

Our Lady of Victory Parish

300 Capt. Thomas Boulevard, West Haven CT 06516

*“Let us then pursue what leads to peace
and to build up one another.” (Romans 14:19)*

April 25, 2021 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

I AM
THE
GOOD
SHEPHERD



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays at 7:30 AM

(except Thursday)

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM

Weekend Mass with music can be viewed online each week by visiting our website. To attend in person, **please sign up by Friday:** See details on page 3.

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 3-4 PM in the church. Masks must be worn; social distancing must be followed.

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Monday—Friday

on a limited basis;

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READINGS for Mass appear on pg. 5.
MUSIC for Mass appears on pg. 8.

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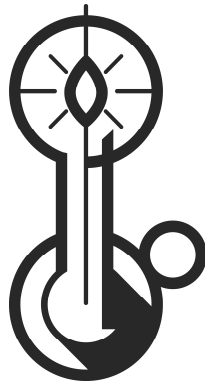
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THE SANCTUARY LAMP

this week honors

**PAMELA
BELLMORE
GARDNER.**



Weekly Mass Intentions

If you would like to honor a friend or family member with a Mass, please see available dates on pg. 6.

SATURDAY, April 24 — Weekday; Vigil

4:30 PM: **Ed and Jane McDermott, Req. by Family**

SUNDAY, April 25 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM: **Rose, Thomas, Michelina Joseph, and Michael Fenino, Req. by Patty**

9:30 AM: **Marylou Centi, Req. by her husband Frank**

11:00 AM: **Elvira and Joao Pereira, Req. by the Family**

MONDAY, April 26

7:30 AM: **Intentions of Our Parishioners**

TUESDAY, April 27

7:30 AM: **Mary Errato, Req. by Linda, Patty and Cookie**

10:00 AM: **TV Mass with Fr. Dillon**

WEDNESDAY, April 28

7:30 AM: **Marissa Grande, Req. by Antionette Cunningham and Family**

THURSDAY, April 29 — **St. Catherine of Sienna, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

7:30 AM: **No Mass**

FRIDAY, April 30

7:30 AM: **Jorge Pereira, Req. by his Family**

SATURDAY, May 1 — Weekday; Vigil

7:30 AM: **Intentions of Our Parishioners**

4:30 PM: **Special Intention, Req. by a Friend**

SUNDAY, May 2 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM: **Georgiana DeClement, Req. by Caesar**

9:30 AM: **Frank Gentiliesco, Sr., and Susan Gentiliesco, Req. by the Family**

11:00 AM: **In honor of Donald Sweeney, Req. by Betsy Sweeney**

Join Us for Eucharistic Adoration

*“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.” (Mt 11:28)*

Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ who is present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity under the appearance of the consecrated host. It takes place on Saturday morning for one hour, immediately following the 7:30 AM Mass.



Back on Track

A letter from Fr. Dillon

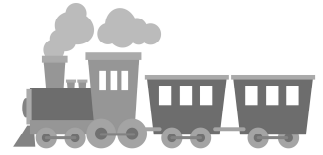
Dear Parishioners,

This letter is usually written about a week before the bulletin is published. I wait until close to “deadline” in the event there is something that comes to light on which I would like to speak. This week has been one of those weeks.

As you are aware, on Monday, April 19, the Governor announced that on May 19 all COVID restrictions would be set aside except for the wearing of masks indoors, which will still be required. I never like to get too excited about these developments, especially when announcements to the parish need to be in concert with any directives given to us by the Archdiocese. Unless something to the contrary is communicated by the Archdiocese *it appears* that beginning on the weekend of May 22-23, we won't have to sign-up for Mass, the blue tape in the church can go in the trash, as can the post-it notes. I caution us to not “jump the gun” on this; let's wait until communications come from the Archdiocese in response to the Governor's announcement. I will certainly let you know when I have heard something.

Before this news came on April 19, we had already been trying to get ourselves back on course, especially regarding the administration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Ho-

Pastor's Post



ly Communion. The shut-down last year caused us to postpone last year's First Holy Communion and the uncertainty present last Fall led us, out of caution, to postpone last year's Confirmation. After a long wait, we will be celebrating both sacraments.

Our capacity restriction led us to the decision to have the celebration of Confirmation in three ceremonies and First Holy Communion in two Masses. The first two celebrations of Confirmation were this past Friday and Saturday and the next will be held next Friday. I'm most appreciative to Archbishop Blair for extending to me the delegation to confer the sacrament to our candidates. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first two Saturdays of May.

Our next step is reaching out to the Lectors, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers to find out who wishes to resume their participation in these ministries. We will reach out directly, very shortly, to get us up to speed; mindful that there are still COVID precautions that need to be observed.

I hope that everyone is enjoying the beauty of Spring. Have a great week.

Weekly Offertory: \$6,393.00

Apr. 12-18, 2021

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Thank You!



Sign Up to Attend Mass

Masses are reaching capacity and walk-ins may not be allowed to enter. The link to sign up can be found here:

Website: Go to www.olv.org

- At top of page, click on “April Sign-ups”
- At the far left, click on SignUpGenius.com
- Click on the Mass you want to attend
- Then, at the bottom, click on “Submit.”
- Put in your name and email and click “Sign Up Now” then you're all set!

Facebook: @olv.westhavenct
Or, call the rectory by Noon on Friday: (203) 934-6357



We pray for those who are sick.

Out of respect for whom we pray, only family members may add names to this list.

Jason Adams, Maureen Alonso, Charles Asarisi, Augliera Family, Louis Altieri, Amanda, Valeria Asperelli, Priscilla Banning, Danielle Boros, Gerard Canadeo, Danny Caudell, Susan Civitelli, Kevin Colleran, Michael Cote, Rosalie, Lucy Anne Criscuolo, Deanna Cusano, Jeff Davis, Dawn DellaRocco, DeNigris Family, Frank Dini Jr., Patti Dowling, Michael Duffy, Monique Ek, Sandy Eocai, Linda Foley, Tony Fusco, Maureen Freeman, Patti Fusco, Joseph Galatie, Geraldine, Therese Gill, Dee Green, Ray Guarino, Tom Halligan, Karen Hodgdon, Bill Kapinos, Hank Kowalski, Rose Jarvie, Florence Johnson, Ann LaBonia, Ann Langlais, Patricia Lesko, Carmen Limauro, Claudine Lopez, Martin Luth, Theresa Luth, Charles Maddelena, Noah McEachern, Genevieve Mieczkowski, Theresa Montz, Edwin Morales, Mary Moran, Gabby Murillo, Veronica Murteza, Devin O'Connor, Judy Palmer, Joseph Pekar, Kristin Purdy, Joseph R., Marsha R., John Rakos, Don Robillard, Elizabeth Ross, Rose Santilli, Marc Scecina, Elizabeth Shamaly, Jack and Joan Shea, Richard and Suzanne Smallman, Anthony Spina, Daniel Steinau, Gwen Stiewing, Anthony Terassi Sr., Anthony Terassi, Jr., Jessie Terassi, Jane Thomson, Tiernan, Lynn and Jacques Veillette, Doris Worrell



In loving memory, we pray for these souls.

Our Parish extends sympathy to the family and friends of:

**Alma Coxeter Werner, Lauren Downes,
The Victims of the Coronavirus**

Please pray for those serving in our military.

Parishioners are invited to add the names of armed forces personnel on active duty to this list by calling the rectory office.

Jeffrey Batres, USMC | Staff Sgt. Adam Dudek
Staff Sgt. Danielle Luby
Cpl. Teagan Fransen, USMC
SPEC Giovanni Gigola | Capt. William Austin
Airman Gabriella Gigola
Airman Aaron Butner | Airman Sean Hufcut
E3 Lexi Ronan, USN | E5 Ryan Ronan, USN
Pvt. Christopher Miller
SPC Alexander Capuras
E4 Raymond Mayberry, USMC
Senior Airman, Hunter Cole, USAF
Airman 1st Class Skylar Hampton
1st Lt. Pilot Michael Dupliesse
2nd Lt. Jared Carlson

Parish Monthly Devotion for April: *The Blessed Sacrament*

In these difficult days, even though we can not receive Jesus physically, we can still unite ourselves to Jesus in The Blessed Sacrament spiritually.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

—*Saint Alphonsus Liguori*



Fourth Sunday of Easter

By Deacon Frank Bevvino

As I'm typing the title of this week's reflection, I focus on the words that are used in the Catholic Church to denote the weeks after Easter. As you can see, the church designates each Sunday after Easter as a Sunday "OF" Easter not a Sunday "AFTER" Easter. This sacred holyday is not a one-day event which occurs on Sunday, but an event lasting 50 days until Pentecost.

Christ IS Risen for all eternity. We officially celebrate Christ's Resurrection every single day of these 50 days to remind us of this extraordinary event in our lives and the life of the Church. It is an event that promises eternal life whenever God calls us home.

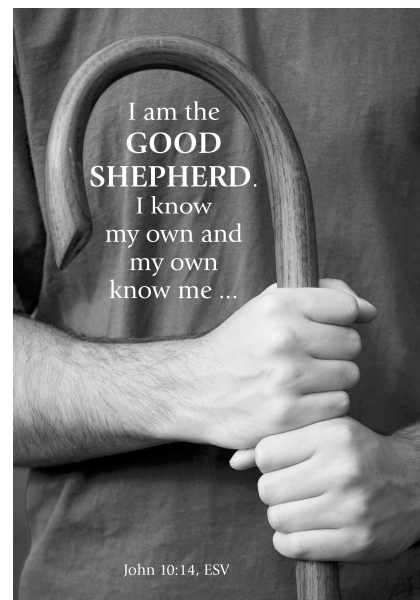
In our first reading from Acts, it is now some days after Jesus' crucifixion, resurrection, and His initial appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other disciples. Peter, who in the past has seemed unsure of himself and faith, is now empowered by the Holy Spirit. In spite of threats of arrest and bodily harm, he boldly proclaims to the people the identity of Jesus. He accuses the people of crucifying Christ the Nazorean, "the stone rejected by the builder has become the cornerstone." (*Ps 118*) He tells the people that despite their call for His death, the Risen Christ is their salvation.

In our second reading, St. John picks up a theme that Jesus used frequently in the Gospels; he refers to us as children of God. Jesus spoke affectionately of children many times and also referred to us as God's children as well as His brothers and sisters. St. John takes the opportunity to remind us of God's love for us. St. John uses this in the context of reiterating the Easter Promise of the Risen Christ — that is, in Jesus' Resurrection we are promised Eternal Life.

Our Gospel this weekend expresses God's love for us when Jesus metaphorically refers to Himself as the Good Shepherd. He contrasts someone who is hired to take care of someone's sheep with the shepherd who is an owner of the sheep. Jesus is fully aware that someone who has possession as an owner is always much more car-

ing and works harder to protect their possession than someone who is just hired to watch over that possession.

Our readings not only emphasize God's love for us but also shows the testimony of two of His favored disciples. They witness through the power of the Holy Spirit, God's infinite love in sacrificing His Son for our salvation. The Feast of Pentecost is the official end of the Easter season in the church calendar but it really never ends. The Resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of the Christian faith. Eternal life is ours. In the words of St. Peter, there is "no salvation through anyone else."



Sunday's Readings: April 25

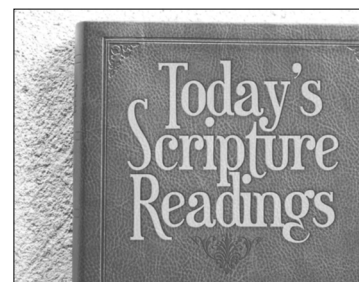
"...This Word of God proclaimed in the liturgy possesses a special sacramental power to bring about in us what it proclaims. ... How, then, do we respond to this wonderful gift of

*God's Word? We respond in word and song, in posture and gesture, in silent meditation and, most important of all, by **listening attentively** to that Word as it is proclaimed." -- General Instruction of the Roman Missal, United States Catholic Conference of Bishops.*

First Reading — There is no salvation through anyone else (Acts 4:8-12).

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

Gospel — The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).





Young Adults: Join Us!

This year's theme "Into the Deep" promises to bring you deeper into the abundant

life Jesus offers us, a life lived with Him and in His Church. Throughout the week you will be invited to listen to local and national speakers like Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagiza, and Sr. Marie Veritas of the Sisters of Life. They will give inspiring online talks and virtual Q&As.

You will also be able to join the C4C community for select in-person events such as a Faith on Tap and a Pentecost Vigil Mass with Archbishop Blair! FREE registration is open to all young adults, ages 18-39, and anyone interested in learning about young adult evangelization and the abundant life Jesus offers us.

For registration and information visit
www.c4conference.org



Please Pray for Our Confirmation Candidates

Let us pray for our Confirmation Candidates, their parents, and Catechists as the Sacrament is received on April 23, 24, or 30.

Let us pray...

*God, through these Sacraments
you have filled us with the desire
to become faithful Christians.*

*As we continue to grow
in wisdom and knowledge,
we ask that you remain with us,
that you respond to our hopes,
that you answer our prayers.*

*We ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Andrew Callahan	Maximillian
Benjamin Carfora	Luke
Anthony Constantinople	Anthony
Edward Corcoran	Sebastian
Kaitlyn Dalaker	Rose
John Damato	John
Joyce Delgado	Pedro
John Diaz	Luke
Cayden Drost	Gareth
Timothy Fiengo	John
Sophia Gallo	Catherine
Tegan Grillo	Sebastian
Emma Guida	Peregrine
Nicholas Hunkele	Sebastian
Bella Incerto	Francine
Wylan Jacheo	Francis
Benjamin Krochko	Joseph
Brady Kubicko	Genesisius
Avery Lamothe	Sebastian
Adam Limauro	Rocco
Alissa Mendez	Cecilia
John Miklos	Christopher
Morgan Montz	Roch
William Panza	Joseph
Marisa Payne	Anne
Nadia Piroli	Agnes
Nina Reed	Vitus
Vincent Russo	Vincent
Mark Simeoli	Anthony
Abraham Sipos	David
Emma Walker	Francis



Reserve a Mass for a Loved One

Remember Them in a Special Way

You may book Mass intentions for 2021 through **December** by calling the Rectory Office at (203) 934-6357. Donations for daily Mass intentions are \$15; weekend Masses, \$25.

Weekend Masses Now Available:

June-December

4:30 PM Saturday Vigil,

Sundays at 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:00 AM

Weekdays at 7:30 am

Many Masses available through December.

The Sanctuary Candle is Available:

5/30, 6/6;

Also, many weeks through December.



Reaching Out, Healing Together

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith.

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Please know that every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at:

<https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>
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Some of the organizations in our area benefiting from the Appeal include:

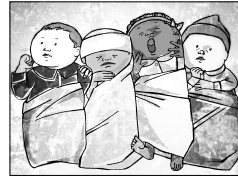
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Congratulations, Fr. Dillon!

Please join us in prayer and thanksgiving as Fr. Dillon celebrates 21 years a priest.



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Sat., May 8 from 9 AM – 12 noon

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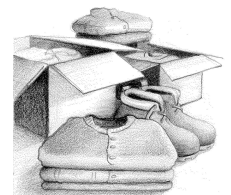
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Lend a hand to those in need by volunteering at the Clothes Closet, a joint effort of Our Lady of Victory and Vertical Churches.

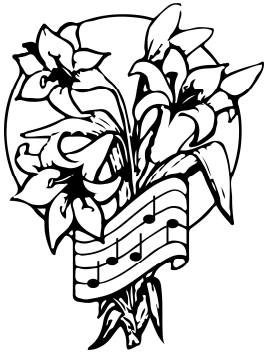


Currently, volunteers are needed on Saturdays from 11 AM-2 PM, Savin Rock Parkade Plaza, located at 232 b Captain Thomas Blvd. It is located next to Family Dollar in the plaza across from our church. Other days may be available as more volunteers help us do the following:

- taking clothes out of bags
- hanging clothes
- other tasks, as assigned

Volunteers can commit to working every Saturday or periodically. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Dean at (203) 521-0199 or Christine at (203) 213-8755.

Clothing Donations Also Welcome!



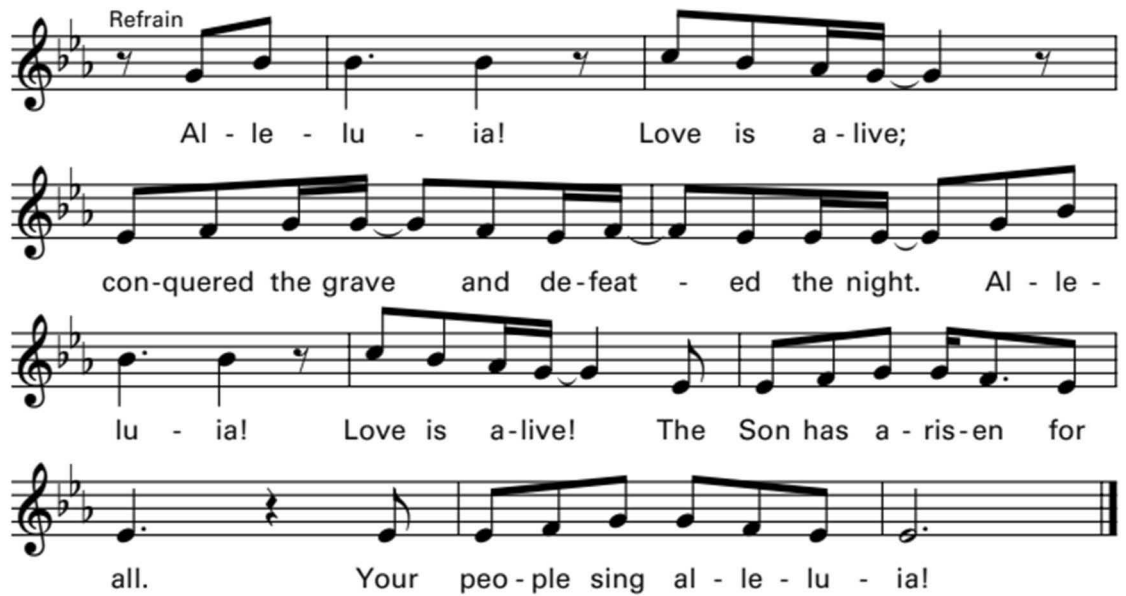
MUSIC SUPPLEMENT:
Because of health guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we are unable to sing from the pews. The next few pages serve as your hymn book so you can follow along in silent, musical prayer.



OPENING SONG: ALLELUIA! LOVE IS ALIVE

Steve Angrisano, Jesse Manibusan, and Sarah Hart

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Love is a - live;
 con - quered the grave and de - feat - ed the night. Al - le -
 lu - ia! Love is a - live! The Son has a - ris - en for
 all. Your peo - ple sing al - le - lu - ia!

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GLORIA: REFRAIN



Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to
 God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

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THIS IS THE DAY (PSALM 118)

Bobby Fisher

Refrain: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Final time only

Verses: Cantor

- | | |
|---|---|
| <p>1. This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad.</p> <p>2. Give thanks to the Lord!
Our God is good.
Whose love endures forever.
Let all the children of Israel say:
God's love endures forever.</p> | <p>3. The right hand of God has struck with power.
The right hand of God is exalted.
I shall not die, but I shall live
and proclaim the works of the Lord!</p> <p>4. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the foundation of our house!
By the Lord has this been done.
How wonderful to behold!</p> |
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ALLELUIA:

Refrain

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OFFERTORY:

Pastures of the Lord
Curtis Stephan

1. Lord, now your servant may go in peace;
your salvation mine eyes have seen.
I will walk near running streams
in the pastures of the Lord.

2. The day is gone, the work is done;
many battles I've lost and won.
I shall rest and find welcome
in the pastures of the Lord.

3. Lord, lay me down in verdant fields,
in green valleys with golden hills,
there to find your face revealed
in the pastures of the Lord.

4. Lord, let this trav'ler find sweet repose.
From pain and sorrow your mercy leads
to living waters, where angels sing
in the pastures of the Lord.

5. Lord, now your servant may go in peace;
your salvation mine eyes have seen.
Only goodness shall follow me
in the pastures of the Lord,
in the pastures of the Lord.

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COMMUNION: 160

Like A Shepherd

Bob Dufford

REFRAIN

Like a shep-herd he feeds his flock and gath-ers the lambs in his
arms, hold-ing them care-ful-ly close to his heart,
lead-ing them home, home, lead-ing them home.

1-3 to Verses Final rit. Fine

VERSES 1&2

1. Say to the cit-ies of Ju-dah: Pre-pare the
2. I my-self will shep-herd them, for oth-ers have
1. way of the Lord. Go to the moun-tain-top,
2. led them a-stray. The lost I will res-cue and
1. lift your voice: Je-ru-sa-lem, here is your God.
2. heal their wounds and pas-ture them, giv-ing them rest.
to Refrain

VERSE 3

3. Come un-to me if you are heav-i-ly bur-de-ned, and
3. take my yoke up-on your shoul-ders. I will give you rest.
to Refrain

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CLOSING SONG: ALLELUIA! LOVE IS ALIVE

Steve Angrisano, Jesse Manibusan, and Sarah Hart

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Love is a - live;
con-quer-ed the grave and de-feat - ed the night. Al - le -
lu - ia! Love is a-live! The Son has a - ris-en for
all. Your peo-ple sing al - le - lu - ia!

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