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May 11, 2025

9:45 AM

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day**

*Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Additionally, after the children's message, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

**WORSHIP CHOIR OPENER**  
**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**JOYS & CONCERNS**

*Be Joyful and Sing*

by Harlan

**PRELUDE** (played by the Holy Dingalings)

*This Little Light of Mine*

Traditional

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: We come, like Thomas, full of questions—

**C: Needing to see, to touch, to know for ourselves.**

L: We come, like the disciples, behind locked doors—

**C: Holding our doubts, our fears, our wonder.**

L: The Risen Christ is not offended by our questions.

**C: He shows up anyway—wounds and all—offering peace.**

L: Resurrection is not the end of mystery, but the beginning.

**C: In the presence of the Risen One, we are free to ask, to seek, to grow.**

L: So come with your wonder.

**C: Come with your questions.**

L: Come with your whole, searching heart.

**C: For Christ meets us here—with love, with grace, with peace.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us join together in prayer to our loving and gracious God...Risen Christ,

**C: you met Thomas in his doubt and the disciples in their fear—meet us now in our searching. Open our hearts to wonder, our minds to your mystery, and our spirits to your peace. May this be a place where questions are welcomed, where faith is deepened, and where your presence is made known again and again. Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN UM HYMNAL # 308 ( see next page)**

*Thine Be the Glory*



# Thine Be the Glory

Edmond L. Budry, 1904

G. F. Handel, 1747

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$\text{♩} = 120$



1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;  
2. Lo! Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb;  
3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!

end less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.  
lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom.  
Life is naught with - out thee; aid us in our strife.

An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,  
Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,  
Make us more than con - querors, through thy death - less love;

kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bo - dy lay. Thine be the  
for our Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.  
bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

glo - ry, ris en con - quering Son; end less is the vic - tory

thou o'er death hast won.

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Risen Christ,

**C: we confess that we often hide our doubts, thinking they disqualify us from faith. We confess the times we have closed the doors of our hearts—out of fear—out of pain—out of pride. We forget that you come through locked doors, that you show up with wounds still visible, that you meet us in the mystery, not apart from it. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us trust that questions can lead us closer to you, and that your peace is always breathing among us. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P: Hear this good news: Christ does not wait for perfect belief. Christ does not scold the doubting heart. Instead, the Risen One comes to you now—offering peace, breathing out grace, and calling you by name. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are held in love, surrounded by mercy, and invited to begin again.

**C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*ACT OF PRAISE NCH # 236** (black hymnal)

*Halle, Halle, Halle*

**ALL SING: Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.**

**I am the resurrection, live in me. I am the way the truth, follow me. I am the resurrection, live in me. Hallelujah, hallelujah.**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM**

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* Traditional

**SCRIPTURE**

*John 20:19-31 (NRSV)*

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY LUTHERAN HYMNAL NO. 558** (see next page, vs. 1, 3, & 5)

*Earth and All Stars!*

# Earth and All Stars!

Herbert F. Brokering, 1926

David N. Johnson, 1922-1987

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

1. Earth and all stars!	Loud rush-ing plan - ets!
2. Trum - pet and pipes!	Loud clash-ing cym - bals!
3. En - gines and steel!	Loud pound-ing ham - mers!
4. Class-rooms and labs!	Loud boil - ing test tubes!
5. Knowl-edge and truth!	Loud sound-ing wis - dom!

5

Sing to the Lord	a new song!	Hail, wind, and
Sing to the Lord	a new song!	Harp, lute, and
Sing to the Lord	a new song!	Lime-stone and
Sing to the Lord	a new song!	Ath - lete and
Sing to the Lord	a new song!	Daugh-ter and

10

rain!	Loud blow-ing	snow - storm!	Sing to the Lord
lyre!	Loud hum-ming	cel - los!	Sing to the Lord
beams!	Loud build-ing	work - ers!	Sing to the Lord
band!	Loud cheer-ing	peo - ple!	Sing to the Lord
son!	Loud pray-ing	mem - bers!	Sing to the Lord

15

a new song!	God has done	mar -	vel - ous
a new song!			
a new song!			
a new song!			
a new song!			

20

things.	I too sing	praises with a	new song!
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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** 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.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** (sung by Caitlin Damon)

## A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

*This is My Father's World*

Traditional

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 82 NCH** (see next page)

*Go My Children with My Blessing*



# Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano




1. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone;  
2. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me;

5



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own;  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

9



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you  
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you, here with ten-der

12



mine for-ev-er, Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing,  
com-fort stilled you; Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished,

15



you are my own.  
joy - ful and free.

**References**

<sup>1</sup>The Prayer of Confession was written as a resource and shared by Re:Worship BlogSpot <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/08/prayer-of-confession-august-21-2011.html> and accessed for use on 5/2/24.

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