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## Worship Bulletin for April 5, 2025

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Introit *Siciliana & Giga by Handel* Coty Catlin & Susie Rolston

#### Welcome and Announcements

He is Risen!

**He is Risen Indeed!**

#### **\*Call to Worship** *(responsive)*

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

**Hosanna! Hosanna!**

Celebrate this day of days!

**Hosanna! Hosanna!**

Let all creation be amazed!

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is Risen!**

**\*Hymn** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* GtG # 232

(Come forward and add flowers to the cross during each of the hymns)

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

### **Prayer of Confession and Assurance**

Christ, we come to the empty tomb, we see our own death, we see our own tomb, we see our own emptiness.

**Lord we come to your tomb, we see a hungry world before us, the guilt of war on our hands, and we know that collectively we share in those injustices.**

Lord we come to the empty tomb, we search within ourselves and we cannot escape what we are, people caught up in the pain of our own wrongdoing, with a frustration of what we would be but are not.

**Lord when we come to the empty tomb, we lay before you our pain, our emptiness, our wounds and look to you for hope.**

Do not dwell on your wounds any longer for he has risen to heal you, he has risen to forgive you; he has risen to change us all and bind us together now. Christ has risen to forgive us.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

**Anthem**                      *Sing and Shout the Good News Today!*                      St. Andrew Choir

### **Passing the Peace**

### **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

(Those with prayer requests worshipping online, please text Anne the day before so your request can be lifted-831-345-6324)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer                      *"Come and Fill"*                      *(pew song sheet)*

Prayers lifted to God and The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**                      *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*                      GtG # 248

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

## **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson:** **Acts 10:34-43** NT page #129

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**Second Lesson:** **Matthew 28:1-10** NT page #33

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

### Offering

#### Offertory

*Holy Is the Lord arr. by Larry Sue*

St. Andrew Bell Choir

#### Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### Offering Prayer

God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds, your generosity fills to overflowing. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's spirit. Amen.

### Communion

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

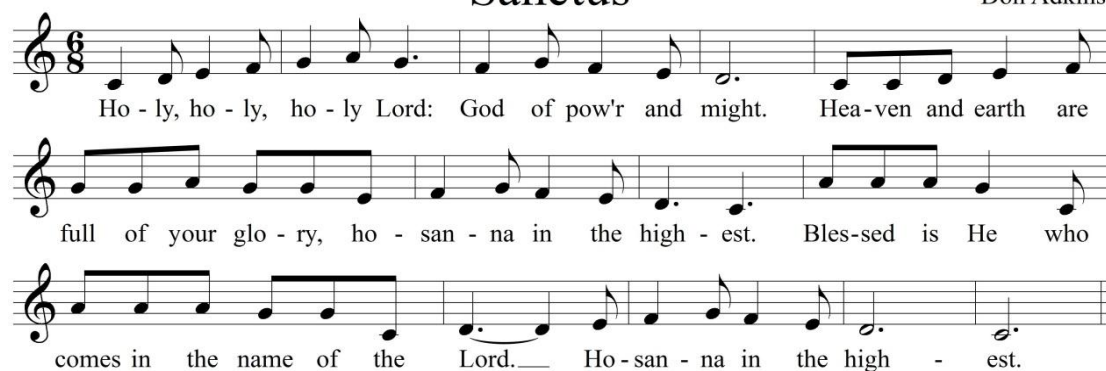
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

## Sanctus

Don Adkins



## WE LIVE TO SERVE

### \*Hymn

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

GtG # 245

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!

All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!  
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!  
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!  
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

## **Benediction**

*The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins!*

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## **TODAY'S SERVERS**

**LITURGIST:** Stan Cowan

**GREETER:** Judy Zscheile

**COFFEE HOST:** Nurture Committee

**OFFERING COUNTER:** Janet Maack\Pam Arnsberger

**COMMUNION:** Keith McKenzie, Pam Arnsberger, and Shari Gallegos

**Unity Candle:** This week we pray for El Estero Presbyterian Church

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Monday:* **Bell Choir at 2:15PM**

*Tuesday:*

- **Nurture Meeting at 10AM, Zoom**
- **Deacons Meeting at 10AM, Thomas Lounge**
- **Enrichment Meeting at 2PM, Zoom**

*Wednesday:* **Outreach Meeting at Noon, Zoom**

*Thursday:* **Choir at 2PM**

## **Upcoming Events**

- **SAVE the DATE:** June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Red Cross Blood Drive, Hubler Hall, starts at 8:30AM by appointment only using the Red Cross app.
- **2026 Per Capita Fees** - Annual due charged by Presbytery is based on total membership. It helps when our members contribute their share of \$55 for 2026. THANK YOU!!!