

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday, April 11, 2026 5:00pm

Sunday, April 12, 2026 9:30am



In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

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PRELUDE: (5:00) “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” -arr. E. Broughton
(9:30) “Fugue in C Major” BWV 553 -J. S. Bach

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed!

P: Light of Christ, rising in glory,

C: chase away all darkness, illumine our way, and lead us to the heart of God.

P: O Crucified and risen Christ, reveal yourself to us now in our worship.

C: Fill us with your Spirit, trusting your presence. Send us in your love, serving you faithfully in the spirit of resurrection, by your grace. Amen.

2 - Welcoming all, Worshiping God, Serving others

GATHERING HYMN: ACS #934 Christ is Living



1 ¡Cris - to vi - ve, fue - ra el llan - to, los la - men - tos y el pe - sar!
1 Christ is liv - ing! Gone with sor - row! Tears and ter - ror, be no more.
2 For if Christ is not a - ris - en there is noth - ing to be - lieve.
3 Death is swal - lowed up in vic - t'ry; sin has lost its poi - son sting.



Ni la muer - te ni el se - pul - cro lo han po - di - do su - je - tar.
Death and grave, you now are noth - ing; Christ is free of ev - 'ry pow'r.
Je - sus' prom - ise is ac - comp - lished: "Since I live, you too shall live."
Life will blos - som from the grain sown, Christ the first fruits of the spring.



No bus - quéis en - tre los muer - tos al que siem - pre ha de vi - vir.
Why then seek the liv - ing Sav - ior in the haunts of death and fear?
Dust we are, to dust re - turn - ing, but in Christ we are re - stored.
For the sure - ness of sal - va - tion let us sing, "Thanks be to God!"



¡Cris - to vi - ve! es - tas nue - vas por do - quier de - jad o - ir.
Christ is ris - en! Shout the good news so that all the world may hear.
Doubt dis - pel - ling, claim the tri - umph: Je - sus is the liv - ing Lord!
Christ is ris - en! We are liv - ing! Spread the word of grace a - broad.

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GREETING

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.

3 - Welcoming all, Worshiping God, Serving others

NOW THE FEAST OF CELEBRATION

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



God; to make all things new.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (9:30) (*Please be seated*)

Bonnie Zimmermann

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³² "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand as you are able)*

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The piano accompaniment is written in bass clef with the same key signature. The lyrics are: "Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the piano part and a melody in the vocal part that includes some longer notes and rests.

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GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE: "See It"

Rev. Brian Hooper

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #385 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

APOSTLE'S CREED: (5:00) *(please stand as you are able)*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 BAPTISM OF THEODORE JOSPEH HERNSHEIM (9:30) *(please see insert)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

L: Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day.
Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Protect those who live in war zones, especially in Ukraine and all of the Middle East and care for soldiers sent into battle. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way especially those we name before you now (*pause*). Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: God of Grace, we give thanks for our new brother in Christ, Theodore Joseph who is baptized this weekend. Guide and protect him throughout his life, fill him with your love. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE (*please be seated after sharing the peace*)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERINGS

Offerings can also be made electronically using the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app. More information can be found on our website ssmelca.org or use the QR codes listed here:



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OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Please stand as able*)

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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION: “In the night...”

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

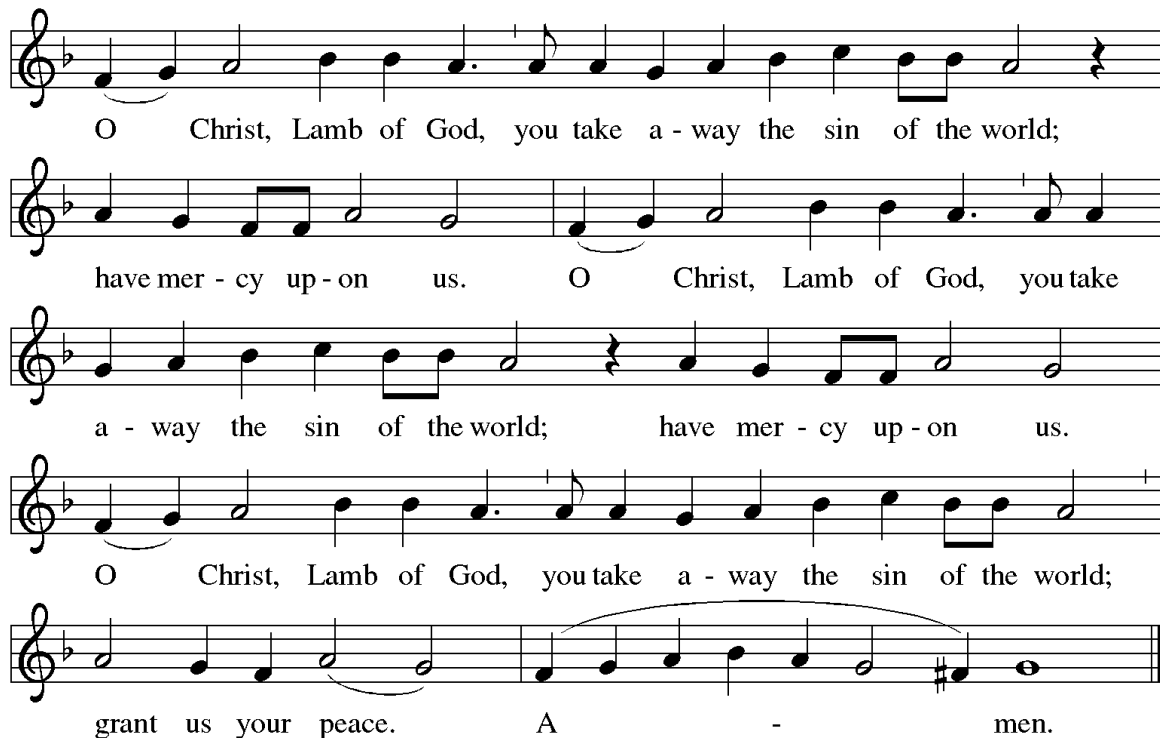
Give us this day our daily bread;

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.

AGNUS DEI



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take
a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Music: J. Bugenhagen, *Christliche Ordnung*, 1528

COMMUNION HYMN ELW #364 Christ Has Risen. Alleluia

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Please be sure to read the printed announcements.*)

BLESSING

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW #604 O Christ, Our Hope

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: (5:00) “Welcome, Happy Morning!” -arr. J. Scriveyner

(9:30) “Prelude in C Major” BWV 533 -J. S. Bach

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*Candles for the month of April are provided by Cathy Peterson in memory of
Richard Peterson and Jane Peter*

THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: (5:00) Dan & Cheryl Stefanski

(9:30) Pat & Shelley Burns, Nancy Mineau, Penny Whitmore

Reader: (5:00) Patti Nelson **(9:30)** Mary Luedtke

Communion: (5:00) Set Up Bonnie Court **Server** Patti Nelson

(9:30) Diane Moraza, Julie Starks

Streaming Technician: (9:30) Eric Sanders

<i>This Week at SSM</i>			
Tuesday, April 14	6:30pm	Mega/Council Meeting	
Wednesday, April 15	9:30am	Men's Bible Study	
	5:45pm	Handbell Rehearsal	
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Friday, April 17	6:30pm	Game Night Potluck	
<i>3rd Weekend of Easter</i>			
Saturday, April 18	5:00pm	Worship	Ushers: Herb Leppien, Deb Perl
			Reader: John Rech
			Communion Set Up: Betty Kroll
			Communion Server: Heidi Hennessy
Sunday, April 19	9:30am	Worship	Ushers: Dan Resterhouse, Mason Resterhouse, Tom Zuleger
			Reader: Cathy Peterson
			Communion: Dan & Cheryl Stefanski
		Sunday School	
	10:45am	Coffee Hour – Dennis & Geri Lucchesi, Hosts	
	12:00pm	Alabama Trip Youth & Families Cook Out – St. Luke's Waukesha	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Group will meet at St. Luke's in the village on Saturday, April 18th at 6:30pm. We will be making sandwiches for the Milwaukee Guest House and playing some games. And again on Wednesday, April 22nd we will meet at St. Luke's from 7-8:30pm. We will gather with some students from the Corner House from UWM, and have some pizza.

Unity Lutheran is looking for volunteers to help with their deep cleaning scheduled for May 15th and 16th from 8am to 1pm. Both the food storage area and kitchen will be given a thorough cleaning. A sign-up sheet with more information will be posted as soon as details are available.

Unity will be holding their annual plant sale on May 2nd and May 9th from 9:00am to 12 noon. They are looking for donations of indoor and outdoor plants (annual or perennial) and customers to purchase plants. Donations can be delivered to Unity at 8:30am each day prior to sale. Funds raised will benefit Unity's food ministries. Contact Shelly Rosenstock if you have any questions.

Food donations for the month of April will go to Unity. Please make sure that items donated are not past their “use by” dates, as these cannot be distributed at the food pantries. Monetary donations are always welcomed and allow the pantries to fill in needed items that have not come in otherwise. You can mark your contribution “Food Ministry” or use the Food Ministry envelope found on the giving station board.

See the bulletin board between the offices for **Rummage Sale** sign-up sheets and information.

Save the dates for **Vacation Bible School – Weird Animals – Where Jesus' Love is One-of-A-Kind**. Monday, June 22nd to Thursday, June 25th. Bring all of the kiddos you know.

Please take home your Easter Flowers, they will not last if left in the sanctuary. If there are flowers left after those who ordered flowers pick their flowers up, please feel free to take from what is left. Many of them will come back next spring if the bulbs are planted.

St. Stephen the Martyr Welcome Statement

St. Stephen the Martyr Lutheran Church is a spiritual community grounded in the belief of Welcoming all, Worshiping God, Serving others.

Recognizing that there are those who have historically experienced rejection within congregational life, we strive to welcome and affirm the participation of all people into our community of faith – people of all ages, races and ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, physical and mental abilities, educational backgrounds, family statuses, and economic circumstances.

We are driven to be a welcoming congregation, offer a safe place to worship, and celebrate the diversity of God’s family. We are committed to racial equity and invite all people to join us in our faith journey toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect.

We proclaim that we are an open and affirming congregation, and you are invited to join us.

KEEP THESE SSM MEMBERS IN PRAYER

Sharon Behling, Pastor Gail Brodersen-Heins, Diana Gastrau, Sue Jarchow,
Ken & Carolyn Kahl, Joy Kilimann, Sally Kowalewski, Dick Kroll, Carol Kucharski,
Billie Jo Kunesch, Shirley Lieske, Carol Manning, Larry Petricek, Joan Retzlaff,
Stephanie Rodenkirch, Eleanor Salb, Richard Sontvedt,
The family of Bob Soderstrom at his passing

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Brent, grandson of Dennis & Geri Lucchesi
Carol, sister of Heidi Hennessy
Cheryl, sister-in-law of Larry & Sue Stasiewski
Helen, mother of Jenny Koeff
Pam Baranowski, friend of Kelly and Greg
Sachse
Irene Bonnett, mother of Deb Perl
Arlene Cich, cousin of Don Manning
Corstan Court, son of Bonnie Court
Jennifer F and her family, friends of Kelly
Sachse
Julie Francis, daughter-in-law of Sally
Kowalewski
Marcia Gabriel, friend of Nancy Mineau &
Marion Walton
Mimi Garcia, former administrative assistant at
SSM
Karen Gastrau, daughter-in-law of Diana Gastrau
Liane Guthrie, daughter of Dianne Niese
Tim Ingram, grandson of Ron Ropel
Robert Koenen, friend of Don & Carol Manning

Beth Klosinski, daughter of Linda Schmidt
Jon Kowalewski, husband of Sally Kowalewski
John O'Connell, husband of Faith O'Connell
Ted & Ellen P., family of Gail Jakus
Paul R, friend of Shelly Rosenstock
Leroy Robinson, father of Linda Schmidt
Deb Rusch, friend of Kelly & Greg Sachse
John Schatzman, nephew of Marion Walton
Sue Seidemann, friend of Karen Hoffman and
former SWO president
Gloria Simley, sister of Dave and Rae Ann
Simley
Richard Sorenson, friend of Jim & Heidi
Hennessy
Barb Starks, mother of Julie Starks
Lynne Turnquist, friend of Carol Manning
David Vento, friend of Al Behling
Billy Waters, Stepdad of Lori Salas
Chrissy White, daughter of Sue Herman
Susan White, sister of Sally Kowalewski
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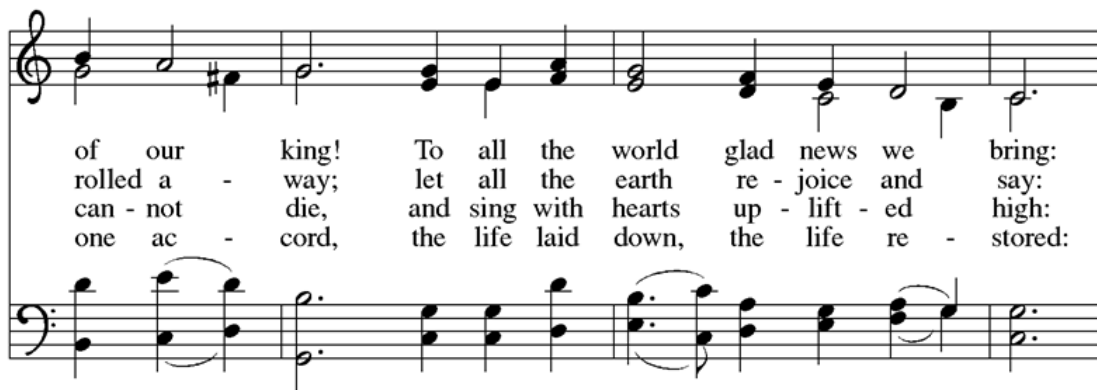
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HYMN ELW #385 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



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

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HYMN ELW #364 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.

m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka,
 Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.

A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,
 See for your - selves the tomb is all - bare.

m - si - fu - ni sa - sa - yu ha - i,
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom,
 and in its con - quest his might did show,
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain

Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha,
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni,
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

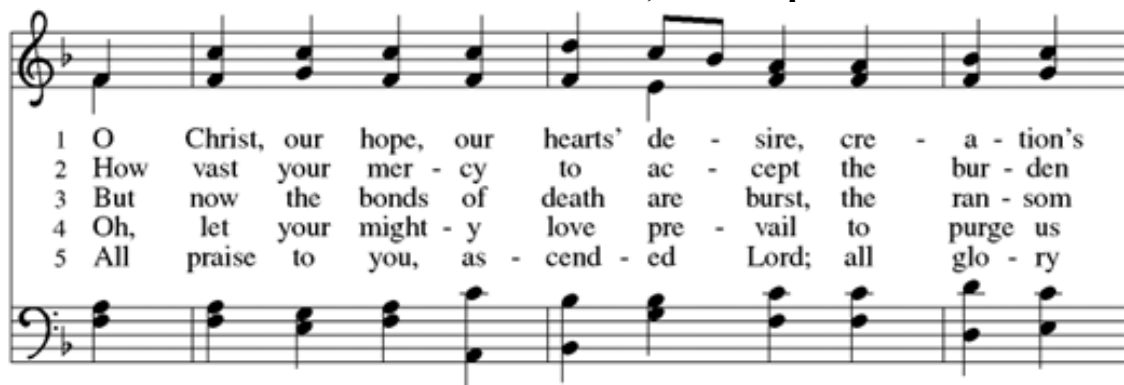
Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i,
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

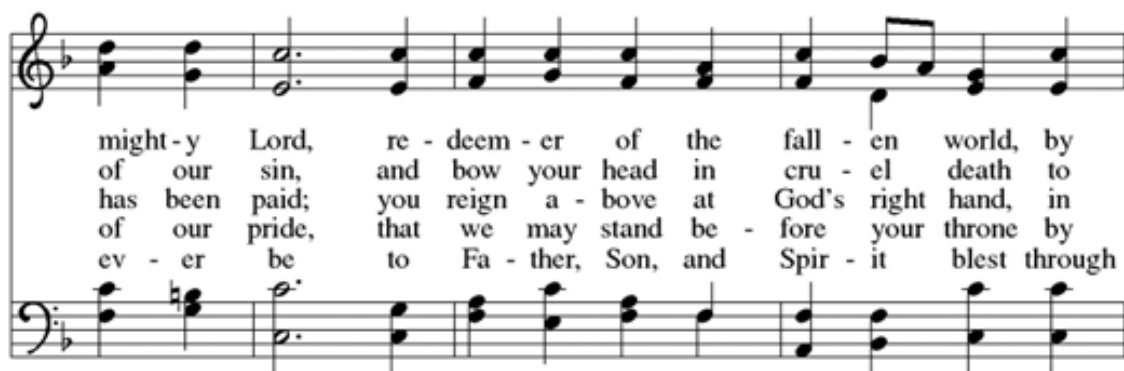
4 "Go spread the news; he's not in the grave. 5 Christ has arisen to set us free.
 He has arisen this world to save. Alleluia, to him praises be.
 Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
 Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain* he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

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 Music: Tanzania traditional
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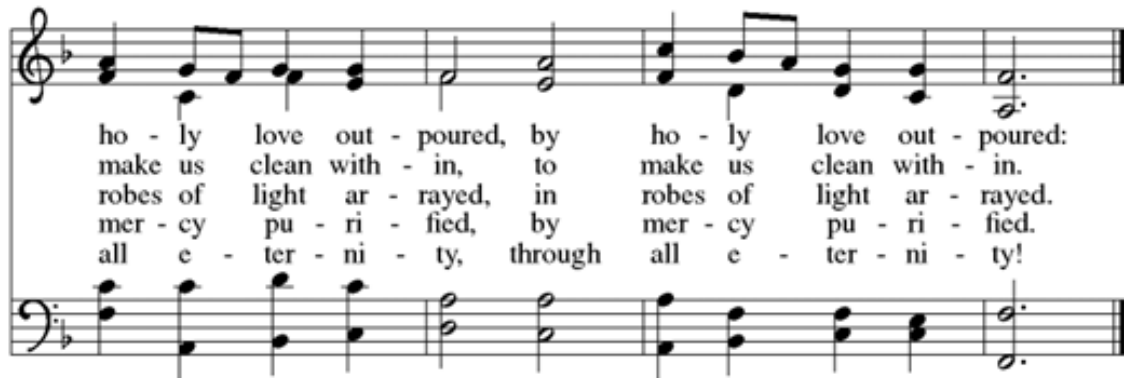
HYMN ELW #604 O Christ, Our Hope



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might - y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561