

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

April 24, 2022

First Sunday in Easter / Earth Day

LITANY

L: O God, you have made us dependent on the waters of your Creation:

C: we join the Atlantic and Pacific, the Great Lakes and the Caribbean to praise and thank you.

L: O God, you have called us to live in unity and love with our neighbors:

C: we join in worship with all creatures that walk, crawl, slither, fly, or swim.

L: O God, you nourish the earth with water and snow, and till the soil with frost and thaw:

C: we come before you to be cultivated by your Word.

L: O God, the planets and solar systems and galaxies belong to you:

C: we come before you with deep humility, amazed at how you are mindful of us.

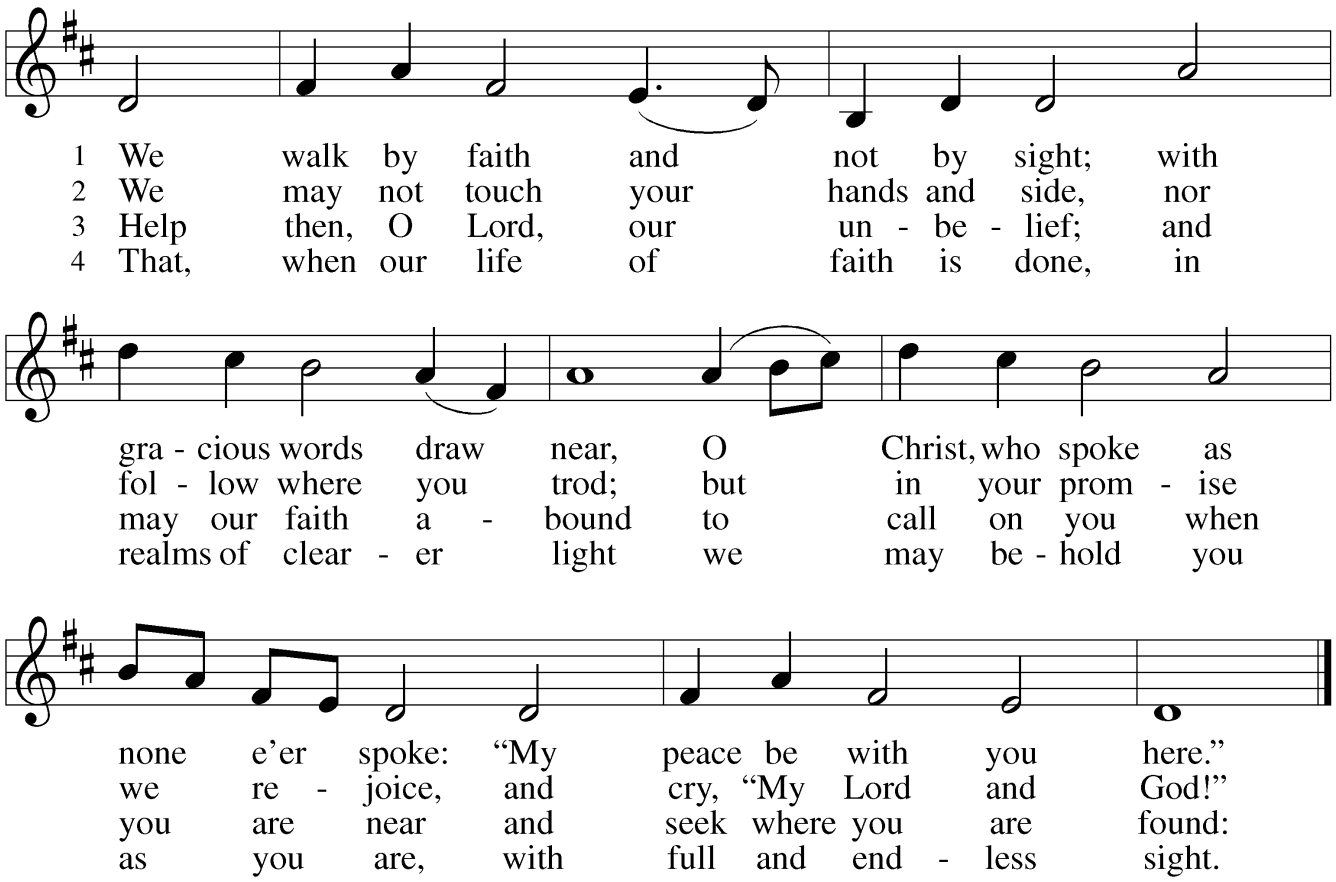
GATHERING HYMN **Earth, Earth Awake!** ACS № 937

Vs. 1 Cantor, ***Vss. 2-3 All***



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007
Music: STUEMPFLE, Sally Ann Morris, b. 1952

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight** WOV № 675



Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816

+SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

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."

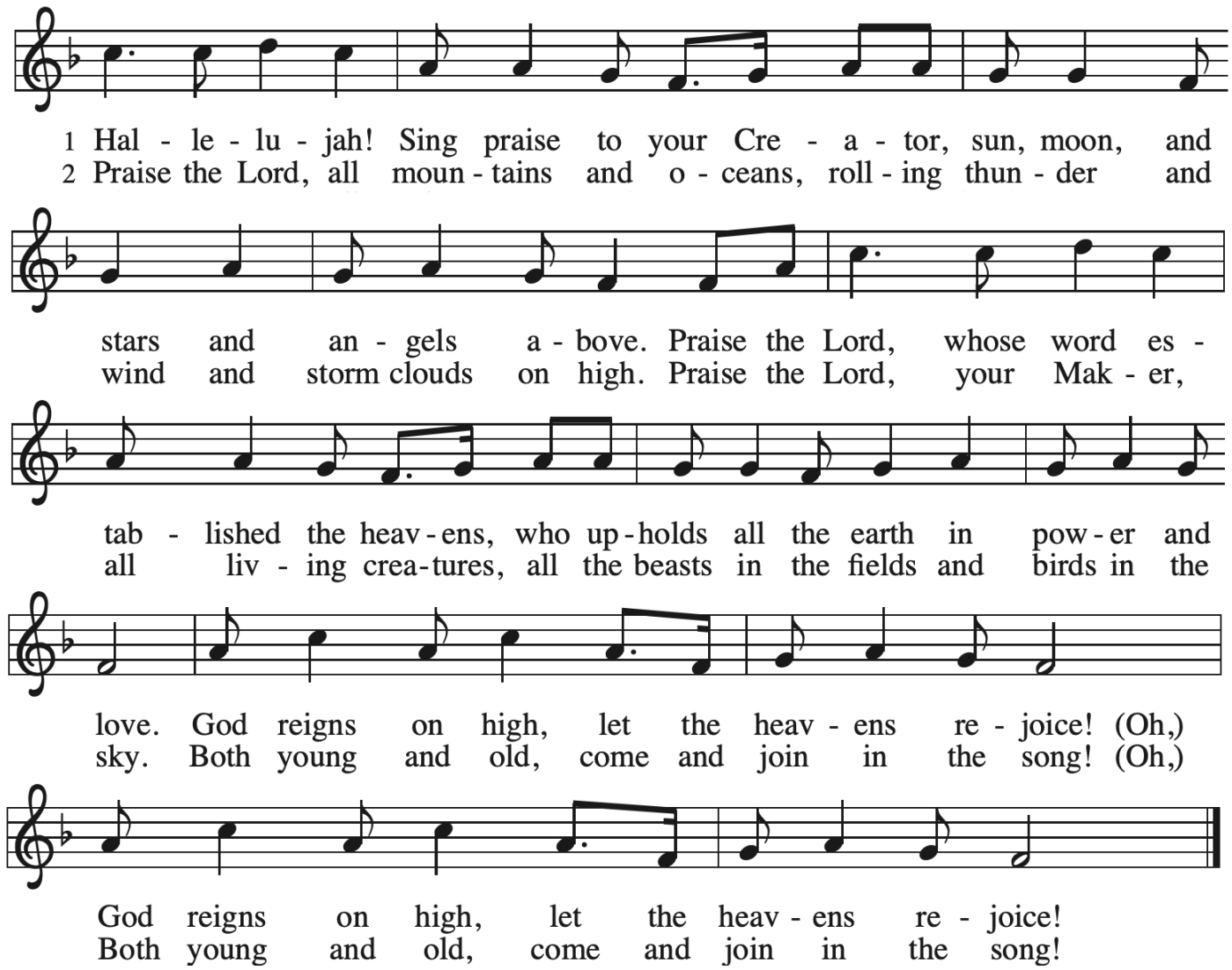
26A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 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.

L: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word **C: Thanks be to God.**

+ SERMON HYMN **God of the Sparrow** (vss. 1-3 & 6) ELW № 740

+ HYMN **Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator** ACS № 1091



Text: Tilly Lubis, 1925–2002, based on Psalm 148; tr. David Diephouse, b. 1947
Music: NYANYIKANLAH NYANYIAN BARU, Batak melody; arr. H. A. Pandopo, b. 1935

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

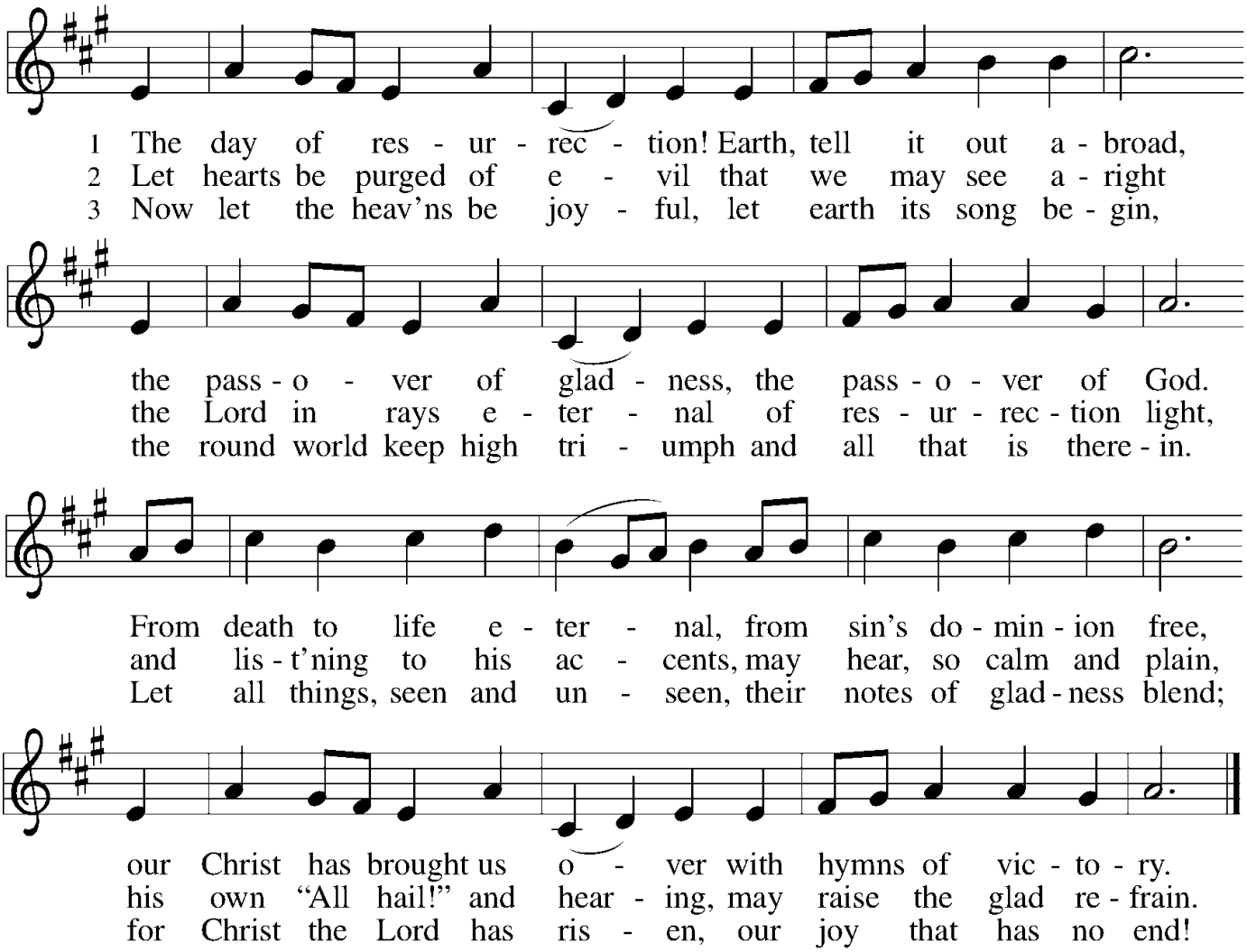
+ LORD'S PRAYER

L: And now we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us, saying: Our Creator, Our Mother,

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 in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

+ BLESSING

+ SENDING HYMN **The Day of Resurrection!** ELW № 361



Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP TODAY

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Presiding Minister — Pastor Jen Rome
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Musician — Becky Stever, piano
Reader — Confirmation youth
Prayers — Tim Dykstal
Point for Pilgrims — Kirsten Anderson and Solvei Anderson
Greeter/Usher — Claudia Gordon, Kris Lavik
Audio/Video Support — Hana Ninow

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PRELUDE — *Be Thou My Vision* (with Rustle Of Spring by Sinding) arr. by D. Linda McKechnie
POSTLUDE — *How Great Thou Art* (with Symphony #5 by Beethoven) arr. by D. Linda McKechnie

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