

APRIL 12, 2020 EASTER SUNDAY

GOD CALLS US

Call to Worship

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

135 Praise the LORD!
Praise the name of the LORD,

give praise, O servants of the LORD,

² who stand in the house of the LORD,
in the courts of the house of our God!

³ Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

⁴ For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself,
Israel as his own possession.

☩ VERSICLE ☩ Lord, open our lips.

✠ RESPONSE ✠ **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

☩ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

✠ **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

☩ This is the day that the Lord has made!

✠ **We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

THIS LITURGY IS SUITABLE FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS AND SMALL GATHERINGS. IF GATHERED TOGETHER, ONE OFFICIANT SHOULD BE DESIGNATED TO READ ALL NON-EMBOLDENED TEXT (SUCH AS SCRIPTURE PASSAGES) AND TO TAKE THE ROLE OF THE VERSICLE, DESIGNATED BY THE ☩ SYMBOL. SECTIONS LABELED WITH THE ✠ SYMBOL ARE INTENDED TO BE READ ALOUD BY ALL. ALL OTHER READINGS IN BOLD FONT SHOULD BE READ IN UNISON AS NOTED.

Salutation

PHILIPPIANS 1

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer of the Day

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. *Amen.*

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Hymn of Praise

#360 CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN, TODAY

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," *Al - le - lu - ia!*
2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
4. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; *Al - le - lu - ia!*

sons of men and an - gels say; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
fought the fight, the bat - tle won; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
Christ hath burst the gates of hell; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
where, O death, is now thy sting? *Al - le - lu - ia!*

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
lo, the sun's e - clipse is o'er; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
death in vain for - bids him rise; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
Once he died, our souls to save; *Al - le - lu - ia!*

sing ye heav'ns and earth re - ply. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
lo, he sheds his blood no more. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
Christ hath o - pened par - a - dise. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? *Al - le - lu - ia!*

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Reading of God's Law

∿ **VERSICLE** ∿ Hear now the commandments of Your God, which he has commanded you to keep saying, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." This is the first and great commandment.

℞ **RESPONSE**

℞ **And the second, like unto it is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."**

∿ Have we fully obeyed the LORD in all that he has commanded?

℞ **No, but we have sinned against Him in thought, word and deed.**

Confession of Sin

IN UNISON

**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 neighbor 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.**

Words of Comfort

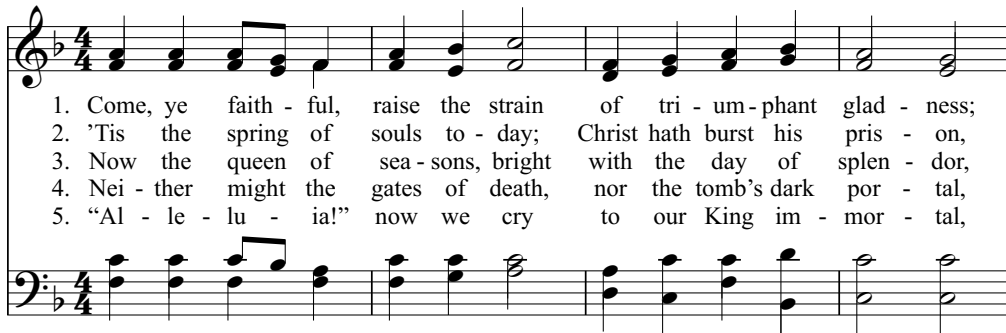
THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS

8 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

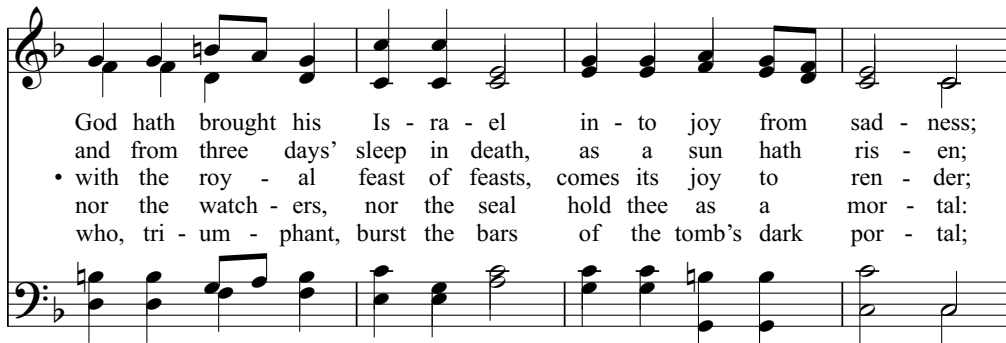
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Hymn of Assurance

#356 COME, YE FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN



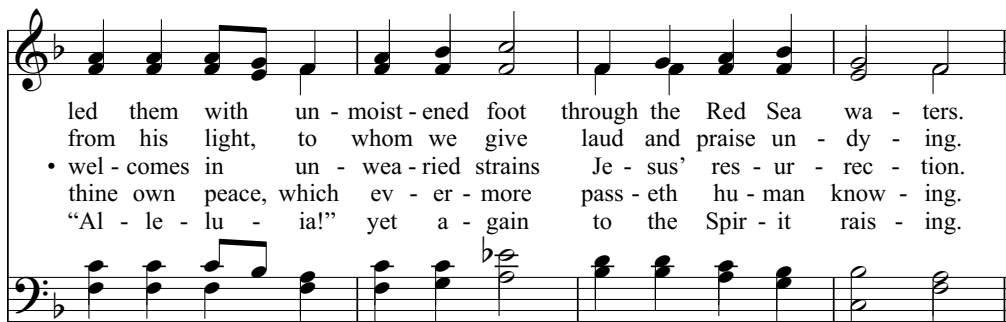
1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness;
2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst his pris - on,
3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4. Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
5. "Al - le - lu - ia!" now we cry to our King im - mor - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness;
and from three days' sleep in death, as a sun hath ris - en;
• with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:
who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
• comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing
"Al - le - lu - ia!" with the Son, God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
• wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.
thine own peace, which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.
"Al - le - lu - ia!" yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

John of Damascus, 8th cent.
Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1853; alt.

ST. KEVIN 7.6.7.6.D.
Arthur Sullivan, 1872

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Old Testament Reading

GENESIS 3

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."

¹⁶ To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be contrary to your husband,
but he shall rule over you."

¹⁷ And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
'You shall not eat of it,'
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

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¹⁹ By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

²⁰ The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

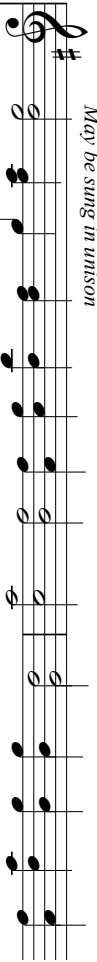
²¹ And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

²² Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” ²³ therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

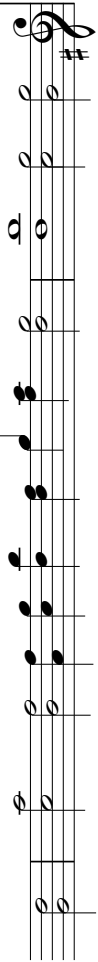
∿ VERSICLE ∿ The Word of the Lord!
℞ RESPONSE ℞ **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm of Preparation

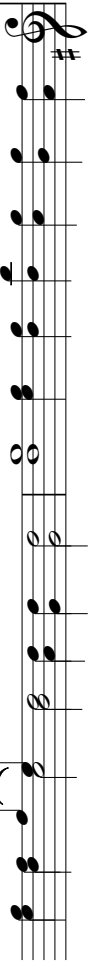
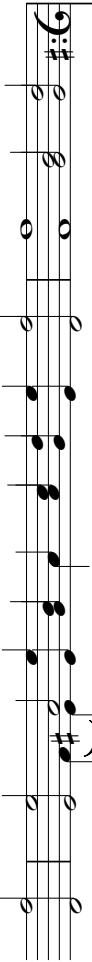
[#118A O THANK THE LORD FOR ALL HIS GOODNESS \(VERSES 5-8\)](#)



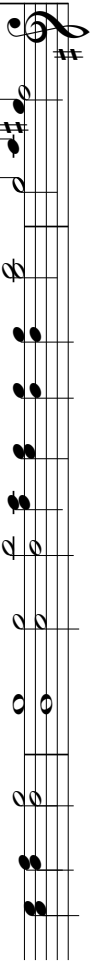
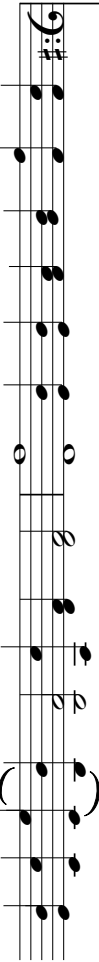
1. O thank the LORD for all his good - ness: his love en - dures for -
2. I sought the LORD in my af - flic - tion; he an - swered me and
3. Far bet - ter is the LORD for ref - uge — bet - ter than put - ting
4. Tho' na - tions swarmed like bees a - round me, quick - ly, like thorns a -



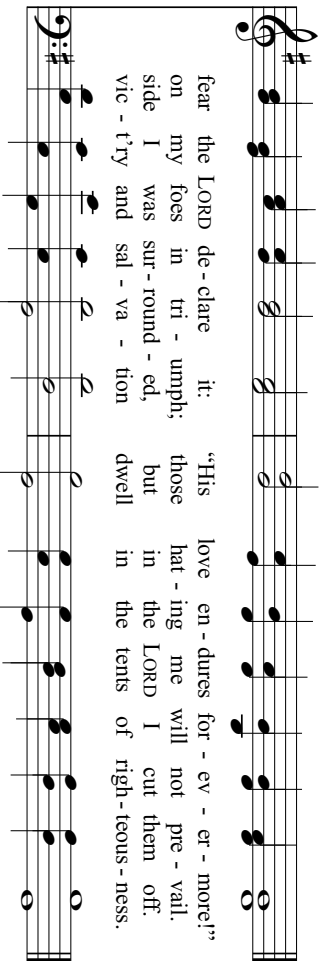
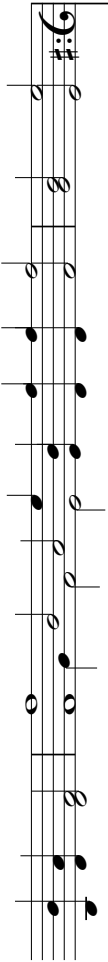
ev - er more! 2 Let Is - r'el say in joy - ful cho - rus: "His
set me free. 6 The LORD is on my side; I fear not — what
trust in men. 9 Far bet - ter is the LORD for ref - uge — bet -
flame, they died. For - in the LORD's name I de - stroyed them; 13 When



love en - dures for - ev - er more!" 3 O house of Aa - ron, join your
harm can man do un - to me? 7 The LORD is on my side to
ter than trust - ing in a prince. 10 On ev - 'ry side the na - tions
I was crushed the LORD gave aid. 14 He has be - come my great sal -



voice - es: "His love en - dures for - ev - er - more!" 4 Let all who
help me; the LORD, my help - er, will a - vail. 11 On I look up -
hound - ed, but in God's name I cut them off. 15 Glad songs of
va - tion, my strength, my song; the LORD we bless.



fear the LORD de - clare it: "His love en - dures for - ev - er - more!"
on my foes in tri - umph; those hat - ing me will not pre - vail.
side I was sur - round - ed, but in the LORD I cut them off.
vic - t'ry and sal - va - tion dwell in the tents of righ - teous - ness.

5. "The right hand of the LORD is mighty!"

16 The LORD's right hand is lifted high!

The right hand of the LORD is mighty!

His valiant arm is strong to fight!"

17 I shall not die, but live, and praise him;

his wondrous deeds I will profess.

18 Though God has chastened me severely,

he has not giv'n me up to death.

7. 22 The stone the builders had rejected

now has become the cornerstone.

23 How marvelous to us this wonder;

this is the work of God alone!

24 This is the day, the LORD has made it!

Be glad in it, rejoice, and bless.

25 Save us, we pray, O LORD! Hosanna!

O LORD, we pray, give us success.

6. 19 Open to me the gates of justice;

open the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter them with gladness

and show the LORD my thankfulness.

20 This is the gate the righteous enter,

the gateway of the LORD our God.

21 You have become my great salvation;

you answered sme and made me glad.

8. 26 Bless he who in the LORD's name enters;

we bless you from his holy house.

27 The LORD is God; he shines upon us.

Bind up with cords your sacrifice.

Bring to the altar's horns your off'ring.

28 You are my God whom I adore.

29 O thank the LORD for all his goodness,

his love endures forevermore.

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New Testament Reading

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

20 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

✠ VERSICLE ✠ The Word of the Lord!

✠ RESPONSE ✠ Thanks be to God!

Homily

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HOMILY IS
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Hymn of Response

#363 JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, *Al - le - lu - ia!*
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing *Al - le - lu - ia!*
3. But the pains which he en - dured, *Al - le - lu - ia!*
4. Sing we to our God a - bove *Al - le - lu - ia!*

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, *Al - le - lu - ia!*
un - to Christ our heav'n - ly King, *Al - le - lu - ia!*
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
praise e - ter - nal as his love; *Al - le - lu - ia!*

who did once up - on the cross *Al - le - lu - ia!*
who en - dured the cross and grave, *Al - le - lu - ia!*
now a - bove the sky he's King, *Al - le - lu - ia!*
praise him, all ye heav'n - ly host, *Al - le - lu - ia!*

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
sin - ners to re - deem and save. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
where the an - gels ev - er sing. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. *Al - le - lu - ia!*

St. 1, anon.

St. 2-3, Arnold's *Compleat Psalmist*, 1740

St. 4, Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.

LLANFAIR 7.7.7.al.

Robert Williams, 1817

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Confession of Faith

IN UNISON APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

O almighty and eternal God, who through the death of Your Son has destroyed sin and death, and by His rising to life again restored innocence and everlasting life, that being delivered from the power of the devil, we might live under You in Your kingdom, grant that we may be forever comforted by true faith in the resurrection of Your dear Son. Do not let the thought of death fill our hearts with terror, but give us the blessed assurance that, just as You raised Christ from the dead, we will not remain in the grave but will rise again at the end of days. And when, by Your grace, we have finished our course, let Christ's resurrection be for us a sure pledge that an inheritance that does not fade is reserved for us in heaven. While we live, guide us with your holy counsel, and when we die, give us the crown of life, that with all the holy angels and the elect we may praise and glorify You, praying now even as our Lord has taught us

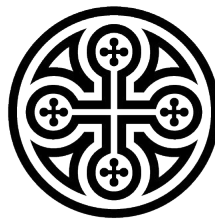
IN UNISON **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

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Departing Words of Comfort

HEBREWS 13

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.



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