

# Easter

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

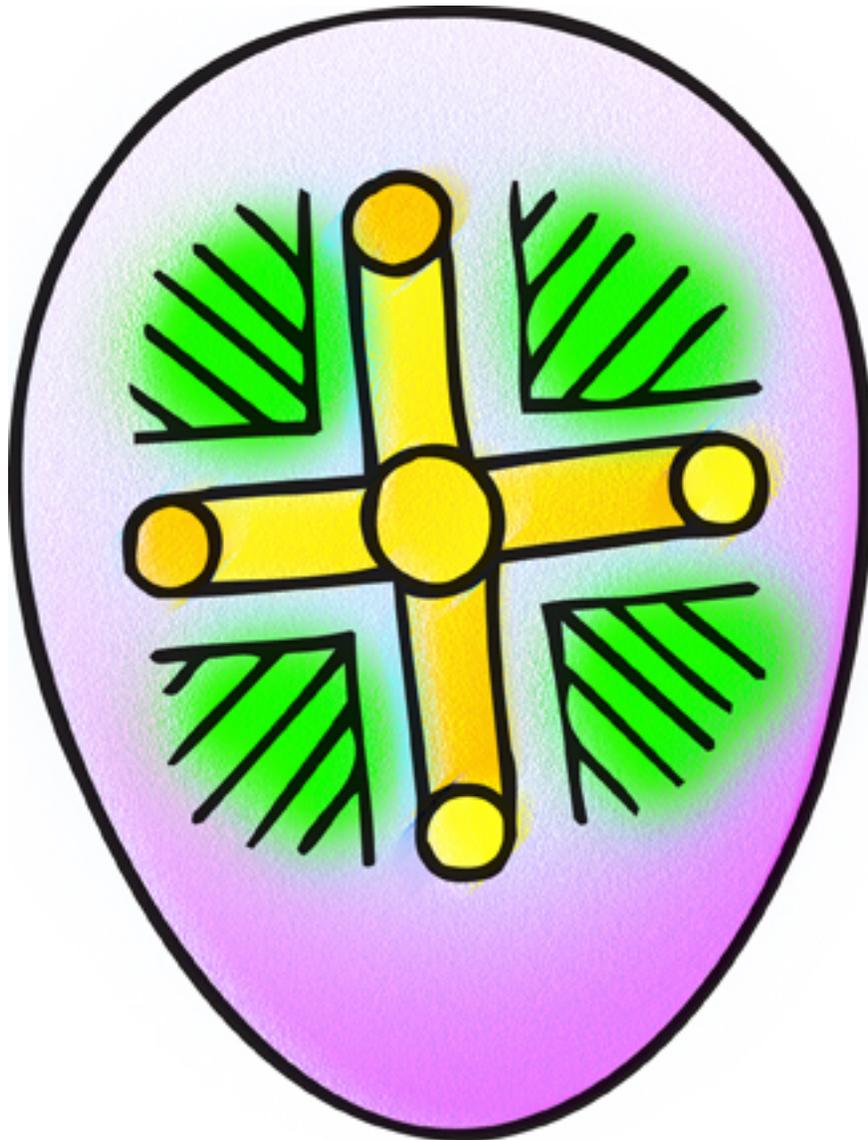
ELW Setting One

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# Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ELW p. 97).**

**Pastor Stover**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

St. Paul writes, “When we were baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may walk in newness of life....

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism into Christ Jesus.

*(Each time you dip your hands into water today, recall this moment of thanksgiving.)*

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.

**Amen.**

**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!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4  
 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

**GREETING (ELW p. 98)**

**Pastor Stover**

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

**And also with you.**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 99)**

**(Pastor Stover)**

*It is on Easter morning that the church reintroduces the Canticle of Praise: This is the Feast! The Canticle of Praise: Glory to God is based on the Christmas story of angels singing praise to God with the birth of Jesus from the womb. The Feast celebrates the rebirth of Jesus from the tomb. To this slain Lamb, (Passover), all that to which men aspire, power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, blessing and glory are his; and to him all people of God sing alleluia, alleluia forever.*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power and riches, wisdom and strength,  
and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor, glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 102)**

**John Holdrich**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

## **FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43.**

**Bruce Kraus**

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from Acts.

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, (death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24.**

**Barb Litke**

*The psalm for the day is sung.*

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel | now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”  
<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.  
<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.  
<sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.  
<sup>20</sup>“This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter.”  
<sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.  
<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
<sup>23</sup>By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4.**

**Bruce Kraus**

A reading from Colossians.

*Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.*

<sup>1</sup>If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 102)**

**Mary Kay Kates**

*Alleluia.* Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed.\*

Therefore, let us keep the feast. *Alleluia.* (1 Cor. 5:7, 8)

**GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1 - 10.**

**Mary Kay Kates**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!*

<sup>1</sup>After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

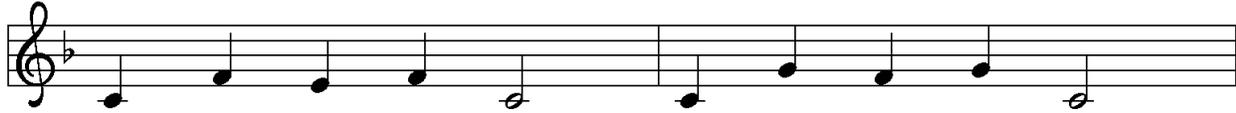
The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON (ELW p. 103)**

**The Reverend Kim A. Stover, Pastor**

## Day of Arising



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,  
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,  
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.  
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.  
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,  
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:  
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,  
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing  
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,  
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.  
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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## **CREED (ELW p. 104)**

*The Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed may be spoken. The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.*

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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\*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

JOHN HOLDRICH

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples have been adapted and used as appropriate.*

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of resurrection, from the moment of your resurrection, you gave the church the gift of women as your witnesses. On this Easter morning, we give you thanks for women as preachers, teachers, and leaders, especially Bishop Elizabeth. Open our ears to their proclamation this day and always.

Lord, in your glory,

**hear our prayer.**

All creation praises you—the sun rises each day in praise to you, the moon brightens the night, the stars pinpoint your mysteries. Bless this home we call planet earth, that as it remains in orbit, we would remain in your orbit of grace.

Lord, in your glory,

**hear our prayer.**

To your disciples, on the first Easter, you said, “Peace be with you. Do not be afraid.” Yet the countries of the world experience disunity and conflict. Still, we set our minds on fear and greed. Bind us together, Lord. Bind us together in your fearless peace.

Lord, in your glory,

**hear our prayer.**

We still weep with those who weep, and mourn with those who mourn. Cradle the fearful, the suffering, and the dying, assuring them of your loving presence.

God of love, give ear to all who call upon you for any need of body or spirit but especially...

- Amanda and Amanda, as they await their babies' births
- Jerry and Sue's grandson RJ in his illness
- Joann's friend Stephanie in her medical work at Northside Gwinnett
- John and Joyce's grandson Chris Holdrich in his medical work in Florida
- Family and friends of Sandra Robinson in their illness and recent deaths, especially Margaret Robinson, Rick Robinson, Kyle Jenkins, Sondra Fowler, and Bob Xander
- Stephanie Sanders in her illness, and her mother (Sarah Catham) as she recovers from a broken hip, and
- Myrna Mamaril, Al Kates' sister and John Hopkins ICU health professional, as she escorts COVID 19 patients from ICU to the quarantined areas of the hospital.

- Guide and love Gary Berry's family, especially his wife Susan, as they wait to gather for his Celebration of Life service. Watch over all who grieve in these difficult days.
- Comfort children and teens in this most difficult time of sickness and death; but especially bless Jarixa with the sense that you created her for purpose and joy.
- Keep Kayla safe until she returns home.
- Be with Savannah.
- Provide for those who do not have enough to eat, those who are unemployed or underemployed, especially Ingrid, Sonya, Connie, and Phillip, as well as those who rely on the generosity of others, especially Shirley.
- Comfort those who live in nursing homes, care centers, and retirement villages where Covid is present. We especially ask this on behalf of Doni Saunders, Margit Mallok, and Joann Heckman.
- Strengthen those with cancer, in particular your servant Hilton Austin; and those who love him, especially Patti.
- Restore strength and confidence to John, Sandy, and Todd. Continue to strengthen Sister Roberta.
- As each of us contemplates a very different future, give to us patience, wisdom, and trust that in this valley of the shadow of death, you still lead to the greener pastures and still waters.

Lord, in your glory,  
**hear our prayer.**

Bless the creative and helpful service of worship leaders this day: musicians, Zoom managers, internet technicians, app developers, worship assistants, preachers, readers, and all others who work in new ways to proclaim the good news that Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.

Lord, in your glory,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Risen Lord, when we were baptized in your name, we were baptized into your death. Remember the thousands who have died from Covid-19, as well as those we love who have been buried this passed year to await the resurrection. Inspire us to live our lives in hope and draw us ever closer to you in our final days.

Lord, in your glory,  
**hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## **PEACE (ELW p. 106)**

**Pastor Stover**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 107)**

**John Holdrich**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE (ELW p. 107)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 108)**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,

and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not perish

but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.  
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.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 112)**

*The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.*

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

**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.**

## **PRAYER (JOHN HOLDRICH)**

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, encouraged by the resurrection of your Son, make us now instruments of your peace through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

# Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS (ELW p. 114)**

### **BLESSING (ELW p. 114)**

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

**Pastor Stover**

# SENDING SONG *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia: Mfurahini, haleluya* (ELW 364)

—Below

## DISMISSAL (ELW p. 115)

Russ Silver

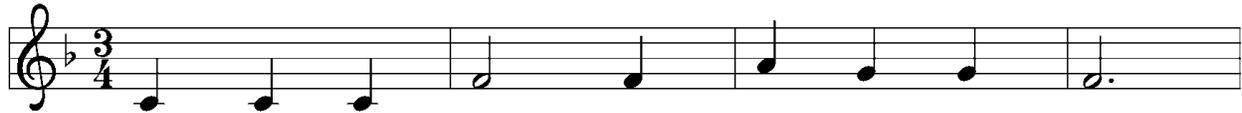
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



*M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



*m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.*  
Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
You look for Je - sus who is not here.



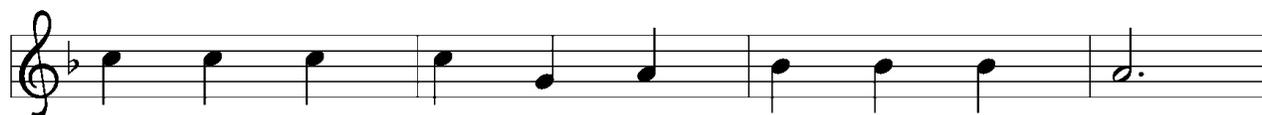
*A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



*m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.*  
e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
and in its con - quest his might did show.  
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

*Refrain*

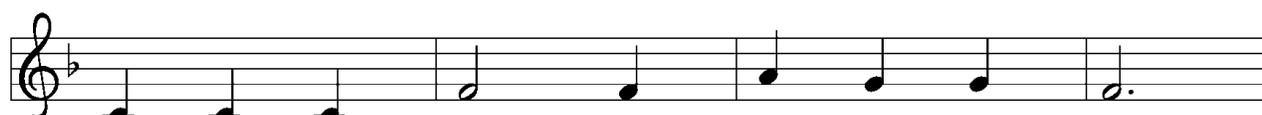
Refrain



Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.  
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.  
Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;  
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.  
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

4 “Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave.  
He has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done.  
Even the battle with sin is won.”

*Refrain*

5 Christ has arisen to set us free.  
Alleluia, to him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.

*Refrain*

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