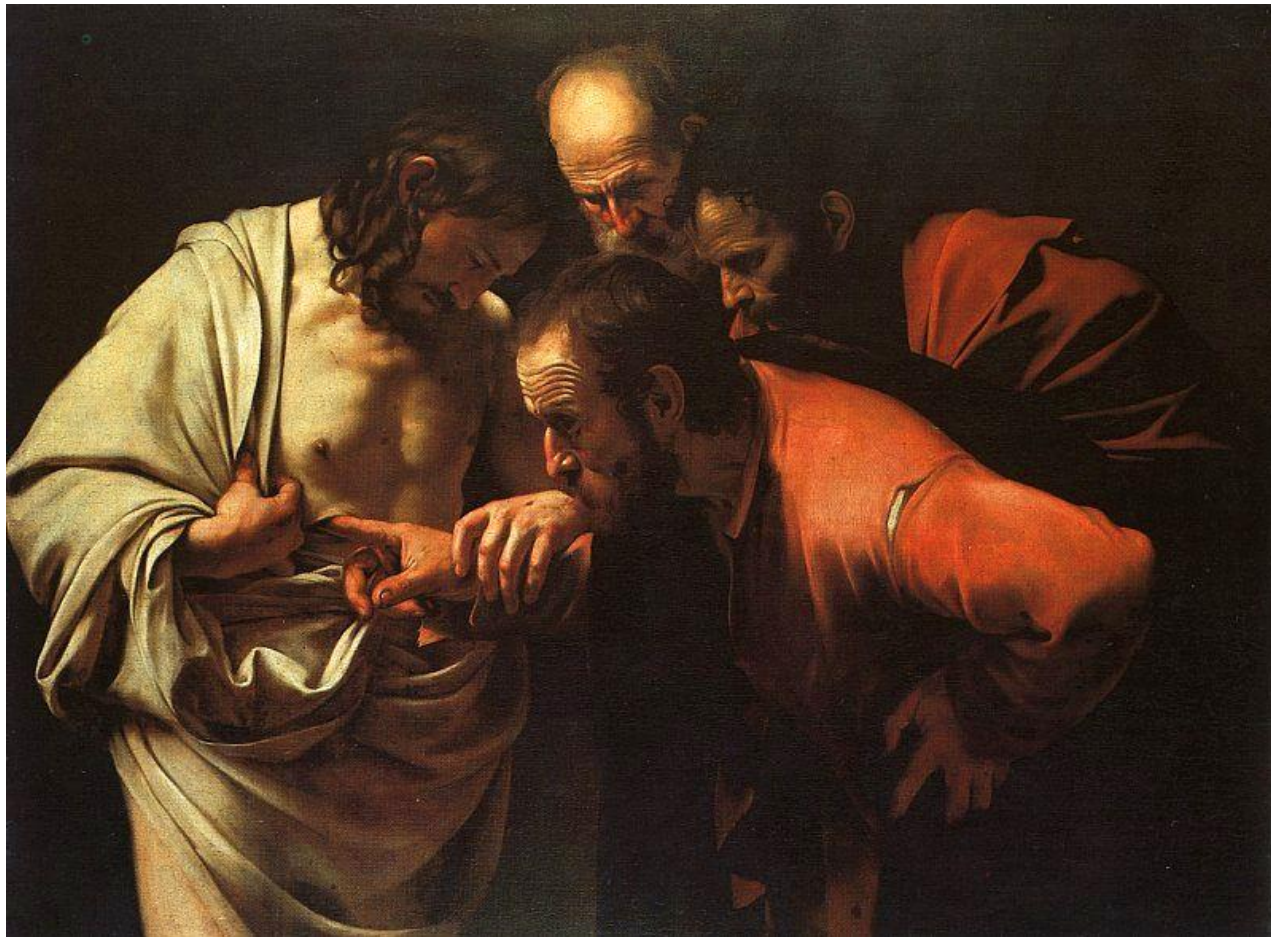


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*Quasimodo Geniti – The Second Sunday of Easter*  
19 April 2020

## 469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and 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 hath burst the gates of hell.  
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.  
Lo! Our 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 thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;  
Foll'wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 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!

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Ps. 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a*



Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,\*  
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.

**Sing aloud to | God our strength;\***

**shout for joy to the God of | Jacob!**

In distress you called, and I de- | livered you;\*

I answered you in the secret place of | thunder.

**I am the | LORD your God,\***

**who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.**

Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it;\*

and with honey from the rock I would sat- | isfy you.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

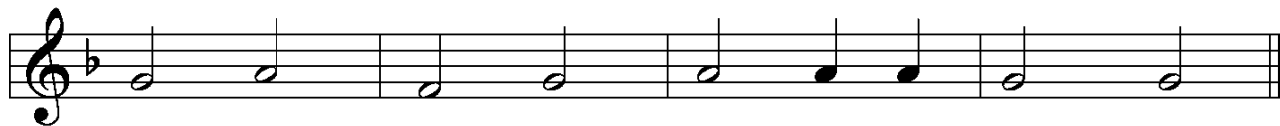
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### Kyrie

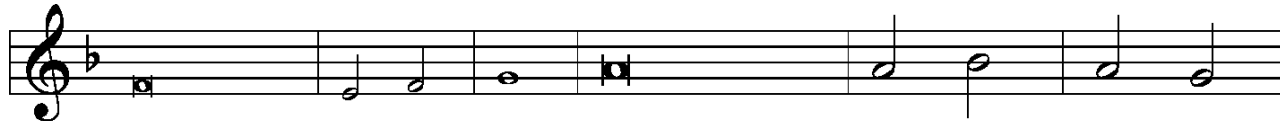


**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Gloria in Excelsis



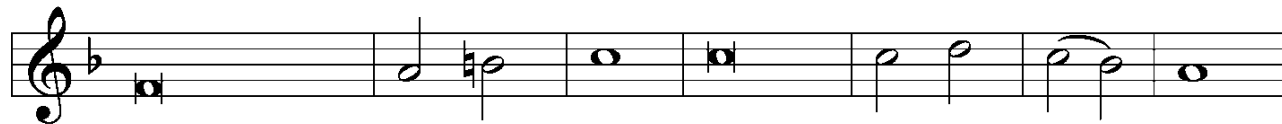
**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



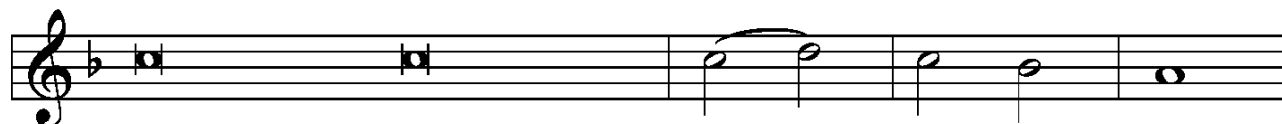
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



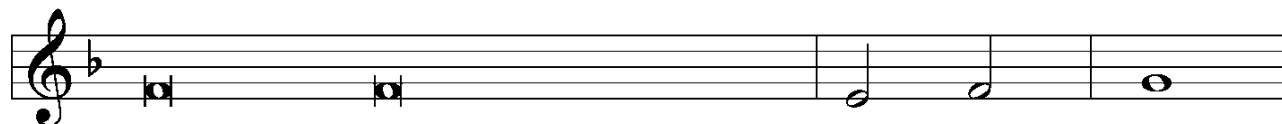
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people.

And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading

*1 John 5:4–10*

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. He has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee. Alleluia. Eight days later Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Alleluia. *Alleluias repeated*  
*Matthew 28:7b; John 20:26a,c*

### The Holy Gospel Reading

*St. John 20:19–31*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

470 O Sons and Daughters of the King



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly  
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful  
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and  
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them  
 5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!  
 wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.  
 speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."  
 came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."  
 seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.



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

6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,  
 And look upon My hands, My feet;  
 Not faithless but believing be."  
 Alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen  
 And yet whose faith has constant been,  
 For they eternal life shall win.  
 Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
 Alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days  
 Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
 To God your hearts and voices raise.  
 Alleluia!

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Sermon



467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;  
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;  
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!  
 4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.  
 But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.  
 Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.  
 Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin I laugh to scorn.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made  
 For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry  
 No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take  
 Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright;



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.  
 He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.  
 The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.  
 It is a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.

5 The world against me rages,  
 Its fury I disdain;  
 Though bitter war it wages,  
 Its work is all in vain.  
 My heart from care is free,  
 No trouble troubles me.  
 Misfortune now is play,  
 And night is bright as day.

6 Now I will cling forever  
 To Christ, my Savior true;  
 My Lord will leave me never,  
 Whate'er He passes through.

He rends death's iron chain;  
 He breaks through sin and pain;  
 He shatters hell's grim thrall;  
 I follow Him through all.

7 He brings me to the portal  
 That leads to bliss untold,  
 Whereon this rhyme immortal  
 Is found in script of gold:  
 "Who there My cross has shared  
 Finds here a crown prepared;  
 Who there with Me has died  
 Shall here be glorified."

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The Prayer of the Church

## The Lord's Prayer

### The Collect for the Word

**P** Blessed Lord who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy Holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

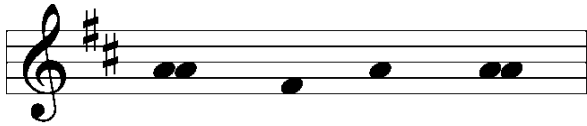
**C** Amen.



**P** The Lord be with you.



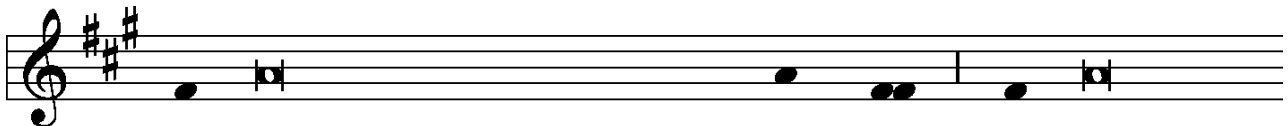
**C** And with thy spir - it.



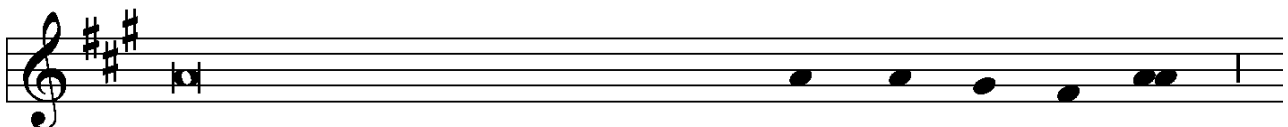
**A** Bless we the Lord.



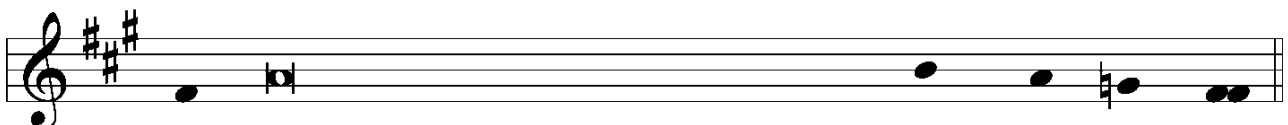
**C** Thanks be to God.



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

*Refrain*



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



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;  
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,  
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell;  
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;  
 But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.  
 He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.  
 The bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell.  
 From death's dread sting Thy ser - vants free

*The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.*



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Let hymns of praise His tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 That we may live and sing to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

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## OUR FAMILIES PRAY – QUASIMODO GENITI – EASTER 2

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!  
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

**All:** In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** is confessed by all.

**THE PSALM is prayed:** Sunday-Wednesday—Ps. 33; Thursday-Saturday— Psalm 23

### CATECHISM LEARN-BY-HEART:

**Catechism Lesson:** The Sacrament of the Altar –

*Who receives this sacrament worthily?*

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

### BIBLE VERSE:

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.  
1 Corinthians 11:26

**HYMN:** Sunday-Wednesday—470; Thursday-Saturday— 709

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

### PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY:

*Sunday/Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday* – Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Thursday/Friday/Saturday* – O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!  
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

**IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**For the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead to be on our lips and in our hearts**

**For the Gospel to be spread during these days**

**For our congregation during this time of separation**

**For the Holy Church throughout the World, For our Synod**

**For our families as we seek to live together in holy love and peace**

**For those who live alone**

**For our nation and communities as we look to God's mercy during this time of illness**

**For all doctors, nurses and medical personnel**

**For first responders in our communities**

**For the sick, the suffering, the dying of Covid-19**

**For our Pastors as they seek to bring the Word of God to us**

**For our School teachers and students and they teach online**

**Healing and Comfort for: ROGER BEST**, brother-in-law of Dale & Shirley Lueker, hospitalized with pneumonia and blood clots; **BRANDON CANN**, US NAVY, grandson of Paul and Rose Cann, onboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt, **ARLINE BLASE**, health difficulties; **CARL NIENHUSER**, grandfather of Dawn Schnare & Danae Otten, leukemia; **JULIA UBBENGA**, sister of John Fluss, breast cancer **SIDNEE SCHWARZ**, health issues; **GLENN ARMES**, health issues; **LEAH HOWTON**, recovering from surgery; **DALE GROTEFENDT**, friend of Paula Kipp, taking chemo & radiation treatments & **KAY GROTEFENDT**, for strength as her husband undergoes treatments; **KAYLEIGH MEINZEN**, health issues; **RANDY HELLINGER**, recovering at home with health issues; **TOMIKO JUEDEMANN**, mother of Linda Behrhorst, cancer treatments; **EMILY SCHWARZ**, recovering from surgery; **ELDON SCHMIDT**, health issues; **LISA PROFFER**, sister of Aaron Hanks, recovering from mini-strokes; **THOMAS SEXTON**, grandchild of Keith and Judy (Sievers) Loemker, health issues; **DORENE LANE**, friend of Dave DeVries, preparing for knee replacement, heart and eye issues; **MARY GRAFF**, friend of Dave DeVries, began treatments for kidney and femur bone cancer, **STEPHANIE VAN ULFT**, treatments and health difficulties from said treatments; **ELLEN MUTH**, mother of Kantor Muth, declining health; **JANE BILYEU**, aunt of Beth Langendorf, health difficulties; **BONNIE WILLIAMS**, friend of Candy Esch, cancer; **ALL EXPECTANT MOTHERS**

***St. Paul Lutheran Elderly Care List*** - Since all the nursing, independent/assisted live homes are closed to visitors please consider sending the dear members of our congregation a note or card, especially this Easter Season. For those parents looking for something to occupy their children's time have them draw or color a picture to send, with a Bible passage, picture or word of encouragement. What an easy way to bring someone joy and put a smile on their face. Following is a list of the St. Paul members who reside at a care facility.

*Eden Village – Glen Carbon, Illinois 62034*

- Clara Wehrend – Care Center – 400 South Station Road – Room 513
- Glen & Thelma Wuehler – 300 South Station Rd. – Apt. 8202
- Marlene Hellmann – 407 B Eden Gardens

*Meridian Village – Glen Carbon, Illinois 62034*

- Kathy Breen – Apt. 402 – 27 Auerbach Place
- Lynette Spudich – Apt. 422 – 27 Auerbach Place

*Edwardsville Nursing & Rehabilitation Center – Edwardsville, IL 62025*

- Ellen Buhrmann – 401 St. Mary Drive

*ACC – Alhambra, Illinois 62001*

- Eldon Schmidt – 417 East Main Street

*Glenwood – Staunton, Illinois 62088*

- Arline Blase – Apt. 45 – 18192 Renken Road
- Ruth Ernst – Apt. 27 – 18192 Renken Road
- Donna Hellinger – Apt. 51 – 18192 Renken Road
- Ruby Hering – Apt. 32 – 18192 Renken Road

*Rosewood Care Center – Alton, Illinois 62002*

- Lillian Schmidt – 3490 Humbert Road

*Cedarhurst Assisted Living – Bethalto, Illinois 62010*

- Nancy Engelke – Apt. #43 – 903 North Moreland Road

**Alleluia Christ is Risen!** Let us be firm in the true faith, that Jesus Christ our Lord and our God is risen from the dead. Let us like newborn babes crave the pure spiritual milk of the Word!

**Daily Services Continue at Noon** – The Joy of Easter continues this week. Check in every day at noon. Watch on FB live.

**On the Cover of the Bulletin** is *The Incredulity of Saint Thomas* by Caravaggio, 1601-02.

**Your Tithes and Offerings** may be send to the church via snail mail PO Box 247 Hamel, IL 62046 or you may give through the Church website [www.stpaulhamel.org](http://www.stpaulhamel.org) You'll see the "Give" just follow the instructions there.

**Members and Families in Need** If any members are in financial need, do not hesitate to contact Pastor Ball as your brothers and sisters are more than willing to help in many ways. If you would like to contribute financially to our congregation's Church Charities fund, simply mark what over and above offerings you are able to contribute when you send in your offerings.

**A DAILY LUTHERAN BIBLE STUDY**...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: "Patience" in the Bible, The Book of Titus, Jesus' Ascension, The Passover and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

**About the Hymn of the Day – O Sons and Daughters of the King – LSB 470-71** You can take your Bible out and check out the Scriptural references in our Hymn of the Day. Our Hymns are grounded in the Scriptures and so we sing what is most sure and certain.

Author Jean Tisserand (d. ca. 1497), a Franciscan friar, was a popular Parisian preacher who founded a home for wayward girls around 1492. Several of his writings appeared in print during the decades following his death, one of which, published sometime between 1518 and 1536, contained this hymn. Originally in nine stanzas, this "Alleluia for the day of Easter" was subsequently expanded by an anonymous author to twelve, with the story of Thomas and his doubts about the resurrected Jesus receiving additional attention. The hymn's popularity continued to increase, and it is still sung today in Latin in Catholic churches that retain that language.

This abridged harmony of the resurrection narratives employs all four canonical Gospels. The emphasis, though, is clearly on the Gospel according to St. John; in particular, Jesus' words and actions concerning the faith of Thomas. Stanza 1 begins with the triumphant message of Jesus' resurrection. The third line, "morte surrexit hodie" ("today He arose from death"), is based on Revelation 20:13, although the "sting" in this line's English translation is from 1 Corinthians

15:55-56. The message is clear: the resurrection of Jesus impels the children of God to glorify their heavenly King.

In the second through fourth stanzas, Tisserand included two distinct accounts of the resurrection. In the second and third stanzas, an angel in white appears to the women at the open tomb. The “three women” noted in the third stanza are Mary Magdelene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, as recounted in Mark 16:1 (the three are explicitly named in the original Latin) The four Gospels contain numerous words of the angel(s) at the tomb, but only “the Lord is in Galilee” (Matthew 28:10, Mark 16:7) is included here. In the fourth stanza, Jesus appears to the apostles, who were hiding behind closed doors. Of all that Jesus said on this occasion, only “Peace to all of you” (John 20:19,21) is incorporated into the hymn.

The fifth through eighth stanzas paraphrase John 20:24-29. Notable components of this narrative are absent: Thomas’s demand to see the marks of the crucifixion (John 20:25), the eight days between stanzas five and six (John 20:26), and the second appearance of Jesus to the apostles behind closed doors (John 20:26). The biblical narrative refers only to the marks of the crucifixion on Jesus’ hands and side (John 20:25,27), but Tisserand exercises his poetic license in adding the marks in Jesus’ feet (stanzas 6 and 7). Stanza 8 is based on John 20:29, where Jesus says that those who have not seen yet remain firm in their faith are blessed. The stanza adds that these faithful shall win eternal life, incorporating John 20:31.

The concluding stanza shows the correlation between the Old and New Testaments. “Festo sanctissimo” is here translated “on this most holy day of days.” This shows how the holy days of Leviticus 23:1-44—Sabbath, Passover, Feast of the First Fruits, Feast of Weeks, Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, Feast of Booths—are superseded by the newer and greater celebration of the resurrection of Christ (Hebrews 8:1-13, 10:11-13).

The message of the hymn for us is that Jesus truly did rise from the dead, and this is good news for all to believe. Even those who have not seen their risen Lord with their eyes or touched Him with their hands can trust in the message of those who did see and touch the flesh of Jesus raised from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:5-8). *Lutheran Service Book, Companion to the Hymns, Vol. 1. CPH, 2019, pp. 364-5.*