



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024

*The image of the Good Shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sister or brother in need.*

Prelude

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

arr. J. William Greene

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## ENTRANCE RITE

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Hymn

### Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain call us to re - jice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1933

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

### Easter Acclamation & Apostolic Greeting

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

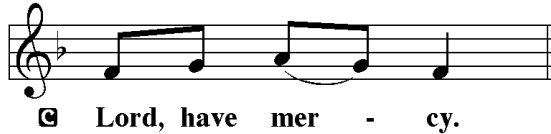
**C:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

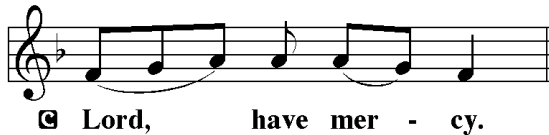
**C:** **And also with you.**

## Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



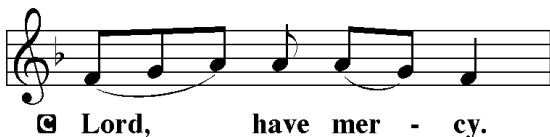
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



## Hymn of Praise

☒ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,  
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.

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

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

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

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

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

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

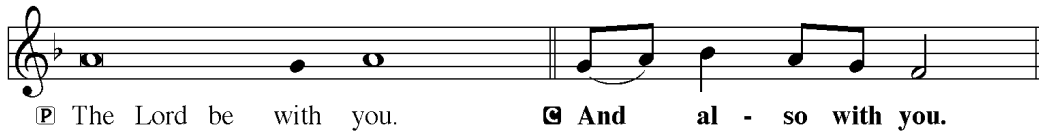
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was

slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day



P: Let us pray.

**ALL: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

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### First Lesson - Acts 4:5–12

*Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he is able to proclaim salvation in Jesus Christ's name to the religious authorities.*

<sup>5</sup>The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 23

(sung in unison)

*The Lord is shepherd and guide. God is present in the time of danger and is generous and merciful*

The LORD<sup>1</sup> is my shepherd;\*  
I shall not<sup>1</sup> be in want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down<sup>1</sup> in green pastures\*  
and leads me be-<sup>1</sup>side still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He re-<sup>1</sup>vives my soul\*  
and guides me along right pathways<sup>1</sup> for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall<sup>1</sup> fear no evil;\*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they<sup>1</sup> comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who<sup>1</sup> trouble me;\*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is<sup>1</sup> running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days<sup>1</sup> of my life,\*  
and I will dwell in the house of the<sup>1</sup> LORD forever.

### Second Lesson - 1 John 3:16–24

*Jesus of Nazareth's death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love, we fulfill God's commandments.*

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia Verse



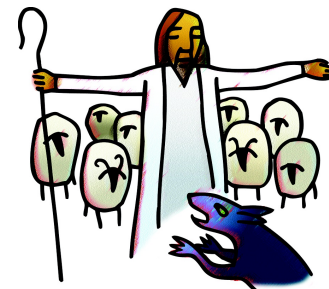
### Holy Gospel - John 10:11-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

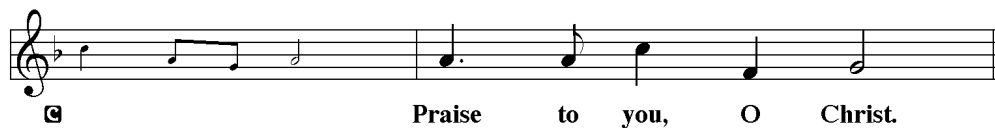


*In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus of Nazareth describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.*

Jesus said: <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."



P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

Pastor Roberts

*silence for reflection*

Hymn of the Day

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 and, oh, what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
 thy goodness faileth never.  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877  
 Music: St. COLUMBA, Irish tune

The Creed

**P:** Using the words of our ancestors in the faith as expressed in the Apostles' Creed, we proclaim the triune God whom we believe:

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

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 into hell.

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.

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. Amen

The Prayers

**A:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**A:** Shepherding God, gather your Church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower us in our ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,

**C:** hear our prayer.

- A: Nurturing God, help us preserve the health of the environment. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**
- A: Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**
- A: Loving God, help us protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide us to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**
- A: Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**
- A: Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**ALL: Amen**

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## LITURGY OF THE MEAL

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### The Peace

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C: And also with you.**

### Offering

#### Offertory Anthem

#### *The Lamb Will Be a Shepherd Now*

Donald Sebesta  
(b. 1944)

*The lamb will be a shepherd now; things will not be as they have been.  
 Robes washed in blood will be made white; one who was dead will live again.  
 Things will not be as they have been.*

*The lamb will be a shepherd now and lead the sheep to living springs.  
 No more of shepherds who would guide the sheep to springs of dust to drink.  
 Things will not be as they have been.*

*The lamb will be a shepherd now and feed the hungry sheep and lambs.  
 No more feeding the well fed; the rich will leave with empty hands.  
 Things will not be as they have been.*

*The lamb will be a shepherd now, come, shepherd lamb and be our guide.  
 Let blood make our robes pure and white, O living lamb, once crucified!  
 Things will not be as they have been.*

(text: Richard Leach)

[flute: Susan Manion]

## Offertory



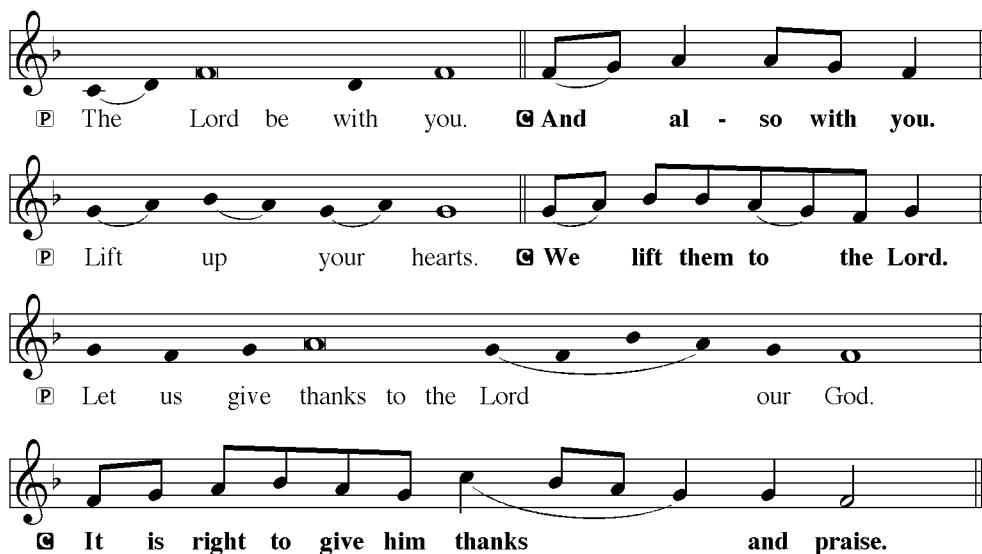
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**ALL:** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Great Thanksgiving

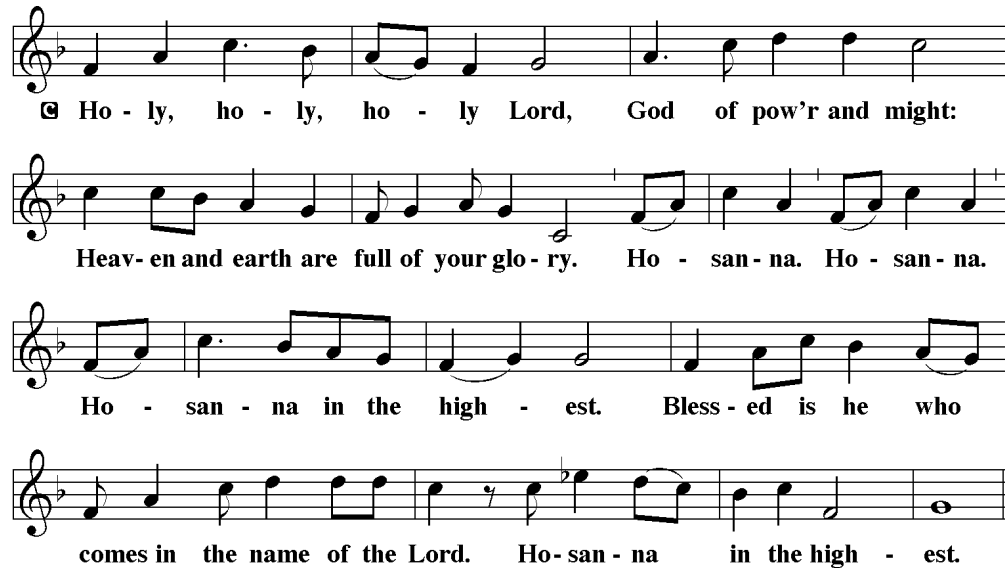


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface



## Sanctus



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
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.

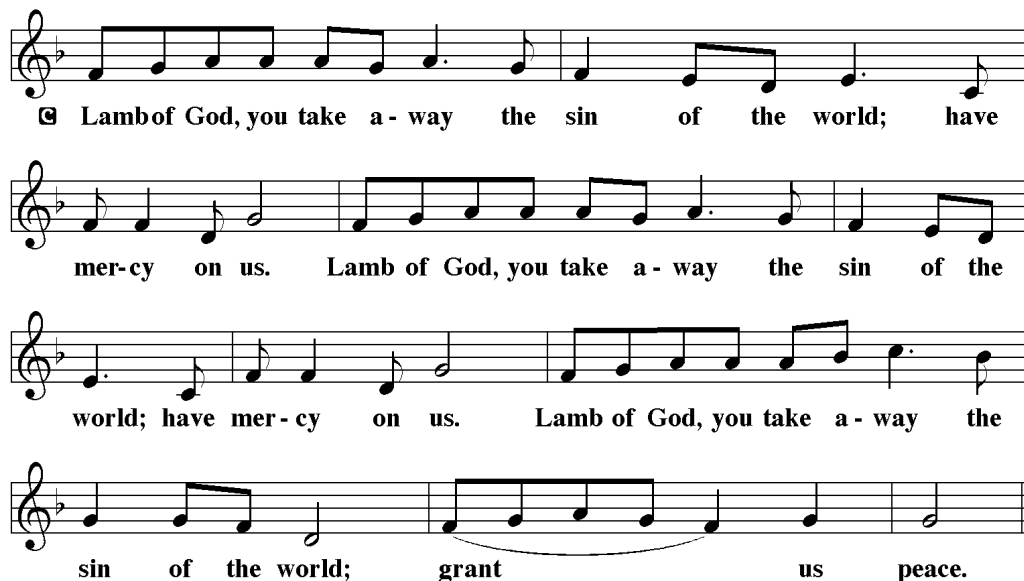
## Eucharistic Prayer

### Lord's Prayer

**C: 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,  
forever and ever. Amen**

## Communion with our Risen Lord

### Agnus Dei



☐ 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.

## You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

### *Gift of Finest Wheat*

*Refrain*

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

*Refrain*

so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997  
 Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996  
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## For the Bread Which You Have Broken

- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat - ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
 may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
 in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.  
 Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631  
 Text © Robert F. Jefferys Jr.

### Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**

### Post-Communion Canticle



☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

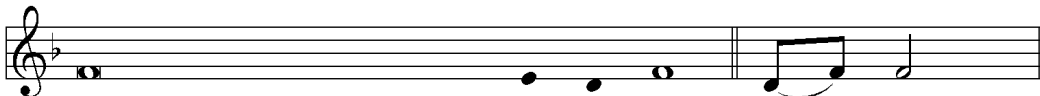
### Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

### Benediction



☩ Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now . . . and for - ever. ☩ A - men

### Hymn

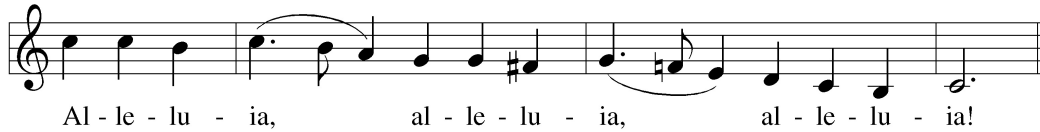
## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - jice and sing! Now is the  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; bring flow'rs of  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -



tri - umph of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
song to strew his way; let all the world re - jice and say:  
life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
day with one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.  
Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615

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### Dismissal

**A:** Our service now begins. Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*

David Schelat  
(b. 1955)



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
by April Whalen and Bruce Gerlich  
in memory of their parents, Christine and Julius Gerlich,  
and their brother, Glenn Gerlich.

The candles are given to the glory of God  
by April Whalen and Bruce Gerlich  
in memory of their grandparents, Rose and Herbert Ross.

### THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

<b>Sunday, April 21</b>	8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube 5:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Youth
<b>Monday, April 22</b>	9:15 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise Class 9:50 a.m. Chair Yoga Class 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study & Dinner (Youth House)
<b>Tuesday, April 23</b>	5:40 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday, April 24</b>	12:10 p.m. Service of Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday, April 25</b>	9:00 a.m. Parish Nurse in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
<b>Friday, April 26</b>	9:15 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise Class 9:50 a.m. Chair Yoga Class 5:15 p.m. Holy Trinity Dinner & Holy Communion at Westminster Canterbury
<b>Saturday, April 27</b>	9:00 a.m. Virginia Synod Assembly (via Zoom)
<b>Sunday, April 28</b>	8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube 12:00 p.m. Brunch Bunch (Oliver's; Rivermont Avenue) 4:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Youth

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