

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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*Easter
Sunday*

APRIL 17, 2022

WORSHIP + 8:30 AM + 10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive! The Psalmist sings "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!" God has raised Jesus from the dead. And, like the women who went to the tomb on that first Easter morning we are witnesses . So we gather on this festive day to proclaim, to witness, to praise and to affirm the liberating reality of Jesus' death and resurrection. In Word and feasts, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

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We exist to proclaim the message of salvation in Christ through joyful worship, quality education and loving service

C = Congregation

P = Pastor

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PRELUDE

HALLELUJAH, JESUS IS KING

CHOIR

EASTER PROCLAMATION

P Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here. He is risen!

C He is risen indeed!

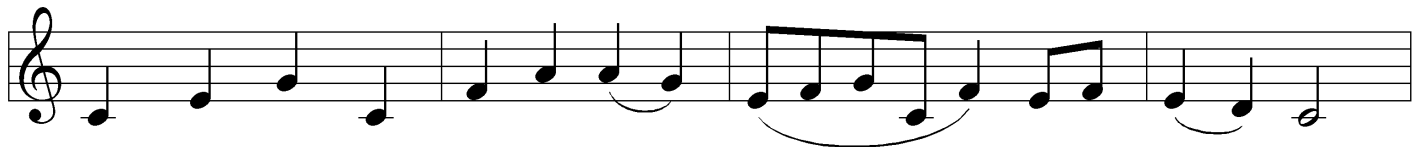
P Christ is risen. Alleluia!

C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Please stand as you are able

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

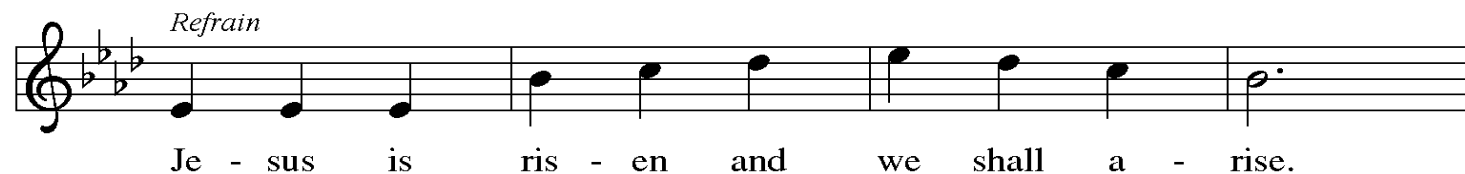
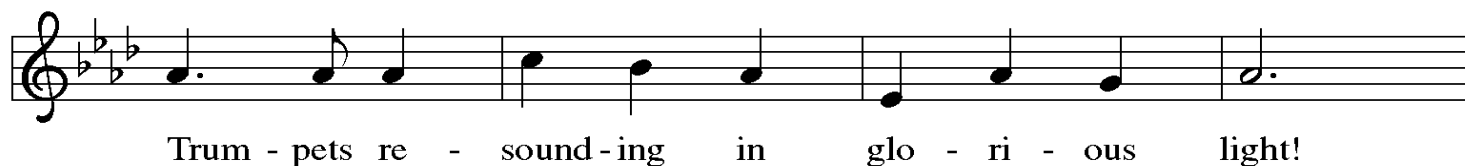
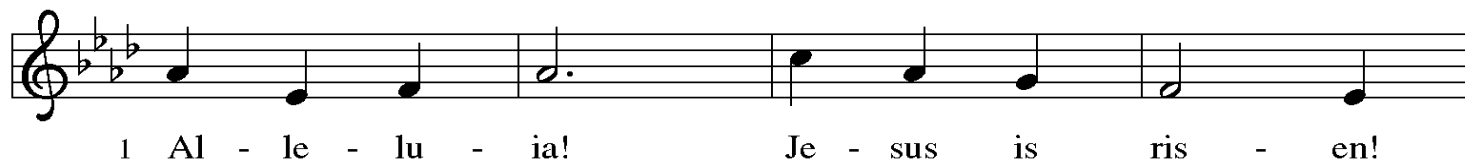
C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Alleluia, Jesus is Risen!



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Music: David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P God of mercy,

C we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

P This is the day the Lord has made

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P He is Risen!

C He is risen indeed!

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

Through the prophet, God promises a new heaven and a new earth. Weeping will pass away, life will be abundant for God's people, and the world—including the wild animals—will be at peace.

¹⁷I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—
and their descendants as well.

²⁴Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118

Refrain: sung first by Cantor, then by all

C **This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

Verses sung by Cantor

1. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."
2. The LORD's right hand has struck with pow'r, the LORD's right hand is exalted.
I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the LORD.
3. The stone with the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

SECOND LESSON

I Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.
²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE

Halle, Halle, Halle

Halle, halle, halle-lu-ia
Halle, halle, halle-lu-ia
Halle, halle, halle-lu-ia
Halleluia, Halleluia.

Repeat two more times

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GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

P The Gospel of our Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON

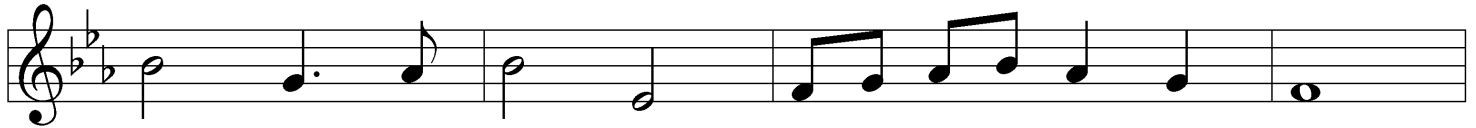
**"BOLL WEEVILS' AND NEW LIFE:
CIRCUMSTANCE OR VISION"**

PR. SCOT SORENSEN



HYMN OF THE DAY

“Thine Is The Glory”



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb!
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life;



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!
 Lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom;
 life is nought with - out thee; aid us in our strife;

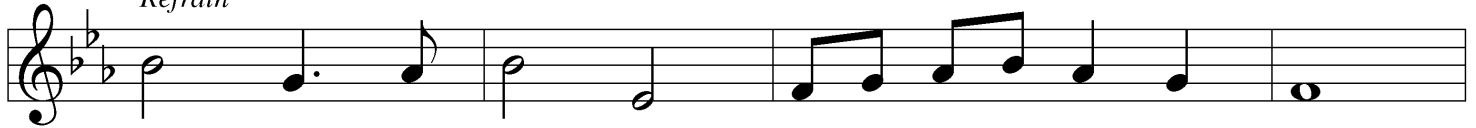


An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 let his church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 make us more than con - qu'rors, through thy death-less love;



kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.
 for the Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting!
 bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

Refrain



Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George F. Handel, 1685–1759, adapt.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Apostle's Creed

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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 INTERCESSION

SPECIAL MUSIC

EASTER SONG

CHOIR

OFFERING PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness, you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts

C We lift them to the Lord

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C 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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child;
When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing,
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor,
he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the
people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,...
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: **send your Spirit on this meal.**
O God, you are Bread: **feed us with yourself.**
O God, you are Wine: **warm our hearts and make us one.**
O God, you are Fire: **transform us with hope.**

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you
show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant
us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life
in you, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is prepared.

We invite all baptized Christians who desire God's presence and forgiveness in their life to receive Communion. The tray contains your choice of white grape juice (in the center) or wine. Gluten-free wafers are available. Children are encouraged to come forward for a blessing. If you are worshiping in your homes, you are invited to commune each other, or to take communion yourself. You may use these words:

The body of the Christ, given for you. The blood of the Christ, shed for you.

For those abstaining from communion, I invite you to offer a blessing to each other. Here are two options:

1. *Marking the forehead in the sign of the cross and saying:*

(Name) child of God, know that you are loved and protected by God.

2. *Prayer for those abstaining from Communion:*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, **g**rant us peace.

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
 2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?
 3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
 4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.
 5 Hal - le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom - y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,
 He who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,
 joined to him, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
 Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav' - n - ly birth.
 Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
 lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.
 with the Lord, at his right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.
 Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
 glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

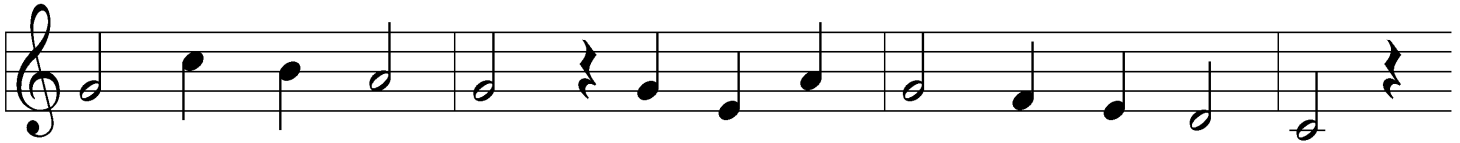
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 Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887



Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; bring flow'rs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -



tri - umph of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
song to strew his way; let all the world re - joice and say:
life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
day with one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



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

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpus, c. 1570–1615

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

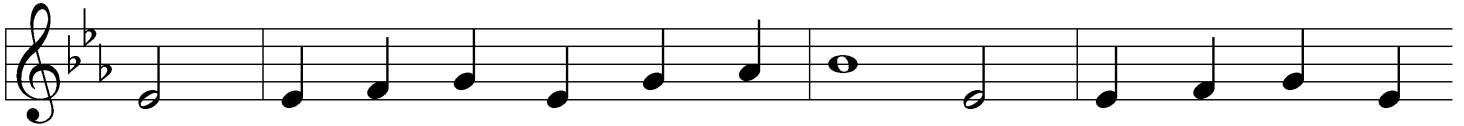
BLESSING

P May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heav'n Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set heart and will on
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n - ly



still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;
 bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
 Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -
 grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives
 Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.

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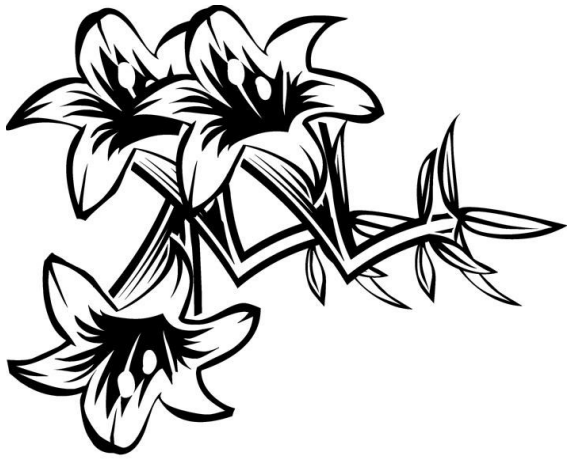
P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C Thanks be to God.





The Easter Lilies
are given to the glory of God by:

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In honor of my grandchildren

In memory of my parents, Ethel and Willard Mollerstrom

In memory of Rosemary Sawyer

In memory of Darlene, Gary, and Michael

In memory of loved ones

In memory of Helen and Claude Smith

In memory of Jack and Joan Stewart

In memory of my husband, Bear Griffith

In memory of my husband, Ken

In memory of my daughters, Shelby and Susan

In memory of our parents

In memory of our parents

For blessings of family

For blessings received

For blessings received

For blessings received

