

# The Second Week of Easter

April 4, 2016

Seminary Chapel

HYMN

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing  
*Christian Worship 141*

*Stand to sing the hymn.*



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
2 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky,  
3 Now no more can death ap - pall,  
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy!  
5 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give,



Praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs be - neath you lie.  
Now no more the grave en - thrall;  
This a - lone can sin de - stroy;  
Sav - ior, by whose death we live,



Who has washed us in the tide Flow - ing  
You have con - quered in the fight; You have  
You have o - pened par - a - dise, And your  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, New - born  
Spir - it, guide through all our days, Three in



from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!  
saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!  
One, your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

## EASTER DIALOGUE

**M:** Christ is risen!

**C:** **He is risen indeed!**

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

**C:** **Since we have been raised with Christ, we set our hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.**

**M:** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

**C:** **When Christ, who is our life, appears, then we also will appear with him in glory.**

**M:** Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed.

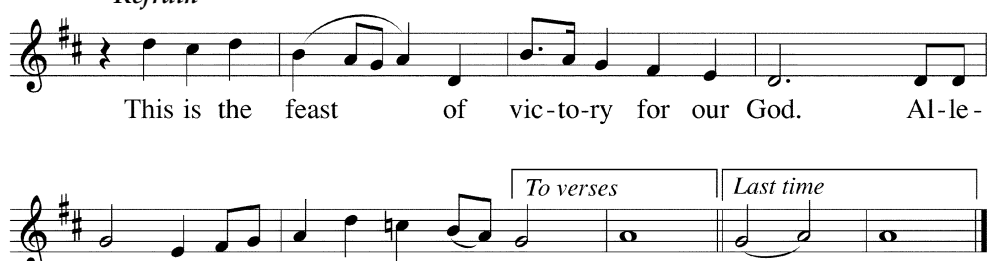
**C:** **Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.**



# SONG OF PRAISE

**This Is the Feast**  
*Christian Worship 265*

*Refrain*



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

*To verses* | *Last time*

*Sing the refrain after stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 5.*



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.** (*spoken*)

*Be seated*

## FIRST LESSON

**Genesis 15:1-6**

*Abram believed the promise of the Lord.*

**M:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

**Psalm 16**

*Christian Worship*

*Sing the psalm refrain with the choir.*

*Refrain*



I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,  
in the land of the liv - ing.

*Psalm tone*



*Sing the verses of the psalm responsively with the choir.*

Keep me safe, O God,\*  
for in you I take refuge.

My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;\*  
my body also will rest secure,

**I said to the LORD, “You are my LORD;\*  
apart from you I have no good thing.”**

**because you will not abandon me to the grave,\*  
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.**

I have set the LORD always before me.\*  
Because he is at my right hand, I will not  
be shaken.

You have made known to me the path of life;\*  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.

*Refrain*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

**2 Peter 1:16-21**

*We trust the reliable promises of God.*

**M:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

*Stand for the Gospel*

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Christ is arisen  
From the grave's dark prison.  
We now rejoice with gladness;  
Christ will end all sadness.  
Alleluia!

All our hopes were ended  
Had Jesus not ascended  
From the grave triumphantly.  
For this, Lord Christ, our thanks shall be.  
Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
We now rejoice with gladness;  
Christ will end all sadness.  
Alleluia!

## HOLY GOSPEL

**John 20:19-31**

*Jesus appears to his disciples.*

*Following the Gospel:*

**M:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated*

## ANTHEM

*Words by Martin Luther (1483-1546)  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  
from Cantata No. 4 (BWV 4)*

### *Sinfonia*

Christ lay in death's dark prison  
It was our sin that bound him.  
This day hath he arisen  
And sheds new life around him.  
Therefore let us joyful be  
And praise our God with solemn glee.  
So sing we Hallelujah.  
Hallelujah!

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!

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**You Sons and Daughters of the King**  
*Christian Worship 165*

*Stanzas 1-7.*

## SERMON

**John 20:19-31**

*Did You Hear the Good News?*

*Stand for the Votum*

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **HYMN**

**Blessed are they that have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been;  
In life eternal they shall reign.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**On this most holy day of days  
To God your hearts and voices raise  
In laud and jubilee and praise.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- M:** Almighty and merciful God, on this glorious day we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the grace of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day.
- C:** **When we are weak, be our strength; when we are sad, be our song; and when we sin, be our salvation.**
- M:** Remove the disgrace of death from all who mourn. In moments of grief call believers through the voice of our Good Shepherd, and embolden us to follow his promises. In their hopelessness of despair turn the faithless to trust in the only Way, Truth, and Life.
- C:** **Wipe away tears born of death, and give new birth to a living hope in the hearts of the lost and troubled. Use our witness as compassion and comfort for others in need of mercy.**
- M:** King of kings and Lord of lords, destroy all dominion, authority, and power that stands against you, whether seen or unseen. Whatever evil exerts itself against your saving will—false teaching or lukewarm faith, Satan’s lies or worldly pleasures, empty worship or futile religion—rule it for the sake of the gospel’s free course.
- C:** **Triumph over our enemies, and empower the Church to fight the good fight to the end. Never leave us or forsake us.**
- M:** Walk among our churches, O Living One, as the faithful witness and firstborn from the dead. As your angel sent women with news of the risen Christ, call women in our church to announce, “He is risen!” As you sent your disciples with the breath of the Spirit, call men in our church full of the Spirit and wisdom to administer the keys of the kingdom.

- C:** Wherever we live and whatever we do, help us to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have in Christ.
- M:** Heavenly Father keep the baptized united with your Son in his resurrection. Put to death the fleshly urges of those caught in addictions, clothe in your righteousness anyone ashamed of good intentions which have fallen short, and assure those searching for purpose that their eternal identity as your dear children is sealed.
- C:** Thank you for the power of baptism working in our lives, and for the certainty of its promises through the resurrection. Enrich us with everything we need for life and godliness.
- M:** O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us! We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C:** His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father! Amen.

## PREFACE

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**C:** It is good and right so to do.



**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

### *Sanctus*

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The time signature is common time (C). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes.

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**M:** Blessed are you, O Lord God, eternal Father and King of the ages. In love you created this world and made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you saw our fallen condition and planned our salvation. In grace you sent your only Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks  
that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us,  
that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law,  
that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross,  
that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will free us from this world of sin and welcome us to heaven's eternal feast. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

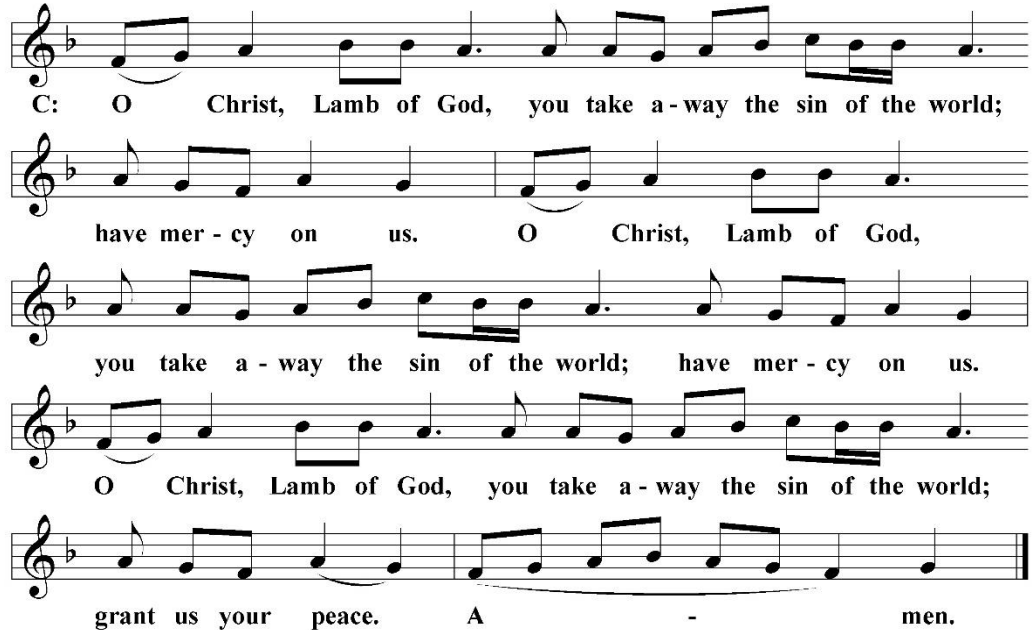
**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C:** A - men.

# LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

*Be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is distributed by continuous distribution. Approach the chancel at the direction of the ushers. Proceed to the minister serving the Host. Pause and receive the body of the Lord from the minister. Move to the minister distributing the chalice. As he speaks the words, "The blood of Christ, shed for you," receive the blood of the Lord. Return to your place via the side aisles. Communicants may assist the minister with the chalice. The blessing follows the Distribution.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands**

*Christian Worship Supplement 720*

1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong  
 2 It was a strange and dread - ful  
 3 Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we  
 4 So let us keep the fes - ti -

bands For our of - fens - es giv -  
 strife When life and death con - tend -  
 see, Whom God so free - ly gave  
 val To which the Lord in - vites

en; But now at God's right hand he  
 ed. The vic - to - ry re - mained with  
 us; He died on the ac - curs - ed  
 us; Christ is him - self the joy of

stands And brings us life from heav -  
 life; The reign of death was end -  
 tree — So strong his love — to save  
 all, The sun that warms and lights

en. There - fore let us joy - ful be  
 ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says  
 us. See, his blood now marks our door;  
 us. Now his grace to us im - parts

And sing to God right thank - ful -  
 That death is swal - lowed up by  
 Faith points to it; death pass - es  
 E - ter - nal sun - shine to our

ly Loud songs of al - le - lu -  
 death; Its sting is lost for - ev -  
 o'er, And Sa - tan can - not harm  
 hearts; The night of sin is end -

ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 er. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 us. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ed. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Following the Distribution, the minister says:*

**M:** The true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith to life everlasting.

**C:** Amen.

*Stand*

## PRAYER

**M:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your people until that day when you will receive us as your heavenly guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** A - men.

## BLESSING

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



**C:** A - men. A - men. A - men.

## POSTLUDE

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**Fourth hour classes begin at 10:45 a.m.**