

*The Third Sunday of*

# EASTER

April 19, 2026

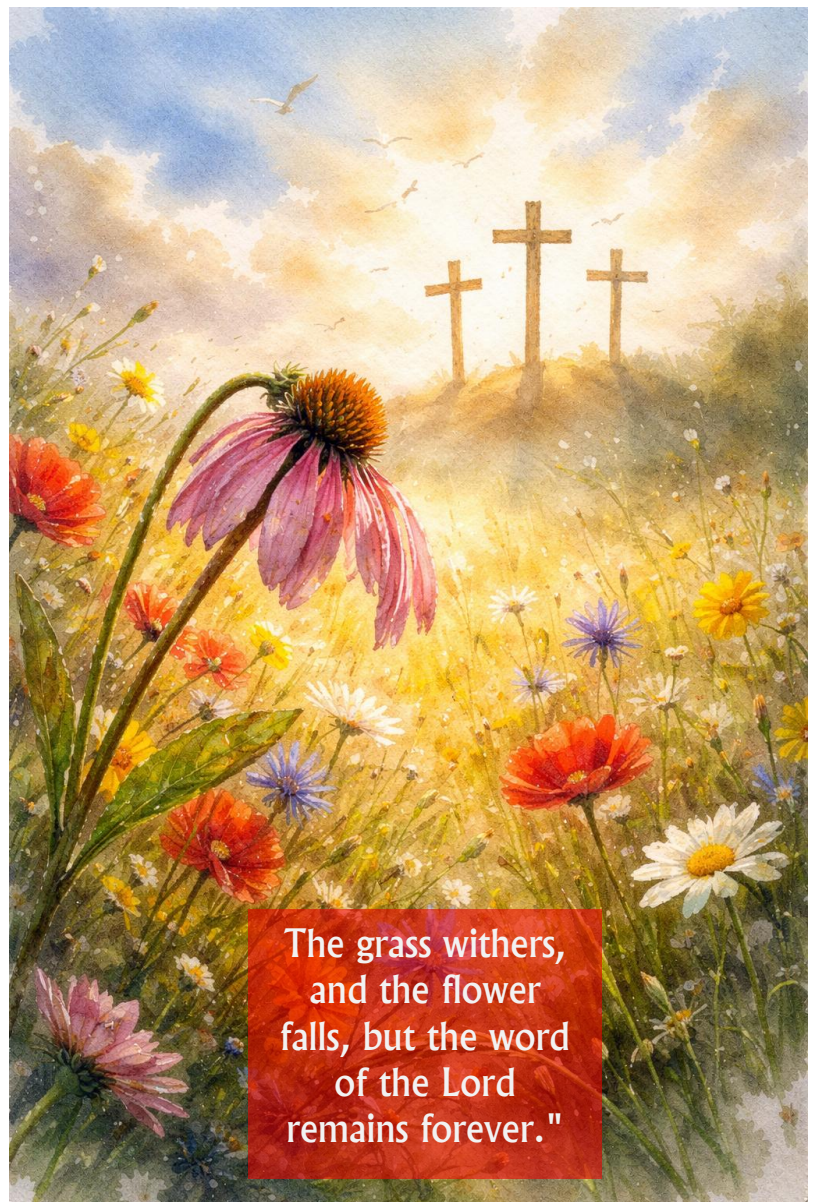


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The grass withers,  
and the flower  
falls, but the word  
of the Lord  
remains forever."



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## Lutheran Church

April 19, 2026

“Easter Morning”

Otto Malling

### PRELUDE

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia”

LSB 463



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

### INVOCATION *Mt 28:19*

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** ♪ Amen.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Pastor:** Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**People:** who has given us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

**Pastor:** Rejoice, then, even in your distress.

**People:** We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

Pastor: God has claimed us as His own.

People: **He has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Let us walk the road to Emmaus together and confess our sins before God and one another.

Pastor: We confess, O Lord, that we are slow of heart to believe all that You have spoken.

People: **We had hoped... but our hope so often fades into the past.**

Pastor: We confess our tendency to walk away from Your promises, to turn our backs on Your resurrection, and to rehearse our disappointments rather than Your Word.

People: **We speak of You, but do not recognize You. We hear Your voice, yet remain blind to Your presence.**

Pastor: We confess our dullness to the Scriptures, our neglect of Your living Word, and our resistance to the truth that burns within us.

People: **Our hearts are slow, our eyes are kept, our faith is weak.**

Pastor: We confess our desire to control the journey, rather than to be led by You; our reluctance to invite You in, and our failure to abide with You.

People: **Stay with us, Lord—but too often we have wandered far from You.**

Pastor: For all our sins—those spoken in despair, those hidden in doubt, those lived out in unbelief—we come before You.

People: **Forgive us, Lord. Restore our hearts. Open our eyes.**

Pastor: Hear the good news. The risen Christ who walked with the disciples walks also with you. He does not abandon you in your confusion, nor leave you in your doubt. Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He has declared the truth: it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and enter into His glory—for you. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **♪ Amen.**

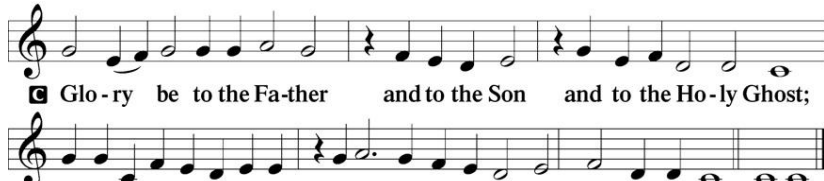
Pastor: Then arise—your sins are forgiven, your hearts are rekindled, and your eyes are opened. Christ is risen, and He goes with you.

People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### **THE INTROIT from Psalm 116**

Pastor/Choir: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

## THE GLORIA PATRI



**G** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## THE KYRIE Mt 9:27, 15:22

• Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast”

LSB p. 171



**A** This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

**G** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and  
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are His.  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**THE SALUTATION** 2 Tim 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:

☐ And with thy spir - it.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Jesus, You are the Lamb of God who has paid the debt of our sins with Your precious blood. In Your presence there is fullness of joy and in Your right hand there are blessings forevermore. Jesus, You have been brought back to life and are deserving of all glory. We praise You for all that You have done for us and ask that on this day You would increase our faith and our confidence in You, the only true God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **♪ Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*(Upon hearing what God had done in Christ, the people petitioned the disciples, "What shall we do?")*

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

<sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**

1 Peter 1:17-25

*(You were ransomed not with silver or gold but with the precious blood of Jesus.)*

<sup>17</sup>And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, <sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** @10:30am

"This Joyful Eastertide"

*arr. S. Drummond Wolff*  
*The Cathedral Choir*

**GOSPEL**

Luke 24:13-35

*(Jesus meets with disciples on the Emmaus Road and is revealed to them in the breaking of the bread.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

People:



☐ Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

<sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

<sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he

vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

<sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## THE APOSTLES CREED

*Early tradition suggested that the Apostles Creed was formulated by The Twelve, hinted in the writings of St. Ambrose, outlined by Rufinus of Aquileia (late fourth century) each contributing a phrase as seen below, but history—dating back to the fifth century—suggests that the Apostles Creed was a confession of the faith of the Apostles, asked by pastors for the baptisms of their catechumens: Do you believe in God the Father? Do you believe Jesus, conceived by the Holy Spirit... etc.*

**<sup>1</sup>I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. (St. Peter)**

**<sup>2</sup>And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, (St. John)**

**<sup>3</sup>who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, (St. James)**

**<sup>4</sup>suffered under Pontius Pilate, (St. Andrew)**

**<sup>5</sup>was crucified, died, and was buried. (St. Philip)**

**<sup>6</sup>He descended into hell. (St. Thomas)**

**<sup>7</sup>The third day he rose again from the dead. (St. Bartholomew)**

**<sup>8</sup>He ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. (St. Matthew)**

**<sup>9</sup>From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. (St. James the Less)**

**<sup>10</sup>I believe in the Holy Spirit, (St. Simon the Zealot)**

**<sup>11</sup>the holy Christian Church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, (St. Jude)**

**<sup>12</sup>the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (St. Matthias)**

## HYMN

“Alleluia, Jesus is Risen!”

LSB 474



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the  
 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent; Death put a -  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -  
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us  
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the  
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be  
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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**SERMON**

**“The Chaos in the Calm”**

**Luke 24:28**

*Rev. D. Lee Andrzejewski, Head Pastor  
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**OFFERTORY Ps 51:10-12**

**♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (the back of the church and at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.*



**VOLUNTARY**

**“Christ Lay in Death’s Strong Bonds”**

**J. S. Bach**

## PRAYERS

### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*9am continues with the benediction*

## † The Order of Holy Communion †

*@10:30am*

### THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

People:



☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

People:



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Ps 100:4*

People:



☐ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for He has ransomed us with His own precious blood and purified us to love one another. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *Is 6:3*

*tune: LSB 709*

1 Sing ho - ly, ho - ly, to the Lord, Who by His  
2 So sing ho-san - na, seek and knock, For Je - sus  
cross un<sup>3</sup> - chains us. His blood has pur - chased  
has re - named us: God's new - born, cho - sen,  
our re - ward. E - ter - nal life He gains us.  
priest - ly flock. Our Shep - herd has re-claimed us.

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**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

**THE PAX DOMINI** *Jn 20:19*

**Pastor:** The peace of Lord be with you all.

**People:** Amen.

**THE AGNUS DEI** *Jn 1:29*

*tune: LSB 709*

1 O Lamb of God, You take a - way Each  
2 For Sa - tan prowls with schemes and scams— He  
bur - den and af - flic - tion. We need Your mer - cy  
seeks our con - dem - na - tion. But You pur - sue Your  
ev - 'ry day; Save us from sin's con - vic - tion.  
blood - bought lambs, And home us in sal - va - tion.

**DISTRIBUTION**

*For those with health concerns, there is non-alcoholic white wine and gluten free wafers in the center of each tray.*

**TWO STATION COMMUNION:**

*If you would like to receive communion at the altar, take the path to the left before the chancel step.*

*If you would like to receive communion in a continuous line, take the path to the right before the chancel step.*

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

LSB 633



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

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!

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

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!

△ 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!

**DISMISSAL**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE Ps 9:1-2**

LSB p. 164

♪ **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.**

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.**

**He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
 with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Blessed Savior You have given Yourself to us in this Holy Sacrament. Keep us in faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. Preserve us as Your faithful witnesses now and into eternity, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** ♪ **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** Num. 6:24-26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The † Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People

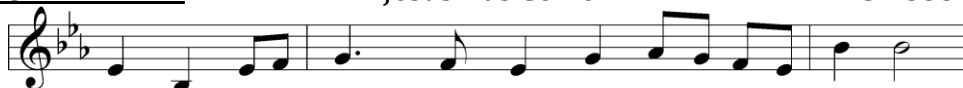


A-men, a-men, a - men.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“Jesus Has Come”

LSB 533 v. 1-2, 4



1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,  
2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!  
4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!



Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;  
Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.  
Heav - en and earth, O de - clare His great pow'r,



God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,  
See Him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!  
Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;



O great Re - deem - er, You come as our friend!  
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,  
Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!



Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:  
Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or.  
Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you!



Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!  
Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!  
Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

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**POSTLUDE**

“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen”

*Karl Osterland*