## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God,

In this Easter Season, we remember our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, and the Church celebrates his glorious resurrection. In our celebration, we share in his victory over death as we hear his word and partake of his meal. Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

***Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.***

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

**We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.**

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

**Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.**

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN *"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"* **ELW 377**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together…. Holy and loving God,

**you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING **Acts 3:1-13a** *(TLB)*

1 Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock daily prayer
meeting. 2 As they approached the Temple, they saw a man lame from birth carried along the street
and laid beside the Temple gate—the one called The Beautiful Gate—as was his custom every
day. 3 As Peter and John were passing by, he asked them for some money. 4 They looked at him
intently, and then Peter said, "Look here!" 5 The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting a gift.
6 But Peter said, "We don't have any money for you! But I'll give you something else! I command you
in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, *walk!"* 7-8 Then Peter took the lame man by the hand and
pulled him to his feet. And as he did, the man's feet and ankle bones were healed and strengthened
so that he came up with a leap, stood there a moment and began walking! Then, walking, leaping,
and praising God, he went into the Temple with them. 9 When the people inside saw him walking
and heard him praising God, 10 and realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at The
Beautiful Gate, they were inexpressibly surprised! 11 They all rushed out to Solomon's Hall, where he
was holding tightly to Peter and John! Everyone stood there awed by the wonderful thing that had
happened. 12 Peter saw his opportunity and addressed the crowd. "Men of Israel," he said, "what is
so surprising about this? And why look at us as though we by our own power and godliness had made
this man walk? 13 For it is the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and of all our ancestors who has brought
glory to his servant Jesus by doing this.

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

## THE GOSPEL READING **LUKE 24:36b-48**

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

[36b]Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." [37]They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. [38]He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? [39]Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." [40]And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. [41]While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" [42]They gave him a piece of broiled fish, [43]and he took it and ate in their presence. [44]Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." [45]Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, [46]and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, [47]and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. [48]You are witnesses of these things." The Gospel of Our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON REFLECTION Pastor Kelly Nieman Anderson

## REFLECTION HYMN *"We Walk By Faith"* **ELW 635**

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of Love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we have given and those received. Teach us to continue to be generous, giving fully of ourselves, and sending us in service to a broken world, that we may truly be the body of Christ in this community and beyond. **Amen.**

## THE APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,**
**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;**
**he descended to the dead.**
**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,**
**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**
**and 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

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.

*Pause after each prayer for a brief time of reflection.*

L: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

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.**

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Please bring out your pre-sealed communion cups at this time…they are bread & grape juice.*
*Or you can bring out any bread and juice/wine you have at home at this time for our meal.*

Blessed People of God, this isn't my table. It's not your table. It's not our table. But it's Christ's table. And because it's Christ's table all of us are welcome here. At this table, you don't have to look a certain way. You don't have to worship a certain way, look a certain way, or love a certain way. You just have to come, exactly as you are, seeking the one who is seeking you. So come, all of you, not because you must, but because you may, and here find forgiveness, healing and wholeness for your journey.

And so, we remember that on the morning of Jesus' resurrection, the women went to his tomb and they were greeted by a great earthquake that rolled away the stone and an Angel of the Lord with the message that the tomb was empty. There, the women remembered Jesus' words, that: "the Son of man must be crucified and on the third day be raised again." And so, this morning, we remember the story of Jesus' resurrection and the story leading up to it. And remembering this story, we gather around this table, and we break bread and share wine, and we are made whole, and we give thanks that everything Jesus did was for love and for us.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you
and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Bless this bread and wine, along with all of us in our eating and drinking at this table, that our eyes may be opened, that we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, and in each other. With great joy this morning, I proclaim in Jesus' name that these are the gifts of God, for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

**Amen.**

## 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 and ever. Amen.**

**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.**

***And we will now share in God's Word, Christ's promise, and the blessings and grace of this meal.***

## COMMUNION SONG *"Day of Arising"* **ELW 374**

## EARTH DAY RECOGNITION *(ONLINE ONLY)*

## BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG *"What A Mighty God We Serve"* **CCLI# 2245023**

## SENDING

Go in peace, as we share the Resurrection by:

**Loving Jesus, Changing Lives, and Reaching Out to Serve. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

**We look forward to you and/or your family joining us next week for Worship:**

## 3rd Sunday after Easter

## 9:30am Online Worship

## 10:00am Sanctuary In Person Worship

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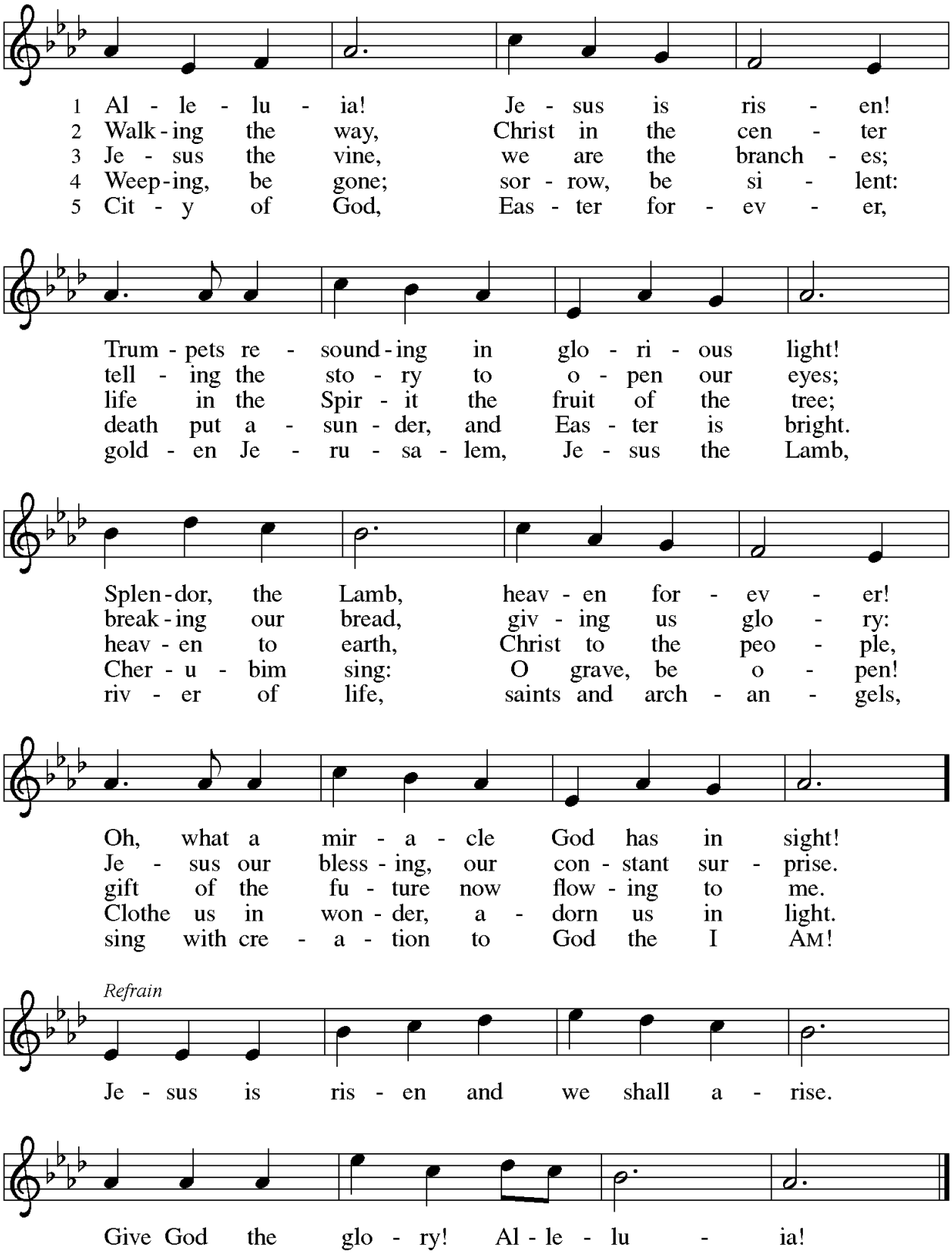
# Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

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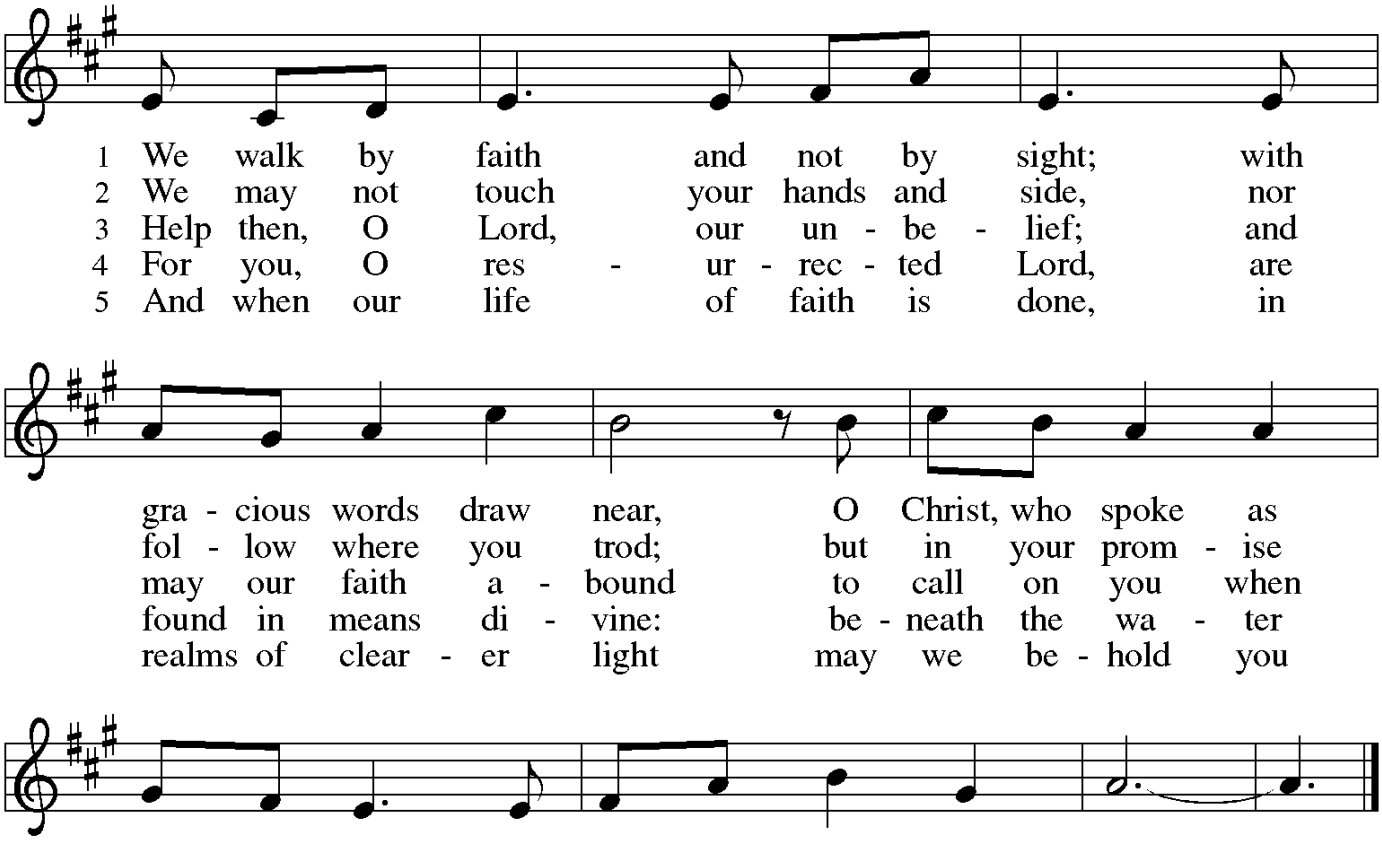


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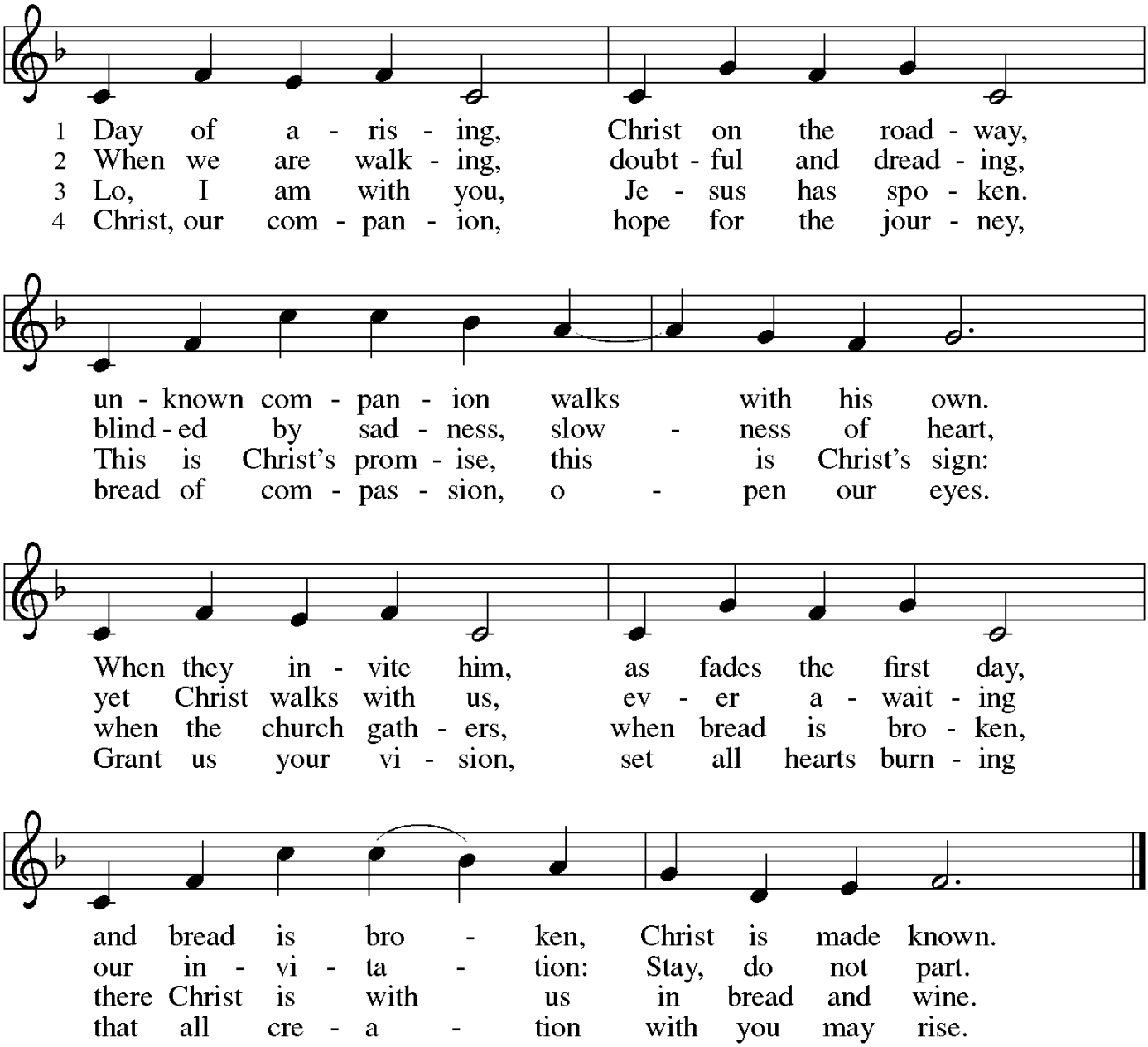
# Day of Arising

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# What A Mighty God We Serve

## Chorus

What a mighty God we serve
What a mighty God we serve
Let angels bow before Him
Heaven and earth adore Him
What a mighty God we serve

## Verse

All the angels said it
Heaven and earth declare it
Lift your voice and say it
He's a mighty God
(REPEAT)

## Bridge

What a mighty God (we serve) we serve
(REPEAT)

## Ending

Let angels bow before Him
Heaven and earth adore Him
Let angels
Let angels bow before Him
Heaven and earth adore Him
What a mighty God we serve

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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*A brief silence.*

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news of Jesus wherever death holds its grip. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life and send us forward in hope to the day when by your mercy all things in your creation will be renewed and restored. Give us, and all world leaders courage to lead all nations in compassionate care of the earth especially on this recognition of Earth Day, and to assist us in the healing of all of creation. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people and leaders of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings centered in peace and justice. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: be with those who are continuing to administer the COVID vaccines, those who are struggling, those who are dying – especially Frances who is in Hospice care, and those who grieve. We pray today for those in our congregation and beyond who need your healing spirit upon them; John, Carrie, Gene, Larry, Rayann, Scott, Pastor Kara, Betty, Joyce, Mark & Nancy, Bill, Don, Sandy, Earl & Hazel, Sandy, Jim, Kit, Mel, Jacki, Julie and Shirley.
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with all the saints who have gone before us in proclaiming: “your mercy endures forever!” We especially lift in prayer the Schulz family as they mourn the loss of Dave this past week.
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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.**