

East Parish United Methodist Church

Established 1834

East Parish is a Church open to all, which nurtures and enables people to experience God's transforming love and serve others in Jesus' name.



EASTER SUNDAY

April 4, 2021

*The Book of Remembrance is opened to the Glory of
God, in loving memory of Thomas E. Naylor.*

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (Ministry Matters)

L: Alleluia! Christ Is Risen

P: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

L: Darkness has been vanquished!

P: THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE HAS COME!

L: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

P: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! AMEN!!

OPENING HYMN *“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”* **#302 (insert)**
vs. 4-6

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Loving, Powerful God, joy floods over our souls on this day! Christ is risen! Fear is vanquished! Open our hearts and our spirits to receive fully the joy that has been given for us! Let us celebrate the victory of Christ and the hope for the future! Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8

SERMON

Pastor Nancy Wichmann

HYMN *"Easter People, Raise your Voices"* #304 (insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to share your prayers of thanksgiving or petition. You may also send them to Pastor Wichmann at nan_wich@bellsouth.net; indicate whether or not they should be shared.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Gracious and Patient God, we come before you with so many things which weigh us down. We would like an "easy" faith, one that doesn't cause us to look within ourselves, to identify those many ways in which we have forsaken you. But faith is never easy. It requires our very souls. Forgive us, God, for all those things that we have neglected to do that would have helped someone else to be closer to you. Heal our hearts from the wounds that have been inflicted upon us by the anger and misunderstandings that occur in relationships. Prepare our lives to be of service to you. In silence, we wait. We long for your presence and your healing touch. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

L. Please greet your neighbors with the blessing: "The peace of Christ be with you."

P. And also with you.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY

No. 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit,
Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION

Liturgy of the Eucharist

God be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...

... we lift our voice to join their eternal song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

Hosanna in the highest.

... As we proclaim the mystery of the faith.

**Christ, you died, are risen, and will come again. We await your kin-dom come on earth,
when your peace and justice will reign.**

... And now, as children of God, we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, and the power and the glory now and forever.**

SENDING

* HYMN

"This is the Feast of Victory"

#638 (insert)

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"This is the Feast of Victory"

#683 (insert)

vs. 3

***Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. This is the
feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

POSTLUDE

**Indicates that we rise in body or in spirit.*

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Brothers and sisters, I want to call your attention to the good news that I preached to you, which you also received and in which you stand. ² You are being saved through it if you hold on to the message I preached to you, unless somehow you believed it for nothing. ³ I passed on to you as most important what I also received: Christ died for our sins in line with the scriptures, ⁴ he was buried, and he rose on the third day in line with the scriptures. ⁵ He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve, ⁶ and then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at once—most of them are still alive to this day, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me, as if I were born at the wrong time. ⁹ I'm the least important of the apostles. I don't deserve to be called an apostle, because I harassed God's church. ¹⁰ I am what I am by God's grace, and God's grace hasn't been for nothing. In fact, I have worked harder than all the others—that is, it wasn't me but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ So then, whether you heard the message from me or them, this is what we preach and this is what you have believed.

(Common English Bible)

Mark 16:1-8

¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they could go and anoint Jesus' dead body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they came to the tomb. ³ They were saying to each other, "Who's going to roll the stone away from the entrance for us?" ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. (And it was a very large stone!) ⁵ Going into the tomb, they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right side; and they were startled. ⁶ But he said to them, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.^u He has been raised. He isn't here. Look, here's the place where they laid him. ⁷ Go, tell his disciples, especially Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you." ⁸ Overcome with terror and dread, they fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

(Common English Bible)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 302

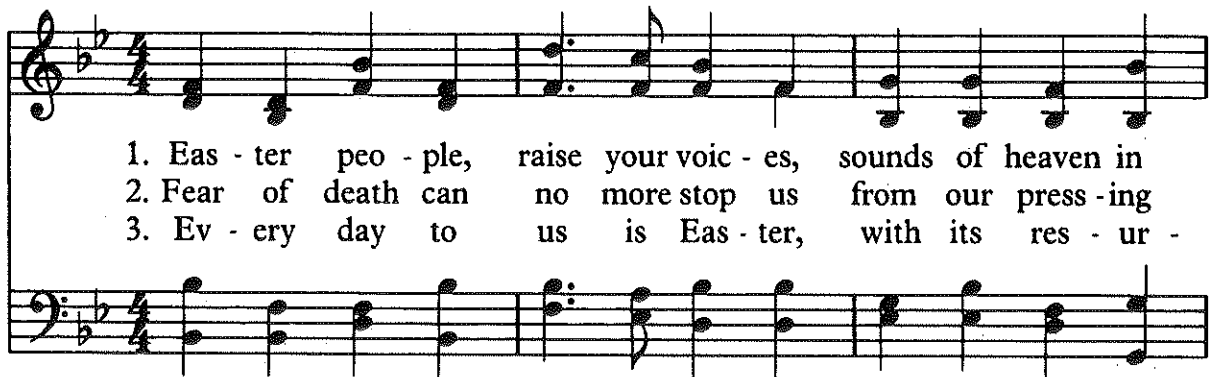
1. Christ the Lord is risen to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 6. King of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

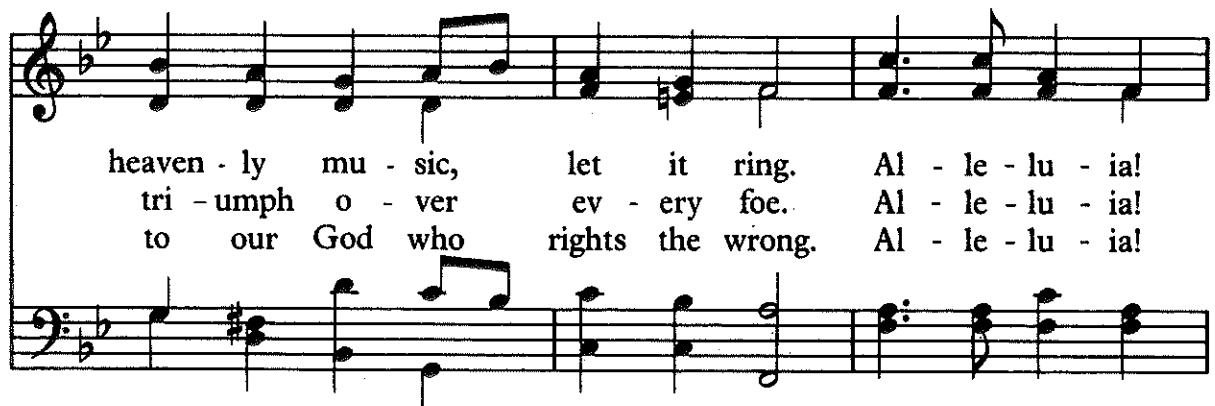
Easter People, Raise Your Voices 304



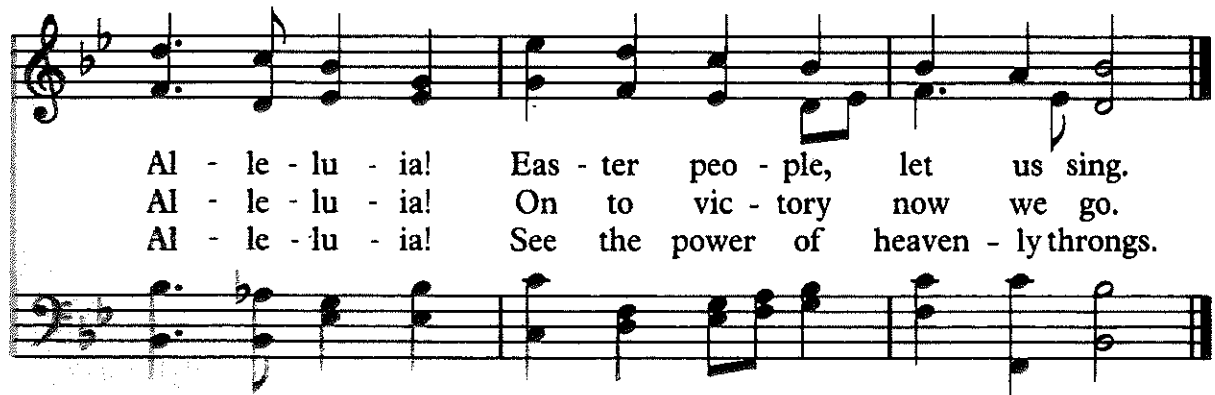
1. Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heaven in
 2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our press - ing
 3. Ev - ery day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur -



earth should ring. Christ has brought us heav - en's choic - es;
 here be - low. For our Lord em - pow - ered us to
 rec - tion song. When in trou - ble move the fast - er



heaven - ly mu - sic, let it ring. Al - le - lu - ia!
 tri - umph o - ver ev - ery foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to our God who rights the wrong. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.
 Al - le - lu - ia! On to vic - tory now we go.
 Al - le - lu - ia! See the power of heaven - ly throngs.

638 This Is the Feast of Victory

Antiphon (Unison)

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

1. — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

D.C.

WORDS: Revelation 5:12-13; trans. by John W. Arthur, 1970

MUSIC: Richard Hillert, 1975, alt.

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

Irr. with Refrain

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

This Is the Feast of Victory

Final Antiphon

The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The first system contains the lyrics 'This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.' The second system contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end of the second system.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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In Memory of

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Dave and Harriet Stevens

Sharon Gill

Kathleen Dickinson

Rosemary Cross

Richard Gill

Popeye and Nancy Gill

Gill siblings

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