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# Sunday, April 7, 2024 10:00AM Second Sunday of Easter Communion Sunday

#### WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

**Prelude** 

Two Easter Carols

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)
Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)
Children are excused to Sunday School after the Passing of the Peace.

\*Please stand as you are able

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

### Call to Worship

Into our fears and through our locked doors.

Come, Almighty God.

When we think 'peace with you,' means no change or disruption.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Amidst our lives that confuse religious entertainment with Easter fulfillment.

Come, Holy Spirit.

For the sake of a community meant to be its best during crisis,

Come Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Gospel Praise

Jesus Christ, You've Done So Much For Me Gospel Choir

Minute for Mission

Call to Confession

#### **Prayer of Confession**

O Lord our God, we think our best should happen when we are in control. Forgive us for not expecting the risen Christ to show up when we are anxious, content to lock the doors of your house for fear of all that is outside.

Forgive us for thinking that church mainly happens inside these walls and not into the world you so love and into which we are sent. Forgive us for looking for your power in all the conventional places but never in places of brokenness, crisis and defeat.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, repair what we are, and by the power of Christ's resurrection, raise us up to serve others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Declaration of God's Forgiveness** 

Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you!

(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")

Response GTG #591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! (3X)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

(Sung twice)

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD** 

**Prayer for Illumination** 

First Reading

John 20:19-31

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

#### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Affirmation of Faith (from The Study Catechism, Question 43 and 46)
What do you affirm when you say that he was "crucified, dead, and buried"?

That when our Lord passed through the door of real human death, he showed us that there is no sorrow that he has not known, no grief he has not borne, and no price he was unwilling to pay in order to reconcile us to God.

What do you affirm when you say that 'on the third day he rose again from the dead'?

That our Lord could not be held by the power of death. Having died on the cross, he appeared to his followers, triumphant from the grave, in a new, exalted kind of life. In showing them his hands and his feet, the one who was crucified revealed himself to them as the Lord and Savior of the world.

\*Hymn AAHH #243 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

INVITATION

**GREETING** 

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 to give your thanks and praise.

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** 

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.

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS CLOSING PRAYER

Call to Offering

**Invitation to Offering** 

**Offertory Anthem** 

Since By Man Came Death Chancel Choir G.F. Handel

\*Doxology GTG #606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.

**Prayer of Dedication** 

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn GTG #268

**Crown Him with Many Crowns** 

\*Benediction

Postlude Postlude Harald Rohlig

The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshiping.

## WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS 243

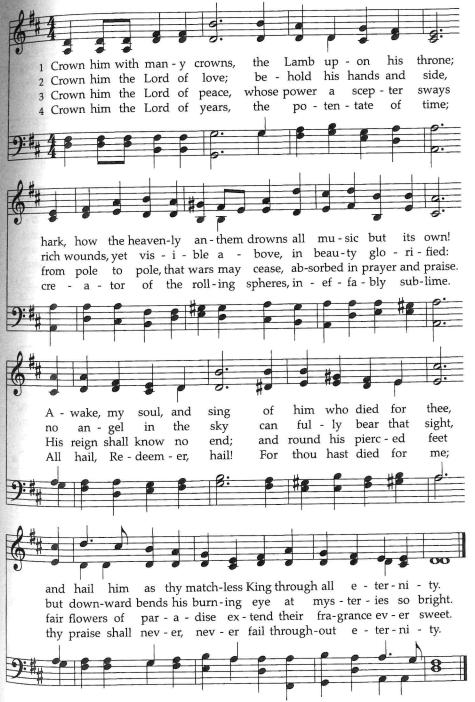
May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ...



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Tune: HAMBURG, LM; Gregorian Chant; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

# Crown Him with Many Crowns 268



This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.