GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 18, 2021 - Third Sunday of Easter

They gave him a piece of broiled fish,
and he ate in their presence.

[Luke 24:42-43]

WELCOME

We're glad you chose to worship with us.

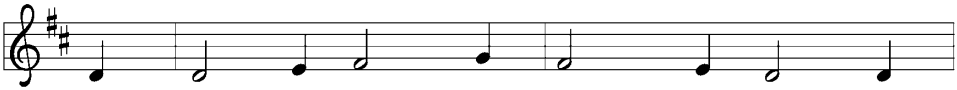
Evangelical Lutheran Worship

PRELUDE **Carillon** **John Behnke**

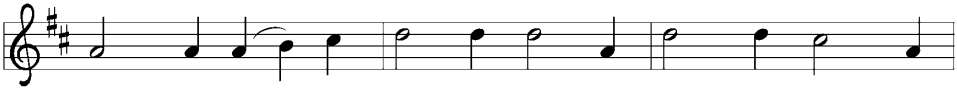
BELL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
This is the day the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
Give thanks to God, for God is gracious.
God's mercy endures forever.

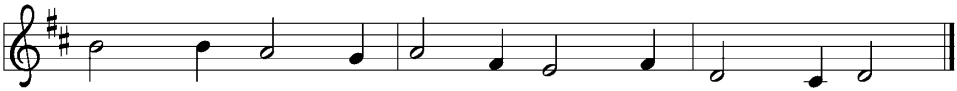
CAROL **That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright** **ELW 384**



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



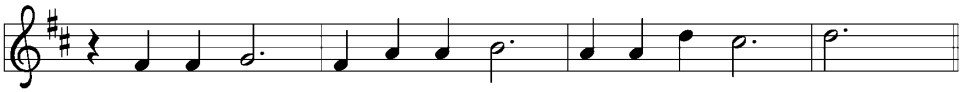
eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

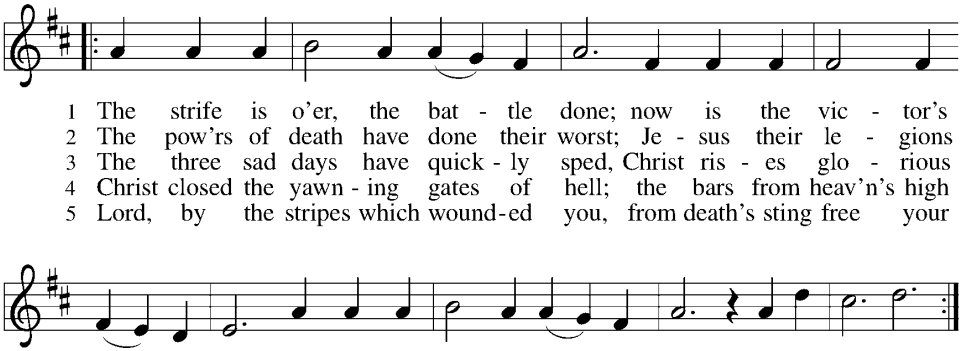
AN EASTER PRAYER FROM MARTIN LUTHER

Almighty God,
through the death of your Son,
you destroyed sin and death,
and through his resurrection
you restored innocence and eternal life
so that we might be saved from the power of evil,
and live in your kingdom.
Grant that we may believe this with all our heart,
and in such steadfast faith continually praise you,
and give thanks to you; through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN ELW 366

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done (vs 1-4)





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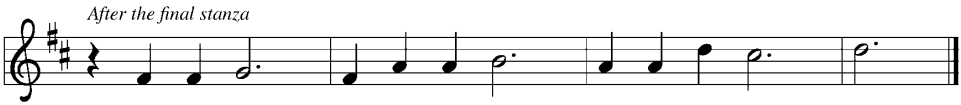


PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Living God, in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and wondering. Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that the church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all nations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, like a master artist you have fashioned the universe out of your love and delight. Heal your creation where it is in need of restoration (*local concerns for creation may be named*). Provide all the inhabitants of earth a peaceful and sustainable home. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all, the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Many call on you for guidance and strength. Answer their hopes with the peace of Christ and give your lovingkindness to national, state, and local leaders of people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress. Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion and nurse them back to health and wholeness (*especially*). Be close to the hearts of the lonely. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

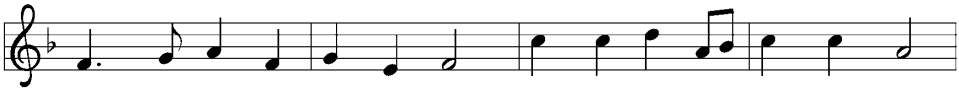
Loving Parent, you have given us such love that we should be called the children of God. Reveal yourself to us so that we in this community of faith will become more and more like you in our mutual love and bold witness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all times and ages, those who have died in you now see you as you are. We thank you for their lives among us (*especially*). Assure us of the peace you have promised, that we may join them in everlasting life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

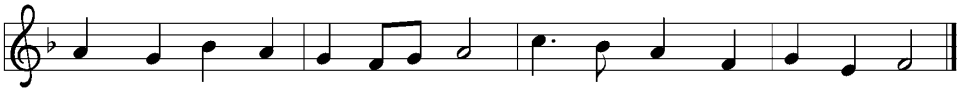
In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CAROL **ELW 373**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (vs 1-4)



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;
2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.
Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

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!

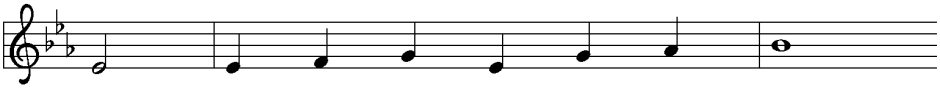
6 King of glory, soul of bliss,
everlasting life is this:
thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,
thus to sing, and thus to love!

FIRST LESSON **Jeremiah 31:1-6**

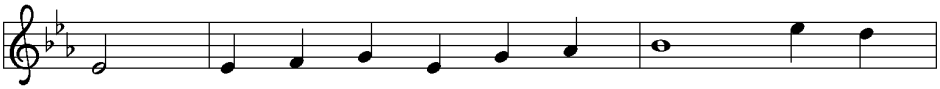
God's everlasting love is proclaimed to his people.

HYMN **ELW 367**

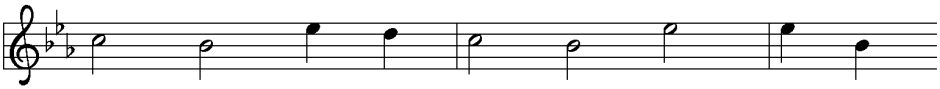
Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (vs 1-3)



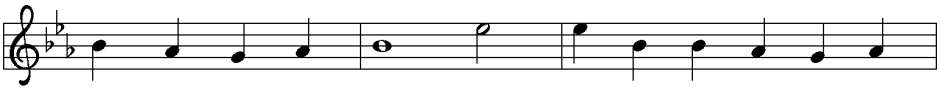
1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



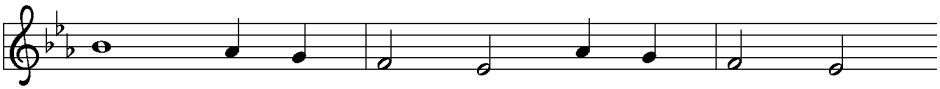
in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we
and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



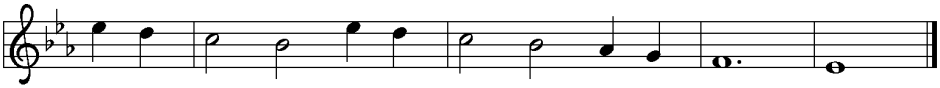
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

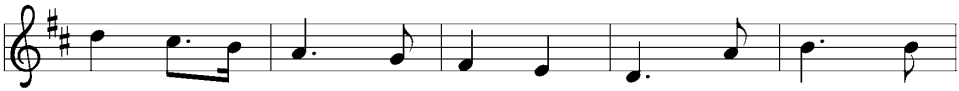


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

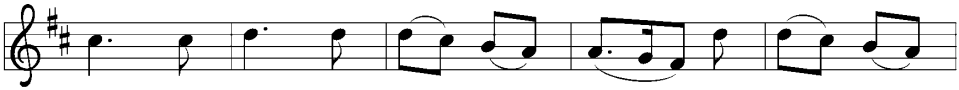
SECOND LESSON **Isaiah 52:7-10**

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

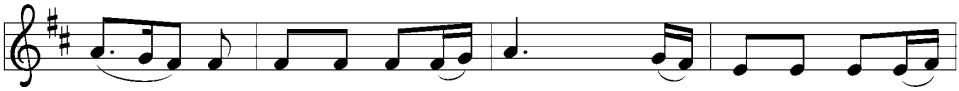
CAROL **Joy to the World (1, 2, 4)** **ELW 267**



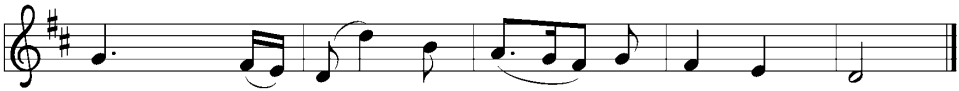
1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

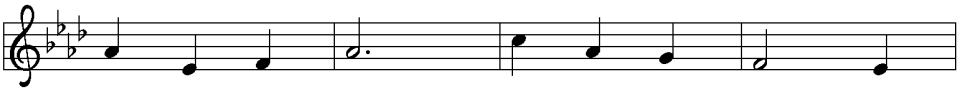


sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

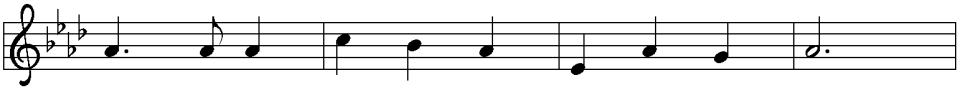
THIRD LESSON **Revelation 21:1-7**

Saint John speaks of the New Jerusalem.

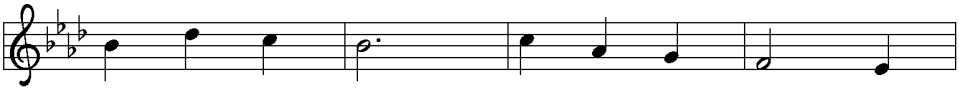
CAROL Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen (vs 1, 4, 5) ELW 377



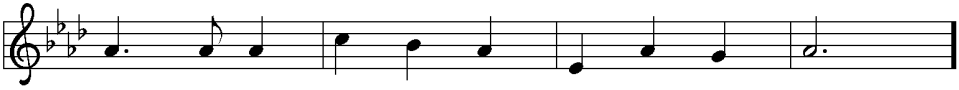
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,

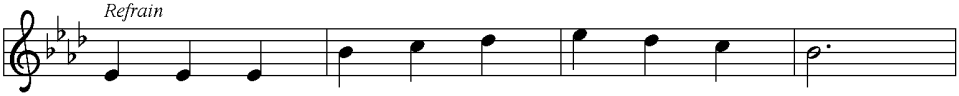


Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,

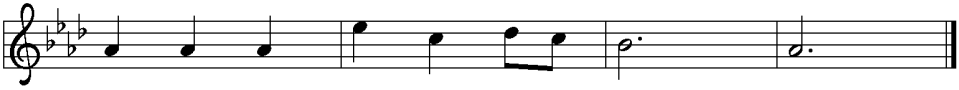


Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

FOURTH LESSON **Luke 24:1-9**

The women find the empty tomb.

CAROL O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing (1-3) ELW 386

O sons and daughters, let us sing
With heavenly hosts to Christ our king:
Today the grave has lost its sting.
Alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see,
Who sits and speaks unto the three:
"Your Lord has gone to Galilee."
Alleluia!

FIFTH LESSON **John 20:19-31**

Jesus reveals himself to the disciples and to Thomas.

CAROL We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

(Tune: Amazing Grace)

We walk by faith and not by sight;
With gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near,
And seek where you are found:
That, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are,
With full and endless sight.

PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, you are the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt; **may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing. Amen.**

CAROL **Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks**

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the king of creation. ***Refrain***

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. ***Refrain***

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. ***Refrain***

Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior. ***Refrain***

EASTER CREED FROM PHILIPPIANS 2

Stand as you are able

Let us affirm our faith in Christ Jesus, the Son of God.

Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.

Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.

He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.

God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:

That at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Sit

NEWS OF OUR CHURCH

CLOSING PRAYERS

Stand as you are able

God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

A moment for silent prayer

O God, you make us glad with this yearly remembrance of your Son Jesus' resurrection from the dead: **may we who celebrate this Easter Feast die daily to sin, and live with him evermore in the glory of his endless life.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(New Revised Standard Version)*

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.

BLESSING

May he who like a lamb was led to slaughter, and like a lion overthrew the powers of evil, make us perfect in every good work. **The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with us forever. Amen.**

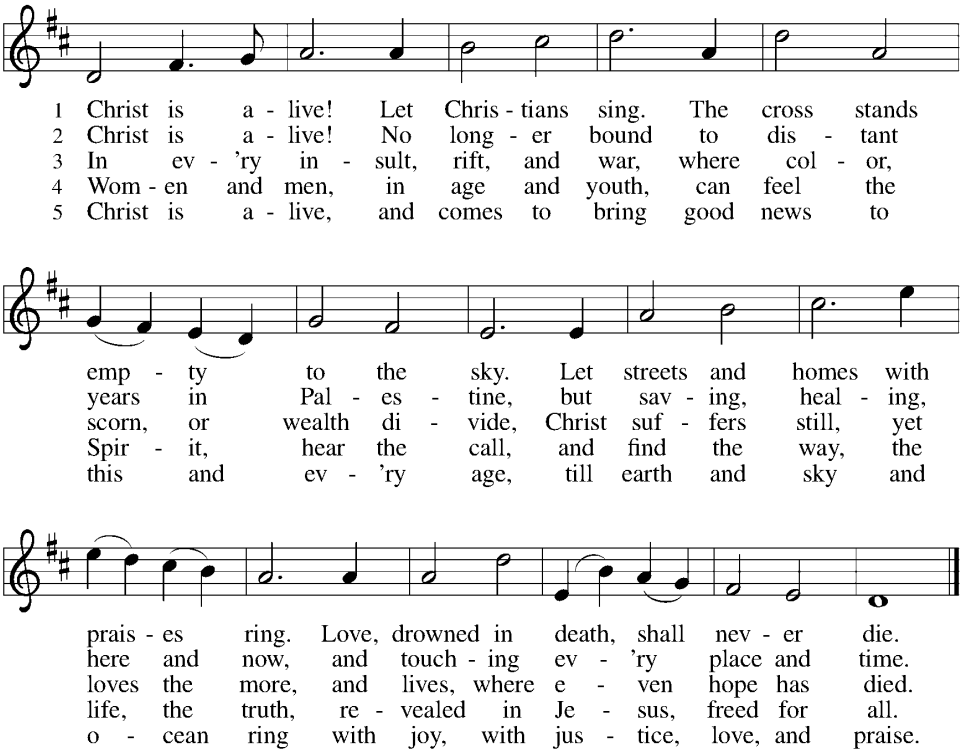
Stand as you are able.

EPILOGUE **Acts 1:3-4**

After his suffering, Jesus presented himself to his followers and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was

eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for my Father's gift of the Holy Spirit."

HYMN **Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing** **ELW 389**



DISMISSAL

Christ is risen!
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE