

April 5, 2026 - Easter
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church
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Welcome

Watchword for the Week: So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1

(Standing)

Call to Worship:

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

A: His steadfast love endures forever

L: The Lord is my strength and my might

A: He has become my salvation

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness.

A: That I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

A: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

L: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

(Please continue to stand if able.)

Gathering Hymn: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" MBW Page 358

Je-sus Christ is ris'n to-day, al-le-lu-ia! Our tri-um-phant ho-ly day, al-le-lu-ia! Who did once, up-on the cross, al-le-lu-ia! Suf-fer to re-deem our loss. Al-le-lu-ia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, al-le-lu-ia! Un-to Christ, our heav'n-ly King, al-le-lu-ia! Who en-dured the cross and grave, al-le-lu-ia! Sin-ners to re-deem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!

But the pains which he en-dured, al-le-lu-ia! Our sal-va-tion have pro-cured, al-le-lu-ia! Now a-bove the sky he's King, al-le-lu-ia! Where the an-gels ev-er sing. Al-le-lu-ia!

Now be God the Fa-ther praised, al-le-lu-ia! With the Son, from death up-raised, al-le-lu-ia! And the Spir-it, ev-er blessed, al-le-lu-ia! One true God, by all con-fessed. Al-le-lu-ia!

(Please remain Standing if able)

Liturgy: Easter

MWB Page 90

The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Sing this aloud, proclaim it to the ends of the earth:

The Lord has set his people free.

Hymn:

ELLACOMBE

**The day of res-ur-rec-tion! Earth, tell it out a-broad;
The pass-o-ver of glad-ness, the passover of God. From death to
life e-ter-nal, from sin to be set free,
our Christ has brought us ov-er with hymns of vic-to-ry.**

**Now let the heav'ns be joy-ful, let earth its song be-gin; The
round world keep high tri-umph, and all that is there-in; in
grate-ful ex-ul-ta-tion their notes let all things blend, for Christ
the Lord has ris-en, our Joy that has no end.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God's great mercy we are given new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Praise, honor, glory, and power to the One seated on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!

Jesus was handed over to death for our sins.

And was raised to life for our justification.

Then what can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or hardship? Can persecution, hunger, nakedness, peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ, who loved us.

For we are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor powers, nor heights, nor depths, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymn:

DIADEMATA

Chris-tians, dis-miss your fear; let hope and joy suc-ceed; The joy-ful news with glad-ness hear, "The Lord is ris'n in-deed!" The prom-ise is ful-filled in Christ our only Head; Jus-tice with mer-cy's rec-on-ciled, he lives who once was dead.

(Sitting)

We have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, it is for the Lord that we live; and if we die, it is for the Lord that we die.

So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord, for Christ died, rose from death, and lives again in order to be Lord of the living and of the dead.

We do not want you to be in any doubt about those who have died, or to grieve over them as others do who have no hope.

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

What we are saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God.

Nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

What is sown as perishable,

Is raised imperishable;

What is sown in dishonor,

Is raised in glory;

What is sown in weakness,

Is raised in power;

What is sown a physical body,

Is raised a spiritual body.

Then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Standing)

Hymn:

LUX EOI

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Hearts to heav'n and voi-ces raise; Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise; He, who on the cross a vic-tim for the world's sal-va-tion bled, Je-sus Christ, the King of Glo-ry, now is ris-en from the dead.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are of the earth.

For we have died, and our lives are hidden with Christ in God.

God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,

Make us complete in everything good so that we may do your will, working among us all that is pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn:

BECHLER

Sing hal-le-lu-jah, praise the Lord! Sing with a cheer-ful voice; Ex-alt our God with one ac-cord, and in his name re-joice. Ne'er cease to sing, O ran-somed host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost, Un-til in realms of end-less light your prais-es shall u-nite.

There we to all e-ter-ni-ty shall join th'an-gel-ic lays, And sing in per-fect har-mo-ny to God our Sav-ior's praise; He has re-deemed us by his blood, and made us kings and priests to God; For us, for us, the Lamb was slain! Praise ye the Lord! A-men.

(Sitting)

Offering Our Gifts To God

Offering Collection

Offertory Hymn: "I Serve a Risen Savior" MBW Page 792

I serve a ris-en Sav-ior, he's in the world to-day; I know that he is liv-ing, what-ev-er oth-ers say; I see his hand of mer-cy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him he's always near.

Refrain: He lives,___ he lives,_____ Christ Je-sus lives to-day! He walks with me and talks with me a-long life's nar-row way. He lives,_____ he lives,_____ sal-va-tion to im-part! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world a-round me I see this lov-ing care, and though my heart grows wea-ry, I nev-er will de-spair; I know that he is lead-ing through all the storm-y blast, the day of his ap-pear-ing will come at last.

Refrain: He lives,___ he lives,_____ Christ Je-sus lives to-day! He walks with me and talks with me a-long life's nar-row way. He

lives,_____ he lives,_____ sal-va-tion to im-part! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

Re-joice, re-joice, O Chris-tian, lift up your voice and sing e-te-rnal hal-le-lu-jahs to Je-sus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find, none oth-er is so lov-ing, so good and kind.

Refrain: He lives,___ he lives,_____ Christ Je-sus lives to-day! He walks with me and talks with me a-long life's nar-row way. He lives,_____ he lives,_____ sal-va-tion to im-part! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

(Please stand if you are able.)

Doxology: “For the Life That You Have Given” MBW Page 819

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring. Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

Prayer of Blessing: Please join me in the Prayer of Blessing.

Gracious and Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of this Holy Easter day and for the victory over death found in your Son, Jesus Christ. May we walk in the newness of life, knowing that our lives are now hidden with Christ in God. Take these gifts we offer today as an expression of our deep gratitude. Use them, and use us, to extend your love to the whole world, proclaiming the good news that the Lord is risen indeed. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Sitting)

God's Words for us Today:

1st Scripture Reading: Acts 10:34-43 Pew Bible Page 1152

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the

baptism that John preached— how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**2nd Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 Pew Bible Page 1235
(Responsive Reading)**

Rules for Holy Living

Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The Gospel: John 20:1-18 Pew Bible Page 1136

The Empty Tomb

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as

well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. "Woman," he said, "why are you crying?" Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Soloist: "I Am a Witness"

Sister Elise Leccese

The Message: "To My Father and Your Father"

Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant

Hymn of Preparation For Communion: "God Sent His Son" MBW Page 706

**God sent his Son, they called him Jesus, he came to love, heal,
and forgive; he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave
is there to prove my Savior lives.**

**Because he lives_ I can face tomorrow, because he lives_ all fear
is gone;_____ because I know_____ he holds the future, and life is
worth the liv-ing just because he lives.**

**How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he
gives; but greater still the calm assurance, this child can face
uncertain days because he lives.**

Because he lives_ I can face tomorrow, because he lives_ all fear is gone;_____ because I know_____ he holds the future, and life is worth the liv-ing just because he lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain; and then as death gives way to vict'ry, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.

Because he lives_ I can face tomorrow, because he lives_ all fear is gone;_____ because I know_____ he holds the future, and life is worth the liv-ing just because he lives.

The Service for Holy Communion in Celebration of the Resurrection MBW Page 209

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

(Standing, the congregation gives a nod, a wave of fellowship signifying oneness in Christ and the desire to be at peace with each other.)

Hymn:

WORSHIP

We covenant with hand and heart to fellow Christ our Lord; with world, and sin, and self to part and to obey his word; to love each other heartily, in truth and with sincerity, and under cross, reproach, and shame, to glorify his name.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As the bread is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)

Hymn:

ACCLAMATIONS Page 210

This is the three- fold truth on which our faith depends; and with this joyful cry worship begins and ends: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

On this we fix our minds as, praying side by side, we take the bread and wine from him, the crucified: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

This is the three-fold truth which, if we hold it fast, changes the world and us and brings us home at last: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Hymn:

WAREHAM Page 213

Come, let__ us sing, the song__ of songs, with hearts__ and voic__es swell__ the strain, the hom__age which__ to Christ belongs; “Worthy__ the Lamb,__ for he__ was slain!”

To him__ who suffered on__ the tree our souls,__ at his__ soul’s price__ to gain, blessing,__ and praise,__ and glory be; “Worthy__ the Lamb,__ for he__ was slain!”

To him,__ enthroned by fil__-ial right, all power__ in heaven__ and earth__ proclaim, honor,__ and maj__-es-ty, and might; “Worthy__ the Lamb,__ for he__ was slain!”

Long as__ we live, and when__ we die, and while__ in heaven__ with him__ we reign, this song__ our song__ of songs shall be: “Worthy__ the Lamb,__ for he__ was slain!”

(When the bread has been served, the communicants stand.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

(All partake together.)

Silent Prayer

By your divine presence, By the holy sacraments, By all the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,

Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.

In the same way after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As the cup is served, the communicants stand to receive it)

Hymn:

CONFIDENCE Page 215

Jesus, my Redeemer, lives! I, too, unto life must waken; he will have me where he is. Shall my courage then be shaken? Shall I fear? Or could the Head rise and leave his members dead?

Nay, too closely am I bound unto him by hope forever; faith's strong hand the rock has found, grasped it and will leave it never; not the ban of death can part from the Lord the trusting heart.

Hymn:

LASST UNS ERFREUEN Page 216

Now all the vault of heaven resounds in praise of love that still abound, "Christ has triumphed! He is living! Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here, "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!" Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Eternal is the gift he brings; therefore our heart with rapture sings, "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence still all strife. Christ has triumphed! He is living! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'n-ly blessed sing, "Christ has triumphed! Al-le-lu-ia!" Be to the Father and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory never ending! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Hymn:

HYFRYDOL Page 218

Come, Almighty to deliver; let us all your life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore your temples leave. Lord, we would be always blessing, serve you as your hosts above, pray, and praise you without ceasing, glory in your precious love.

Finish, then, your new creation, pure and spotless, gracious Lord; let us see your great salvation perfectly in you restored. Changed from glory in-to glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we sing before th' Almighty lost in wonder, love, and praise.

(When the cup has been served, the communicants stand.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Drink from this, all of you. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(All partake together.)

Silent Prayer

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Grant to us your peace. Amen.

Hymn:

ALMSGIVING

By Christ redeemed, in Christ restored, we keep the memory adored, and show the death of our dear Lord until he comes.

O blessed hope! In faith we wait, hearing his footsteps at the gate, while we his triumph celebrate until he comes.

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, your proclaim the Lord's death,

Until he comes.

(The congregation gives a nod, or a wave of fellowship signifying renewed dedication and unity of purpose in the service of Christ.)

Hymn:

GERMANY

**Now let us from this table rise renewed in body, mind, and soul;
with Christ we die and live again, his selfless love has made us
whole.**

**Then grant us courage, Father God, to choose again the pilgrim
way, and help us to accept with joy the challenge of tomorrow's
day.**

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace;

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

(Please continue to stand if you are comfortable.)

**Sending Hymn: "O Sons and Daughters" MBW Page 369 v 4,5,9
Tune Red Hymnal Page 139**

**Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! That night the apostles met in
fear; among them came their Master dear and said, "My peace be
with you here." Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! On this most holy day of days,
be laud and jubilee and praise; to God your hearts and voices
raise. Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! How blessed are they who have
not seen and yet whose faith has constant been, for they eternal
life shall win! Al-le-lu-ia!**

(Please remain seated in quiet meditation during the postlude.)

Postlude

We want to thank Sister Elise Leccese for singing a solo today. We greatly appreciate the talent that God has given to her and that she has shared with us.

We want to thank the Youth for the beautiful Easter message that they had presented to us on Palm Sunday. Thank you to Lilac and Teddy Hallett, Kayden Liyange, Zoe McGloin, Diana and Charles Montanti, Peter and Cayleigh Ziegeler, Aidan and Kira Zheng. The teachers Pam Bailey and Veronica Merone. Along with Stan Timari.

Upcoming Pysanky Egg Workshops at Great Kills Moravian Church

Monday, April 6th at 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

To register contact Janice Hermansen at 718-984-6444, Nancy Walker 718-967-4047 or the church office 718-317-7788. **Cost of each class is \$25** For additional information on upcoming events and workshops, please visit: www.greatkillsmoravian.org

Pastors and Co - Leaders for April, 2026

April 12th - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Sister Normalee Mallawaarachchi
April 19th - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Youth/Sister Muriel Timari
April 26th - Brother Todd Hallett/Sister Charlott Bramwell

Next Sunday, April 12, 2026, we will welcome back Pastor Laguerra. We look forward to welcoming you all here.

On Sunday, April 19, 2026, we will have a multi-generational service. The Youth will be sharing their talents, either by playing an instrument, singing, reading and assisting within the service along with some adults. Under Sister Muriel Timari's direction. After church, we will continue downstairs to a multi - generational craft and have a fellowship hour with one another. Looking forward to a lot of smiles, love, laughter, conversation and sharing in food between the youth and the adults. Please come out and support our youth with their sharing of their talents and service to our Lord Jesus Christ.