

PALM SUNDAY  
✠ The Sunday of the Passion ✠  
Holy Communion



APRIL 10, 2022

10:00 a.m.

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

1479 Morse Road + Columbus, OH 43229

## A few notes about worship:

Ascension strives to be a welcoming and safe place for all. Here are the COVID-19 protocols in place:

- The Church Council met and came to consensus on Tuesday, March 8th, that if the current trajectory remains favorable, we will lift some of our Covid protocols beginning on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The transmission risk for our area has plateaued at “moderate”. You can find the current level at:

[https://covidactnow.org/us/metro/columbus\\_oh/?s=26541558](https://covidactnow.org/us/metro/columbus_oh/?s=26541558)

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/dashboards/current-trends>

- Masks are highly recommended, but not required. Please respect the need of others who choose to use a mask. People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19, following an immediate quarantine period, should wear a mask. If you are immunocompromised, learn more about [how to protect yourself](#).
- Please respect others in their need for physical distance. In general, try not to sit directly in front of or behind other worshipers. Please sit only in the pews where the cushions are in the down position.
- Disposable masks are available on the table as you enter the building or on the table at the rear of the sanctuary.
- We will not be passing the offering plates; plates are available on the table as you arrive or leave the sanctuary.
- Please pick up communion elements as you arrive. Gluten-free wafers are available in a separate plastic bag. You will be directed as to the appropriate time to receive. Empty cups should be placed in the trash receptacle as you leave.
- Furnace filters have been replaced in order to reduce the viral particles in the air. Occasionally, exterior doors may be cracked open to maximize the circulation of fresh air.



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**Bold** print indicates Congregation.

ELW – indicates Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal – which is in your pew.

ACS – indicates All Creation Sings

W&P – indicates Worship & Praise

Please rise as you are able at the titles marked with a plus sign - +.

At places where the cross ✚ appears, it is customary to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.

## Introduction

*Today's liturgy begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Quickly the tone of the service changes as we meditate upon Jesus' passion and death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.*

## ✚ Gathering ✚

*Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers, welcoming one another and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.*

Welcome

+Acclamation

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Hosanna to the Son of David.**

+Proclamation Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

<sup>28</sup>After he had said this, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

+Blessing of the Palms

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**



P: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of Kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Let us go forth in peace.

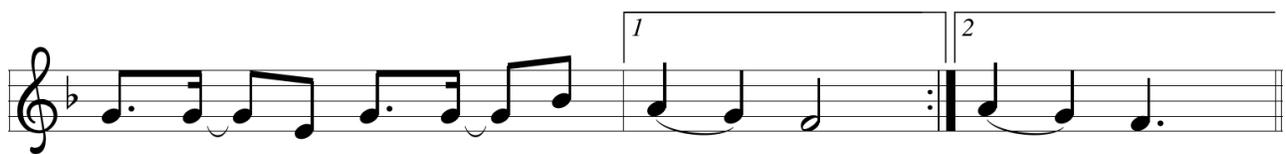
C: **In the name of the Lord.**

+Processional Hymn

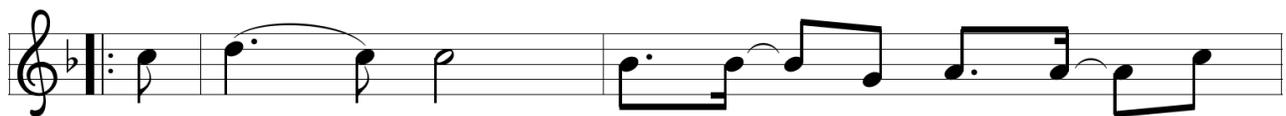
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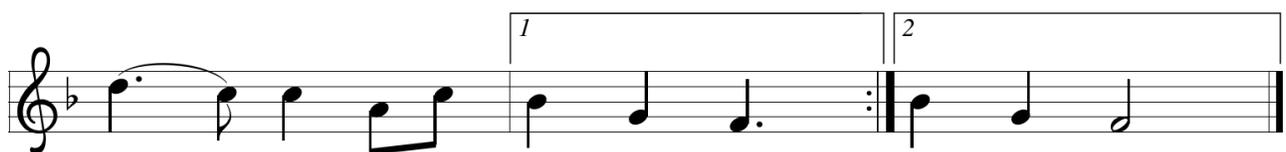
\*Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.



Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.



Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -



san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.

*\*Additional verses ad lib.:*

Release for the captives . . .

Hope for the downtrod . . .

Land for the landless . . .

Debts are forgiven . . .

## +Prayer of the Day

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Meditation

## Song

### “The King of Glory”

W&P 136

*Refrain*  
Em Bm<sup>7</sup> Em



The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.

Em Bm<sup>7</sup> Em



O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

G C Bm/D D<sup>7</sup> G



1 Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?

- 2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,  
3 Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;  
4 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;  
5 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,

Em CM<sup>7</sup> G/B CM<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> G *Refrain*



He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of ag - es.  
he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.  
in all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.  
he took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.  
and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

## ✠ The Passion of Our Lord According to St. Luke ✠

*(Please use the booklets to participate in the reading of the Passion.)*

Music/soloist

“Above All”

~Michael W. Smith

+Confession of Faith

*Philippians 2:5-11*

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death-  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**



+Prayers of Intercession

A: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: We pray for the church, called to follow Jesus in the way of the cross. Make us unflinching servants of the gospel. Deliver us from hardship as we confront the forces of injustice and practice radical compassion. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: For the earth and all its inhabitants, created in love: Train us to recognize your divine goodness in the world around us. Rouse in us a reverence for creation, that we take greater care of its resources. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: For those in positions of authority called to lead with integrity and compassion: Supply them with courage and vulnerability when challenged with new ideas. Deliver them from fear that limits imagination and impedes justice. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: For those who suffer, waiting expectantly for mercy and consolation: Accompany those who feel abandoned or betrayed, defend those who are wrongly accused, and embrace those who are incarcerated or detained. Heal those who are ill (*especially...*). Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: For Christians around the world, preparing this week to journey with Jesus to the cross: Reveal to us once again the earthshaking power of humble service, unmerited forgiveness, and sacrificial love. Lead us all from death to life. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We remember those who have died (*especially . . .*), who were commended into your hands. Remember us when you come into your kingdom, and prepare a place for each of us with you in paradise. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## +Sharing of Christ's Peace

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*After the greeting, please share a word of peace with your neighbors.*

## Offering

*Ascension Lutheran Church is supported through the generous gifts of time, talent and treasure of our friends and members. In order to fulfill our mission and ministry, we need to receive approximately \$3,000 in offerings each week. We thank you for your support and partnership in the proclamation of the good news. Offering plates are available at the doors and on-line giving at our website: <http://www.ascension-columbus.org>*

## Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

## ✠ Meal ✠

*We lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving as the table is set, and we receive the bread and wine – the humble meal through which we are fed by the presence of Jesus the Christ and united as the body of Christ in the world.*

### Offering Prayer

A: Extravagant God,  
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.  
Now we gather at your feast  
where you offer us the food that satisfies.  
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,  
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,  
in whose name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

### +Holy Communion

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 our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, our living Water, and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you.  
You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your  
salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food, and on all the baptized gathered for this  
feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love  
of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy  
Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

#### +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: Christ is alive forever.

**C: We are his because he is.**

P: We are one body.

**C: We share one bread.**

P: Draw near with faith.

**C: Christ is the host and we are his guests.**

*Please be seated.*

## Sharing of the Bread and Cup

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. Those who have not received instruction and desire to do so, please see the pastor. You are invited to receive the elements at this invitation with the words from the pastor: "The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you." Those joining us from home may speak these words to one another or to yourself as you partake.

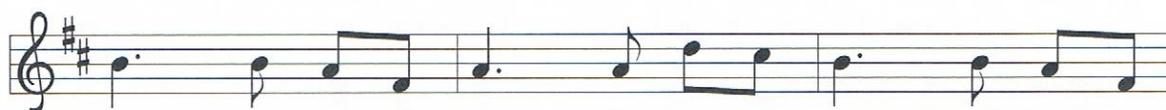
### Communion Music

### "Lamb of God"

ELW 336



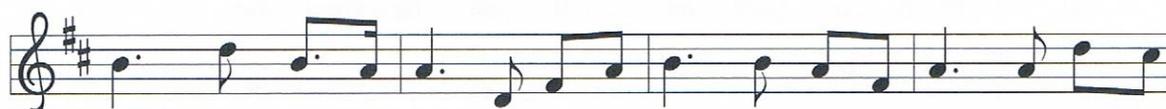
1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



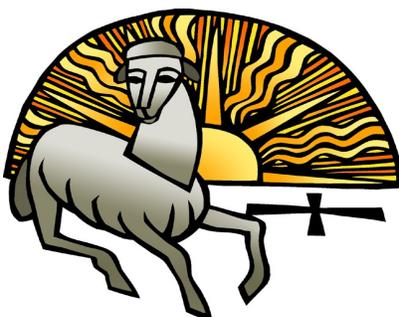
sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.



## Blessing at the Table

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

A: Blessed Jesus,  
in this rich meal of grace,  
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.  
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope  
to a world in need.

C: **Amen.**

## ✠ Sending ✠

*We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace,  
Sent out to live the way of Jesus for the sake of the world God loves.*

## Ministry Announcements

### +Benediction

P: All our problems

C: **We send to the cross of Christ.**

P: All our difficulties

C: **We send to the cross of Christ.**

P: All the devil's works

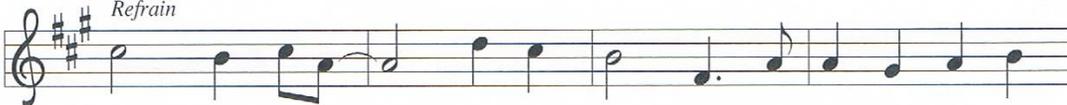
C: **We send to the cross of Christ.**

P: All our hopes

C: **We set on the risen Christ.**

P: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, ✠ and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*Refrain*



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -

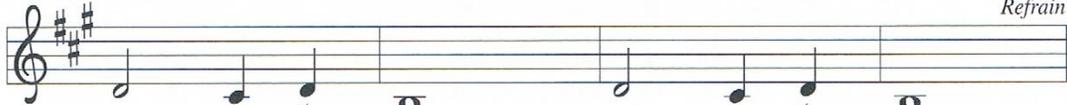


dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

*Refrain*



Shine on me, shine on me:  
Shine on me, shine on me:

## +Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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## Serving in Worship

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Presiding Minister: Pastor Karen Asmus-Alsnauer

Assisting Minister: Curt Skarloken

Acolyte: Lucas Simiyu

Passion Readers: Narrator: Oscar Kamazima

Jesus: Orin Sheumaker

Peter: Martha Gostley

People: All Worshippers

Servant: Fred Helser

Witness: Tom Martin

Pilate: Deb Sweet

First Criminal: Jan Dahlstrom

Second Criminal: Alan Dahlstrom

Centurion: Pam Kratzer

Organist and Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Ed Duling

Soloist: Pam Kratzer

CWS Band: Tom Martin (Director and bass), Danny Aguiar (drums), Von Smith (guitar),  
Chris Young (piano).

Ascending Tones Bell Choir: Jan Dahlstrom, Director

Altar Guild: Jan Dahlstrom, Brenda Noe, Barb Summers, Pam Kratzer

Ushers: Alan Dahlstrom, Mike Fitak

Tech Crew: Oscar Kamazima, Danny Aguiar, Joel Kratzer

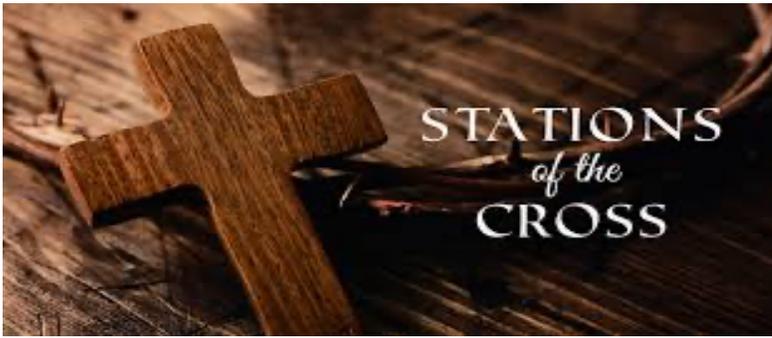
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learning, living, and sharing God's grace."**

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**Stations of the Cross**, also called **Way of the Cross**, is a series of 14 pictures or carvings portraying the events in the Passion of Christ, from his condemnation by Pontius Pilate to his entombment. The series of stations is as follows:

- (1) Jesus is condemned to death,
- (2) he is made to bear his cross,
- (3) he falls the first time,
- (4) he meets his mother,
- (5) Simon of Cyrene is made to bear the cross,
- (6) Veronica wipes Jesus' face,
- (7) he falls the second time,
- (8) the women of Jerusalem weep over Jesus,
- (9) he falls the third time,
- (10) he is stripped of his garments,
- (11) he is nailed to the cross,
- (12) he dies on the cross,
- (13) he is taken down from the cross, and
- (14) he is placed in the sepulchre

Our stations of the cross wall-hangings were made by former member, Nancy Wilke.

To walk the way of the cross in our sanctuary, start at the front of the sanctuary's east wall and proceed north to back of church. Resume on the west wall and proceed south to the organ.



Join us for  
**Holy Week and Easter**

*All worships will be in the sanctuary  
and FB Live.*

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### HOLY WEEK, April 10 – April 17, 2022

Holy Week is the time we remember Jesus' last week on earth, beginning with Jesus' entry to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and ending with Jesus' resurrection on Easter. This is the heart of Lent, the time of Jesus' movement to the cross where he showed his love is stronger than death. And finally after 40 days we rejoice in the glorious new dawn of Easter. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

- Palm/Passion Sunday, April 10, 2022, 10:00 am  
On Palm Sunday we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, the city where five days later he was crucified. People lined the way, waving palm branches and shouting, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! We will participate in a dramatic reading of the story of Jesus' final days, which will lead us into this holy week. Congregational Palm Sunday Procession will begin our worship outside by the 'front doors' weather permitting,
- Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2022, 7:00 pm  
On Maundy Thursday we remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples. At this meal Jesus washed the feet of his dearest friends to show them that the life of his followers was one of humble service. Then he shared bread and wine, telling them this was his body and blood, given for forgiveness of sins. The worship concludes with the stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday.
- Good Friday, April 15, 2022, 7:00 pm  
On Good Friday we remember the day that Jesus was arrested, condemned to death, and died on the cross. We gather in the growing darkness and we hear the passion story according to John. We come before the foot of the cross and light candles to wonder at the depth of Jesus' love.

### EASTER, April 16 and April 17, 2022

- Children's Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 16, 2022, 1:00pm  
On Saturday, Easter Eve, children from the congregation and the community will join together for an Easter Egg Hunt! Ages 0 – 12 are welcome to join.
- Easter Morning Festival Worship, 10:00 am  
On Easter Day we celebrate the risen Jesus! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! The entire congregation comes together to celebrate all the glory of Easter with flowers, trumpets, choir and instrumental music, the story of Jesus' resurrection and promise of new life for us all, and lots of shouting to show the joy we feel in our hearts! Alleluia!