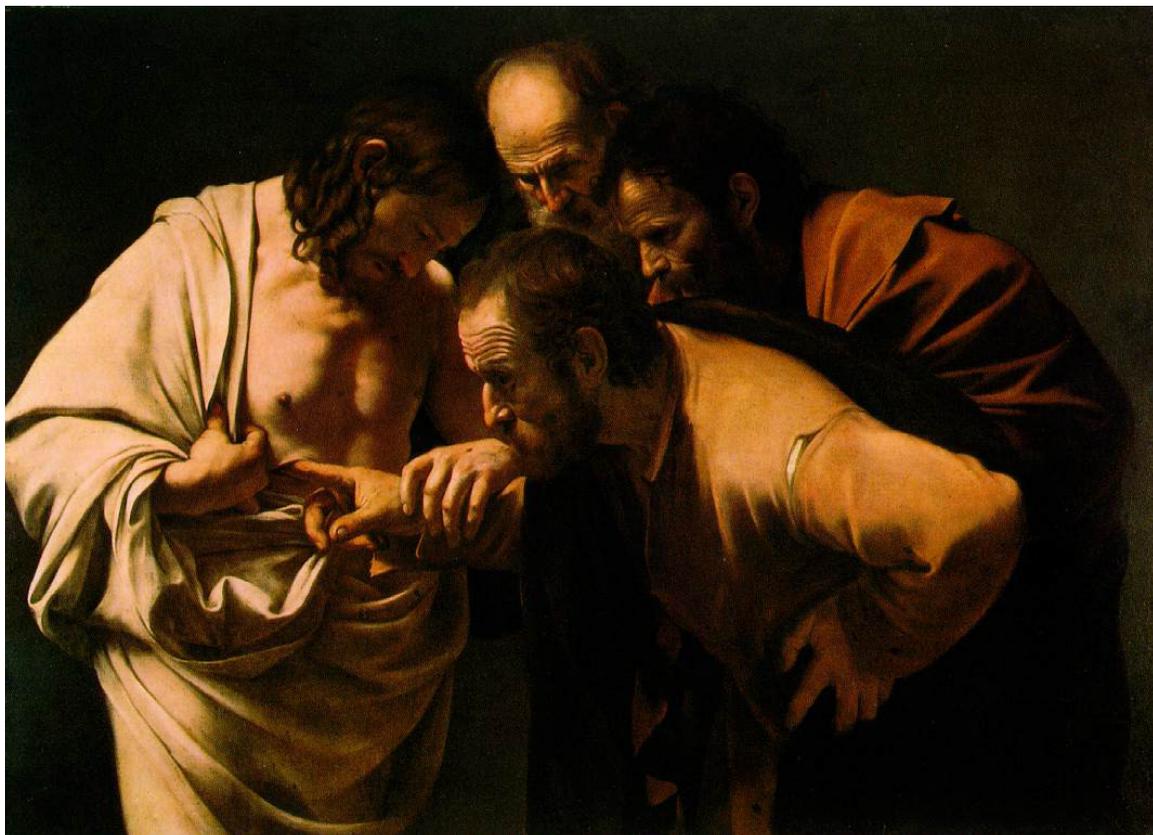


# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

In the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina



*Doubting Thomas*  
Caravaggio, 1573–1610

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 11, 2021**

*To Know Christ and to make Christ known...*  
*St. Paul's invites all people to the Christian Way of unity with God and neighbor*  
*through a welcoming environment of worship and ministry*  
*Please enter the church in silence so that all may have quiet time*  
*to prepare hearts and minds for worship.*

Processional Hymn

*Christ is alive!*

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Christ our Passover** *Pascha nostrum*

Alleluia.  
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.

*People*                And also with you.

*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The people may be seated.*

## A Reading from Acts (4:32-35)

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*Reader*                The Word of the Lord.

*People*                Thanks Be to God.

## Psalm 133 *Ecce, quam bonum!*

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
    when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
    that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
    and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

**A Reading from 1 John (1:1-2:2)**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Reader*                The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                Thanks Be to God

# Hymn to Announce the Gospel

*O sons and daughters, let us sing*

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*



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



1 O sons and daught - ers, let us sing!  
2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;  
3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,  
4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see;  
5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,  
6 How blest are they who have not seen,



1 The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,  
2 a - midst them came their Lord most dear,  
3 how they had seen the ris - en Lord,  
4 my hands, my feet, I show to thee;  
5 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
6 and yet whose faith has con - stant been,



1 o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 and said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!  
5 "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!  
6 for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*



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

*This hymn is for the Second Sunday of Easter and St. Thomas' Day.*

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (20:19-31)

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When 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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So 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."

A 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." Then 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But 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.

*Celebrant*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*                Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

**The Rev'd Raymond J. Hanna, Interim Rector**

## The Nicene Creed

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

## **Prayers of the People**

*Leader and People pray responsively*

*Celebrant*

Beloved God, we thank you for giving us power through your Spirit to reveal your life to the world: strengthen, bless, and guide us to make you known by word and example.

We are your Church, O God.

*Guide us in your grace.*

We thank you for your creation, and pray for the earth you have given us to cherish and protect: nourish in us your love for all you have made.

We are your stewards, O God.

*Guide us in your grace.*

Guide and bless us in our work and in our play, and shape the patterns of our political and economic life, that all people may share in the fulfillment of your creative work.

We are your servants, O God.

*Guide us in your grace.*

Awaken our hearts to your presence in all people; in those we love easily and those with whom we struggle, in those different from us and those familiar to us.

We are made in your image, O God.

*Guide us in your grace.*

We thank you for calling us to a glorious heritage as your holy people. Free us from lack of vision, from inertia of will and spirit. By your life-giving Spirit, lead us out of isolation and oppression, redeem and restore us.

You are the life within us, O God.

*Guide us in your grace.*

We thank you for the gift of life, with all its blessings and sorrows. Shield the joyous, comfort and strengthen those in any need or trouble. Bless those who will be born today and those who will die, that joining with the company of all your saints we may rejoice in one unending song of praise.

In you alone we have eternal life, O God.

*Guide us in your grace.*

*Celebrant*

We offer these our prayers and thanksgivings to you, O God, the source of all that is true and holy, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Prayer for the Election of St. Paul's next Rector**

Heavenly Father, source of all knowledge, you know the needs of your church in every place. Look graciously upon the people of St. Paul's and grant our search committee and Vestry the wisdom and discernment to call, with open hearts and minds, a faithful pastor who will feed us, your flock, and equip us for our ministries.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

And also with you.

**Anthem**

*Now the Green Blade Riseth*

**French Carol**

## The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP p. 361ff.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**The 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,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Breaking of the Bread**    *A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
 Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Communion of the People**

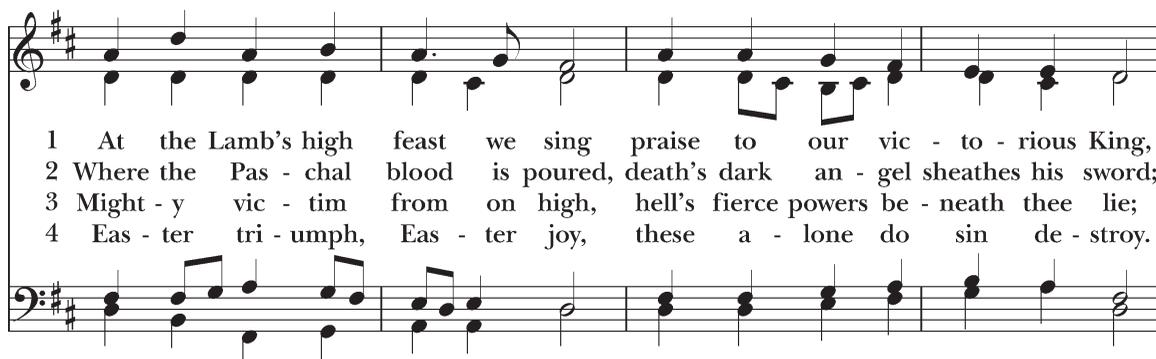
The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Prayer For Spiritual Communion**

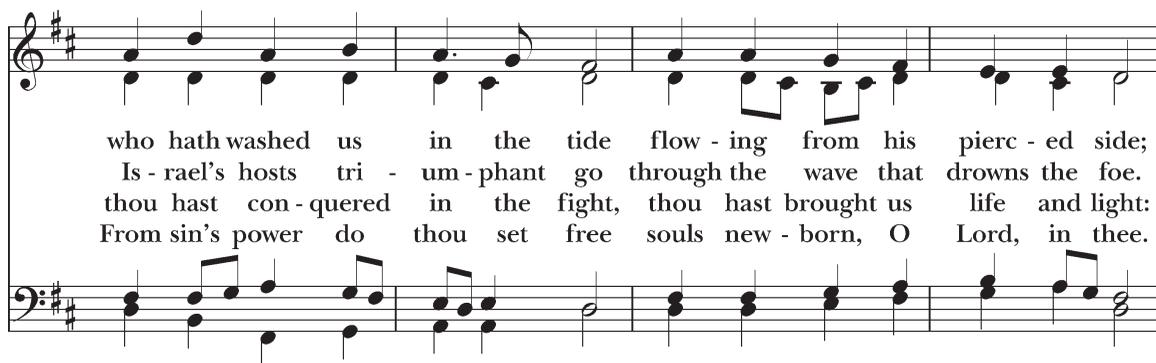
My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come into your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.*

# Communion Hymn

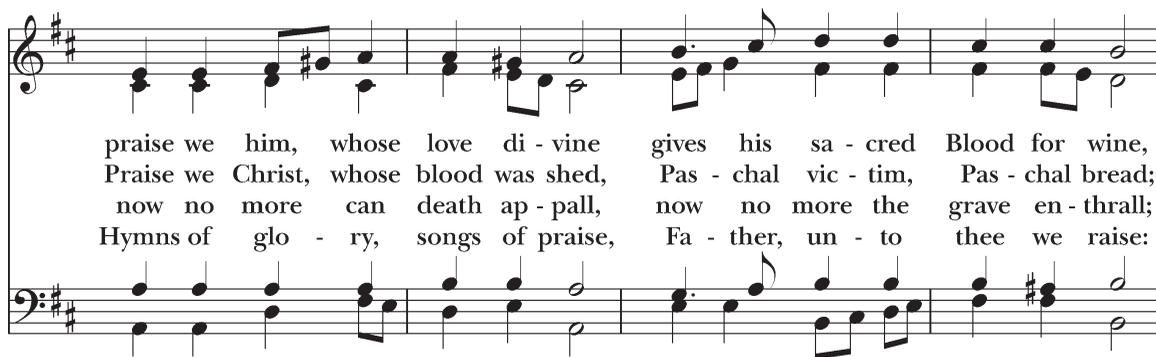
*At the Lamb's high feast we sing*



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;  
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;  
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

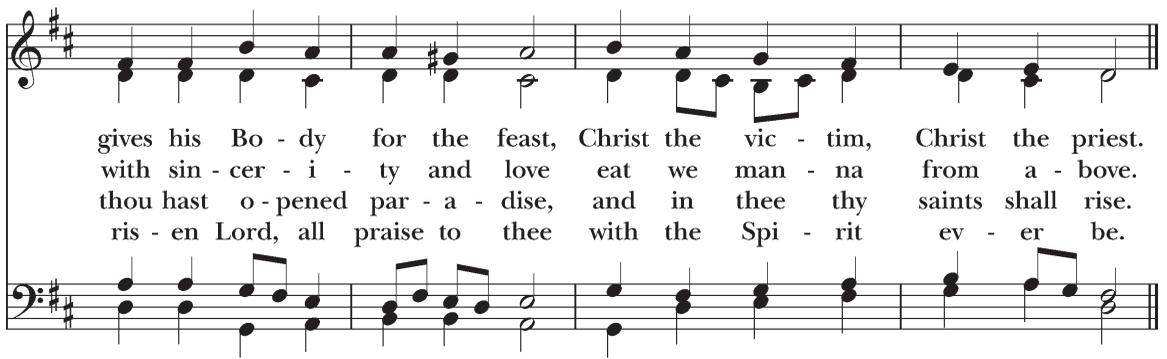


who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;  
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.



praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;  
now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;  
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

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gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.  
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.  
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.  
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

## Sending Forth of the Eucharistic Visitors

*Celebrant and People*

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant pronounces a blessing to which the congregation responds, "AMEN."*

# Hymn

*Alleluia, alleluia*

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:  
 2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,  
 3 Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first-fruits of the ho - ly har - vest - field,  
 4 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heaven - ly grace,  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

1 sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
 2 glor - ious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.  
 3 which with all its full a - bun - dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield:  
 4 rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of thy face;  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;

1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,  
 2 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:  
 3 then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,  
 4 that, with hearts in hea - ven dwell - ing, we on earth may fruit - ful be,  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty:

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1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.  
 2 we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.  
 3 ri - pened by his glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.  
 4 and by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with thee.  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty.

### Dismissal

*The Deacon dismisses the people*

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Voluntary**

*Toccata*

John Weaver

## *Prayer List*

### *In our parish*

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MICHELLE MILLER  
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