

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

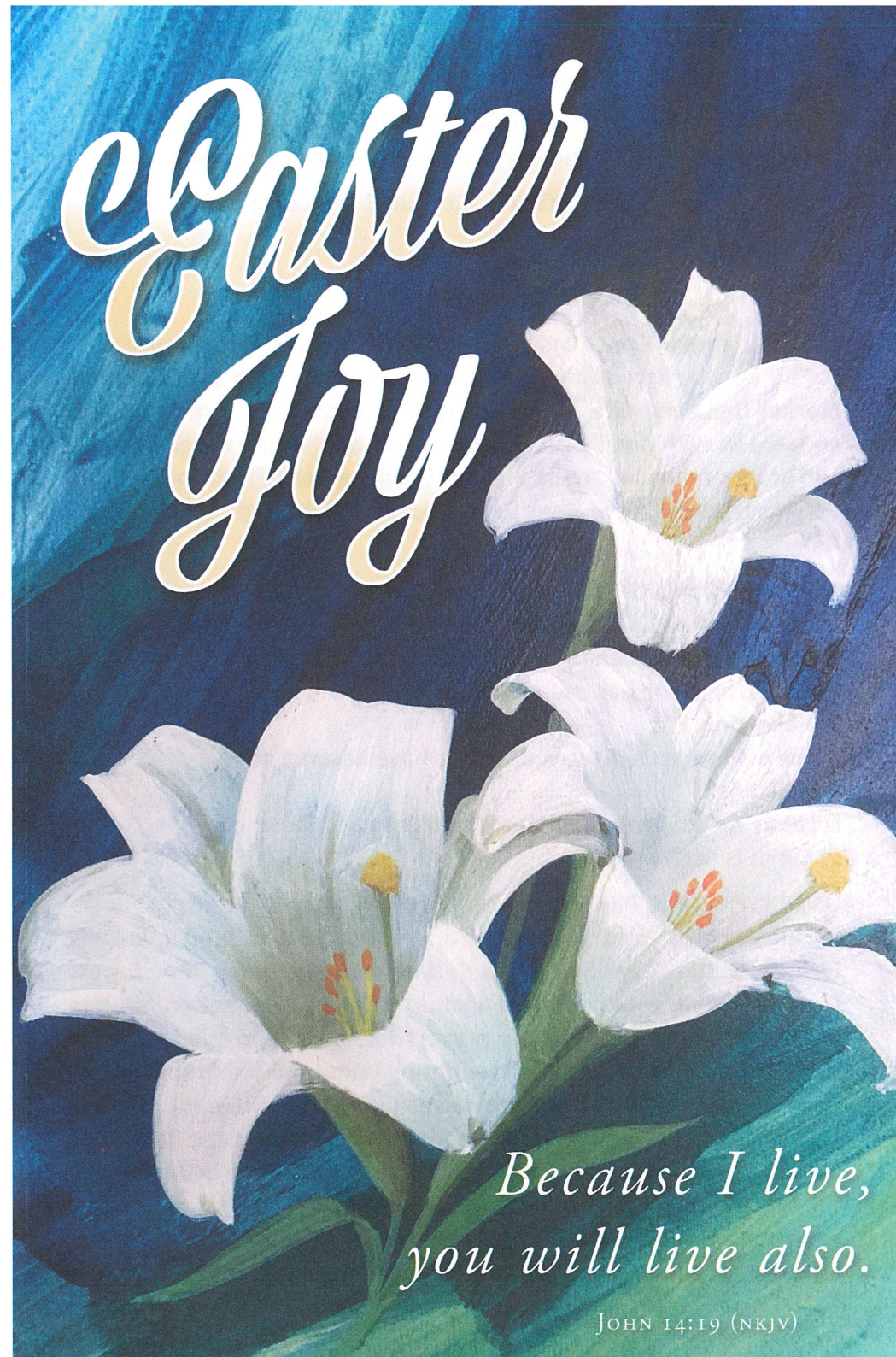
Organist: Lynn Morgan

Service Leader: Rev. Leon ("Toby") Schilling



*This morning's bulletins are given by
Terry & Mary MacAdam and Willy &
Darlene Welbourn.*

*Thank you, Terry, Mary, Willy, and
Darlene!*



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

SUNRISE, 6:11 A.M. EASTER SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 20, 2025

THE PINNACLE AT THOMPSON PARK - WATERTOWN, NEW YORK

REV. LEON ("TOBY") SCHILLING IS PREACHING

GATHERING

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

L: Dear friends in Christ, may His light shine eternally into our lives.

P: Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the Eternal Light and Life of the world. Make this new fire holy, and enflame us with new hope. Strengthen us by this Easter celebration, and bring us one day to the feast of your eternal light, through Jesus Christ our Lord, King of kings, Lord of lords, Eternal Light of the world. Amen.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen indeed!

L: For us the stone has been rolled away.

P: Hallelujah!

L: The old has passed away, all things have become new.

P: Hallelujah!

L: Let us with supreme happiness celebrate this feast.

P: Christ is risen indeed!

UNISON OPENING PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Lord, because your faithful love lasts forever. On this day of days, we declare what you have done for us: Christ has died, yet Christ lives again! As the whole creation rejoices in the resurrection, we lift our prayers for those who still seek your faithfulness: For those who are suffering under the shadow of illness or death... For all who find themselves alone and excluded... For the gifts of creation, the promise of seeds to be sown, and the healing of the earth... For all who work for justice and wholeness in the light of the resurrection. We thank you for answering our prayers and saving us. In Christ, you have lifted up what was thrown out and raised the rejected to share your glory. This day that you have made is

marvelous celebration in our eyes! We praise you in the name of the risen Christ! Amen.

HYMN: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (Insert)

SCRIPTURE: Mark 16: 1-8

MORNING MEDITATION

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, we have so much to be thankful for this Easter morning. In the chill of the morning air we do feel the warm blessing of your Spirit. We can rejoice this day because our tendency toward disbelief is overcome by our capacity for faith. We are truly amazed that a cross of crucifixion has been transformed into a symbol of new life, a symbol of eternal life. We are thankful that you come to greet us in a garden of hope, trust, and faith. We thank you that a dark and empty tomb has emerged into a garden of light and living. In all our days, we shall live for Christ the resurrected and risen savior.

HYMN: "The Day of Resurrection" (Insert)

COMMISSIONING

L: My sisters and brothers, today we have celebrated the glorious mystery of Christ's death and resurrection:

P: Let us go forth, rejoicing in the knowledge that Jesus is alive! Alleluia!

L: Today, we look to the future – the new dawn of Eastertide.

All: Let us go to live as people bathed in the light of resurrection. Alleluia!

L: Today, we remember the day when creation was made new when God showed humanity its destiny.

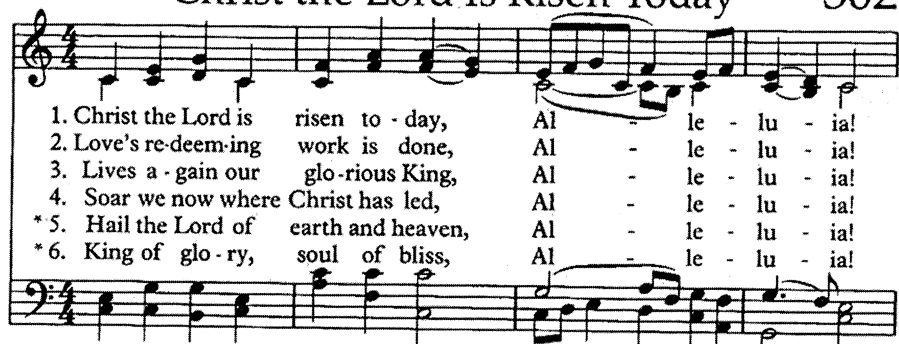
All: Let us go as people living in the knowledge that through the triumph of Jesus over sin and death we live! Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

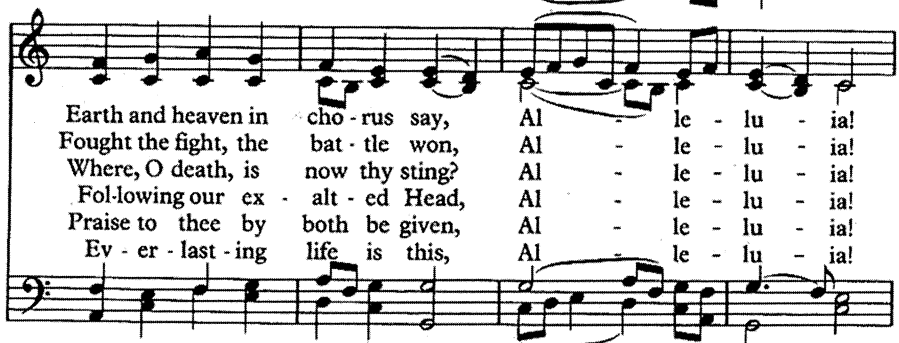
L: The tomb is empty, Christ is risen. As you journey in faith, may your life be full, your love be abundant, and your hope be eternal. Live this day and always for Christ Jesus because the Risen Christ lives in you.

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is Risen indeed!

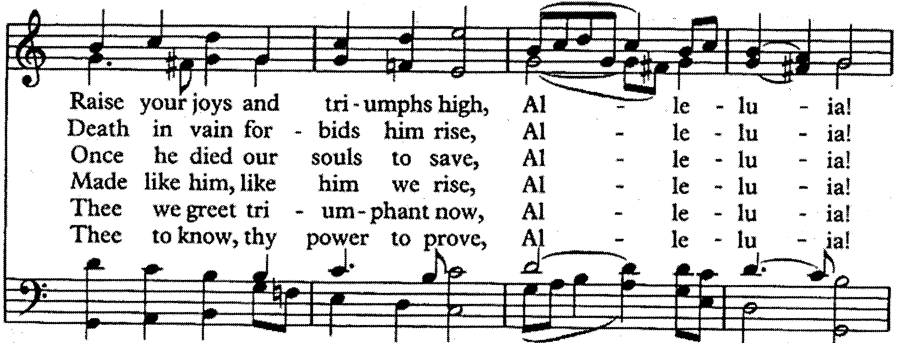
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 302



1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 6. King of glo-ry, soul of bliss, Al - le - lu - ia!



Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to thee by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ev - er - last - ing life is this, Al - le - lu - ia!

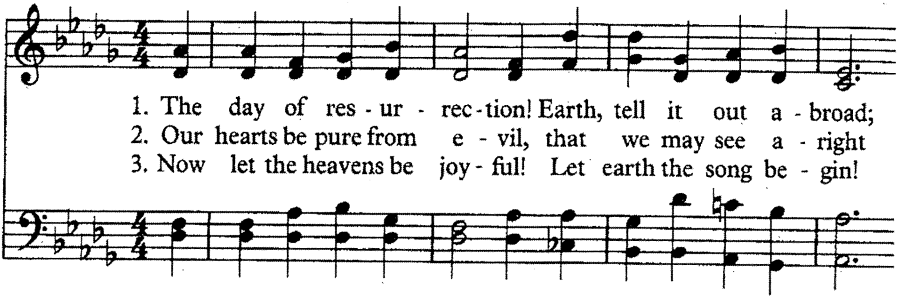


Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al - le - lu - ia!

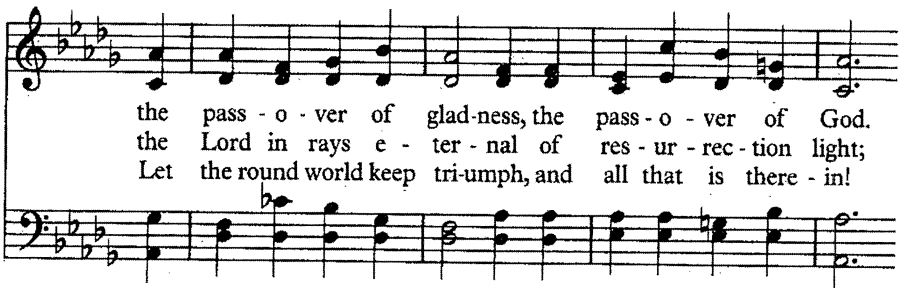


Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where's thy vic - tory, boast-ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - le - lu - ia!

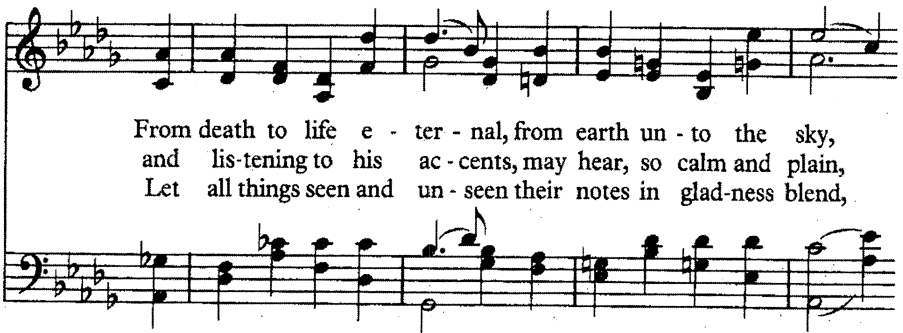
The Day of Resurrection



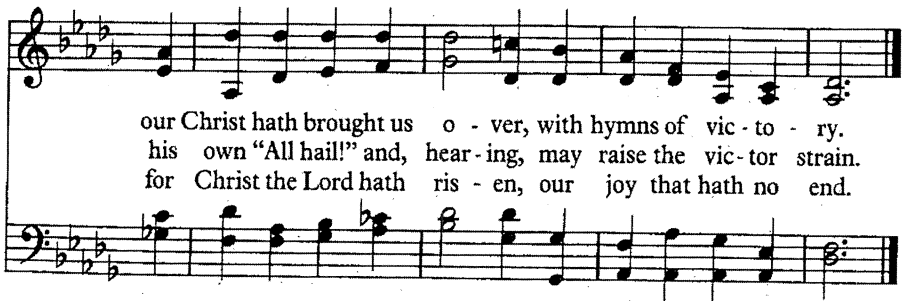
1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful! Let earth the song be - gin!



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;
 Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is there - in!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes in glad - ness blend,



our Christ hath brought us o - ver, with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord hath ris - en, our joy that hath no end.