

An oil painting of two feet, one resting on the other, with text overlaid at the bottom. The feet are rendered in warm, reddish-brown tones, with visible brushstrokes and texture. The background is a mix of yellow, white, and blue, suggesting a bright, possibly outdoor setting. The overall style is expressive and somewhat abstract.

*EA*  
*STERTIDE*  
*SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026*

# Welcome to Resurrection!

We're glad you're here! At Church of the Resurrection (Rez), we believe that you can be transformed by encountering the love of Jesus. Through this encounter, many people have received healing, become part of a community, and learned to serve others. Our vision is to invite everyone into this kind of transforming relationship with Jesus and his Church, whether you are exploring Christianity for the first time or grew up attending church.

If you are visiting us for the first time or watching on livestream, we are so excited to have you with us. We would love to meet you and give you a gift at the Guest Center.



*Matt Woodley*

**Fr. Matt Woodley**  
Interim Cathedral Dean  
[churchrez.org](http://churchrez.org)



**Anglican Diocese**  
*of the* **Upper Midwest**

As the cathedral church, Resurrection is the headquarters for our regional family of churches, the Anglican Diocese of the Upper Midwest, as well as the home of Bishop Stewart Ruch. The mission of our Diocese is to plant a revival of Word and Sacrament infused by the Holy Spirit.

We are also a member of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA).



**Bishop Stewart E. Ruch III**  
Diocese of the Upper Midwest  
[midwestanglican.org](http://midwestanglican.org)



# CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

## Visiting?

We would love to meet you and give you a gift at the Guest Center.

## Children

Children's ministry is available at Sunday services for infants through 5th grade.

## Youth

RezYouth, for middle and high school students, meets on Wednesdays, 6:30–8/8:30pm. Visit [churchrez.org/youth](http://churchrez.org/youth) to learn more.

## Adults

Rooted in Scripture, our adult Bible study, meets on Wednesdays, 6:30–8pm, in the Sanctuary.

## Questions?

- For general questions:  
[office@churchrez.org](mailto:office@churchrez.org)
- Set up a meeting with a pastor:  
[meghanrobins@churchrez.org](mailto:meghanrobins@churchrez.org)
- Contact non-staff vestry (church board):  
[rezvestrymembers@gmail.com](mailto:rezvestrymembers@gmail.com)

## Events & News

[churchrez.org/signup](http://churchrez.org/signup)

## Weekly Newsletter

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## About Us

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## Sunday Worship

8:30am & 10:30am



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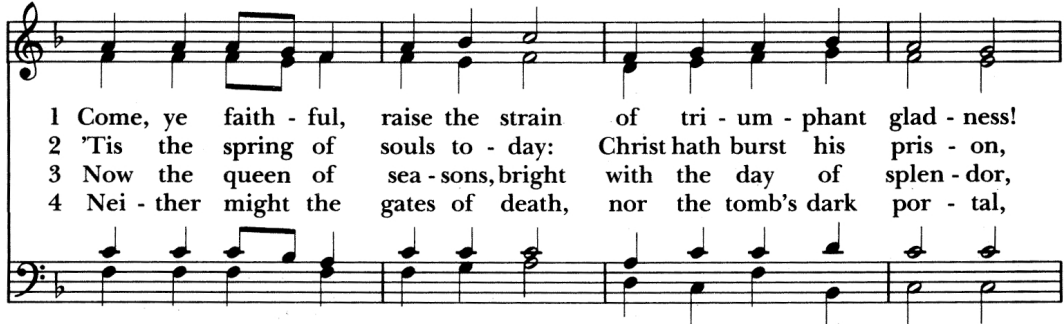


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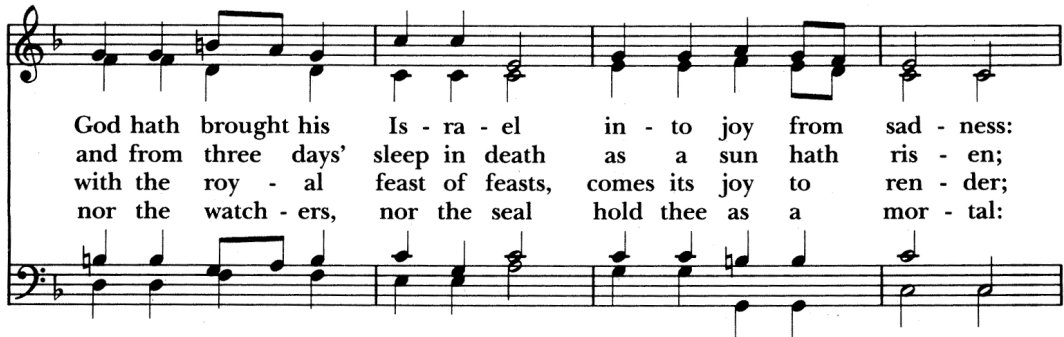
# The Word of God

## The Processional Hymn

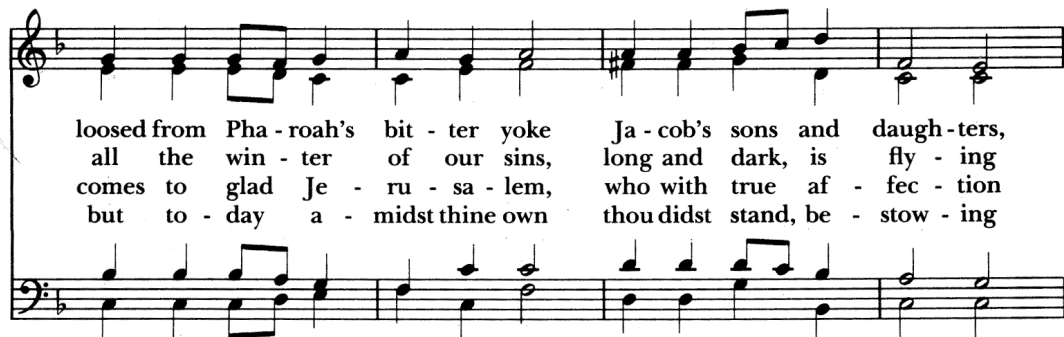
Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pris - on,  
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:  
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;  
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;  
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - roah's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.  
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.  
 Music: ST. KEVIN, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842–1900)

## The Acclamation

CELEBRANT: *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

PEOPLE: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## The Collect for Purity

CELEBRANT: *Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord.*

ALL: Amen.

## The Summary of the Law

CELEBRANT: *Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:*

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets (Matthew 22:37–40).*

# The Kyrie

CELEBRANT: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

PEOPLE: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

CELEBRANT: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

# Songs of Worship

*The Gloria may be sung.*

# The Collect of the Day

CELEBRANT: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*

*Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

ALL: **Amen.**

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# The Lessons

*Please be seated for the readings from the Bible.*

READER: *A reading from the First Letter of Peter.*

## **1 Peter 1:3–9 (ESV)**

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 111 (BCP 2019)**

- 1 Praise the LORD.  
I will give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart, \*  
in the company of the upright, and among the congregation.
- 2 The works of the LORD are great, \*  
sought out by all who have pleasure in them.
- 3 His work is worthy to be praised and held in honor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He has made his marvelous works to be had in remembrance; \*  
The LORD is gracious and merciful.
- 5 He has given food to those who fear him; \*  
he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works, \*  
that he may give them the heritage of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are true.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
and are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
a good understanding have all those who live accordingly;  
his praise endures for ever.

## **Alleluia**

*Please stand.*

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Give praise to his name.

"Alleluia No. 1," words and music by Donald Fishel.

READER: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

PEOPLE: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

## **John 20:19–31 (ESV)**

READER: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

## **Alleluia**

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Give praise to his name.

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# **The Sermon**

## **Blessed Are Those Who Believe**

**—Fr. Will Chester, Executive Pastor**

# The Nicene Creed

*Please stand for the Creed  
and the Prayers of the People.*

CELEBRANT: *Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:*

ALL: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten 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,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

# Prayers of the People

LEADER: *Lord, in your mercy:*

ALL: Hear our prayer.

## Global Partner Spotlight: Grace

*Each week, we pray for one of our global partners. Use this bio as a reminder to pray for them today and throughout the week. Due to safety concerns, we are often limited in how much we can share about the location and nature of this ministry.*

Grace lives and serves in Southeast Asia.

# The Confession of Sin

DEACON: *Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.*

*Please be seated or kneel. There will be a time of silence.*

ALL: **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.**

CELEBRANT: *Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

# The Comfortable Words

CELEBRANT: *Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.*

*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest  
(Matthew 11:28).*

# The Peace

CELEBRANT: *The Peace of the Lord be always with you.*

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

*Please use this time to share the peace of Christ with those around you.*

*Parents of nursery through kindergarten, please pick up your children from their classrooms before the announcements. Parents of grades 1-5, please stay in your seats. After the announcements, shepherds will bring children to the sanctuary center chute. Children will then find you.*

# The Offertory

## Give Online

*Scan the code to  
give by card or bank  
account or go to  
[churchrez.org/give](http://churchrez.org/give)*



# Holy Communion

## The Doxology

*Please stand.*

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him all creatures here below,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

## The Great Thanksgiving

CELEBRANT: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

CELEBRANT: *Lift up your hearts.*

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

CELEBRANT: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

PEOPLE: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

CELEBRANT: *... 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:*

ALL: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full, O Lord,  
Full of your glory!  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name,  
The name of the Lord.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name,  
The name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!

"Holy, Holy, Holy," by Steve Williamson and Bonnie McMaken, © 2015.

CELEBRANT: . . . *Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

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

CELEBRANT: . . . *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.*

ALL: Amen.

CELEBRANT: *And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,*

ALL: Our Father 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 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  
For ever and ever,  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory  
For ever and ever,  
Amen.

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# The Breaking of the Bread

CELEBRANT: *Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

PEOPLE: **Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

CELEBRANT: *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.*

*Please be seated. All who are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and are committed to following Jesus are welcome to receive Communion. Ushers will release you row by row. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the silver trays. Please dispose of used cups in the buckets available on tables in your section.*

## Songs of Worship

# The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Please stand.*

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*

ALL: **Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out to do the work  
you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

# The Blessing

*Extending your hands toward the cross.*

CELEBRANT: *All our problems of this life on earth . . .*

ALL: **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

CELEBRANT: *All the difficulties of our circumstances . . .*

ALL: **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

CELEBRANT: *All the devil's works from his temporary power . . .*

ALL: **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

CELEBRANT: *All our hopes for wholeness and eternal life . . .*

*Lifting your hands up to the Lord.*

ALL: **We set on the Risen Christ.**

CELEBRANT: *Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.*

ALL: **Amen.**

# The Dismissal

DEACON: *Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



# RezNews

What's next at Resurrection

## **THRIVE Family Luncheon**

Sun, Apr 19, 12:15–2pm | St. Timothy Rm

Join THRIVE's semi-annual luncheon for those impacted by disabilities, their family members, and anyone interested in serving as a buddy for a child with disabilities. No RSVP required.

## **Sunday Afternoon Prayer Appts.**

Sun, Apr 26, 1:30pm–2:30pm

Looking for a connection point with God? We invite you to sign up for a Sunday afternoon prayer appointment. In these hour long prayer times, two pastoral leaders will lead you in healing prayer and connecting to Jesus. Sign up at [churchrez.org/signup](http://churchrez.org/signup).

### **MORE**

## **VBS Registration Now Open | June 8–12, 2026 | [churchrez.org/vbs](http://churchrez.org/vbs)**

Register today, and sign up to volunteer! Spots limited.

## **Volunteer for the Men's RezPrison Ministry**

RezPrison Ministry is looking for men with a heart for encouragement, prayer, or preaching to serve once or twice a month at several Illinois prisons. Email [rezprisonministry@churchrez.org](mailto:rezprisonministry@churchrez.org).

## **Intercessory Prayer for the Church & the World | All Saints Prayer Chapel**

Mondays at 7:30am, and first Saturdays, 8pm

## **Alpha | Thursdays, 6:30–8:30pm | [churchrez.org/whatisalpha](http://churchrez.org/whatisalpha)**

Invite a friend. Sign up to bring a meal to Alpha participants.

## **New Employment Opportunities | [churchrez.org/jobs](http://churchrez.org/jobs)**

Full-time Children's Pastor, part-time 20 hr/wk Sunday Teams & Services Manager

## **Rooted in Scripture | Wednesdays, 6:30–8pm**

Come for Evening Prayer and study the Gospel of John. Meets in the Sanctuary.

## **Rector Search Updates | [churchrez.org/rectorsearch](http://churchrez.org/rectorsearch)**

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