

The Second Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2022

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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“STOP DOUBTING AND
BELIEVE!”

JOHN 20:27, NIV

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INTRODUCTION

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus’ victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able

P This is the day that the Lord has made:

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps 118:24)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

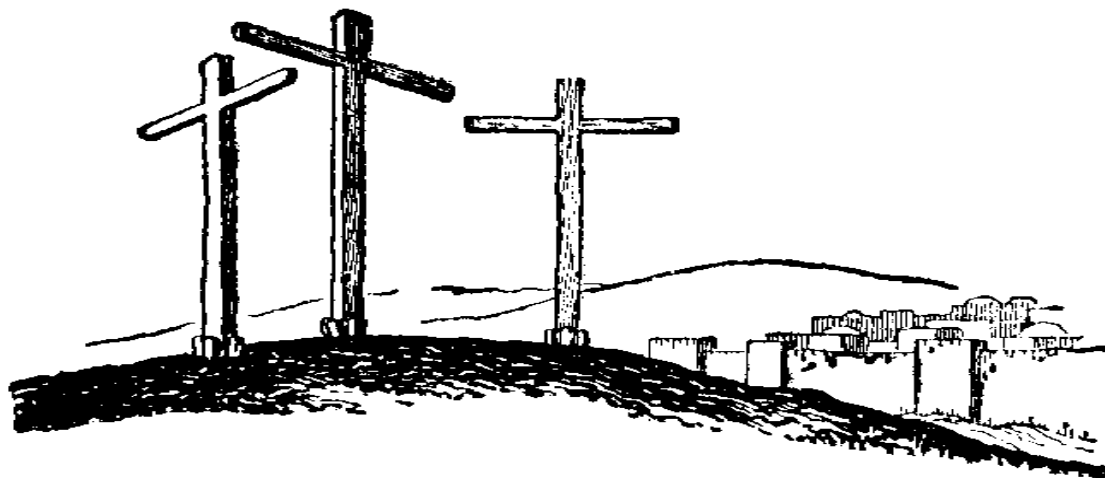
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

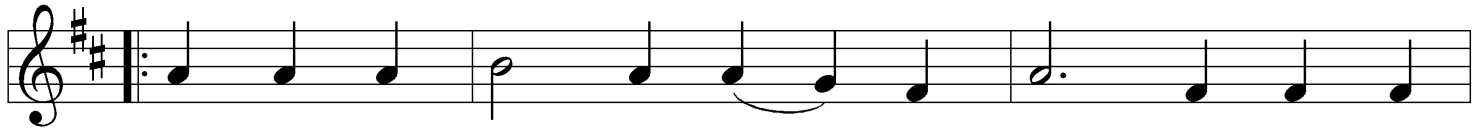


GATHERING HYMN

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



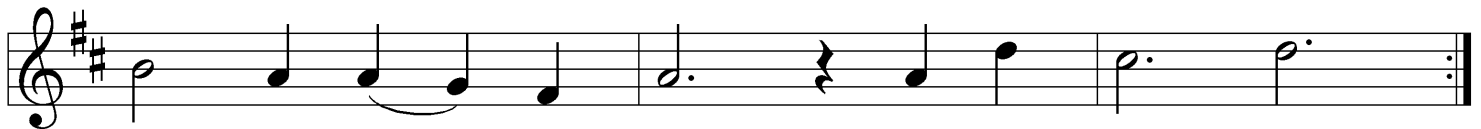
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1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell; the bars from
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting



vic - tor's tri - umph won! Now be the
 le - gions has dis - persed. Let shouts of
 glo - rious from the dead. All glo - ry
 heav'n's high por - tals fell. Let hymns of
 free your ser - vants too, that we may



song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!



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

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909
 Music: VICTORY, Giovanni P. da Palestrina, 1525–1594, adapt.

GREETING

P He is risen!

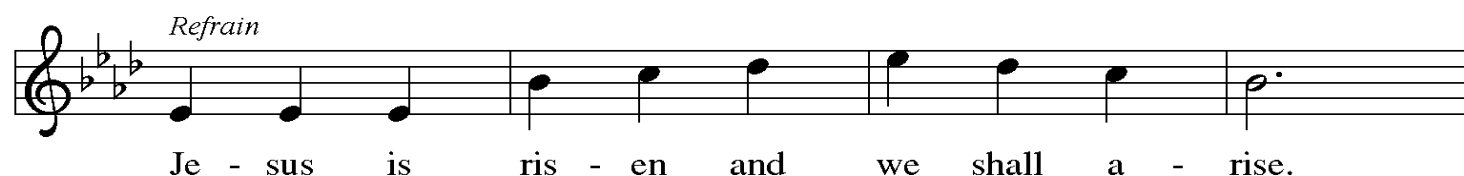
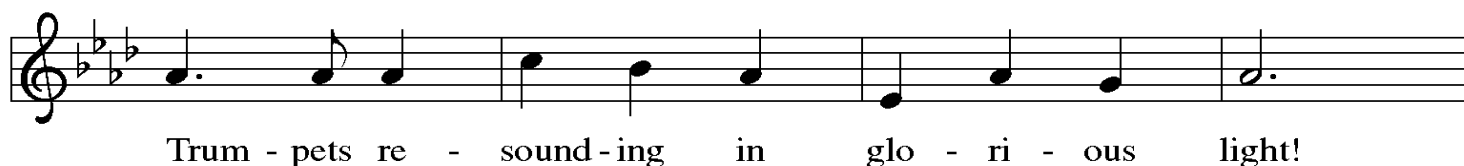
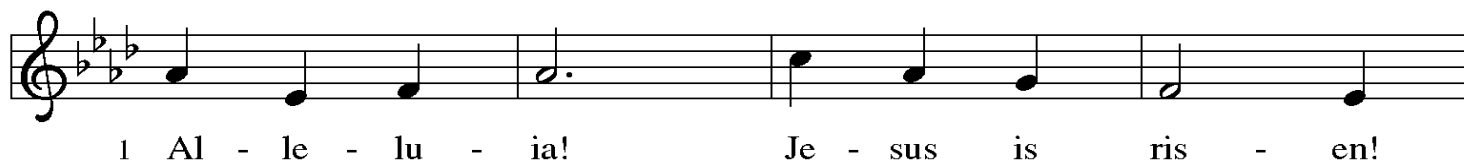
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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!



Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God of life,

C you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, 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

FIRST READING**Acts 5:27-32****Page 19****SPECIAL MUSIC****Worship Team****SECOND READING****Revelation 1:4-8****Page 19***Please stand for the Gospel reading as you are able***GOSPEL READING****John 20:19-31****Page 20***Please be seated***SERMON****"In Thomas's Defense"****Pr. Scot Sorensen***Please stand as you are able***HYMN OF THE DAY****Good Christian Friends, Rejoice And Sing**

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 -



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:



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

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe 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, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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

Please be seated

MINISTRY MOMENTS (ANNOUNCEMENTS)

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:

**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 Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

All are welcome 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.

Please be seated

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD



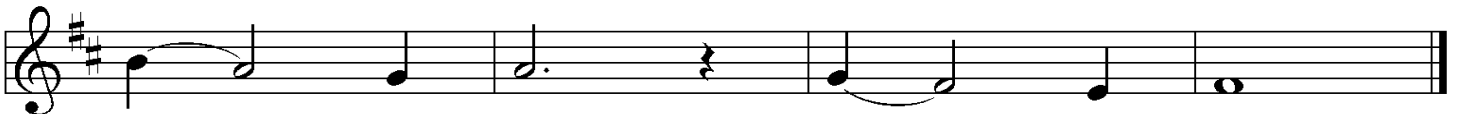
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today!



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;
2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, ye heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.
Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

Please stand as you are able

BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his 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.

BENEDICTION

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.

SENDING HYMN

Alive, Alive Forevermore

Alive, alive, alive forevermore
My Jesus is alive, alive forevermore
Alive, alive, alive forevermore
My Jesus is alive.

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah
My Jesus is alive forevermore
Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah
My Jesus is alive
(Repeat all)

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



The Fifth Sunday In Lent
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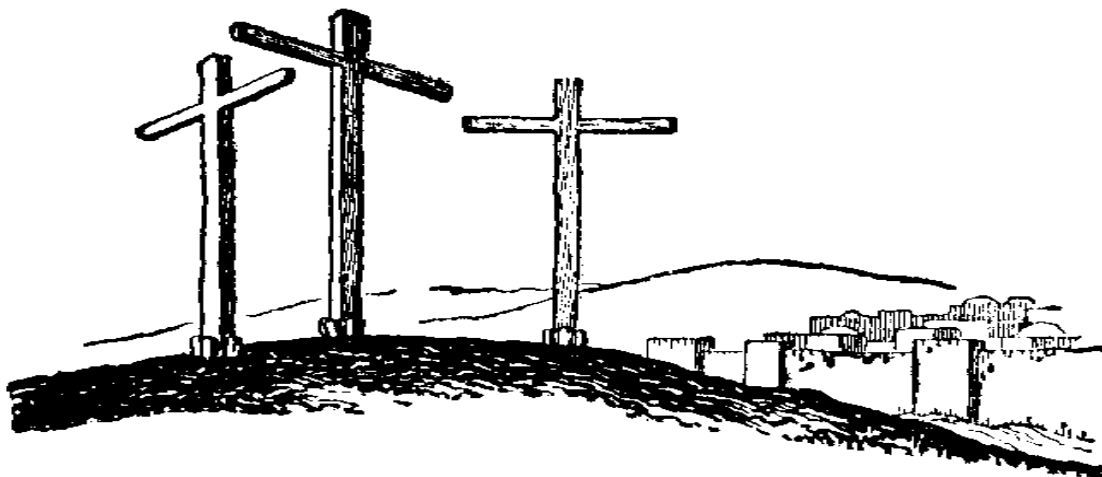
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We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.



GATHERING SONG

My Redeemer Lives

- 1) I know he rescued my soul.
His blood has covered my sin.
I believe; I believe.

Chorus:
My Redeemer Lives (4 times)

Repeat all

- 2) My shame He's taken away
My pain is healed in his name
I believe; I believe.

Bridge:
You lift my burdens. I'll rise with You.
I'm dancing on this mountain top
to see your kingdom come

Pre-Chorus:
I'll raise a banner
'Cause my Lord
has conquered the grave

Chorus (2 times)

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GREETING

P He is risen!

C He 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God of life,

C you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, 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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are excused for Sunday School

Chris Curtis

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Worship Team

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-8

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Please stand for the Gospel reading as you are able

GOSPEL VERSE

**C Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart Oh, let the Ancient words impart.**

**Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.**

*Please be seated***SERMON****"In Thomas's Defense"****Pr. Scot Sorensen***Please stand as you are able***SONG OF THE DAY****Happy Day**

1) The greatest day in history—
 Death is beaten.
 You have rescued me.
 Sing it out, "Jesus is alive!"
 The empty cross, the empty grave,
 Life eternal, You have won the day!
 Shout it out, "Jesus is alive; He's alive!"

2) When I stand in that place,
 Free at last, meeting face to face,
 I am Yours, Jesus, You are mine.
 Endless joy, perfect peace,
 Earthly pain finally will cease.
 Celebrate, Jesus is alive; He's alive!

Chorus**Chorus:**

Oh, happy day, happy day!
You washed my sin away.
Oh, happy day, happy day!
I'll never be the same.
Forever I am changed.

Bridge:

Oh, what a glorious day!
What a glorious way
That You have saved me.
Oh, what a glorious day!
What a glorious name!

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

I believe 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, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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*Please be seated***MINISTRY MOMENTS (ANNOUNCEMENTS)**

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.

Please stand as you are able

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
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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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

All are welcome 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.



COMMUNION SONG

Stronger

1) There is love that came for us,
Humbled to a sinner's cross.
You broke my shame and sinfulness.
You rose again victorious.

3) No beginning and no end.
You're my hope and my defense.
You came to seek and save the lost.
You paid it all upon the cross.

2) Faithfulness none can deny,
through the storm and through the fire.
There is truth that sets me free.
Jesus Christ who lives in me.

Chorus

Bridge:

So let your name be lifted higher,
Be lifted higher,
be lifted higher.
(Repeat 3x)

Chorus

**You are stronger;
you are stronger.
Sin is broken;
you have saved me;
it is written.
Christ is risen.
Jesus, you are Lord of all.**

Chorus 2x

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BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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SENDING SONG

Alive, alive, alive forevermore
My Jesus is alive, alive forevermore
Alive, alive, alive forevermore
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Alive, Alive Forevermore

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah
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READINGS

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

R Word of God, word of life

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

R Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of our Lord

C **Praise to You, O Christ**

