

**Third Sunday of Easter
St. Andrew's Church
April 19, 2026**

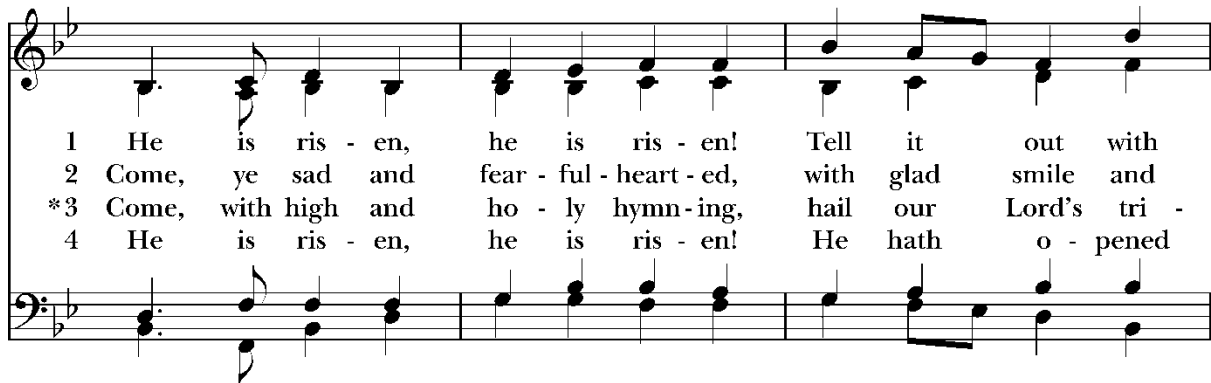


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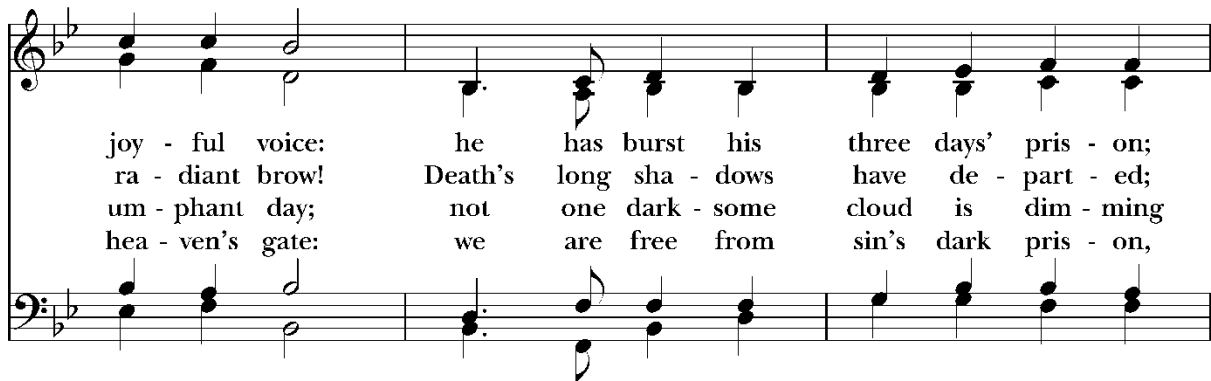
All stand.

Opening Hymn #180

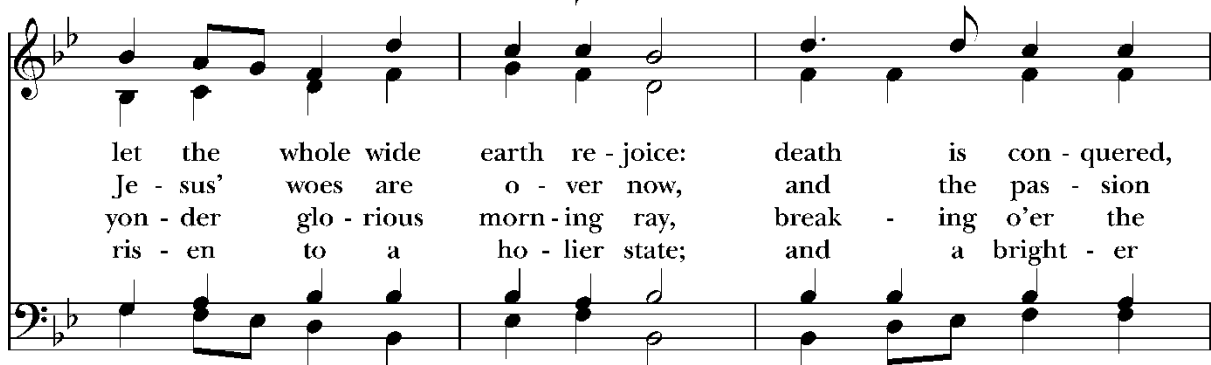
He is Risen



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



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



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



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

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

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Song of Praise

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es! All our
Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness! Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

prai - ses! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!
ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. **Fine**

Christ the Lord to us said: "I am wine, I am bread, I am
Je - sus says to us still: "All who do the Lord's will, all who

wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger!"
do the Lord's will are my sis - ters and my bro - thers." *D.C.*

Words: South African. Music: *Halleluya! Pelo tso rona*, South African.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

LEM

A Reading from Isaiah

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
2 Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
3 For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

4 Listen to me, my people,
 and give heed to me, my nation,
 for a teaching will go out from me
 and my justice for a light to the peoples.
 5 I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
 my salvation has gone out,
 and my arms will rule the peoples;
 the coastlands wait for me,
 and for my arm they hope.
 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens
 and look at the earth beneath,
 for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
 the earth will wear out like a garment,
 and those who live on it will die like gnats,[a]
 but my salvation will be forever,
 and my deliverance will never be ended.

LEM: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

LECTOR

Psalm of the day

Psalm 34:1-10, OSH

read responsively, by half verse.

1 I will bless God at all times, *
and praise shall ever be in my mouth.
 2 I will glory in the Most High; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of God; *
let us exalt God's Name together.
 4 I sought, and God answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
 5 Look upon the Most High and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
 6 I called in my affliction, and God heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
 7 The angels encompass those who fear God, *
and God will deliver them.
 8 Taste and see that God is good; *
happy are they who trust in the Most High!

9 Fear the Most High, you that are God's saints, *
for those who fear God lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek God lack nothing that is good.

Gradual Hymn LEVAS #141

Shall we gather at the river

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; —
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, —
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; —
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, —

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

Words: Robert Lowry (1826-1899). Music: Robert Lowry.

The Gospel

In Easter season we're going to "surround the gospel" with musical Alleluias—sing this once before and once after the Gospel reading.

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Enriching our Music #119

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody in the treble staff begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note G4. The bass staff provides accompaniment with a steady eighth-note pattern.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah!

The second system continues the melody. The treble staff has a half note G4, quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, and a half note G4. The bass staff continues with accompaniment. A second vocal line enters in the second measure with the lyrics 'Hal - le - lu - jah!'.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

The third system repeats the first system's melody and accompaniment.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

The fourth system concludes the piece with two measures of sustained chords in both staves, corresponding to the lyrics 'Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!'.

The Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke. Alleluia, alleluia.
All: **Glory to you, O Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad.^[b] ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth,^[c] who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.^[d] Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah^[e] should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us^[f] while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Celebrant: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Alleluia, alleluia.**
All: **Praise to you, O Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
(See music above)

Enriching our Music #119

The Sermon

The sermon is participatory, with a scavenger hunt for the Risen Christ

All stand.

Affirmation of Faith

Nathan Nettleton, 2001, at laughingbird.net

**We believe in God,
who made the world
and reaches out to it
with a love
fierce and passionate,
tender and kind.**

**We believe in Jesus, the Christ,
God revealed in a human life.
He touched the untouchable,
pardoned the unforgivable
and unmasked the powers that enslave us.
In fear and arrogance
we cast him, lifeless, into the grave,
and with him went our hopes of salvation.
Raised by God,
he is parting the sea of evil and despair
and leading us across
into the land of freedom and promise.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
– God's mysterious presence with us –
whose breathing gives life;
whose fire purges and renews;
whose wisdom
surprises, prompts and questions,
awakening courage, humour and hope.**

**We believe in ourselves;
made in the image of God
and growing to wholeness in Christ.
Gathered by the Spirit,
we have been baptised into a common life:**

**a life laid open to all;
overflowing with love and mercy;
richer than mind can measure,
but appearing foolish to the world.**

**And we trust
that the foolishness of God
will prove wiser
than the wisdom of the world,
and that the suffering of God
will heal the earth
and fulfil our hopes of justice and peace.**

LEM

The Prayers of the People

Remain standing. The people are encouraged to add their own petitions.

LEM: Heavenly Father, hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church. We pray especially for Sean, the Presiding Bishop; for Matt, Allen, and the diocesan ministry team; for Allison, our priest-in-charge; for all churches in New Paltz, especially Redeemer Lutheran and New Paltz United Methodist Church; for all Episcopal churches in Ulster county, and for all lay people in their ministries;

All: **May we all be one that the world may believe.**

LEM: We remember those who have died and those we now name. *[Please add your own names, aloud].* Gracious God,

All: **into your hands we commend them.**

LEM: We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

All: **May we also come to share your heavenly realm.**

LEM: Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief, or trouble, *especially Charles, Edna, Sheila, DuSean, Lisa, Mary, Gabriel, Joan, Gwenn, Nancy, Patricia, Ola, Joe, Janet, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, James, Linda, Charlene, Christine, Jen, Jacob, Gisela, Miles, Chet, all facing exclusion or harm, and those we now name. [Please add your own names, aloud].* Jesus,

All: **in your presence may they find strength.**

LEM: Look with your kindness on our homes and families, for those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or accomplishments, *especially Salix on their birthday, and those we now name. [Please add your own names, aloud].* Loving God,

All: **grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

LEM: Make us alive to the needs of our community.
All: **Help us share one another's joys and burdens.**

LEM: Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world, especially in Russia and Ukraine, the Middle East and in other places of conflict.
All: **Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.**

LEM: Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name.
All: **Give us courage to proclaim your Gospel.**

LEM: Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us paralyzed, but whose presence is overwhelming: breathe on us with your abundant life; that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. **Amen.**
Alleluia!

The Peace

Remain standing.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.
All: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Come to the table made ready for those who love God and those who want to love God more.
Come you who have much faith and you who have little;
you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time;
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed.
Come, it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

Offertory Hymn #182

Christ is Alive!

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Spirit of God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift your hearts to heaven,

All: **Where Christ in glory reigns.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Eternal Wisdom, source of our being
and goal of all our longing,
we praise you and give you thanks
because you created us, women and men,
together in your image
to cherish your world and seek your face.
Divided and disfigured by sin,
while we were yet helpless,
you emptied yourself of power
and took upon you our unprotected flesh.

All: **We acclaim you, O Christ;
The bonds of sin and death could not contain you.**

Celebrant: You broke forth from the comfort of the grave;
before you the stone was moved,
and the tomb of our world was opened wide.
For on this day you were raised in power
and revealed yourself as a beloved stranger,
offering for the rituals of the dead
the terror of new life and of desire fulfilled.
Therefore, with the woman who gave you birth,
the apostles who followed you,
the women who befriended you and fed you,
the friends who met you, risen from the dead,
the witnesses who proclaim your reign
throughout all the ages, and with all creation
we praise you, saying

Hymn LEVAS #256 *Sanctus*

Leader
(piano) Ho - ly,

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 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

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

Celebrant: Blessed is our brother Jesus,
 who walks with us the road of our grief,
 and is known again in the breaking of bread;
 who, on the night he was handed over,
 took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:
 “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.”

In the same way Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you. This cup is the new Covenant in my blood. Do this whenever you drink it, to remember me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Hymn LEVAS #259 Christ has died

(piano) *Leader*
Christ has died. Christ has died.

Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Celebrant: Come now, disturbing spirit of our God,
breathe on these bodily things
and make us one body in Christ.
Open our graves, unbind our eyes, and name us here.
Touch and heal all that has been buried in us,
that we need not cling to our pain,
but may go forth with power
to release resurrection in the world.

All: **Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
All: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.
All: **May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

Music during Communion

If I Were a Butterfly
by Brianna Howard
Dedicated to the children of St Andrews

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Spirit of the Living Christ,
come upon us in the glory of your risen power;
Spirit of the Living Christ,
come upon us in all the humility of your wondrous love;
Spirit of the Living Christ,**

**come upon us that new life may course within our veins,
New love bind us together in one family,
And new vision of the kingdom of God spur us on to serve you with fearless
passion. Amen. Alleluia!**

The Blessing

Please stand to receive God's blessing.

Celebrant: May the love of the Risen Christ refresh you,
the power of Risen Christ strengthen you,
the joy of Risen Christ fill your hearts;
and the blessing of the Triune God free you to share the good news in word and
deed. **Amen. Alleluia!**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #296

We know that Christ is raised

Words by John Brownlow Geyer

Music by Charles Villiers Stanford
Tune: ENGELBERG



1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more._____ Em-braced by
 2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death._____ Re - born we
 3. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life._____ The spi - rit's
 4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows_____ as Christ's new



death he broke its fear - ful hold;_____ and our de - spair he turned to
 share with him an Eas - ter life_____ as liv - ing mem - bers of a
 pow - er shakes the Church of God._____ Bap - tized we live with God the
 bo - dy takes on flesh and blood._____ The u - ni - verse re - stored and



blaz - ing joy._____
 liv - ing Christ._____ Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Three in One._____ sing:
 whole will



— Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go now to love and serve the Risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude

From Foreign Lands and People
 by Roberts Schumann



LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

Celebrant: Rev. Allison Moore
LEM: MaryAnn Lis-Simmons
Acolyte: Ella Brown
Lector : Sally Vasse
Usher: Martin Bend
Altar Guild: Cathy Kelly
Organist: Janet Frommer
Live Stream Tech: Jane Conger

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