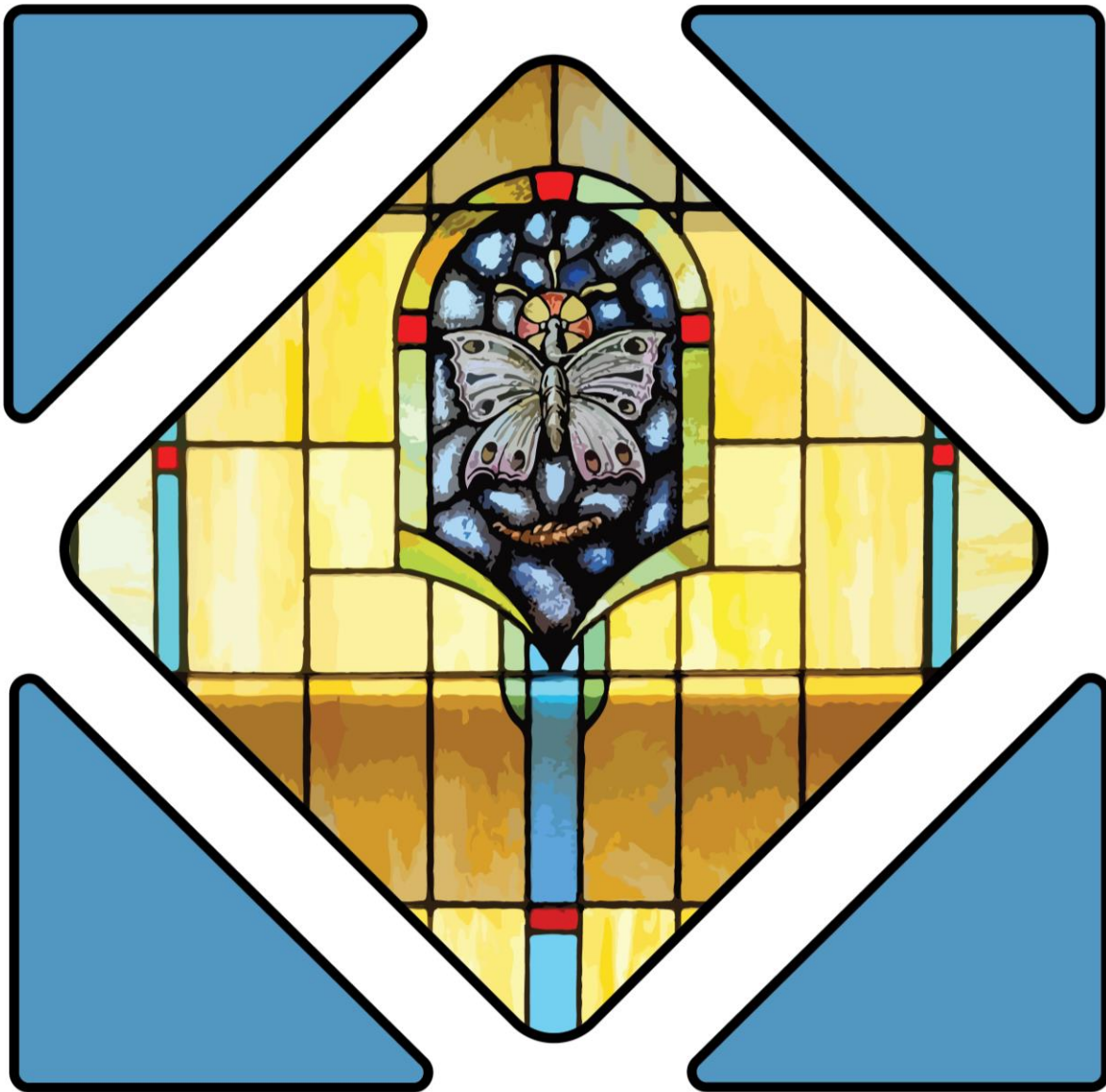


# Risen Christ Hymn Festival



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## Electronic Devices

Please *turn off* all cell phones, pagers, electronic devices, apps, and games when entering the sanctuary for worship so those around you may focus on the Word of God without electronic distraction. Thank you.

**Prelude:** **Alleluia, Christ Is Risen!** **Douglas E. Wagner**

## Opening Prayer and Introduction

## Commentary

## Choir Anthem: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

### *Choir Only*

- 1 *When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.*
- 2 *Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.*
- 3 *See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*
- 4 *Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!*

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## Commentary

### *Stand*

## Hymn: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.**

*Choir Only*

- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives exalted, throned above;  
He lives to rule His Church in love.*

- 3 He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

*Choir Only*

- 4 He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.*

- 5 He lives to bless me with His love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.**

*Choir Only*

- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.*

- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.**

- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
What joy this blessed assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

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*Sit*

**Commentary**

## Hymn: "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

LSB 466

- 1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.  
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.  
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,  
Even from death, dispelling its gloom. Refrain**
- ref Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;  
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!**
- 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
Until its strength by God was dispersed.  
He who gives life did death undergo;  
And in its conquest His might did show. Refrain**
- 3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear!  
You look for Jesus who is not here.  
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;  
Only the grave cloths are lying there." Refrain**
- 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;  
He has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus' redeeming labors are done;  
Even the battle with sin is won." Refrain**
- 5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free;  
Alleluia, to Him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. Refrain**

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## Commentary

### Hymn: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

LSB 633

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His piercèd side.  
Alleluia!**

#### *Choir Only*

- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.  
Alleluia!*

### **Women Only**

- 3** Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Alleluia!

#### *Choir Only*

- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above.  
Alleluia!

### **Men Only**

- 5** Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!

- 6** Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!

#### *Choir Only*

- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!

#### *Stand*

- 8** Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!

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#### *Sit*

### **Commentary**

#### *Stand*

## Hymn: "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

LSB 474

- 1 **Alleluia!**  
Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb,  
Heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!
  
- 2 **Walking the way,**  
Christ in the center  
Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread,  
Giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!
  
- 3 **Jesus the vine,**  
We are the branches;  
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth,  
Christ to the people,  
Gift of the future now flowing to me.  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

### *Choir Only*

- 4 *Weeping, be gone;*  
*Sorrow, be silent:*  
*Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.*  
*Cherubim sing:*  
*"O grave, be open!"*  
*Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.*  
*Jesus is risen and we shall arise:*  
*Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

- 5 **City of God,**  
Easter forever,  
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life,  
Saints and archangels,  
Sing with creation to God the I AM!  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

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*Sit*

## Commentary

### Hymn: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

LSB 465

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
In praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings,  
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still He comes to give us life  
And by His presence stills all strife.  
Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through Your triumph;  
Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

#### *Stand*

- 4 Adoring praises now we bring  
And with the heav'nly blessèd sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
All the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## Commentary

## Hymn: “Abide with Me”

LSB 878

### *Choir Only*

- 1 *Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*
- 2 **I need Thy presence ev’ry passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter’s pow’r?  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**
- 3 **Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,  
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev’ry plea.  
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.**
- 4 **Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day;  
Earth’s joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.**

### *Choir Only*

- 5 *I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death’s sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!*
- 6 **Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

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