



April 20, 2025  
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter  
7:30 a.m.  
Frady Park

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Gathering those who fear they are not enough, so we may experience  
grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.

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**WELCOME**

Megan Klose

**\* GATHERING SONG** (sung three times)

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! *Fine*

TEXT: Ref., trad. liturgical text; stanzas, Marty Haugen, 1990

MUSIC: Caribbean melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1990; stanzas, Marty Haugen, 1990

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HALLE, HALLE

Irregular

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Megan Klose

ONE: Christ is risen!

**ALL: Christ is risen indeed!**

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ONE: Hallelujah!

**ALL: Hallelujah!**

*\* Please stand in body or spirit*

## PRAYER

Megan Klose

*from the Iona Community*

ONE: Lord God,  
early in the morning, when the world was young,  
you made life in all its beauty and terror;  
you gave birth to all we know.  
Hallowed be your name.

**ALL: Hallowed be your name.**

ONE: Early in the morning, when the world least expected it,  
a newborn child crying in a cradle  
announced that you had come among us,  
that you were one of us.  
Hallowed be your name.

**ALL: Hallowed be your name.**

ONE: Early in the morning,  
surrounded by respectable liars, religious leaders,  
anxious statesmen and silent friends,  
you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God:  
you shouldered and suffered the cross.  
Hallowed be your name.

**ALL: Hallowed be your name.**

ONE: Early in the morning,  
a voice in a graveyard and footsteps in the dew  
proved that you had risen,  
that you come back to those and for those  
who had forgotten, denied and destroyed you.  
Hallowed be your name.

**ALL: Hallowed be your name.**

ONE: This early morning,  
in the multi-colored company  
of your church on earth and in heaven,  
we celebrate your creation, your life,  
your death and resurrection, your interest in us;  
so we pray:

**ALL:** Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;  
new love, where we have turned hard-hearted;  
forgiveness, where we feel hurt and  
where we have been wounded;  
and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit  
where we are prisoners of ourselves.

*Personal prayer in silence*

**ONE:** To all and to each,  
on Christ's community and on his friends,  
where regret is real,  
Jesus pronounces pardon  
and grants us the right to begin again.  
Thanks be to God!

**ALL:** Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE PASSAGE**

Luke 24:1-12

Yena Hwang

*<sup>1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.*

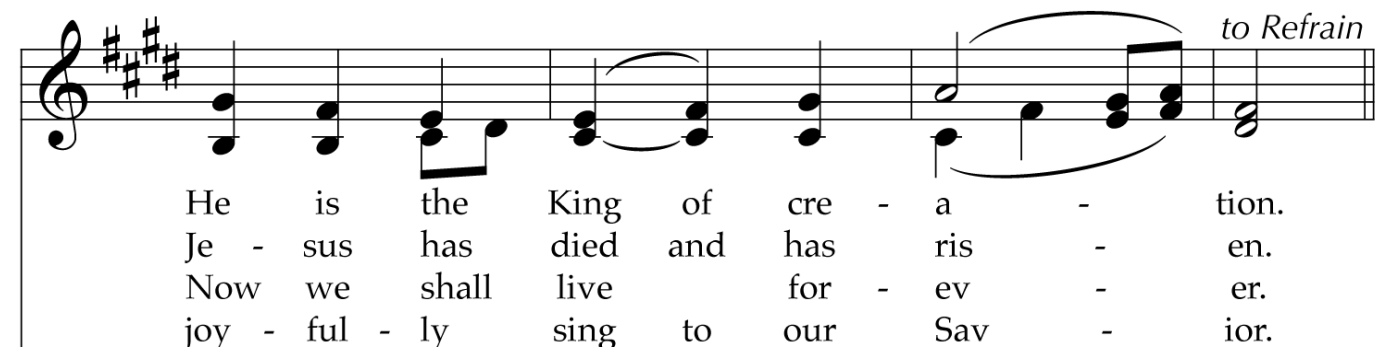
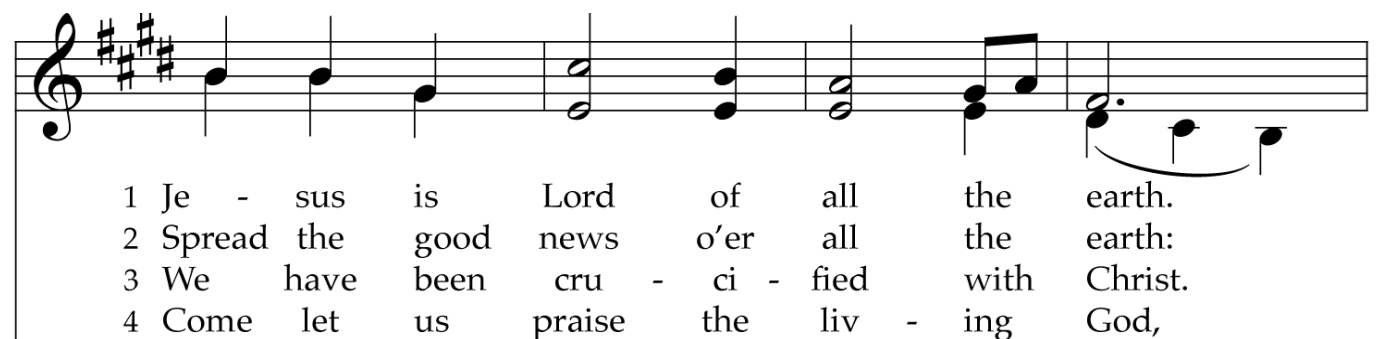
## **EASTER REFLECTION**

Yena Hwang

\* SONG

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

*Descant*



TEXT: Donald Fishel, 1971

MUSIC: Donald Fishel, 1971; arr. Betty Pulkingham and Donald Fishel, 1979

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ALLELUIA NO. 1

8.8 with refrain

# LORD'S SUPPER

Yena Hwang, Megan Klose

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer:

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

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

## \* SONG

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*



1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.  
3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

## a blessing for easter Sunday

*by Kate Bowler*

It is an astonishing thing to behold:  
That a seed falls, and entombed there in the damp earth  
it swells and cracks open, unfolding to reveal  
a tender root searching downward,  
a bright shoot rising upward toward the light,  
becoming this material wonder we call a plant.  
Just so, the physical body of Jesus was entombed, hidden away,  
along with all hope that the world could ever change,  
could ever be freed from its miserable cycles of destruction and decay.

And yet  
and yet.

That Easter morning to his bewildered friends,  
Jesus burst forth from the grave  
changed but still recognizable, eating and drinking,  
a physical presence that they might believe.

His body reassembled at a cellular level  
by regenerative power beyond their comprehension,  
reminding them “I am the resurrection and the Life.”

It’s a husbandry of love, that in the season’s fullness  
the rescue would be accomplished,  
for our helpless earth—for all those on it and those under it.

Life came, to lift us into Himself.

Alleluia!

**\* BLESSING**

Yena Hwang

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

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## ***Supporting Us in Worship***

Music

Lonnie Bickel

## ***A Warm Welcome***

Thank you for joining us in worship this Easter morning. If you would like to learn more about our community of faith, please speak with one of the pastors after the service. More information can be found on our website. Weekly worship is held at 10 a.m. on Sundays.

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