

EASTER



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

April 4, 2021

Easter 6:30 a.m.

No Matter Who You Are, Or Where You Are On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!

WORSHIP SERVICE

A Time of Quiet Meditation

Bells Call the Community to Worship

Gathering

One: O living God, this morning begins in darkness, the day dawns in quiet. Come, God, arise! Bring forth the sun from its slumber, and Jesus from the tomb. Break forth the Holy Light, your Blessed Child. Greet us on this morning of mystery and hope. Amen.

Kindling of a new flame

One: Christ is our Light.

People: Thanks be to God.

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PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn # 283 "Were You There"

Vss. 1 and 4: Were you there when he rose up from the grave?

Prayer

A time of silence

Voice one: Holy One, we give you thanks for your care throughout all of life.

Voice two: You showed your care for us as you created us in your own image.

Voice three: You showed your care for us as you showed your love to Sarah and Abraham for their faithfulness.

Voice four: You showed your care for us as you led your people out of slavery, through the sea, to freedom.

Voice five: You showed your care for us as you led your people through the night with a pillar of fire.

Voice six: You showed your care for us as you gave us the light of Christ, our Morning Star, to be a light to all creation.

Voice seven: Christ is our light! Come and kindle your light within us anew!

All: Thanks be to God!

Musical Response "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" arr Lorie Line

Greeting

The Call to Worship – from Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen Indeed!

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

People: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted;

Leader: the right hand of the LORD does valiantly." I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

People: The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

People: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Leader: This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: *Glory to God in the Highest for today is a new creation. Alleluia, Christ is Risen!*

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

Yearning for mercy, we confess before our God:

God of radical grace, we admit that we wall you off from our lives, bury your love in the shadows, and deny the power of your transforming spirit. Risen Christ, we fail to let your light and hope shine into every moment and every action. We fail to love you with our whole being or to love our neighbors as ourselves. We sin against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we do, and by what we leave undone. Save us from ourselves O Lord!

God of mercy, roll away the stones from the dead places in our lives and proclaim a new day! Raise up what has been buried within us, call our souls by name, and lead us to your eternal love. We pray: *“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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.”*

Hear the good news, Christ is Risen! God rolls aside the barriers we would create and offers us the fullness of grace and mercy. God reaches toward us with everlasting love regardless of our attempts to reject it. God raises up a sign to the world that love is real, the resurrection is now, and new life is for each of us. Alleluia, praise God for the good news of Easter.

↑ ♪ A Response of Halleluja “Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le, lu-ja”

↑ The Passing of the Peace

By dying, Christ destroyed our death;
in rising, he restores our life;
in giving us his Spirit, he grants us peace.
Peace be with you
And also with you

New Testament Lesson [Acts 10:34-43](#)

The Children’s Time - As the children come forward, please hum

Hymn # 437 “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” vs. 1

PLEASE DON’T SING Hymn # 289 “Alleluia, Alleluia Hearts to Heaven”

Gospel Lessons [Mark 16:1-8](#) (Page 780)

Sermon “they were afraid, and yet...”

Special Music "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah
arr. Lani Smith

↑ Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Beautiful Lord, Risen Savior, we lift our voices to you in praise and thanksgiving. Help us to remember and to celebrate how you offered your very life for us. Guide us in living our lives for you – lives of justice, lives of love, and lives of abundant generosity! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer - Silent Prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Consecration

Please Hum: #737 Santo, Santo, Santo

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.

My heart is glad to say the words:

you are Holy, Lord!

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora.

Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Senor.

Sharing Christ's Story

↑ Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Beloved Lord, in this simple meal you come to us again. You share yourself and your sustaining Spirit with our hungry souls. In the broken bread and the shared cup the good news is proclaimed. Christ was born, Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. Amen

Benediction

Leader: Go forth into the world to love and serve our risen Lord in all that you do.

People: We go in the name and service of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Thanks be to God.

All: Alleluia and Amen!

Instrumental Hymn

"Christ Arose"

arr. Lori Line

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Karla Spaits
Sherry McElhatton
Elsa Kirkegaard
Laura Kirkegaard

Sound: Josh Spaits
Video: Jake Lemke
Sexton: Roger Lindgren

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Lectionary for Sunday, April 11 8 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at **Peace Church**: Second Sunday of Easter- Acts 4:32-35 • Psalm 133 • 1 John 1:1-2:2 • John 20:19-31

CALENDAR – WEEK OF APRIL 4, 2021

Lectionary group at Peace Church – Contact the church if you are interested. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. The group will meet on April 6 at 10:00 a.m.

Adult Faith Formation, Book of Ruth: First, third, and fifth Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. – This group will meet on April 7th. We will be finishing up our study of the Book of Ruth.

Worship at Peace Church

We have regathered at church with capacity limits of 25% of capacity (50 worshippers in the sanctuary, worship leaders are in addition to that number). With our increased capacity, we are discontinuing the sign-up for services – we'll keep an eye on how well that works.

We are continuing to require masks that cover the mouth and nose at all times, for people to practice social distancing, hand washing/sanitizing, and all those other mitigation measures to which we have all become accustomed.

We will continue streaming all worship services to YouTube – We are planning on that being a part of our reality from now on.

We know that we are not yet out of the woods, and we would encourage everyone to please continue to act with care and caution. We have been trying to take all practical steps toward mitigation of the pandemic as a Congregation, and now is certainly not the time to stop trying to be a part of the solution. Get vaccinated when you are able, do your part in thinking about how your choices impact all of our community. Our commitment is to continue seeking to love our neighbors as ourselves!

If you have questions, please call Pastor Eric or the church office or e-mail pastor@peace-ucc.org or office@peace-ucc.org

Sunday School

Attention Pre-K – 4th Grade Sunday School students: Please join your fellow students and teachers for a Sunday School meeting via Zoom on Sunday, April 11th at 10:00 a.m. This gathering will include conversation, a skit and video about Creation. You might even meet “light” and “dark”. Watch your email for the Zoom Invite!

Altar Flowers – Peace Church will resume taking altar flower orders. If you would like to honor a person or special event by purchasing the altar flowers for a particular Sunday, please send a check for \$20.00 to Peace Church along with the date and reason (e.g.: in memory of Jane Doe or in honor of John and Jane Doe 30th anniversary).

Thank you Peace Church Congregation!

The Peace Church congregation has always been committed to our mission and has demonstrated that commitment over and over. **We thank all of you who have continued to send in your offerings – it is very much appreciated!**

We hope, that if you are able, you will continue to give to the church during this difficult time.

Here are ways to give to Peace:

- Mail your gift to church: The church address is: Peace UCC, PO Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040
- Give online by going to [GIVE](#) on our website. Scroll down to online giving and click the link and follow the directions.
- You can also set up automatic contributions with your bank. To do this just go to your bank’s website or to call your local branch and they will assist you.

Thank you all...and God Bless.

Church Clean-Up

Date: Saturday April 24th

Time: 9AM to noon

Place: Outside our church

Your help is needed to clean up all the winter debris around our church and get ready for Summer. We will be cleaning up the leaves around bushes, trimming bushes and possibly spreading mulch. Bring gardening tools (gloves, shovels, rakes etc.) All are welcome to help out!

Birthday Envelope



Have you ever wondered what the Birthday Envelope is doing with our offering envelopes? No, it's not a reminder to buy a cake for someone special. But it is a reminder that the birthday envelope offerings go to our SCHOLARSHIP fund. As you may know, scholarships are awarded to all who desire financial aid from Peace Church and wish to continue their education. Scholarships are renewable each year. So give generously!! Lost your birthday envelope? There is a scholarship section on the regular giving envelope, too.

Soap Sale!

Peace Church has homemade soap for sale. Different scents are available for a suggested donation of \$4.00 per bar. The bars of soap are available at each entrance or call the church office to reserve yours. All proceeds go to the General Fund. A huge thank you to Karen Kletti and Mary Steinhardt for providing the homemade soap!

The Kewaskum Community Pantry is open for drive-through pick-up Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30pm-6:00pm. We are located on the corner of Second Street and Reigle Drive in Kewaskum. We serve all households in the Kewaskum School District. If you or someone you know needs a little extra help this time of year, please stop by and allow our volunteers the opportunity to provide you and your family with some of the goods given by the generosity of our community.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday April 4 - 10

April 4 Zachary Butzlaff, Jennifer Preder
April 5 Ron Rusch (86)
April 6 Matthew Schemelin
April 7 Tim Danielson
April 9 Kristine Bier, Robert Breitag, Don Sedgwick (90)
April 10 Robbie Manthei, Brooks Martin

Happy Anniversary April 4 - 10

April 7 William & Jessica Loser (20)
April 7 Jason & Jamie Piittmann (20)

PRAYER LIST

Please let us know of any updates to the Prayer Lists

Those in Need of Healing: those experiencing pain or loss

Members:

Harvey Brodzeller
Judy Christensen
Markus Frank
Marilyn McIntosh

Dennis Novotny
Jerry O'Connor
Michael Schmidt

Friends & Family:

Patricia Hohl
Debbie (Hallen)
Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei)

Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)
Betty Sook (J. Christensen)

Please keep us updated. Concerns will be listed for 6 weeks.

Those Dealing with Cancer:

Members:

Laurie Struck, Carol Butzlaff, Dean Roe, Jim Roe, Joan Schleif, Heidi Rodenkirch

Friends & Family:

Betty (J. Michaels)
Gary & Evelyn Beaupre
Jean Cornell (Herriges)
Nephew of Beck Ehmer
Bonnie Erickson (Winninghoff)
Kerri Estep (Atwater)
Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)
Paula Hader (Adler)
Vern Ludwig (Roe)

Sheri Theep (Van Beek)
Jan (D. Stangl)
Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)
Paige More (Pearson)
Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges)
Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)
Karl Schleunes (K. Grundahl)
Sandra Senn (P. Behring)
Susan Tolonen (Lindgren)
Russell Will (Will)

Prayers of Comfort

To Judy Lehmann, Della Lehmann, Debbie Guillaume and their families on the death of Kevin Lehmann. Kevin passed away on Sunday, March 28, 2021.

Those Serving our Country

Thank you to the following who are currently serving in the **Armed Forces**, for their courage, strength and dedication to keeping us safe:

Julia (Leithold) Beasley (Air Force)
Sgt. Tyler Graff (Air Force – Betty Graff grandson)
Spencer Guenther (Air Force – Van Ess nephew)
Kyle Henk (Army)
Matthew Jankowski (Army National Guard – Jackie McCurdy grandson)
Luke Linden (Army National Guard – Joanne Amerling grandson)
Major Erik Rundquist (Army)
Maggie Singer (Army National Guard)
Dallas Stolowski (Marine Corp. – Knoth grandson)
Ryan Wunsch (Army National Guard – McElhatton son-in-law)
Samuel Zemlicka-Retzlaff (Air Force)

Thank you to our Covenanted Partner in Ministry: Rev. Gretchen Martin who serves the wider church through her work with the North Carolina Organ Donor Network.

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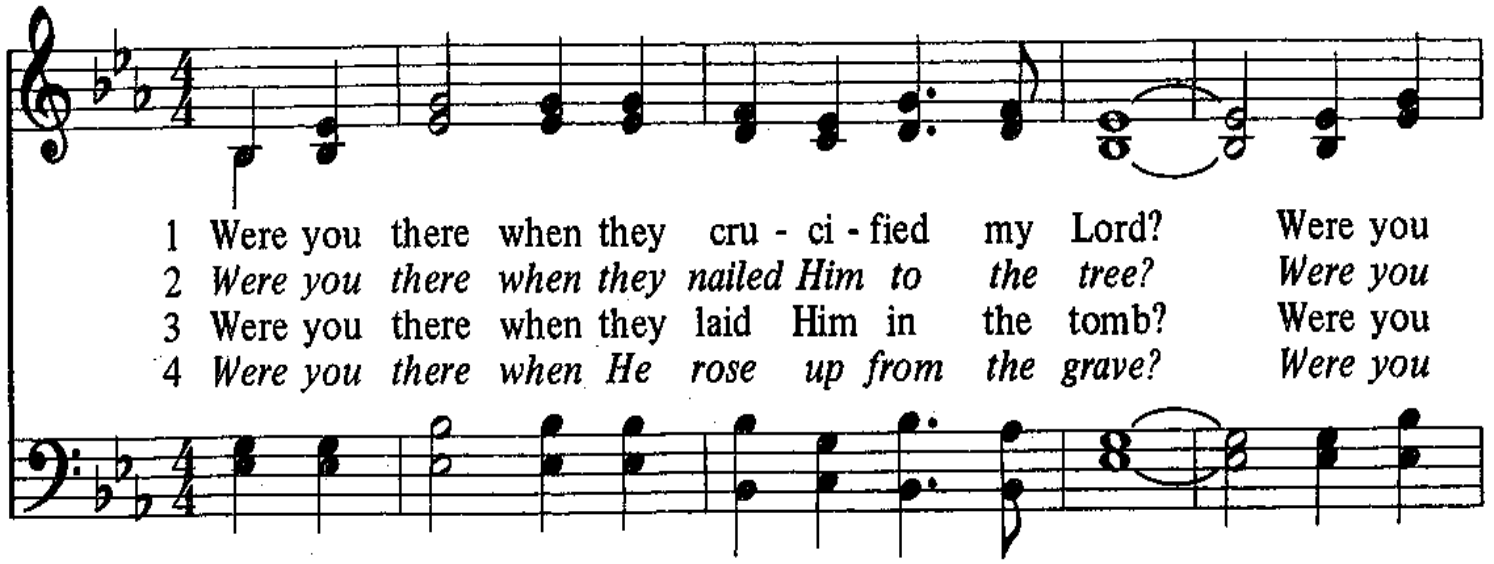
Peace Church Prayer Chain - prayers@peace-ucc.org

On the web @ www.peace-ucc.org Find Peace on [Facebook](#)

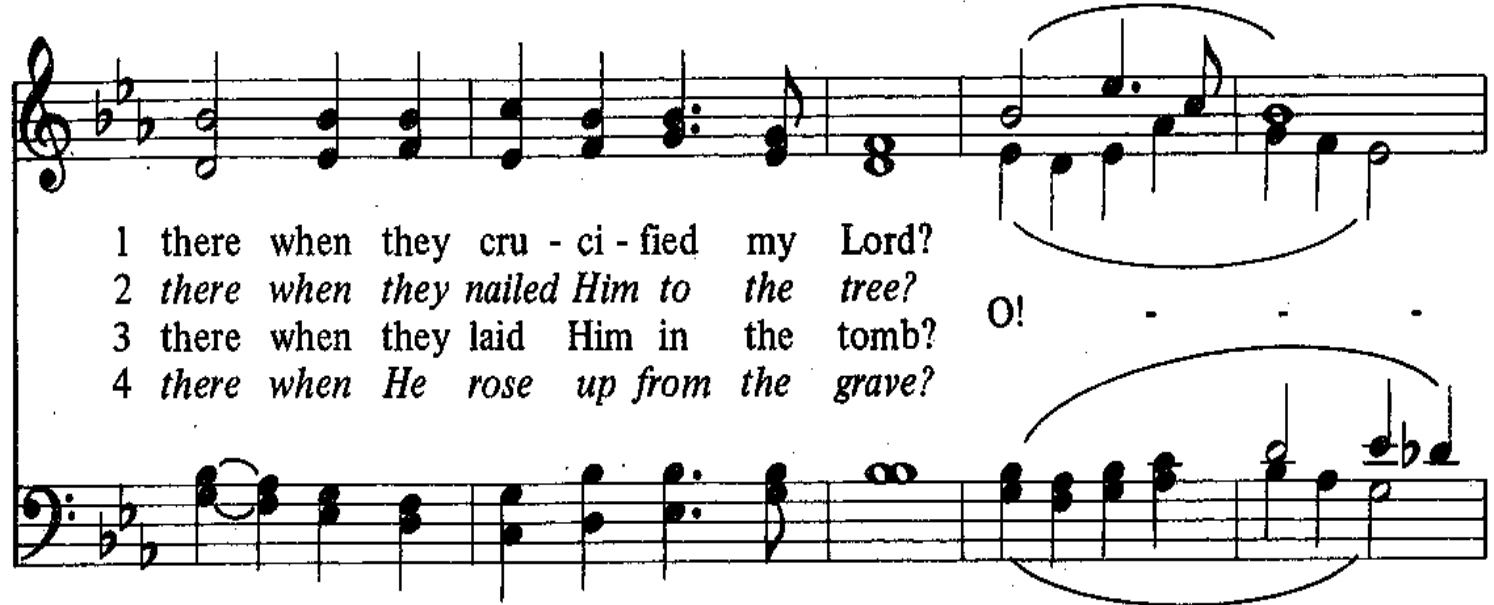
On YouTube at: [Peace UCC Kewaskum](#)

**“Peace Church exists to feed souls,
grow in God’s extravagant love and
together serve all of God’s children
and creation.”**

PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn "Were You There?"



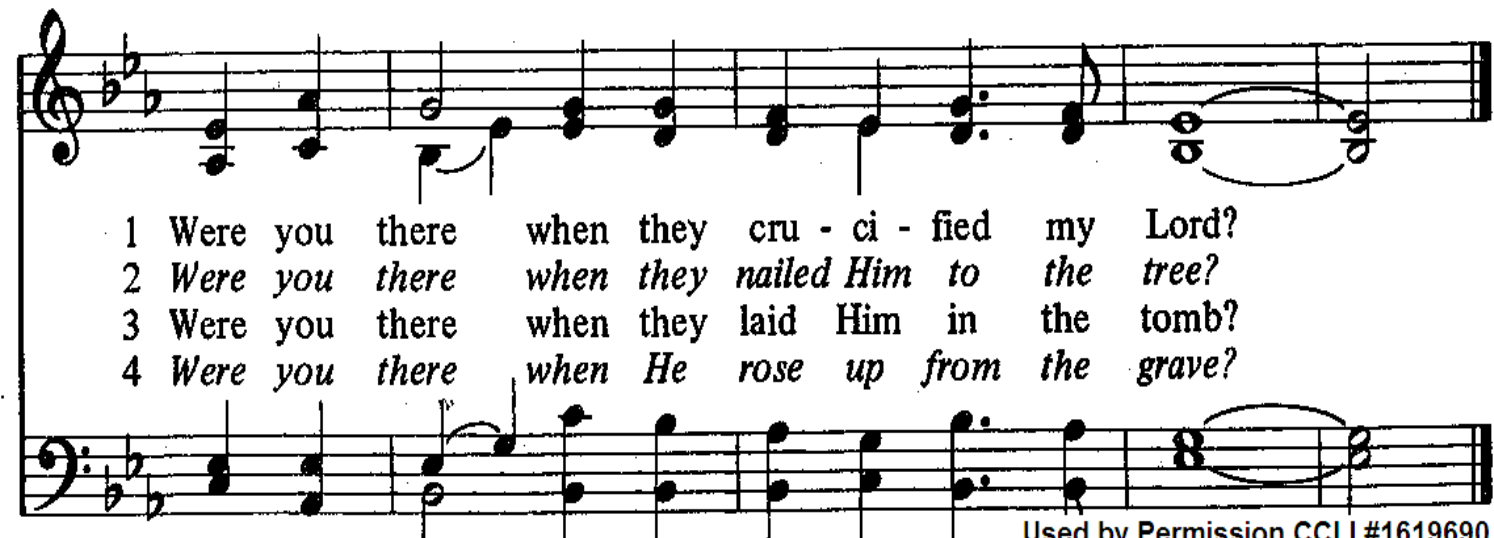
1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2 *Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?* Were you
3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you
4 *Were you there when He rose up from the grave?* Were you



1 there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2 *there when they nailed Him to the tree?* O!
3 there when they laid Him in the tomb?
4 *there when He rose up from the grave?*



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2 *Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?*
3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
4 *Were you there when He rose up from the grave?*

PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn #291 "Alleluia No. 1

Refrain (Unison)

N.C. F Dm Bb Gm7 C C7

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord, Al - le -

F C/E Dm Gm/Bb F/A Gm7 C7 F

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name!

Harmony

F Dm Dm7 Gm7 C

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

F Dm/F Dm Gm/D Dm7 Gm Bb/maj7 C

to Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for - ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn # 289 "Alleluia, Alleluia Hearts to Heaven"

G G₇ G $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 $\frac{G}{D}$ $\frac{D}{C}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ G $\frac{G}{D}$ D

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heaven and voic - es raise:
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
 3 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Set your hearts on things a - bove;
 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:

G $\frac{C}{G}$ G7 $\frac{G7}{C}$ C Cmaj7 $\frac{Am}{C}$ $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
 see the an - cient powers of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat;
 there in all the Fa - ther's glo - ry lives and reigns our King of love;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry;

D $\frac{G}{D}$ D $\frac{G}{D}$ D $\frac{B}{D\#}$ B7 Em A D

he who on the cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled—
 once he died, and once was bur - ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,
 hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wound - ed hands and side!
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!

G $\frac{C}{G}$ G7 $\frac{G7}{C}$ C Cmaj7 $\frac{Am}{C}$ $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
 Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
 Now let ev - ery wrong be end - ed, ev - ery sin be cru - ci - fied.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the Tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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HYMN TO JOY

MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867)

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