

Altamont Reformed Church
Second Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2025

Prelude **"Open the Gates of the Temple" Knapp, Arr. by Johnson**
Audrey Daly-Gilman, Organist

THE LITURGY OF APPROACH

Votum

Call to Worship
This is the good news—
the grave is empty;
Christ is risen.
Hallelujah!
This is the good news—
the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never put it out.
Hallelujah!
This is the good news—
once we were no people;
now we are God's people.
Hallelujah!
Christ is our peace,
the indestructible peace
we now share with each other.
Hallelujah!

Opening Prayer

***Hymn:** **"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" (Purple) #254**

Prayer of Confession
Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;
new love where we have turned hard-hearted;
forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded;
and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit
where we are prisoners of ourselves. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:4–7

The Law of God

***Passing of the Peace**
The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

***Gloria Patri** **(Purple) #581**
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 with-out end. Amen, Amen.

Ministry of Music "Worship God with Music" Natalie Sleeth

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Message:

***Hymn:** **"Thine Is the Glory" (Purple) #238**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35 New Testament p.90

Sermon

***Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

THE LITURGY OF RESPONSE

Announcements

Offering

***<u>Doxology</u>**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below: Praise God above, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People with the Lord's Prayer

<u>The Lord's Prayer</u>
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, for ever. Amen.

***<u>Closing Hymn</u>: "Jesus Lives, and So Shall I" (Blue) #224**

***Choral Benediction**

***Benediction**

Postlude "The Strife is Over" Palestina, Arr. Johnson

** indicates the congregation stands, if able.*

WELCOME as we worship together. Please join us for Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall after worship.

<u>PLEASE SPEAK TO A GREETER ABOUT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:</u>
Youth Bulletins or Sheets, Sack Coloring Pages are available in the front of the sanctuary.
Assisted Listening Devices are in the back of the sanctuary.

Large Print Hymnal: A larger version of the *Glory to God* hymnal is available in the front or back of the sanctuary. The covers are black.