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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 4, 2025 10:45 A.M.

HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made!
Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE *Hungry (Falling On My Knees)*. Labenske

CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

C Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

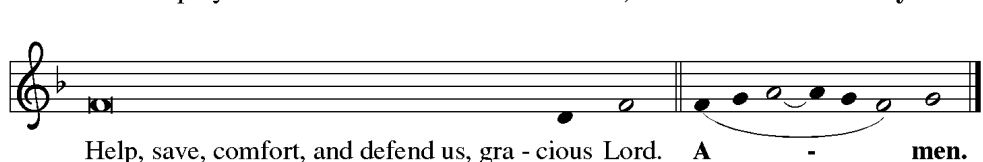
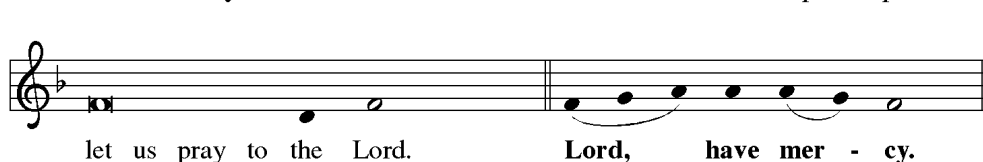
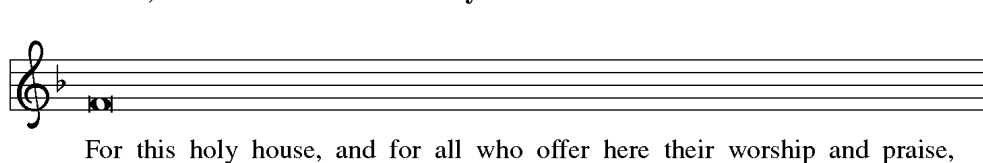
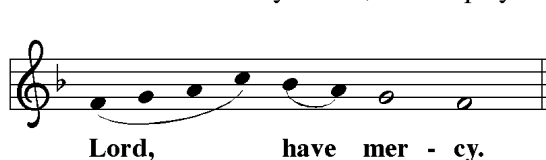
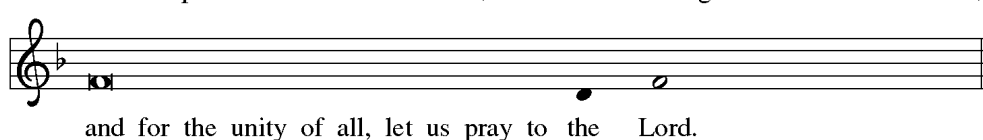
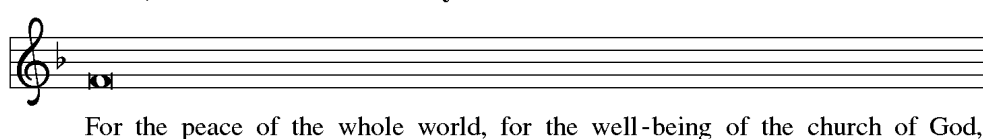
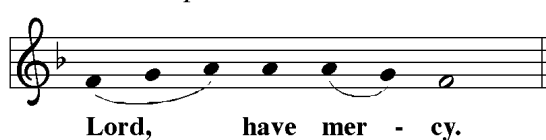
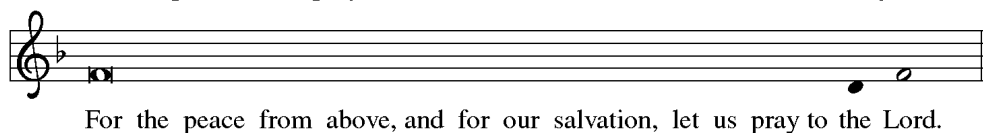
GATHERING HYMN #361 *The Day of Resurrection!*

GREETING

A The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



V.B.S. 2025 Living Water

Monday, June 9-Friday, June 13

Registration Form

NAMES OF CHILDREN ATTENDING

AGE/GRADE COMPLETED

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIPCODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PARENT NAME/NAMES: _____

WILL PARENTS BE HELPING AT V.B.S.? _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT (IF PARENT CANNOT BE REACHED)

NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD: _____

PHONE: _____

ALLERGIES OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS: _____

HOME CHURCH: _____

ANY OTHER SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

THIS FORM CAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR EMAILED TO: administrator@schwarzwaldlutheran.org.



V.B.S. 2025

Living Water

Acceptance of all God's Children and the importance of kindness for everyone.

Register by completing the form or by calling the Church office at 610-779-3480.

Monday, June 9 –Friday, June 13

6:00-8:00 PM

**Dinner available each evening
at 5:30 PM**

LEARN ALL ABOUT

Noah's Ark—Genesis 6-9

Jesus's Baptism—Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:4-11, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Jesus Walks on Water—Matthew 14:22-33

Women at the Well—John 4:5-42

Fruits of the Spirit –Galatians 4:5–42

V.B.S. Showcase on Friday, June 13 beginning at 7:00 PM.

An Ice Cream Social will complete the evening!

We will be collecting socks for Mary's Shelter– Holy Socks & Socks for Souls

Come join the fun.....stories, music, crafts, games and food!

Ages 4 and up!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE The Rev. Jim Farnsworth

FIRST READING Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 30 *read responsively*

¹I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

²**O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.**

³O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴**Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.**

⁵For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

⁶**As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."**

⁷By your favor, O LORD,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face; I was dismayed.

⁸**To you, O LORD, I cried,
and to the LORD I made supplication:**

⁹"What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!
O LORD, be my helper!"**

¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

¹²**so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

SECOND READING Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,
"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!"

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

- A The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**



THE JANET GRIESEMER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Through Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, two \$750 scholarships will be awarded to applicants (graduating high school seniors only) planning to continue their education beyond high school. The applicant may attend any school district or be home-schooled and must be a member of SLC.

Scholarship Application Process

The application, which has 4 questions to answer, may be obtained from the church office by calling or emailing.

The completed application, **along with your transcript**, must be returned by Friday, May 9, 2025, either by dropping it off at the church office, Attention: Scholarship Committee, or by e-mailing it to: administrator@schwarzwaldlutheran.org and placing "Scholarship Application" in the subject line.



May Collection for Mary's Shelter

The Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a collection of baby items during the month of May. The following supplies have been requested:

Baby diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, 6)	Baby wipes
Baby shampoo	Baby wash
Baby lotion	Nasal Aspirators
Baby bottles (plastic 4 oz. & 8 oz.)	Bibs
Teethers	Sippy Cups
Onesies (newborn to 12 months)	Baby nail clippers
Summer sleepers (newborn to 12 months)	

Please place your donations in the collection bin found in the Narthex.
The last day to donate items will be on Sunday, May 25.
Thank you for your support!

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS!

SERVING AT WORSHIP

Christy D'Angelo Assisting Minister
Larry Houpp Usher Team Captain
Christy D'Angelo, Susan Johns, Judy McLain Communion Assistants
Vinnie D'Angelo Acolyte
Sally Kennedy, Judy Ney, Ian Carr Carillonneurs
The Kerber Family Zoom Masters

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are a **visitor**, a special welcome to you, and if you are without a church home, we invite you to join our fellowship. You are also encouraged to sign our guest register with your preferred contact information. If you do not have a Bible at home, please take one from the welcome table. Visitors who are communing members of other Christian congregations are cordially invited to receive the Sacrament with us. Welcome to the Lord's table where we are one with Christ!

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Susan and David Johns in celebration of their granddaughter, Emma.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Mark Hoover in memory of loved ones.

Large print bulletins and hearing receivers are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance. **Children's toys, games, puzzles and books** can be found in the Narthex. **Church-time Nursery** is available downstairs in the "Parent and Me" room with plenty of toys and books for toddlers and youngsters.

We are in need of **ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS** (\$25) for all of June, and **BULLETIN SPONSORS** (\$14) for the remainder of May and all of June. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

The **May issue of the Pulpit and Pew** is available for pick-up in the Narthex.

BREAKFAST BUNCH will meet on Thursday, May 8, at 9:00 a.m. at the Breakfast Hut Restaurant on Perkiomen Avenue. All are welcome!

There will be **Youth Chorus rehearsal** on Thursday, May 8, at 6:00 p.m.

Last Sunday's Current Envelopes Offering:

Budgeted income \$4,038.00
Actual income \$2,984.00

YOUTH BOWLING EVENT (SLC, Reformation and St. Mark's)

Friday, May 16th 7:00—8:15 p.m.

For youth 4th grade thru 12th grade \$7 per person

Jay Lanes, 1428 Ben Franklin Hwy E, Douglassville

If you plan on attending, please RSVP by Saturday, May 10th to Alicia Bergey via text 610-316-7387 or email at abergey2@gmail.com.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Gospel according to John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL John 21:1-19

¹ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.

² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord.

¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know

everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON The Rev. Jim Farnsworth

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY
#854 Blessing and Honor

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P God of resurrection and new life,
we come before you in prayer for the church,
the world,
and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Continuous Communion
Grape juice is available at the top of the steps.
For gluten free wafers, please ask the Communion Assistant.
If you are unable to come to the altar for communion, the Pastor will bring communion to you in your pew.
After receiving communion, please pick up a communion card at the bottom of the ramp.
Please complete the card and place it in the basket in the Narthex or vestibule after worship.

Please stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
C Amen.

BLESSING

P The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN #377 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
A Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Fugue Muffat

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 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.

LAMB OF GOD



Please be seated.

A Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip youth directors, Sunday school teachers, and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Your abundance is made known throughout creation. Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and estuaries so that all creatures living in them might flourish. Make us wise stewards of our local watersheds. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers, especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work. Amplify the voices of those most in need, that their leadership guides the way forward. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care, especially:

Ken Bryant	Cindy Fliegel	Barbara Hafer
Barry Hecker	Ruth Hoover	Mary Phillips
Walt & Janice Smithson	Ted Whitehead	Tom Bowersox
Jayne Phillips	Tracy Rohrbach	Jim & Lauri Walker

We pray for all those concerns and people we quietly name in our hearts.

(Silent prayers)

Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and places. May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you, today and every day. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of our Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Share the peace with one another.

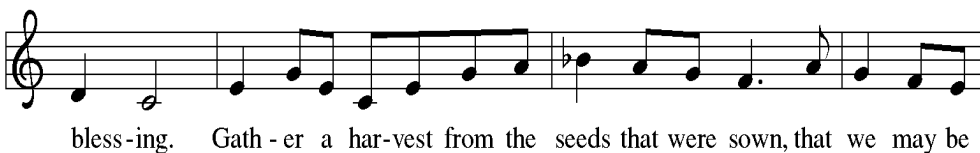
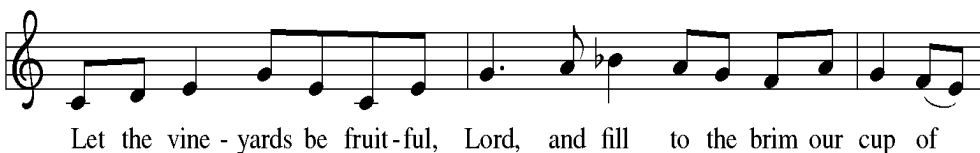
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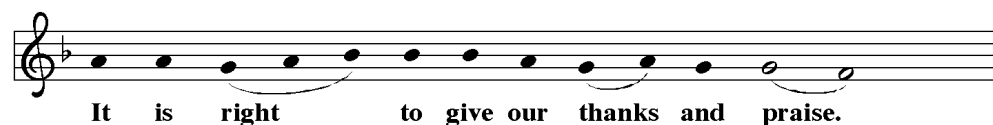
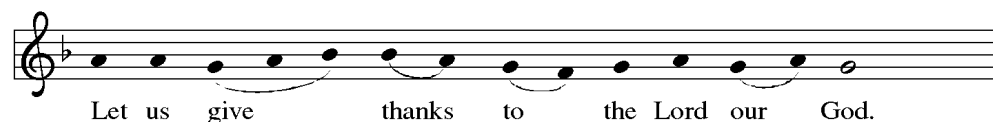
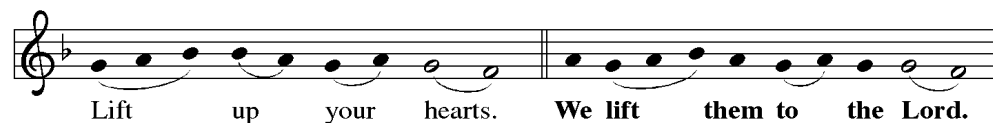
ANTHEM *What God Can Do* Besig
Sr. Choir

Please stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right and salutary, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

