

Communion Practice: We believe that Christ is truly present in Holy Communion and, as we try to be faithful to Christ in the serving of this Sacrament, we ask that everyone be examined and instructed by the Pastor before receiving Holy Communion. All confirmed members of this parish, who have been regularly examined by the Pastor, are welcome to partake of the Holy Eucharist today. We also welcome the members who are in good standing of any of the parishes served by the Bishop, Pastors, and Deacons of The Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA), and who have spoken to the Pastor prior to the service. Members of other Lutheran parishes or other denominations are kindly asked to refrain from communing today. The Pastor would be glad to make an appointment with anyone to discuss our teachings and/or our parish.

A Prayer upon Entering Church

Almighty, Ever-Living God, grant that I may gladly hear Thy Word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

A Prayer before Communion

Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

A Prayer after Communion

O Thou blessed Savior Jesus Christ, Who hast given Thyself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Thy faith and favor; as Thou livest in me, let me also live in Thee. May Thy holy Body and Blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life. Amen.

A Prayer at the Close of the Service

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Thy grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

An Excerpt from Martin Luther's Sermons (Continued)

happy and am no longer afraid of this tyrant, for Christ has taken my sins away from me and made them His own." *From Martin Luther's Sermon in the Church Postil for Easter from the mid-1520s.*

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The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord
April 4th, 2021

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"So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid."

St. Mark 16:8

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Easter Hymn”</i>	Heinrich Fleischer
The Ringing of the Bell		
Silent Prayer		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Processional Hymn	<i>“Christ Is Arisen”</i>	TLH 187
The Confiteor		
The Invocation and Address		TLH p. 15
Versicles		TLH p. 15
Confession and Absolution		TLH p. 16
The Introit	<i>(Tone 2)</i>	INSERT
The Kyrie		TLH p. 17
The Gloria in Excelsis	<i>(The Bell is Rung throughout)</i>	TLH p. 17-19
The Collect for the Day		INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Lesson		Isaiah 52:13-15
<i>After each Lesson:</i>	V: This is the Word of the Lord.	
	R: Thanks be to God.	
The Epistle		1 Corinthians 5:6-8
The Gradual		INSERT
The Verse		INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Sequence Hymn	<i>“Christians, To the Paschal Victim”</i>	INSERT
The Holy Gospel		St. Mark 16:1-8
The Athanasian Creed		INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”</i>	TLH 195
The Sermon	<i>He Is Risen!</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory	<i>“Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God”</i>	TLH p. 22-23
<i>Sit</i>		
The Recitation of the Catechism		The Sacrament of the Altar
<i>Stand</i>		
The General Prayer		TLH p. 23
<i>Sit</i> *		
The Hymn	<i>“Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!”</i>	TLH 191
<i>Stand</i>		
The Preface		TLH p. 24
The Proper Preface		TLH p. 25
The Sanctus and Benedictus	<i>(The Bell is Rung throughout)</i>	TLH p. 26
The Lord’s Prayer		TLH p. 27
The Verba Domini		TLH p. 27
The Pax Domini		TLH p. 27

The Agnus Dei TLH p. 28

Sit

The Distribution

The Hymn *“Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord”* TLH 307

Stand

The Post-Communion Canticle *“The Nunc Dimittis”* TLH p. 29-30

The Thanksgiving *(“And His mercy endureth forever”)* TLH p. 30

The Post-Communion Collect TLH p. 31

Sit

The Hymn *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!”* Δ TLH 199

Stand

The Salutation TLH p. 31

The Benedicamus TLH p. 31

The Benediction TLH p. 31

Silent Prayer

Sit

The Postlude *“Christ lag in Todesbanden”* Tobias Volckmar

Announcements

*—An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings.

Δ—Indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand for the last stanza.

An Excerpt from Martin Luther’s Sermons

“This is the meaning of the words by St. Paul, “Christ was raised for our justification.” Here Paul turns my eyes away from my sins and directs them to Christ, for if I look at my sins, they will destroy me. Therefore, I must look unto Christ Who has taken my sins upon Himself, crushed the head of the Serpent and become the blessing. Now they no longer burden my conscience, but rest upon Christ, Whom they desire to destroy. Let us see how they treat Him. They hurl Him to the ground and kill Him. O God; where is now my Christ and my Savior? But then God appears, delivers Christ and makes Him alive; and not only does He make Him alive, but He translates Him into Heaven and lets Him rule over all. What has now become of sin? There it lies under His feet. If I then cling to this, I have a cheerful conscience like Christ, because I am without sin. Now I can defy death, the devil, sin and Hell to do me any harm. As I am a child of Adam, they can indeed accomplish it that I must die. But since Christ has taken my sins upon Himself, has died for them, has suffered Himself to be slain on account of my sins, they can no longer harm me; for Christ is too strong for them, they cannot keep Him, He breaks forth and overpowers them, ascends into Heaven, and rules there over all throughout eternity. Now I have a clear conscience, am joyful and *(Continued on back page)*

In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Emily Benson, Peggy Holder, Jo Kope, Betty Ramsey, Brandon Dennie, Nellie Noegel, Katie, Dan, Judy Horn, Richard Noegel, Patricia Bachand, Tamara Jack, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, Matthew Scholten, Vince Bost, Janice Heitener, Ray Heitener, Pat Stefanski, Flora Turenko, Ksenia Turenko, Roman Turenko, Johnny May Dean, Heather Kline, Martin Kope, Bill Kope, Sally Kope, William Noegel, Glenda Harris, and Rev. Mark Mueller.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, and those in our international fellowship, especially, *Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Beaverton, OR;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Daniel Mensing.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Lutheran Theological Seminary.*
- For our seminarians, *Ben Henson, Jacob Henson, John Heiser,* and *Roman Turenko.*
- For all those who serve in the military, especially, *Nicholas Silva.*
- For those struggling with addiction, especially, *Thomas Allred* and *John Monahan.*
- For *Silvia DiGregorio* that her faith may be strengthened.
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, especially, *Ana Heiser, Bobby Eisold, Barb Eisold,* and *Bob Eisold.*
- For those affected by the coronavirus.
- For those who are suffering unemployment.
- For those near death.
- For those celebrating a birthday this week.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord

	Morning	Evening
Today	Acts 1; St. Matthew 28:1-8	Acts 2; 1 Peter 1:3-12
Monday:	Acts 3; John 20:1-18	Acts 4; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Tuesday:	Acts 5; Matt. 28:1-15	Acts 6; Ezekiel 21:25-27
Wednesday:	Acts 7; John 20:1-18	Acts 8; Haggai 2:20-23
Thursday:	Acts 9; Luke 24:1-12	Acts 10; Zechariah 6:9-15
Friday:	Acts 11; Luke 24:36-49	Acts 12; Ezekiel 17:22-24
Saturday:	Acts 13; Mark 16:9-14	Acts 14; Isaiah 44:21-28

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 57, 111, 23-25	Ps. 113-114, 118, 26-30
Monday:	Psalms 62, 31-32	Psalms 30, 33-34
Tuesday:	Psalms 62, 35	Psalms 30, 36-37
Wednesday:	Psalms 62, 38	Psalms 30, 39-41
Thursday:	Psalms 62, 42-44	Psalms 30, 45-48
Friday:	Psalms 62, 49	Psalms 30, 50-51
Saturday:	Psalms 62, 52-54	Psalms 4, 55-57

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday:	The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, III.177-194
Tuesday:	The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, III.195-212
Wednesday:	The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, III.213-226
Thursday:	The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, III.227-248
Friday:	The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, III.249-256

Reciting the Catechism Daily:

Sunday:	The Ten Commandments
Monday:	The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer
Tuesday:	Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession
Wednesday:	The Sacrament of the Altar
Thursday:	The Prayers
Friday:	The Table of Duties
Saturday:	Christian Questions with Their Answers

Hymns for the Week:

Morning: TLH 195—"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

Evening: TLH 191—"Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!"

Calendar for the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord

Today: The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord—White

Last Frost Date

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible class

Monday: Easter Monday—White

Communion Visit to Myrtle Beach, SC

5:00 p.m. Divine Service in Myrtle Beach, SC

Tuesday: Easter Tuesday—White

Communion Visit to Myrtle Beach, SC

6:30 p.m. Private Confession in Simpsonville, SC

7:00 p.m. Divine Service in Simpsonville, SC

Wednesday: Within the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord—White

Thursday: Within the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord—White

Friday: Within the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord—White

Saturday: Within the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord—White

Next Sunday: Quasimodogeniti—White

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible class

1:00 p.m. Pastor Dulas leaves for ELDoNA Synod and Colloquium

The Lutheran Herald

The April issue of "The Lutheran Herald," the devotional booklet of the ELDoNA, is now available. It can be found on Facebook at: <http://tinyurl.com/LutheranHerald> and on the diocesan website: eldona.org. There are also printed copies in the back of the nave for your use and distribution.

Ask the Pastor

The Rev. Joshua Sullivan of Holy Cross Ev. Luth. Church, Kerrville, TX puts out weekly videos dealing with a wide range of theological topics. Please check them out and subscribe to be notified when a new

one is published at <http://www.youtube.com/user/ATPHolyCross>.

ELDoNA 2021 Synod and Colloquium

This year's synod and colloquium is scheduled to be held at Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Malone, TX next week April 12th through the 16th. Pastor Dulas will be driving to the synod and colloquium. He will leave on Sunday and arrive back on Saturday.

ELDoNA 2021 Youth and Family Camp

The ELDoNA Youth and Family Camp will be held in Kerrville, TX July 19th through 23rd. It will be held at the LaQuinta Inn in Kerrville. If you would like to attend please speak with Pastor.

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 52:13-15

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Gospel:

St. Mark 16:1-8

April 5th—Easter Monday

Old Testament Lesson:

Hosea 13:14

Epistle:

Acts 10:34-41

Gospel:

St. Luke 24:13-35

April 6th—Easter Tuesday

Old Testament Lesson:

Genesis 32:22-30

Epistle:

Acts 13:26-33

Gospel:

St. Luke 24:36-48

April 11th—Quasimodogeniti

Old Testament Lesson:

Job 19:25-27

Epistle:

1 John 5:4-10

Gospel:

St. John 20:19-31

Easter Lilies

If you would like to donate an Easter lily for use in our services during Eastertide, you may bring them for today's Divine Service.

THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 4th, 2021



Introit

P: WHEN I || awake, I am still with You. Alle- | lu- | ia! *

C: You have laid Your hand upon me. Al- | le- | lu- | ia!

P: || Such knowledge is too wonderful | for | me; *

C: It is high, I cannot attain it. Alleluia! Al- | le- | lu- | ia! (*Psalm 139:18b, 5a, c, 6*)

P: || O Lord, You have searched me and | known | me. *

C: You know my sitting down and my | ris- | ing | up.

P: || You comprehend my path and my lying | down, | - *

C: And are acquainted with | all | my | ways.

P: || If I ascend into heaven, You are | there; | - *

C: If I make my bed in hell, behold, | You | are | there.

P: || Even there Your hand shall | lead | me, *

C: And Your right hand | shall | hold | me. (*Psalm 139:1-2a, 3, 8, 10*)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || When I awake, I am still with You. Alle- | lu- | ia! *

C: You have laid Your hand upon me. Al- | le- | lu- | ia!

P: || Such knowledge is too wonderful | for | me; *

C: It is high, I cannot attain it. Alleluia! Al- | le- | lu- | ia! (*Psalm 139:18b, 5a, c, 6*)

Collect

Almighty God, Who through Thine Only-Begotten Son Jesus Christ, hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life, we humbly beseech Thee that, as Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



Gradual

P: || This is the day the Lord has | made; | - *

C: We will rejoice and be | glad | in | it.

P: || Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is | good! | - *

C: For His mercy endures | for- | ev- | er. (*Psalm 118:24, 1*)

Verse

P: || Alle- | lu- | ia! *

C: Al- | le- | lu- | ia!

P: || Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed | for | us. *

C: Let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Al- | le- | lu- | ia! (*1 Corinthians 5:7b, 8a, c*)

Isaiah 52:13-15

¹³ Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. ¹⁴ Just as many were astonished at you, so His visage was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men; ¹⁵ So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, and what they had not heard they shall consider.

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

⁶ Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷ Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. ⁸ Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

St. Mark 16:1-8

¹ Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and

Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. ² Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. ³ And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷ But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.” ⁸ So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Christians, To the Paschal Victim

Cantor



1. Chris-tians, to the Pasch-al Vic-tim Of-fer your thank-ful prais-es.

Choir



2. A Lamb the sheep re-deem-eth: Christ, Who on-ly is sin-less,

Sopranos and Altos



Rec-on-cil-eth sin-ners to the Fa-ther. 3. Death and life have con-tend-ed



In that con-flict stu-pen-dous; The Prince of Life Who died, reigns im-mor-tal.



4. Speak, Ma-ry, de-clar-ing— What thou saw-est way-far-ing.

Solo - Woman



5. "The tomb of Christ, Who is liv-ing, The glo-ry of Je-sus' res-ur-rec-tion.



6. "Bright an-gels at-tend-ing,— The shroud and nap-kin rest-ing.



7. "Yea, Christ, my Hope, is a-ris-en; To Gal-i-lee He goes be-fore— you."

Choir



8. Hap-py they who hear the wit-ness, Ma-ry's word be-liev-ing



A-bove the tales of Jew-ry,— de-ceiv-ing. 9. Christ in-deed from death is ris-en,



Our new life— ob-tain-ing. Have mer-cy, Vic-tor King, ev-er reign-ing.



A - men, Hal - le-lu - jah!

The Athanasian Creed

Quicumque vult

Psalm Tone VI

Flex



WHO- **SO-** - || ever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the cath- | o- | lic | faith. *

Which faith except everyone do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish ev- | er- | **last-** - | ing- | ly.

AND THE - || catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in | Un- / i- | ty, *

Neither confounding the Persons nor divid- | ing | **the** - | Sub- | stance.

FOR THERE - || is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the | Ho- | ly | Ghost. *

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is all one: the glory equal, the Majesty | co- | e- - | ter- | nal.

SUCH AS - || the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the | Ho- | ly | Ghost. *

The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate, and the Holy | Ghost | **un-** - | cre- | ate.

THE FA- - || ther incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Ghost incompre- | hen- | si- | ble. *

The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy | Ghost | e- - | ter- | nal.

AND YET - || they are not three Eternals, but one | E- | ter- | nal. *

As there are not three Uncreated nor three Incomprehensibles, but one Uncreated and one Incom- | pre- | **hen-** - | si- | ble.

SO LIKE- - || wise the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, and the Holy Ghost | al- | might- | y. *

And yet they are not three Almighty, but | one | **Al-** - | might- | y.

SO THE - || Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy | Ghost | is | God. *

And yet they are not three | Gods, | **but** - | one | God.

SO LIKE- - || wise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Ho- | ly | Ghost | Lord. *

And yet not three | Lords, | **but** - | one | Lord.

Psalm Tone VI

Flex



FOR **LIKE** - || as we are compelled by the Christian verity to acknowledge every Person by Himself to be both | God | and | Lord, *

So are we forbidden by the catholic religion, to say, there be three | Gods, | **or** - | three | Lords.

THE **FA**- - || ther is made of none, neither created nor | be- | got- | ten. *

The Son is of the Father alone, not made nor created, | but | **be**- - | got- | ten.

THE **HO**- - || ly Ghost is of the Father and | of | the | Son, *
neither made nor created nor begotten, | but | **pro**- - | ceed- | ing.

SO **THERE** - || is one Father, not three Fath -ers; (+) one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three | Ho- | ly | Ghosts. *

And in this Trinity none is before or after other; none is greater or less | than | **a**- - | no- | ther;

BUT **THE** - || whole three Persons are coeternal together and coequal, so that in all things, as is afore -said, (+) the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to | be | wor- | shiped. *

He, therefore, that will be saved must thus think of | the | **Tri**- - | ni- | ty.

FUR- **THER**- - || more, it is necessary to everlasting salvation that he also believe faithfully the incarnation of our Lord | + Je- | sus | Christ. *

For the right faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord + Jesus Christ, the Son of God, | is | **God** - | and | Man;

GOD **OF** - || the Substance of the Father, begotten before the *worlds*; (+) and Man of the substance of His Mother, born | in | the | world; *

Perfect God and perfect Man, of a reasonable soul and human | flesh | **sub**- - | sist- | ing;

E- **QUAL** - || to the Father as touching His God -head (+) and inferior to the Father as touching | His | man- | hood. *

Who, although He be God and Man, yet He is not | two, | **but** - | one | Christ:

ONE, **NOT** - || by conversion of the Godhead into *flesh*, (+) but by taking of the manhood | in- | to | God; *

One altogether; not by confusion of Substance, but by uni- | ty | **of** - | Per- | son.

FOR **AS** - || the reasonable soul and flesh is one *man*, (+) so God and Man | is | one | Christ; *

Who suffered for our salvation; descended into hell; rose again the third | day | **from** - | the | dead;

HE **AS**- - || cended into heaven; He sitteth on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty -y; (+) from whence He shall come to judge the quick | and | the | dead. *

At Whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies and shall give an account | of | **their** - | own | works.

AND **THEY** - || that have done good shall go into life everlast -ing; (+) and they that have done evil, into ever- | last- | ing | fire. *

This is the catholic faith; which except a man believe faithfully and firmly, he cannot | be | **saved**. - | A- | men.

TLH 187 “Christ Is Arisen”

Unknown, about 1100

Christ is arisen
From the grave’s dark prison.
We now rejoice with gladness;
Christ will end all sadness.
Lord, have mercy.

All our hopes were ended
Had Jesus not ascended
From the grave triumphantly.
For this, Lord Christ, we worship Thee.
Lord, have mercy.

Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!
We now rejoice with gladness;
Christ will end all sadness.
Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Sequence Hymn: INSERT “Christians, To the Paschal Victim”

Ascribed to Wipo, about the 11th century

1. Christians, to the Paschal Victim
Offer your thankful praises.

2. A Lamb the sheep redeemeth:
Christ, Who only is sinless,
Reconcileth sinners to the Father.

3. Death and life have contended
In that conflict stupendous;
The Prince of Life Who died, reigns immortal.

4. Speak, Mary, declaring
What thou sawest when wayfaring.

5. “The tomb of Christ, Who is living,
The glory of Jesus’ resurrection.

6. “Bright angels attending,
The shroud and napkin resting.

7. “Yes, Christ, my Hope, is arisen;
To Galilee He goes before you.”

8. Happy they who bear the witness,
Mary’s word believing
Above the tales of Jew’ry, deceiving.

9. Christ indeed from death is risen,
Our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, Victor King, ever reigning!
Amen, Hallelujah!

TLH 195 “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”

Martin Luther, 1524

1. Christ Jesus lay in death’s strong bands,
For our offenses given;
But now at God’s right hand He stands
And brings us life from Heaven;
Therefore let us joyful be
And sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of hallelujah!
Hallelujah!

2. It was a strange and dreadful strife
When Life and Death contended;
The victory remained with Life,
The reign of Death was ended;
Holy Scripture plainly saith
That Death is swallowed up by Death,
His sting is lost forever.
Hallelujah!

3. Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,
Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursed tree—
So strong His love!—to save us.
See, His blood doth mark our door;
Faith points to it, Death passes o’er,
And Satan cannot harm us.
Hallelujah!

4. So let us keep the festival
Whereto the Lord invites us;
Christ is himself the Joy of all,
The Sun that warms and lights us.
By His grace He doth impart
Eternal sunshine to the heart;
The night of sin is ended.
Hallelujah!

5. Then let us feast this Easter Day
On Christ, the Bread of Heaven;
The Word of Grace hath purged away
The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed,
He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other.
Hallelujah! Amen.

TLH 191 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!”

Unknown, Based on the *Victimae Paschali*, c. 1100

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, haste your vows to pay; Alleluia!
Offer ye your praises meet Alleluia!
At the Paschal Victim's feet. Alleluia!
2. For the sheep the Lamb hath bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinners' stead. Alleluia!
“Christ is ris'n,” today we cry; Alleluia!
Now He lives no more to die. Alleluia!
3. Christ, the Victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and man hath reconciled Alleluia!
While in strange and awe-full strife Alleluia!
Met together Death and Life. Alleluia!
4. Christians, on this happy day Alleluia!
Haste with joy your vows to pay. Alleluia!
“Christ is ris'n,” today we cry; Alleluia!
Now He lives no more to die. Alleluia!
5. Christ, Who once for sinners bled, Alleluia!
Now the First-born from the dead, Alleluia!
Throned in endless might and power, Alleluia!
Lives and reigns forevermore. Alleluia!
6. Hail, eternal Hope on high! Alleluia!
Hail, Thou King of victory! Alleluia!
Hail, Thou Prince of Life adored! Alleluia!
Help and save us, gracious Lord. Alleluia! Amen.

TLH 307 “Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord”

Unknown Latin Author, about 680

1. Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord
And drink the holy Blood for you outpoured.
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.
2. He that His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields,
With heav'nly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
3. Approach ye, then, with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Judge of all, our only Savior Thou,
In this Thy feast of love to be with us now. Amen.

TLH 199 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!”

Unknown, c. 1372

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise, then, let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- Δ 4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love: Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Amen.