

OPENING HYMN #208 *Blue Hymnal*

Virtual Choir

Matthew Briggs trumpet

Alexander Smeltz, trombone

Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

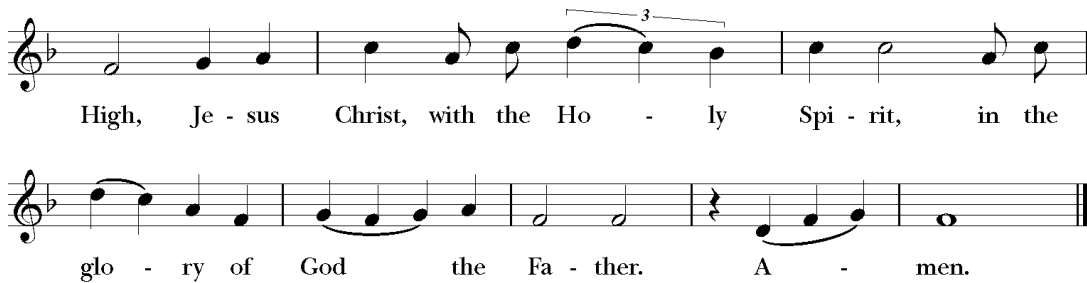
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS # S-280 *Blue Hymnal*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right 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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 (*Prayed responsively by whole verse*)

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 **Let Israel now proclaim, ***
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 **There is a sound of exultation and victory ***
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 **I shall not die, but live, ***
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 **Open for me the gates of righteousness; ***
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 **I will give thanks to you, for you answered me ***
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 **This is the LORD'S doing, ***
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

*Low in the grave He lay***Christ Arose**

Robert Lowry

(Low In The Grave He Lay)

Robert Lowry

Low in the grave He lay, Je - sus my Sav - ior! Wait - ing the com - ing day,
 Vain - ly they watch His bed, Je - sus my Sav - ior! Vain - ly they seal the dead,
 Death can - not keep his prey, Je - sus my Sav - ior! He tore the bars a - way,

Je - sus my Lord! Up from the grave He a rose, With amight-y tri-umph o'er His
 Je - sus my Lord!
 Je - sus my Lord!

foes; He a-rose a Vic-tor from the dark do-main, And He lives for - ev - er with His

saints to reign, He a rose! He a-rose! Hal-le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!
 He a-rose! He a-rose!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Mother Barbara

(A period of silence follows for reflection.)

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As disciples who know that Christ is risen, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Lord, hear our prayer.

As your Church rejoices this morning in the Resurrection of her Lord and Savior, may her worship be reverent and her proclamation faithful. May every Christian soul respond in faith to the call of the Master and make haste to tell the good news.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let the Easter hope be known in all the world. Give light to those who seek, assurance to those who doubt, and peace to all. May Christ be known as the only Lord, the only hope of the nations.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless our visitors and loved ones of our parishioners who are with them today that they may sense the love and compassion of Christ through our worship and as expressed by each one of us. Be with our families and friends and all who share with us the wonder of the Resurrection. May the presence of Christ bring us close to those who are separated from us, in the

knowledge that no distance can part us from his love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Have mercy on those who stand at the open door of faith but are held back by doubt or fear of their unworthiness. Draw them in, that they may begin the new life that Christ has brought. Help and comfort those for whom suffering and sorrow mar the happiness of this Easter season.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have shared with Christ the death of the body, now share with him the eternal life of his Resurrection. May the promise that has been fulfilled in them be our hope in this world and our place in the world to come.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray in the name of Christ who conquered death that we might live for ever.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time,
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.
Come, it is the Lord who calls your name.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I know that my redeemer liveth
G.F. Handel

Elisabeth Turchi

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

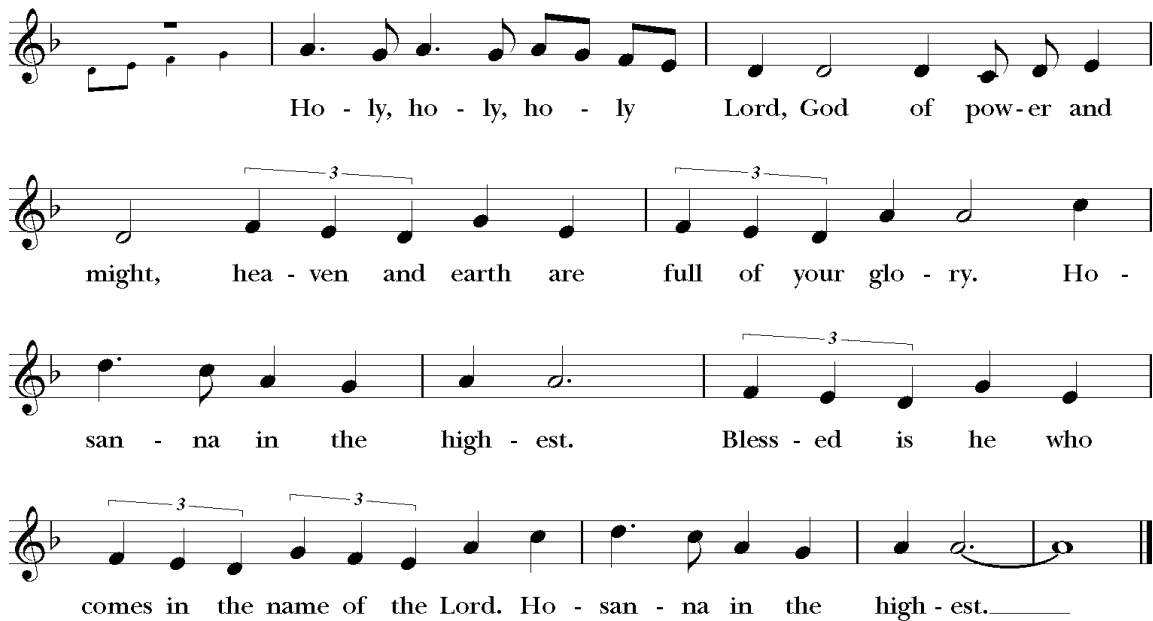
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. (*Sanctus bells will be rung here.*)

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." (*Sanctus bells will be rung here.*)

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." (*Sanctus bells will be rung here.*)

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

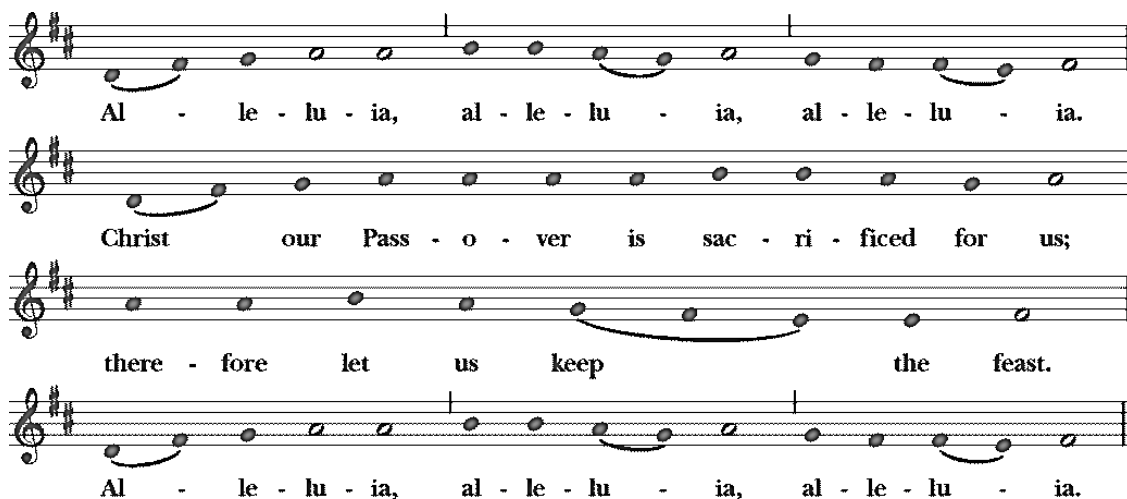
THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dearest Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament, and that you fill us at all times with your holy, healing, and life-giving Presence. Since we cannot at this moment receive you in consecrated bread and wine, help us to know your Presence spiritually, and more deeply in our hearts. We embrace you, knowing that you are already here, and we unite ourselves wholly with you. As we offer our hearts and spirits in our love of Christ, we pray, Holy Spirit, make us like Jesus: one body, food for the world, one blood, poured out for the life of all. Amen.

COMMUNION UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Come now Spirit of God upon us as we prepare to receive this gift of bread, already blessed and made holy by the same Spirit, that this bread may be for us the Body of our Savior Jesus Christ.

*The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us children through the resurrection of God's Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of God's blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

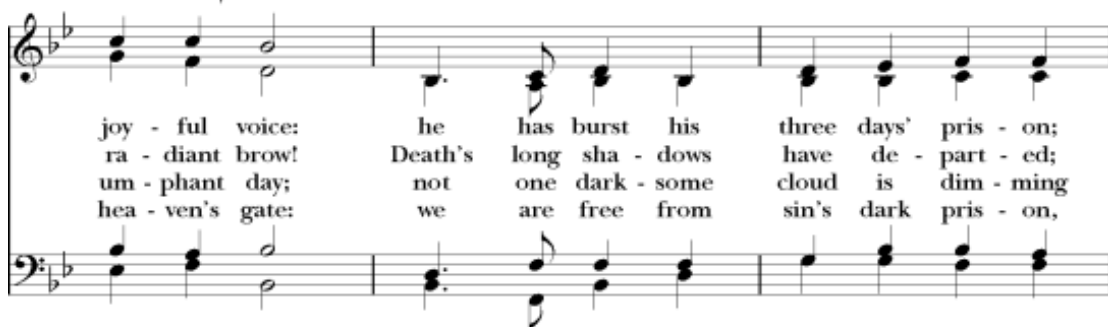
May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #180 *Blue Hymnal*



1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
 *3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened



joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,



let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er



we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

THE DISMISSAL

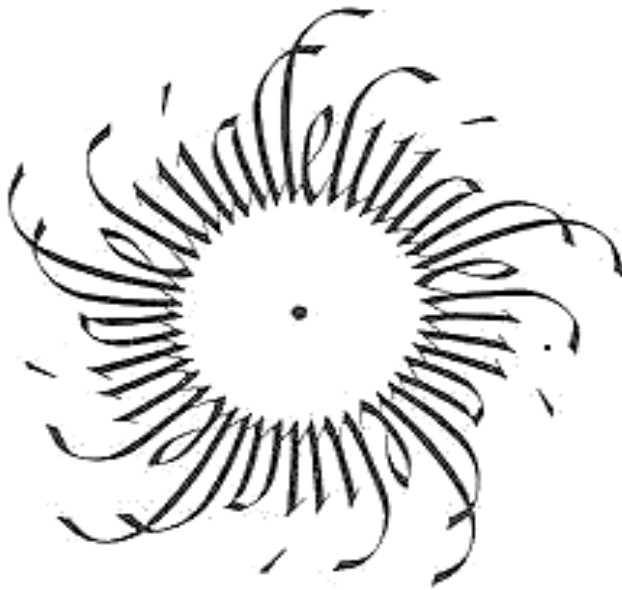
Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesus Christ!
J.S. Bach

Michelle DiBona Trefren



WORSHIP MINISTERS

Celebrant & Preacher:	Mother Barbara
Deacon:	Deacon Wanda Kloza
Assisting Pastor:	Pastor Dana Blouch-Hanson
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	Michelle DiBona Trefren
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	Matthew Briggs
	Michelle DiBona Trefren
	Kevin Gorman
	Anne Herman
	Bill Hutchinson
	Patrick Ishler
	Alexander Smeltz
	Kathy Smith
	Chris Streeter
	Lisa Turchi
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	Kevin Gorman, <i>piano, organ</i>
	Alexander Smeltz, <i>trombone</i>
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