

GREAT THANKSGIVING

BREAKING THE BREAD

We give you thanks that on the night of his arrest Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN #500 (505) ***"Be Known to Us In Breaking Bread"*** Montgomery, 1825

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, O God, for giving us communion with our risen and glorious Lord.

Now send us out to be a sign of the new life that has come into the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

— Sending —

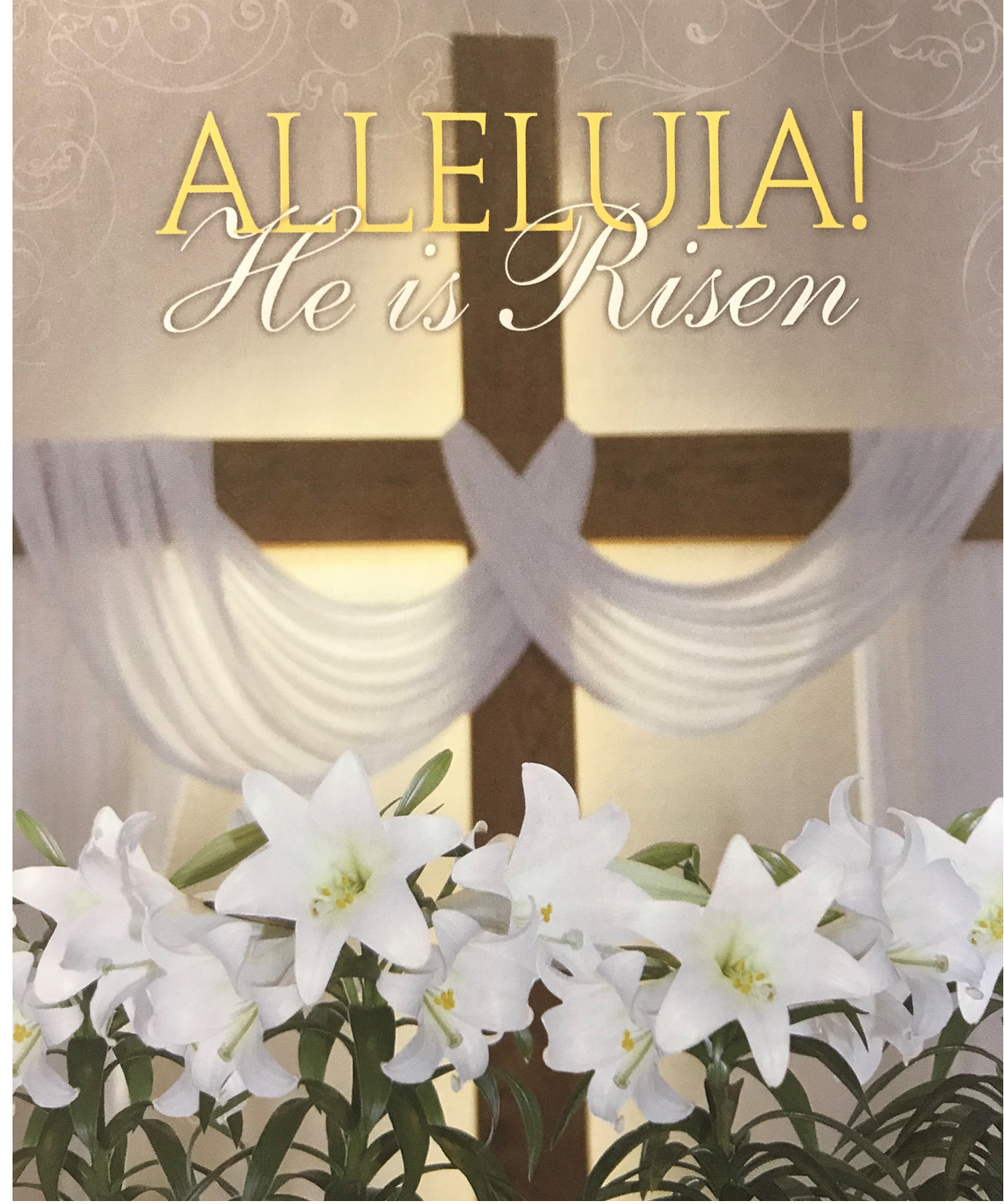
BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the love of the holy triune God—
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—
abide with you forever. **Alleluia!**

Now go forth in Jesus' name,
remembering his new commandment
to love one another, just as he has loved us. **Amen.**

HYMN #826 (371) ***"Lift High the Cross"*** Kitchin, 1887

"Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences"



Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

Resurrection of the Lord

— Gathering —

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES

Beloved, why are you weeping?

The tomb is empty;

the grave clothes are cast aside.

**Now is the time for tambourines and dancing,
for victory songs and shouts of joy!**

See and believe: Our redeemer lives!

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN #248 (104)

"Christ Is Risen! Sing Hosanna!"

Wren, 1984

CONFESSION

**Like the women who came to your tomb
as the first day of the week was dawning
and found the tomb empty,**

**we have such good news to tell.
For you, Lord,**

**have cast off your grave clothes
and shattered the powers of sin and death.
But we have heard this news before.**

**How often have we let our "alleluias" fall silent
as we passed through the church doors?
How often have we returned to daily routines**

**as if Easter changes nothing?
How often have our actions belied**

**the power of resurrection to transform our world?
Risen Lord,**

forgive us for our half-hearted witness.

**Free us from the bindings of fear or indifference,
disappointment or disenchantment.**

**Fill us with the light of resurrection
and send us into the world**

**to proclaim in word and deed
that we have seen the Lord!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

— Word —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:1-10

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

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ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the blessed hope of the resurrection,

we pray to the Lord of endless life, saying:

By your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life.**

LORD'S PRAYER - 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Even though we are connecting differently in these strange days, we are still doing the work of the church. Please remember to send in your contributions as your church continues its ministries.

— Eucharist —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

While we tune in from many places, we are united at the Lord's Supper. We are bound together by love across time and distance, for this table is not my table or your table...