Family*

**Thomas Northrup**  
*By The Joe Middleton Group*

**Judy Scott**  
*By The Scott Family*

**Friends and family loved and lost**  
*By Bud & Anita Quinley*

**Loved ones we miss**  
*By Anne & Richard Stanley*

**Dr. Harry G. Lee**  
*By Anthony & Stacy Guarriello*

**Ruth McAlister Wilson**  
**Harold Edgar Morgan, Jr.**  
**Martha Andes Morgan**  
*By Harold & Elizabeth Morgan*

*In Loving Memory of..*

**David & Thelma Martin**  
*By Ronnie & Christina Martin*

**Jesse McKinney**  
*By Beverly McKinney & Kathryn McGowan*

**My beloved sister**  
**Susan Walker Cook**  
*By Patricia Walker*

**Fred & Ruth Lowery**  
**Terry Lowery**  
**David Belhu**  
*By The Rev. Toni Belhu*

*In Thanksgiving for...*

**The People of St. Francis Church**  
*By The Rev. Toni Belhu*

**All those I am fortunate to meet and  
know entering our church door**  
*By Linda Jeanne Harrill*

**Our family & friends**  
*By Anne & Richard Stanley*

**Beverly McKinney**  
*By The McGowan Family*

*In Honor of..*

**Our children & grandchildren**  
*By Bud & Anita Quinley*

**Roy & Muriel Ross**  
*By Steve & Allison Ross*