

MARTIN LUTHER

# Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024 | 10:30 AM



All are welcome at Saint John's regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socioeconomic position, immigration path, or faith journey. We believe that a diverse and inclusive congregation benefits all, and that we grow when we listen to and learn from those who are different from us. Scripture teaches us to do good and seek justice, and we invite you to join us in striving for a just world. We are committed to continuing the work of anti-

racism, social and economic justice, and environmental care. We look forward to learning from one another and growing together on this journey of faith, grace, and love.

Jesus said: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

**Guests are welcome.** We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. So that we may be in contact with you, we invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. Our programs are open to all and you are invited to participate. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

**Children are welcome.** We encourage them to attend worship with their parents—even their noise and restlessness are surely a delight to God. Children's bulletins are available.

**To assist you during worship**: Large print worship bulletins are available from the ushers. Please inform an usher if you would like the pastor to commune you at your pew.

**Offerings**: St. John's is a tithing church. We dedicate a percentage of our offerings to the mission of the wider church through the NJ Synod of the ELCA and to many other mission partners. We are able to support these ministries because of your offerings and tithes.

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We're delighted you're worshiping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.

# **Prayer Before Worship**

Almighty God, your power makes the lame walk and the dead rise to new life. We give you thanks for the love poured into our world through Christ Jesus, who opened our minds to understand what you have made, whose appearance among his followers brings peace, and who creates faith through touch and taste. Show us Jesus, even now, through the mystery of your threefold presence, one God, abiding now and forever. Amen.

From Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year B, Vol. 1

#### ELW Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Red Book ACS All Creation Sings: Purple Book

**PRELUDE** Andante (from *Concerto in g, op. 4, no. 1, HWV 289*)

G.F. Handel

#### WELCOME

#### Please stand. THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Your people danced as they passed through the sea into freedom's land. By grace, many have entered your boundless baptismal life.

#### Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

#### GATHERING HYMN ELW 369 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!



Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt. Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

#### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

**HYMN OF PRAISE** 



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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### Please be seated.

#### FIRST READING Acts 3:12–19

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 4** 

Choir sings verses, congregation joins in singing the refrain.



The LORD does won-ders for the faith - ful.

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;

you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;

how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;

the LORD will hear me when I call.

<sup>4</sup>Tremble, then, and do not sin;

speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. R

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices,

and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"

Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart,

more than when grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>In peace, I will lie down and sleep;

for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure. R

# SECOND READING 1 John 3:1–7

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.



V. Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures.

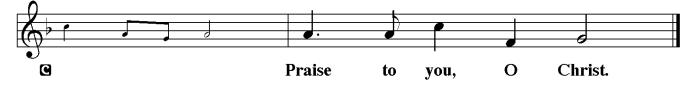
**GOSPEL** Luke 24:36b-48 The Holy Gospel according to Luke.



<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated. CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### SERMON

The Rev. Blake A. Scalet

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY ACS 939 Touch that Soothes and Heals



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#### NICENE CREED

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, 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 he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 be seated.

#### **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

New Members: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

# We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the

#### Please stand. **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

# PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

# Please be seated. PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MISSION

# **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

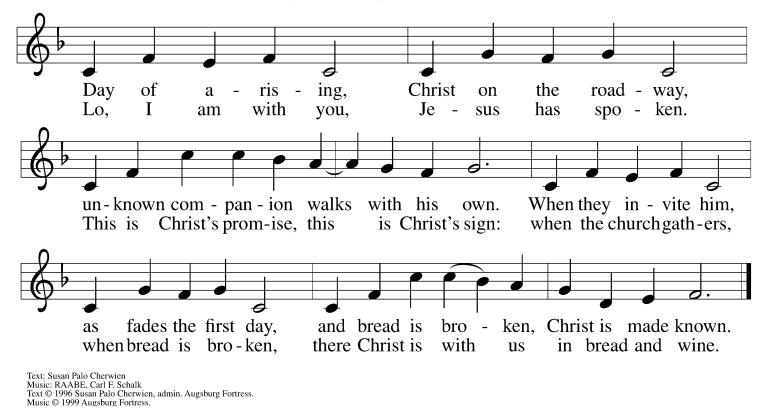
We present offerings for God's mission in the world through this congregation. Both visitors and members alike may use the pew envelope to make a contribution. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org or scan this code.

**OFFERING ANTHEM** Lord, I Trust Thee

Lord, I trust thee, I adore thee. Ah! thou friend of all, restore me! On thy loving grace relying, for the bread of life I'm sighing. Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease, fill my heart with joy and endless peace. When the breath of life has left me, may my soul be blended with thee. —Barthold Brockes (Tr. Dnys Darlow) G.F. Handel

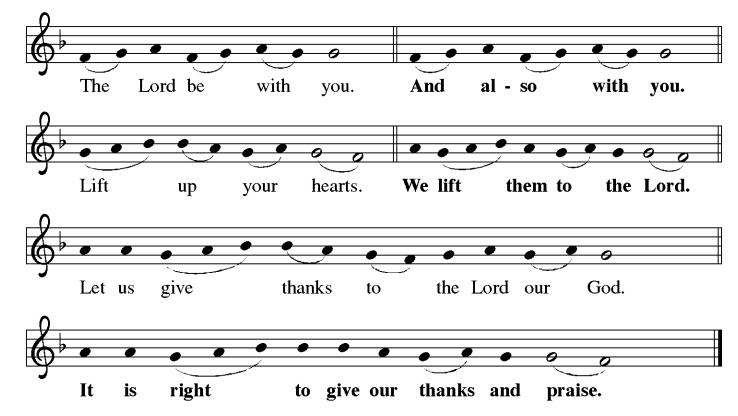


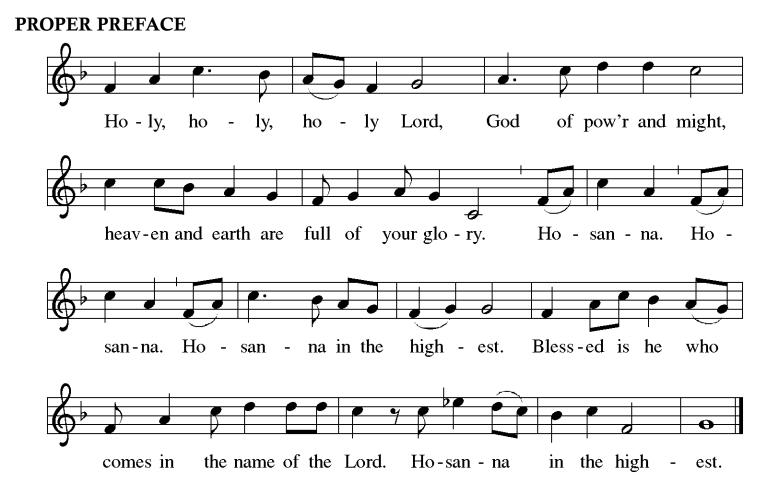
Please stand. OFFERING HYMN ELW 374 Day of Arising



#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. **GREAT THANKSGIVING** 

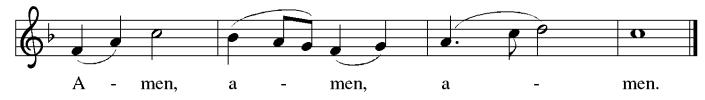




Blessed are you, O God of the universe . . . With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



O God of resurrection and new life: pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine . . . With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.



#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 forever. Amen.

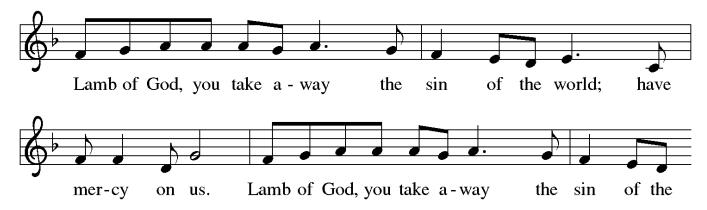
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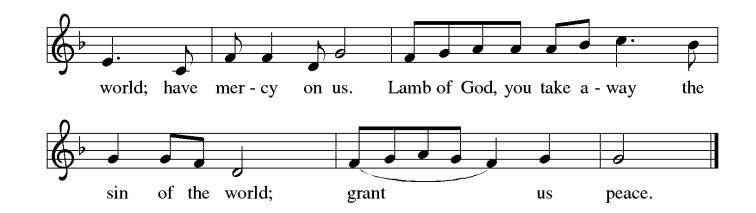
#### **RECEPTION OF COMMUNON**

To receive communion, approach the pastor who will place a wafer in your open hands. Please indicate if you need a gluten free wafer. Wine is served from the chalice—either by intinction or drinking from the common cup. Wine and grape juice are available in pre-filled individual cups.

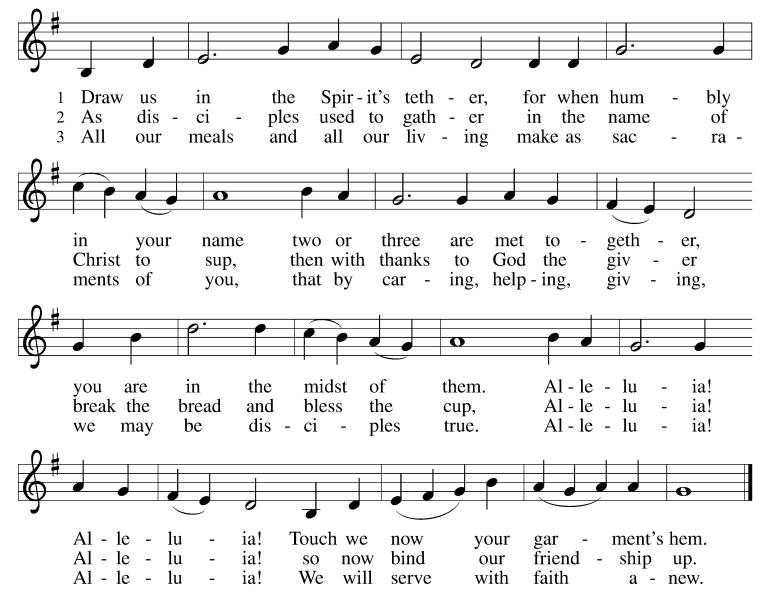
All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD





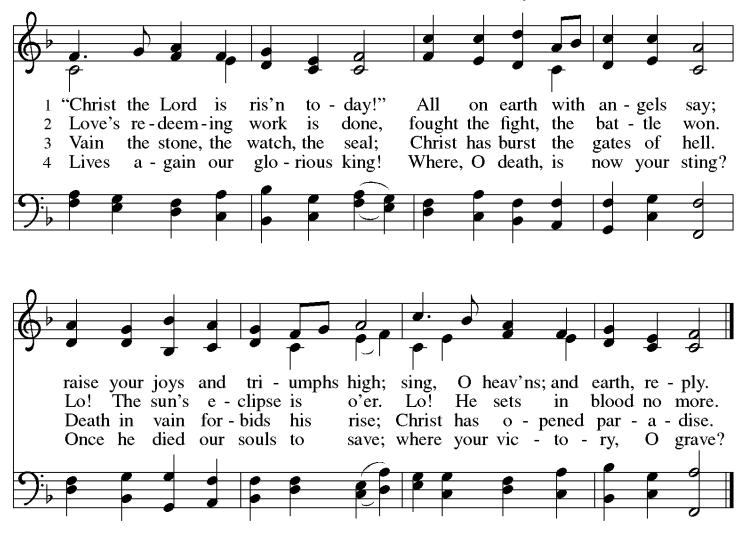
**COMMUNION HYMN** ELW 470 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether



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COMMUNION HYMN ELW 373 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

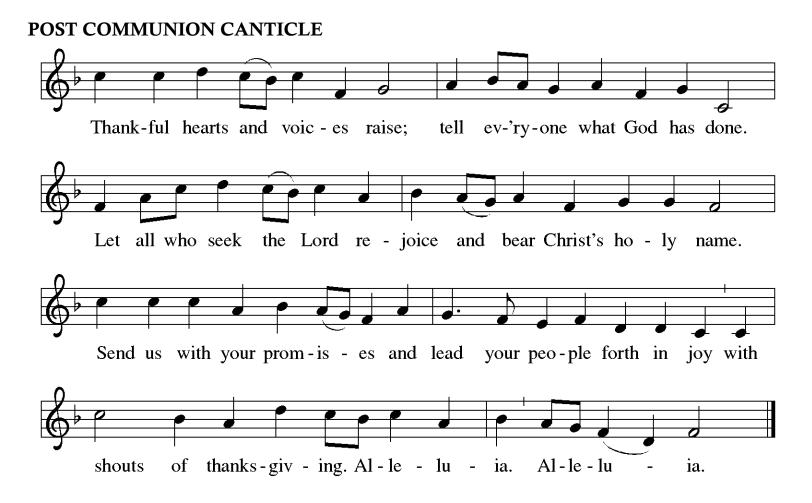


- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to thee by both be giv'n. Thee we greet triumphant now; hail, the resurrection, thou!
- 6 King of glory, soul of bliss, everlasting life is this: thee to know, thy pow'r to prove, thus to sing, and thus to love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS, Pierre de Corbeil, d. 1222, arr. Lutheran Book of Worship

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#### Please stand. BLESSING The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.



# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

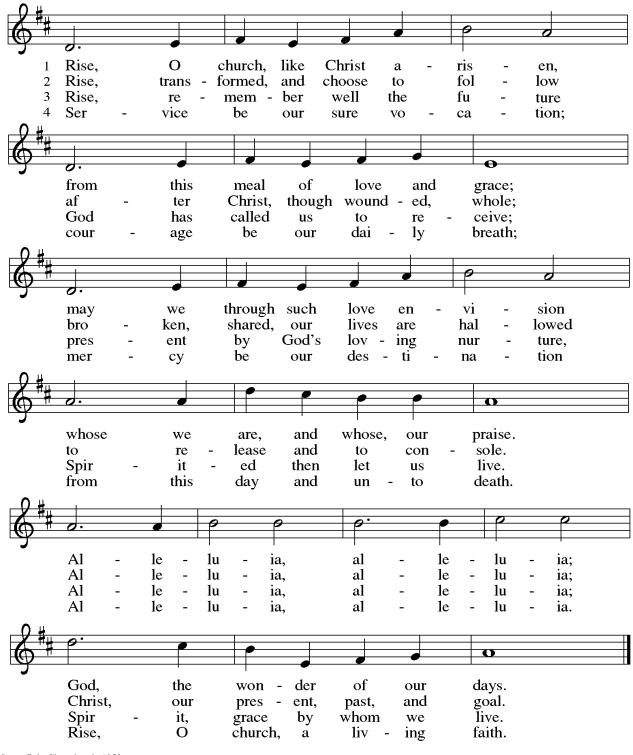
Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

#### BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Almighty God—the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you now and forever. Amen.

#### SENDING HYMN ELW 548 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953 Music: SURGE ECCLESIA, Timothy J. Strand, b. 1958 Text © 1997 Susan Palo Cherwien, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Music © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.** 

**POSTLUDE** Final (from Concerto op. 4, no. 5 in F Major, HWV 293)

G.F. Handel

# April 14, 2024

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Janet Onnen.

**Children's Choir TODAY at 9:30 AM and Faith Formation at 10:00 AM**. All children are welcome. Contact Christopher Harlow-Jennings or Deacon Walker for more information.

**Worship volunteers needed:** We have many opportunities for members to help lead in worship by reading scripture and helping serve at the altar. Sign up in the weekly email.

**Bridges Collection, April 7–21:** We are preparing 200 sustainable lunches for the Bridges Run on **May 4**. On **April 28 at 9:00 AM**, we will pack the lunches. Sign up in the weekly email.

**The Anti-Racism Committee is hosting** "The Black Experience - Portrayed in Opera" on **Sunday, April 21 at 7:00 PM**. Heinz D. Roth will lead us on a journey from Verdi's Aida to Terence Blanchard's Fire Shut Up in My Bones. Wine and cheese will be served.

**Council Update and Q&A:** Our Congregation Council will be holding two forums, the first on **Sunday, April 21 & May 12 at 9:00 AM** to provide the congregation with updates on several ongoing projects, overall ministry, and answer questions.

Summit Interfaith Council ARC Race Discussion on Zoom, Wednesday, April 24 at 7:30 PM, based on *Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man* video series. Register in the weekly email.

Afternoon Tea for Cross Roads, April 27 at 3:00 PM: All are welcome. Recommended donation of \$50 per person. See the weekly email to register by April 19.

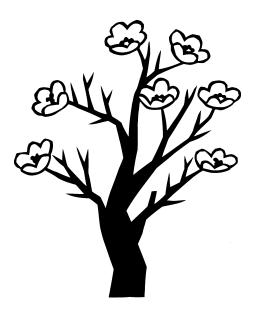
**Choral Vespers for Eastertide, Sunday April 28 at 4:00 PM.** Join us for contemplative reflection and moving singing by the Saint John's Choir.

Harlem Renaissance Trip, hosted by the Anti-Racism Committee on Saturday, May 18. We will have a guided tour of *The Harlem Renaissance and Transatlantic Modernism* at the Metropolitan Museum of Art followed by soul food in Harlem. Watch for more information!

**The Rev. Bruce H. Davidson 50th Ordination Anniversary, May 19 at 3:00 PM,** Festival Worship Service at the United Lutheran Seminary Chapel (7301 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia,). A buffet dinner will follow at the Seminary Brossman Center. RSVP for the dinner to <u>donaldebarb@yahoo.com</u>. No gifts, please! An offering will be received at the service for the World Hunger Appeal of the ELCA.

**Summit Warm Hearts Wrap Up:** Through this program, 51 individuals were served, averaging 14 persons each evening and several individuals have been able to move into permanent housing. Thank you to everyone who helped our guests!

**Fellowship Time Help Needed:** Sign up to provide homemade or store-bought baked goods/ bagels, fruit/veggies, and cheese & crackers, etc. See the weekly email to sign up.



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