

LITURGY OF HOLY EUCHARIST

Easter Sunday: The Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 5, 2026

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

*EASTER ACCLAMATION

Three times.

C: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

R: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*GATHERING HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Hymn #365

*INVOCATION

We make the sign of the cross in remembrance of our Baptism.

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R: And also with you.

*PENITENTIAL RITE

C: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

C: Most merciful God,

R: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

C: God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

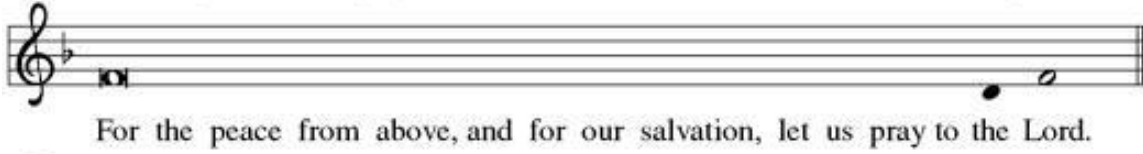
We make the sign of the cross as God forgives us this day.

R: Amen.

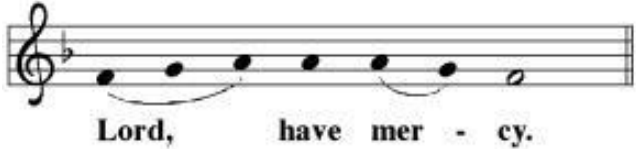
***LORD, HAVE MERCY**



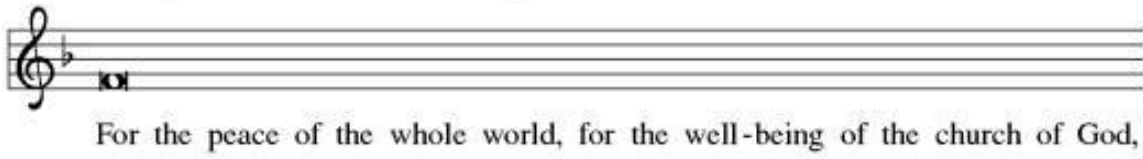
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



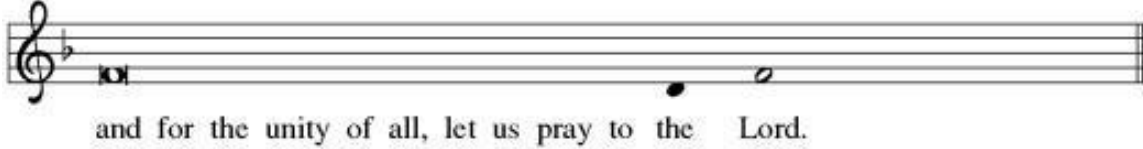
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



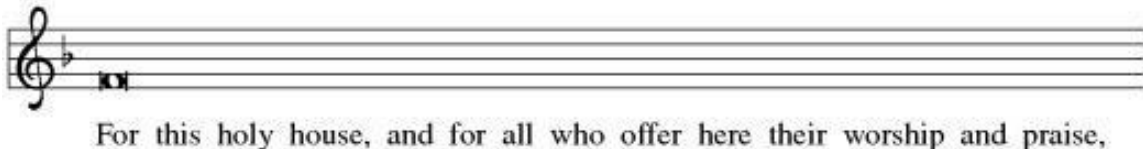
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



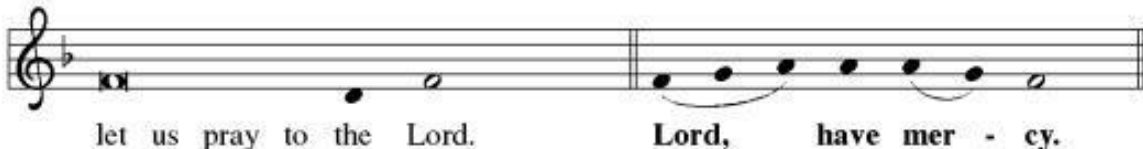
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

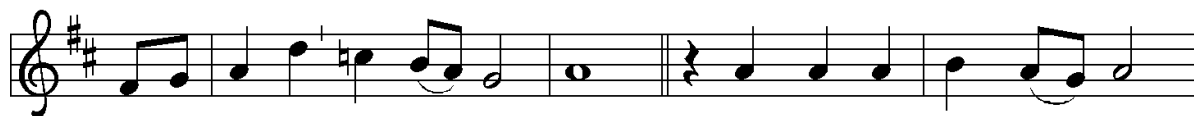


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

***THIS IS THE FEAST** *(the bells are rung)*



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 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,



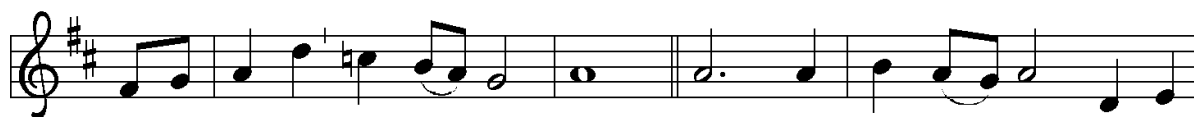
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



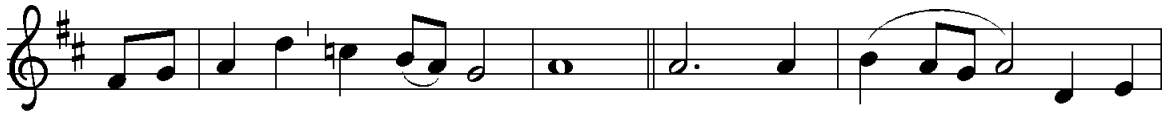
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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. 4 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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

C: Let us pray. O God our Father, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R: Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

L: A reading from Acts.

Peter began to speak to the people: “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.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 *(sung responsively)*

Give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good;
his mercy en- | dures forever.

Let Israel | now proclaim,

“His mercy en- | dures forever.”

The Lord is my strength | and my song,
and he has become | my salvation.

**There is a sound of exulta- | tion and victory
in the tents | of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the | Lord has triumphed!

The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the | Lord has triumphed!”

I shall not | die, but live,

and declare the works | of the Lord.

The Lord has pun- | ished me sorely,
but he did not hand me o- | ver to death.

Open for me the | gates of righteousness;

I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the Lord.

“This is the gate | of the Lord;

he who is right- | eous may enter.”

I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me

and have become | my salvation.

The same stone which the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.

This is | the Lord’s doing,

and it is marvelous | in our eyes.

On this day the | Lord has acted;

we will rejoice and be | glad in it.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

L: A reading from Colossians.

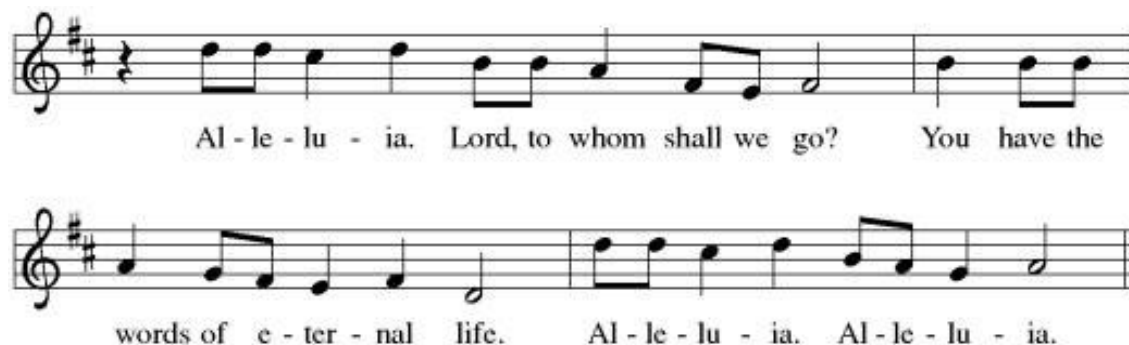
If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able in honor of the Gospel.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

C: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

R: Glory to you, O Lord.

We make the sign of the cross with our right thumb on our forehead, lips, and heart to symbolize the gospel being present in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

Please stand as you are able.

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

Hymn #367

Verses 1, 2, 4 - Congregation and Choir

Verses 3 - Choir

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

C: Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God’s people, you have learned from his Word God’s loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce Satan, and all his works and empty promises?

R: We do.

C: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

C: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
We bow our heads in honor of the mystery of the Incarnation.
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,**
Our heads are raised.
**suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

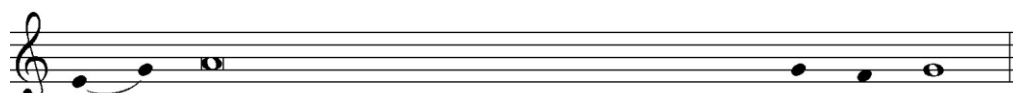
C: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

**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.**

C: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R: Amen.


*PASCHAL BLESSING AND RITE OF SPRINKLING



☒ As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.



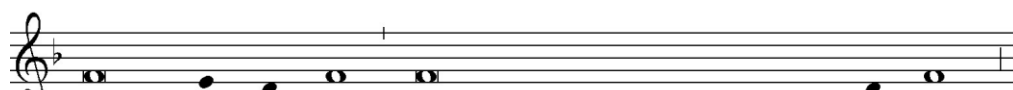
☒ Al - le - lu - ia.



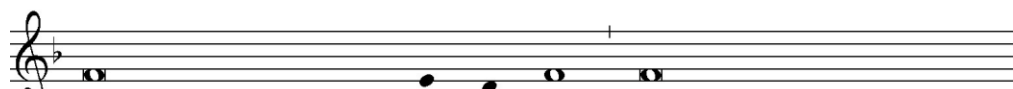
☒ On the first day of the week at ear - ly dawn, the women went to the tomb,



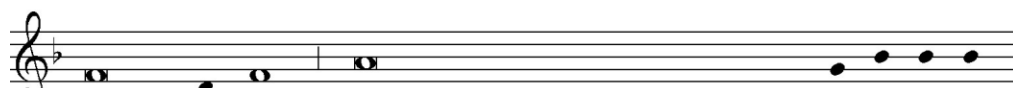
taking spices which they had pre - pared. And they found the stone rolled



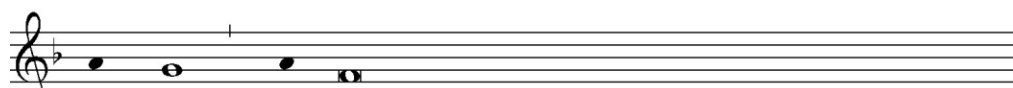
away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body.



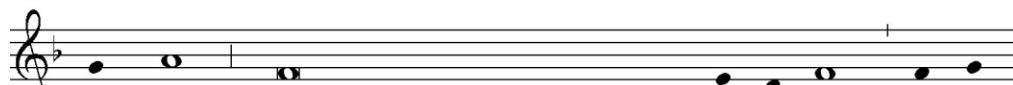
While they were perplexed a - bout this, behold, two men stood by them in



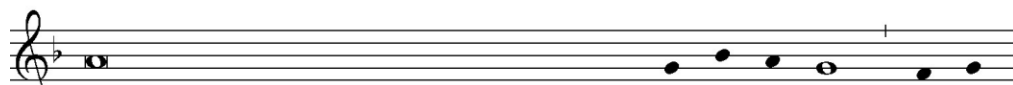
dazzling ap - parel; and as they were frightened and bowed their fac - es to



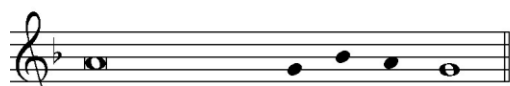
the ground, the men said to them: "Why do you seek the living among



the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the



Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sin - ful men, and be



crucified, and on the third day rise."

All may make the sign of the cross when the Baptismal Water is sprinkled.



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



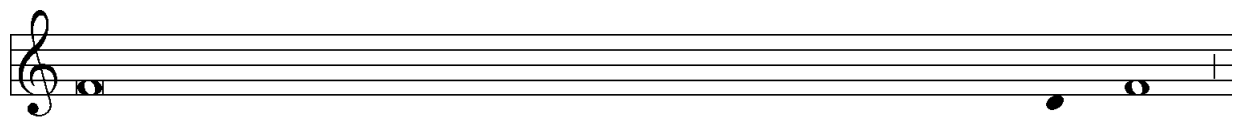
bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



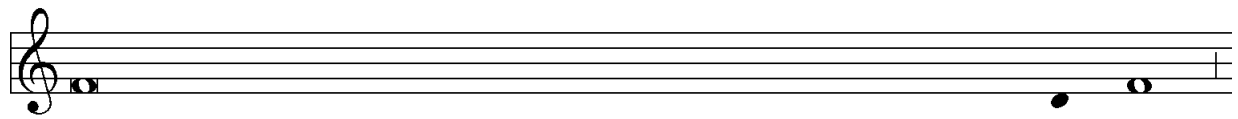
all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



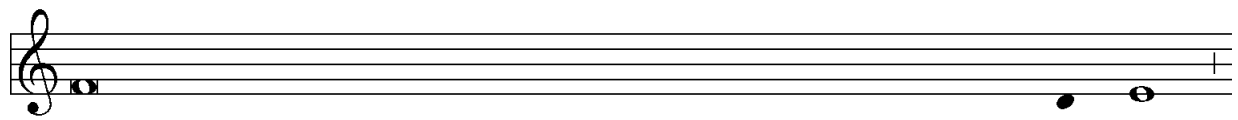
vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
set of sun through the church the song goes on.
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.



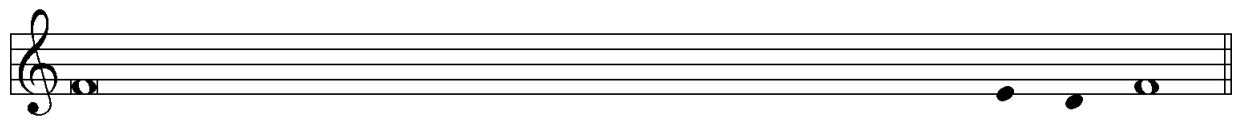
☐ O God, for our redemption you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross,



and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death.



Make us die every day to sin so that we may rise to live with Christ for - ev - er;



who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for - ev - er.



☐ **A - men**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

C: Let us place our needs before God our Father, rejoicing because Christ has triumphed over death and entered into glory.

A brief silence.

A: For the Holy Church, that she may continue in witnessing to the joyful truth of the Resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who were baptized, confirmed, and welcomed into the Christian Community at Easter Vigils across the world - especially Nora Holler. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those engaged in the Catechumenate Process here at Shells – Douglass, Anna, Lauren, Lucas, Lexi, Emma, Evelyn, and Julia, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For our law enforcement officers, first responders, and service women and men, especially Matt, Nikolas, Sam, John, Dominic, Blake, Keegan, Michael, Stephen, Chris, Ryan, and John, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For the nations and places where Christ is not known, that the Holy Spirit may bring them to trust the Good News of Jesus Christ. We pray especially for our missionaries: Richard, Emily, Ben & Courtney, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those unjustly deprived of their freedom, that they may draw fresh hope of freedom from the mystery of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For the family of God, gathered here in Easter joy, that we may bear witness to the risen Christ and reflect him in our lives, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who suffer in any way, especially – Bobbie B., Diana B., Sam D., Betty E., Crist E. Cristin E., Nadine E., Mim F., Ed F., Herb F., Diane G., Peter H., Shirley H., Nancy I., Keira K., Tregan L., Blaine M., Erna O., Kevin O., Rena S., Lucas S., Larry S., Don W., Bev U. and Jack U., our homebound members and those we name out loud or in the silence of our hearts (*a brief silence*), let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who have died, that they may rise to eternal life in Christ, especially Patsy, Sylvia, Scedella, Richard, Doris, Herb, and Alfred, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

C: Almighty Father, your beloved Son has risen from the dead, as he promised us. In peace and joy we present our prayers to you, through the same risen Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

R: Amen.

Please be seated while the bread and wine are brought forward for consecration and the offering is collected for the ministry of Christ's Church.

MEAL

OFFERING

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”
Please stand as you are able.

Roberta Anderson, Pianist

***OFFERTORY HYMN**

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

Hymn #362
verses 1-5, and 8

***OFFERING PRAYER**

C: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice of praise and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

R: **May the Lord accept our sacrifice of praise for the glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

C: Lord, with Easter joy we offer you our praise and celebrate how your Church is reborn and nourished through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

***DIALOGUE**

The image shows four lines of musical notation in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are quarter notes, and the lyrics are written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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 our thanks and praise."

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 our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**



It is indeed right and sal - u - tary that we should at all times and in all
plac - es of-fer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, al - mighty and
ev - er - liv - ing God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the
glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who
gave himself to take a-way our sin, who by his death has de - stroyed death,
and by his rising has brought us to e - ter - nal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene
and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and
sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and ser -
a - phim, we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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**

C: We come to you, Father, with praise and thanksgiving,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

Through him we ask you to accept and bless
these gifts we offer you.

We pray for your holy Church,
watch over it, Lord, and guide it;
grant it peace and unity throughout the world.

We pray for Yehiel our Presiding Bishop,
Stephen our Bishop,
and for all who hold and teach the faith
that comes to us from the apostles.

Remember, Lord, your people,
especially those for whom we now pray.

(Silence is kept to pray for those in need)

Remember all of us gathered here before you.

You know how firmly we believe in you
and dedicate ourselves to you.

We offer you this sacrifice of praise
for ourselves and those who are dear to us.

We pray to you, our living and true God
for our well-being and redemption.

In union with the whole Church
we honor Mary,
the ever-virgin mother of Jesus Christ our Lord and God.
We honor Joseph, her husband,
the apostles and martyrs and all the saints.
Father, accept this worship
from your whole family.
Grant us peace in this life,
save us from final damnation,
and count us among those you have chosen.

Bless and approve our offering;
make it acceptable to you,
an offering in spirit and in truth.
Let it become for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ,
your only Son, our Lord.

The day before he suffered
he took bread in his sacred hands
and looking up to heaven, to you, his almighty Father,
he gave you thanks and praise.
He broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks and praise,
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:
Take this, all of you, and drink from it:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



C: Father, we celebrate the
memory of Christ, your Son.
We, your people and your ministers,
recall his passion, his resurrection from the dead,
and his ascension into glory.

Look with favor on your people and accept us
as you once accepted the gifts of your servant Abel,
the sacrifice of Abraham, our Father in faith,
and the bread and wine offered by your priest Melchisedech.
Almighty God, we pray that your angel may take our prayers
to your altar in heaven.

Then, as we receive from this altar
the sacred body and blood of your Son,
let us be filled ✝ with every grace and blessing.

(We make the sign of the cross in thanksgiving for God's blessings)

Remember, Lord, those who have died
and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith,
especially those for whom we now pray.

(Silence is kept to remember those who have died in Christ)

May these and all who sleep in Christ,
find in your presence
light, happiness, and peace.

For ourselves, too, we ask
some share in the fellowship of your apostles and martyrs
and all the saints.

Though we are sinners,
we trust in your mercy in love.
Do not consider what we truly deserve,
but grant us your forgiveness.

Through Christ our Lord
you give us all these good gifts.
You fill them with life and goodness,
you bless them and make them holy.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
almighty Father, forever and ever.



***LORD'S PRAYER**

C: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us.

**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.**

***PEACE**

C: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R: And also with you.

C: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Please remain standing after sharing the Peace.

***LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

***INVITATION**

C: This the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

R: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Please be seated.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER *(for those viewing via live-stream)*

A: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized Christians who acknowledge the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Bread and Wine are welcome to receive the Sacrament. If you would prefer a blessing come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Beginning with the front pews, form one line and make your way down the center aisle. Please pick up a communion glass from the tray on your right. Receive our Lord Jesus' Body from the Celebrant and, according to where you are seated, receive his Precious Blood from the Assistant and consume both elements. Low-Gluten Hosts are available for those who wish to receive the Lord this way – simply inform the Celebrant. Mustum (sacramental non-alcoholic wine that was not left to ferment) is available for those who wish to receive the Lord this way – simply inform one of the Assistants distributing the chalice. Upon receiving our Lord's Body and Blood, respond **Amen**. Please place your used communion glass in the tray on the table and return to your seat by the side aisle. Taste and see that the Lord is good!*

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"

Hymn #369

"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

Hymn #380

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

Hymn #373

Please stand as you are able at the direction of the Celebrant.

***POST-COMMUNION HYMN**



☐ 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**

C: Let us pray. Lord, you have nourished us with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with your spirit and make us one in peace and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

R: Amen.

SENDING

***SOLEMN BLESSING**

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

C: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

A brief silence.

C: May almighty God bless you on this solemn feast of Easter, and may he protect you against all sin.

R: Amen.

C: Through the resurrection of his Son, God has granted us healing. May he fulfill his promises, and bless you with eternal life.

R: Amen.

C: You have mourned for Christ's sufferings; now you celebrate the joy of his resurrection. May you come with joy to the feast which lasts forever.

R: Amen.

We make the sign of the cross as God blesses us this day.

C: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"

Hymn #382

***DISMISSAL**

C: Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

R: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***POSTLUDE**

We invite you to join us outside of the church to bless our new Carillon following the Postlude.

The Liturgy for the Blessing of A Carillon is found on page 20 of this bulletin.

You all are invited to take a vial of the water that has been blessed with you to remember your baptism. Should you need to dispose of the water, please pour it on the ground to return it to God's creation. There will be a font placed in the Narthex for you to refill your vial when needed.

***BLESSING OF A CARILLON**

C: Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we gather to bless and dedicate this carillon to the praise and glory of God.

The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

C: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You made the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you. We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth, of things seen and unseen. You stretched out the heavens like a tent; you divided the day from the night; you appointed times and seasons for work and rest, for tearing down and building up. You blessed your people through all generations and guided them in life and death: Abraham and Sarah; Moses and Miriam; Isaiah and all the prophets; Mary, mother of our Lord; Peter, James, John, and all the apostles; and all the saints and witnesses in your church of ages past, in whom your Spirit spoke and moved. We give you thanks, O God, as we set apart and dedicate this carillon to your glory and praise. Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things, give us joy in them, and lead us to the building up of your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R: Amen.

C: Let us bless the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

C: The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

R: Amen.

THOSE SERVING TODAY:

Celebrant/Homilist	The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, <i>STS</i>
Assistant	Karen Gussler
Lector	Brenda Frye
Acolyte	(+) Mary Shellenberger, Nora Holler, Lucas Terry
Communion Assistant	Audrey Neiwsender
Greeters/Ushers	Rich & Nadine Espenshade
Organist	Barbara Dupler
Trumpet	Deacon Kristen Barnes & Nathan Froehlich
Altar Guild	Raelene Smith & Janet Klos

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK

Celebrant/Homilist	The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, <i>STS</i>
Assistant	Raelene Smith
Lector	Steve Espenshade
Acolyte	Emma Jurell
Communion Assistant	Louise Murphy
Greeters/Ushers	Bert & Karen Gussler
Organist	Janice Mills
Altar Guild	Louise Murphy, Karen Gussler & Bobbie Boyer

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING (*February 28, 2026*)

2026 Approved Budget \$306,815

General Fund Income: \$46,191.64
General Fund Expenses: \$51,475.93

Special Funds YTD Contributions

Grantville Food Pantry: \$792.06
Capital Improvement Fund: \$655
Downtown Daily Bread: \$30
ELCA Good Gifts: \$120
Love of Family \$50

With thanksgiving, we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith. This month we remember *Scedella Mader, Patsy Plouse, Sylvia Plouse, Richard Sattazahn, Doris Shaull, Herb Shaull, Rev. Alfred M. Strang.*

This month's special offering will go to benefit the Love of Family Fund. Please pick up an envelope in the narthex.

Prayers for healing of body, mind, or spirit: *Bobbie Boyer, Diana Budd, Sam Dupler, Betty Espenshade, Crist Espenshade, Cristin Espenshade, Nadine Espenshade, Mim Fake, Ed Fake, Herb Fisher, Diane Gotshall, The Rev. Peter Helmers, Shirley Huber, Nancy Iachini, Keira K, Tregan Layton, Blaine Moreland, Erna O'Brien, Kevin O'Brien, Rena Sattazahn, Lucas Smith, Larry Suhr, Bev Ulsh, Jack Ulsh and Don Whitehaus.* To have a name added or removed to this Sunday Prayer List please contact the Church Office.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. Because of your generous donations, we will be able to donate 30 kits. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated. Connie and Sheryl, Service Ministry.

Thank you all so much for celebrating our wedding with us. Having you there meant the world to us, and we are so grateful to have shared such a special day surrounded by love, laughter, and support. We also truly appreciate your thoughtful and generous gestures since the wedding with our foster care journey. With heartfelt thanks and love, Ryan & Amber Jaggan

Join us for our April Family Fun event! We will be meeting Saturday, April 18th at 9am at East Hanover Township pavilion for a spring stroll through the park. Please bring your own water bottle and snack if needed. Please see Bethany Espenshade with any questions.

Drug Take Back Day is Saturday April 25, 2026 from 10-2. The following locations are accepting all medications and needles: Milton S Hershey Medical Center, Palmyra Family Medicine office, Nyes Road Family Medicine office, Lancaster Medical Center, Holy Spirit Hospital. Any questions, please see Kathy Espenshade

Shells Church Road cleanup. We need volunteers to help keep Shells Church Road attractive and Litter free. Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex.

Do you have emergency contacts set up in your phone contacts? It's important for everyone to have that. You should have at least your spouse (partner) and a family member who does not live with you. Go to contacts in your phone, click on emergency contact. It will ask what the relationship of that person is. Select the

This week at Shells:

April 5 at 6:30am – Easter Sunday: Morning Prayer

April 5 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

Easter Sunday: The Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 12 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

Divine Mercy Sunday

9am Children/Youth Sunday School & Confirmation

Food and Fellowship in the Social Hall

10:45am Adult Forum

Lunch at Manada Hill Diner

6pm Boy Scouts

SAVE THE DATES:

April 18 at 9am - Walk at East Hanover Township Park

May 17 at 2:30pm- Mini Golf

June 20 - Knoebels

Easter Flowers

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