

# ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*All Are Welcome!*

*THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION  
EASTER DAY*

April 5, 2026, 8:00 and 10:30 am Worship Services



*Three Marys*

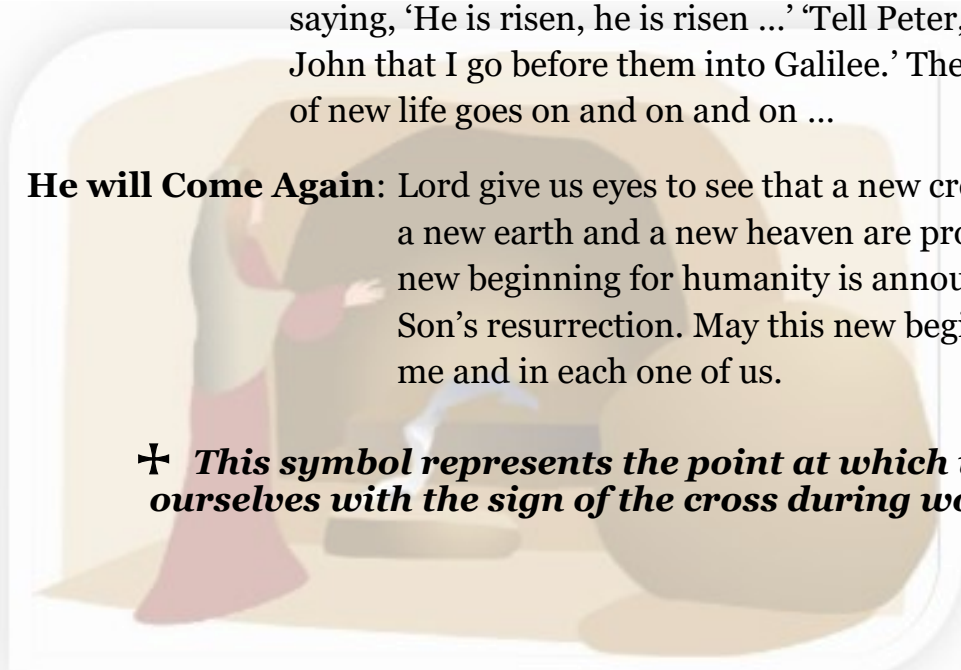
*‘A large stone had been rolled across the entrance of the tomb and seals put on the stone.’ (Mt 27:6)*

**He is not Dead:** Where does resurrection begin? It begins with the empty tomb, with the women who come and go again, puzzled, perplexed, in wonder at the angel’s message. It continues with the men who race eagerly to the tomb to see for themselves. Jesus is not dead. He offers peace to the fearful disciples in the upper room and breaks the bread at the table in Emmaus.

**He is Risen:** All our crosses, all our pain, all our sin, are healed, forgiven and transformed. Christ is risen! Although his risen body bears the marks of his suffering, his pain is gone. Mourning turns into dancing, grief turns into joy, despair turns to hope and fear turns to love. Hesitantly at first someone is saying, ‘He is risen, he is risen ...’ ‘Tell Peter, James and John that I go before them into Galilee.’ The eternal dance of new life goes on and on and on ...

**He will Come Again:** Lord give us eyes to see that a new creation is begun, a new earth and a new heaven are proclaimed and a new beginning for humanity is announced in your Son’s resurrection. May this new beginning begin in me and in each one of us.

**✝ *This symbol represents the point at which we sign ourselves with the sign of the cross during worship.***



The People standing, the Celebrant says:  
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Opening Hymn

## Christ Is Alive!

Brian Wren

TRURO  
Thomas Williams, 1869-1944



All: 1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The  
Choir: 2. Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound To  
All: 3. In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift and war, Where  
Choir: 4. Wom - en and men, in age and youth, Can  
All: 5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring Good



cross stands emp - ty to the sky, Let  
dis - tant years in Pal - es - tine, But  
col - or, scorn or wealth di - vide, Christ  
feel the Spir - it, hear the call, And  
news to this and ev - 'ry age, Till



streets and homes with prais - es ring. Love,  
sav - ing, heal - ing, here and now, And  
suf - fers still, yet loves the more, And  
find the way, the life, the truth, Re -  
earth and sky and o - cean ring With



drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
joy, with jus - tice, love and praise.

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*The Celebrant and People say*

**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—The Celebrant and People sing*

***Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis***

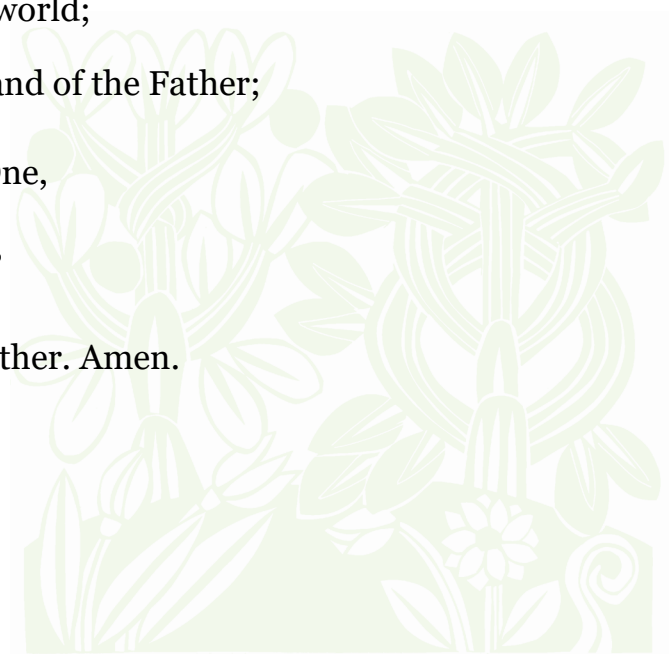
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Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



## **The Collect for Easter Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

***People*** ***Amen.***

## **The Lessons**

May we hear the Word of God through these words.

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34–43*

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.***

## **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

*To be read responsively by the Lay Reader and Congregation.*

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

**C Let Israel now proclaim, \***  
**“His mercy endures for ever.”**

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

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

L “The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”

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

L The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.

**C Open for me the gates of righteousness; \***  
**I will enter them;**  
**I will offer thanks to the LORD.**

L “This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter.”

**C I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \***  
**and have become my salvation.**

L The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

**C This is the LORD’S doing, \***  
**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

L On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*Celebrant and People*

**Glory to the † Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

May we hear the Word of God through these words.

*A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians 3:1–4*

So 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 things that are above, not on 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.

The Word of the Lord

**People Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

***Alleluia! Sing to Jesus***

Hymnal 460

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! bread of Heaven,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

*Please stand.*

*When the Gospel is being announced, a cross is made,*

✝ *(on the forehead) in my mind to understand it,*

✝ *(on the lips) on my lips to proclaim it, and*

✝ *(over the heart) in my heart to live it.*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 28:1–10*  
**People      *Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

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; 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 to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Gospel of the Lord  
**People      *Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Alleluia! King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own:  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

❖ Sermon      Bishop Terry      ❖

*Please use this time to silently reflect on what the Lord has spoken to you.*

*Please stand.*

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

**We believe in one God**, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ**, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation

*We bow for the two lines in bold.*

**he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.** For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit**, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

✠ We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
*Amen.*

*Please sit or kneel for The Prayers of the People.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

BCP 389

*The Prayer Leader and People pray responsively.*

*Leader*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Leader*      Let us pray.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People***      ***Lord, have mercy***

For Sarah, The Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Ruth our Bishop, Bishop Terry our Bishop-in-residence, Bishop-elect Wilmot our Priest, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People***      ***Lord, have mercy***

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People***      ***Lord, have mercy***

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People***      ***Lord, have mercy***

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People***      ***Lord, have mercy***

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People***      ***Lord, have mercy***

For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald our President, Henry our Governor, and Jay our Mayor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People***      ***Lord, have mercy***

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People**     **Lord, have mercy**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People**     **Lord, have mercy**

For this congregation [for those who are present, and for those who are absent], that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People**     **Lord, have mercy**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People**     **Lord, have mercy**

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People**     **Lord, have mercy**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People**     **Lord, have mercy**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People**     **Lord, have mercy**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed St. Stephen, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. To you, O Lord our God.

**People**     **Lord, have mercy**

Let us pray for God's people throughout the world, especially the Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church, and The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. Today we are praying for: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Port Royal, The Rev. Jenny Newman, Rector, *and La Iglesia Anglicana de México.*

Lord, in Your mercy.

**People     Hear our prayer.**

*\*Additional Prayers*

**LET US GIVE THANKS FOR OUR VISITORS.**

**LET US PRAY FOR TRAVELERS THIS WEEK.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** Jerry Bart (4/5), Kate Buswell (4/5), Donna McElveen (4/6), Curry Wilson (4/6), Wes Shorts (4/8), Sarah Austin (4/10), Susan Davenport (4/11).

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:** Stan & Donna McElveen (4/6).

**LET US PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY.**

**INTERCESSORY AND THANKSGIVING PRAYER.** As we continue to hold one another up in prayer in this parish, this week we are praying for: **Ann** Geoghegan, **Lib & Jimmy** Gerald, **Eddie** Giacin, **John** Gibson, **Pamela & Christopher** Gjormand, **Raymond** Glasgow, **Dottie** Glover, **Christine** Goodfellow, **Sally** Goodson, **Dean** Graves.

*Celebrant and People*

**Gracious and most loving God, we join them in committing to you whatever concerns they may have, asking you to let your will be done for them. We also join them in giving you thanks, for your many blessings bestowed upon them and their loved ones. We praise you and thank you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and people*

**Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy † on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

***People* Amen.**

*Please stand.*



## The Peace

Jesus said, *Peace I leave with you; my Peace I give to you . . .* John 14:27

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

***At the conclusion of the peace the Celebrant says***

*Celebrant* God is Good!

***People* All the Time!**

## The Holy Communion

Offertory

*Alleluia, Christ is Risen*

J. Kirkby

*Chancel Choir*

*Doxology—to be sung*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
O Praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
O Praise Him! O Praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus Eucharistic Prayer

*Please remain standing, as you are able.*

*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 thanks and praise.***

*Celebrant* It is right to praise you, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.  
*People* ***You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.***

*Celebrant* In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us. He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

*People* ***He put an end to death, revealed the resurrection, and in the power of the Holy Spirit made us your own people.***

*Celebrant* And so, with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying;

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

*People* ***We do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.***

*Celebrant* At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
Which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do in remembrance of me.

*People* ***We do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is the shed for all.***

*Celebrant* On the day that he rose from the tomb he walked and talked with disciples on the road to Emmaus, but they were kept from recognizing him; as he shared supper with them in their home, he again took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and he revealed himself to them in the breaking of the bread, and they recognized him.

*People* ***We do this in remembrance of him:  
his risen life revealed in the breaking of the bread.***

*Celebrant* So we proclaim the mystery of faith

*People* ***Christ has died  
Christ is risen  
Christ will come again. Alleluia.***

*Celebrant* As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

*People* ***As we eat and drink these holy gifts, send your Spirit  
upon us, and make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.  
Alleluia.***

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours,  
Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

*People* ***Amen.***

And now, in the words that Jesus taught us, let us sing!

*Celebrant and People*

**Our Father, which 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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever. *Amen.***



### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant and People ~ to be sung*

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**Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.  
Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us;  
There-fore let us keep the feast.  
Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith,  
with thanksgiving.

*Please join in singing our Communion Hymns.*

## ***He Lives***

LEVAS 42

I serve a risen Savior,  
He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living,  
whatever others say;  
I see His hand of mercy,  
I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him  
He's always near.

*He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.*

In all the world around me  
I see His loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary  
I never will despair;  
I know that He is leading  
through all the stormy blast,  
The day of His appearing  
will come at last.

### *Refrain*

Rejoice, rejoice. O Christian,  
lift up your voice and sing.  
Eternal hallelujahs  
to Jesus Christ, the King!  
The hope of all who seek Him,  
the help of all who find,  
None other is so loving,  
so good and kind.

### *Refrain*

## ***Because He Lives***

LEVAS 43

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal, and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow;  
Because He lives all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

How sweet to hold a new-born baby,  
And feel the pride, and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance,  
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

*Refrain*

And then one day I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then as death gives way to vict'ry,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

*Refrain*

## ***I Am the Bread of Life***

Hymnal 335

I am the bread of life;  
they who come to me shall not hunger;  
they who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father draw them.

*And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up on the last day.*

The Bread that I will give  
is my Flesh for the life of the world,  
and they who eat of this bread,  
they shall live for ever,  
they shall live for ever.

*Refrain*

Unless you eat  
of the Flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his Blood,  
you shall not have life within you,  
you shall not have life within you.

*Refrain*

I am the resurrection,  
I am the life.  
They who believe in me,  
even if they die,  
they shall live for ever.

*Refrain*

Yes, Lord, we believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God  
who has come into the world  
who has come into the world.

*Refrain*

Celebrant The Lord be with you  
**People And also with you.**  
Celebrant Let us Pray

***The People join in saying this prayer***

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

*The Celebrant gives the blessing*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and your loved ones far and near and remain with all of you for ever.

**People      Amen.**

**Benediction** *To be sung—please stand.*

**God be with you till we meet again;  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you,  
God be with you till we meet again.**



Closing Hymn

***Jesus Christ is Risen Today***

Hymnal 207

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*The Celebrant dismisses the people.*

*Celebrant* We are called to be one with God and each other in Christ.

*People* ***By living the Gospel with love and compassion.***

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go in peace to love and serve God and one another.

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

Postlude

***The Risen Christ (Woodlands)***

B. Culli

**THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED. LET THE SERVICE BEGIN.**

“... what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

God is good! All the time!

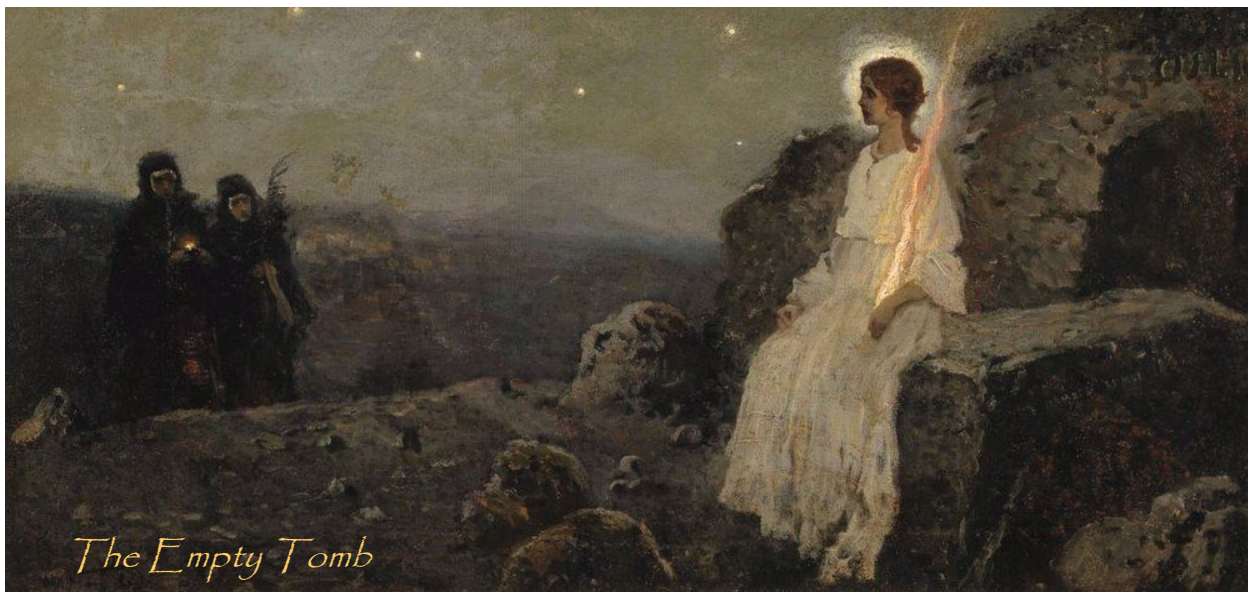
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