

By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## RECEIVING OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**  
**COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING**

#158, v. 1 & 2

WORDS BY CHRISTIAN HENRY BATEMAN  
MUSIC FROM A TRADITIONAL MELODY

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1. Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING FORTH**  
**STANDING ON THE PROMISES**  
#374, 1 & 4

WORDS & MUSIC BY KELSO CARTER

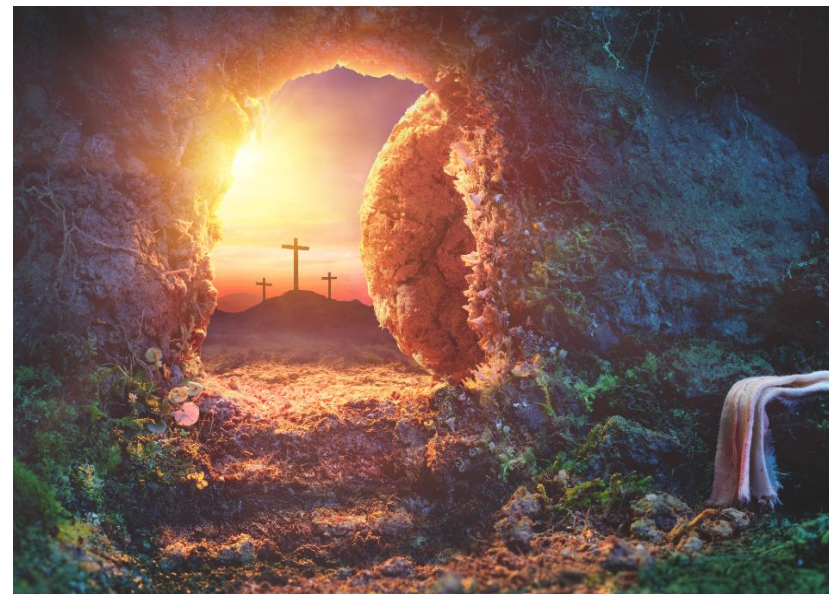
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1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

**POSTLUDE**  
**PSALM 19**  
BENEDETTO MARCELLO



*“What or Who Are  
You Looking For?”  
John 20:1-18*

April 4, 2021  
Easter Sunday Service with Communion  
Worship in the Sanctuary & Online  
10:00 AM Service



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**  
*FANFARE ON "LAUDA ANIMA"*  
ROBERT J. HUGHES

**WELCOME HOME!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
Christ the Lord is Risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
Christ the Lord is Risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**  
*CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY*  
#302  
WORDS BY CHARLES WESLEY  
MUSIC FROM LYRA DAVIDICA  
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1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!
6. King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia! Everlasting life is this, Alleluia! Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia! Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

**SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS**

**SUNG RESPONSE**  
*WERE YOU THERE*  
#288

WORDS & MUSIC FROM AN AFRO-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL  
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Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb? (2x)  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

# OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS

**\*DOXOLOGY**  
*PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW*  
#94

WORDS BY THOMAS KEN  
MUSIC FROM GEISTLICHE  
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**HYMN OF FAITH**  
*LIFT HIGH THE CROSS*  
#159

WORDS BY GEORGE WILLIAM KITCHIN & MICHAEL ROBERT NEWBOLT  
MUSIC BY SYDNEY HUGO NICHOLSON  
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Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign. The hosts of God in unity combine.  
[Refrain]
2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
[Refrain]
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.  
[Refrain]
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! [Refrain]

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
JOHN 20:1-18

**SERMON**  
"WHAT OR WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?"

**ANTHEM**  
*AN EASTER CAROL*  
GORDON YOUNG

**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.