

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 19, 2026 ~ 10:30 AM**

Prelude *Fantasia on 'Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain'* R.J. Hughes

Invitation To Worship

Opening Hymn *The Strife is O'er* #361

The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions has dispersed:
let shouts of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped,
Christ rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell,
the bars from heav'n's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumph tell.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lord, by your wounds on Calvary
from death's dread sting your servants free,
that we may live eternally.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sharing a Sign of Peace

Announcements

Ann-Louise Taylor, Elder

Children's Message

(Standing)

This is the day which the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

From the rising to the setting of the sun,

The name of the Lord be praised.

LOBE DEN HERREN (61 A)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come all who hear, brothers and sisters, draw near;
join now in glad adoration.

Glory be to you, Lord God, our Father.

You are the merciful Father, the God from whom all help comes.

You chose us in Jesus Christ our Lord before the creation of the world.

You rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us safe into the kingdom of your dear Son.

In our union with Christ you have blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.

You have made us worthy to share in that which you have reserved for your people in the kingdom of light.

Your love is so great that we may be called the children of God.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we join in proclaiming the glory of your name.

MONKLAND

We now with a joyful mind
praise you, Lord, for you are kind;
for your mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

(Sitting)

Praise, honor, and glory be to you, Christ Jesus, Son of the living God.

**To you be glory at all times, in the church which waits on earth for you,
and in that which is with you in heaven, now and forever.**

Jesus, you are the eternal Word, who became a human being and lived among us.

**Those who were yours saw your glory, the glory which you received as
the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.**

In you, the full content of the divine nature dwells in a human body. You are the true God and eternal life.

Through you the whole universe is reconciled to God.

You made peace through your death on the cross.

**Therefore God raised you to the highest place above, and gave you the
name which is greater than any other name.**

HOLY LORD (119 A)

Jesus' name, Jesus' name,
source of life and happiness;
in this name true consolation
mourning sinners may possess;
here is found complete salvation;
blessed Jesus, we your name will praise
all our days, all our days.

Glory be to you, Holy Spirit, our Teacher, Guide, and Comforter.

We proclaim your righteousness and praise.

You pour out the love of God into the hearts of all
believers, and make their bodies your holy temples.

**By our own reason and strength we cannot believe in Jesus Christ our
Lord, or come to him; but you call us through the gospel and enlighten
us with gifts of grace.**

You dedicate us to God in the true faith, and you enable us to remain in union

with Jesus Christ.

We praise you, together with the Father and the Son, now and forever.

DOMINICA

Come, Holy Spirit, come
let your bright beams arise;
dispel the darkness from our minds,
and open now our eyes.

(Kneeling or sitting)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Lord says: I, even I, am the God who blots out your transgressions for my own sake and will not remember your sins. Go and sin no more.

(Standing)

Lord, make us truly one in spirit with all your faithful people as we profess our faith in the words of the 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

MUNICH

O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance
that from the Scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

The church from you, dear Master,
received this gift divine;
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that all life's voyage through,
'mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
still guides, O Christ, to you.

(All may join in the following intercessions, or the service may proceed as the
liturgist directs.)

(Sitting)

Almighty God, for the opportunity to be used by you in the life of your church,

*Ancient text reads "catholic," which means "universal."

For our use of your splendid gifts,
For the joy of obedient service,

We dedicate ourselves to you.

For our creation and preservation, and for all the blessings of this life,
For your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord
Jesus Christ,
For the fellowship and ministry of your body, the church,
For the opportunity of service in Christ's name through the power of the Holy
Spirit,
For your personal presence among us to guide and bless,

We offer our thanks, dear Lord.

For our congregation, that we may know and do your will,
For our bishops, ministers, teachers, and leaders, that they may guide
your people in the truth,
For the peace of the world, and for the renewal of your whole church by the
power of the Holy Spirit,
For all who, in your name, work for justice, reconciliation, and peace,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our community, for the whole land, and all who live in it,
For the fruitfulness of the earth, and for the careful stewardship of our natural
resources,
For those who travel,
For the poor, the homeless, and the imprisoned,
For the afflicted, the persecuted, the abused, and those who face temptation,
anger, or violence,
For the sick and dying, and for the salvation of all,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Be gracious to us, for to you alone are due all glory, honor, and praise.

Amen.

(Standing)

HYFRYDOL

Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission
and the gospel go unheard.

help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Sharing Cares of the Congregation

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *A Quiet Alleluia*

D. Paxton

Hymn of Dedication *Come, Let Us Sing the Song of Songs vs. 2*

#469

Slain to redeem us by his blood,
to cleanse from ev'ry sinful stain,
and make us kings and priests to God;
"Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!"

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn *Jesus, Life of All the World*

#363

Jesus, life of all the world,
source and sum of all creation,
Son of God and Son of man,
only hope of our salvation,
Living Word for all our need,
life you give is life indeed.

Life of freedom, gladness, truth,
all our guilt and fear transcending,
life that leaps beyond the grave,
God's own life that knows no ending;
life eternal, gift unpriced,
freely ours in Jesus Christ!

Yours is life that makes us stand
firm for truth, all wrong defying;
yours the strength by which we strive,
on your holy arm relying;
yours the war we wage on sin,
yours the pow'r by which we win.

Jesus, life of all the world,
you are Lord of ev'ry nation;
by your Holy Spirit's pow'r
make your church your incarnation
till our lives of truth and grace
show our world your human face!

Scriptures	Luke 24:13-35	pg. 85
Message	Rev. Ian Edwards	
Closing Hymn	<i>I Serve A Risen Savior (He Lives!)</i>	#792

I serve a risen Savior
He's in the world today.
I know that He is living,
Whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy;
I hear His voice of cheer;
And just the time I need Him
He's always near.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me
I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary,
I never will despair;
I know that He is leading,
Through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing
Will come at last.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him,
The Help of all who find,
None other is so loving,
So good and kind.

Benediction

Postlude

This Joyful Eastertide

L. Smith

2026 WATCHWORD TEXT FOR THE SCHOENECK CONGREGATION

*“For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known
to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,
but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.”* 2 Peter 1:16

* Please stand if you are able.