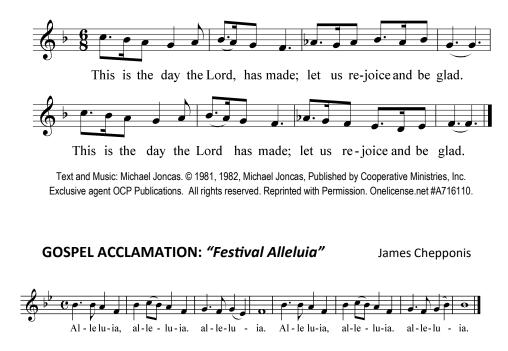
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PSALMODY: Psalm 118: This is the Day

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First Reading: Acts 4: 32-35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

Second Reading: 1 John 5: 1-6

Beloved:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this. that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Our response will be: Raise Us to New Life

For the newly initiated members of the Catholic Church...

for a warm welcome into the Body of Christ...

For those who do not believe...

We pray to the Lord: R: Raise Us to New Life

For God's divine mercy in our lives... for freedom from our sins and shortcomings... for those needing forgiveness and for those trying to forgive... We pray to the Lord: R: Raise Us to New Life

For the newly elected leaders of our community ...For willingness to work together with and for those they serve...We pray to the Lord:R: Raise Us to New Life

For generosity of heart as we all seek the common good of humanity and God's creation ... For those who doubt that God is in the midst of all events and directs our decision making....

We pray to the Lord: R: Raise Us to New Life

For our 8th graders who will be confirmed next week by Fr. Frank... For the grace and peace of Christ's Spirit in their lives as they make their final preparations ...

We pray to the Lord: R: Raise Us to New Life

For those who suffer physically, mentally or emotionally, especially those named on our parish website and in our bulletin... may we be of one mind and heart as we offer our loving support... We pray to the Lord: *R: Raise Us to New Life*

For our beloved dead who share in Christ's victory over death, especially our deceased loved ones and friends, and all who are listed in the bulletin and on the website...

and for all who mourn ...

We pray to the Lord:

R: Raise Us to New Life

Al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia!
1. Glo - ry to God who does won '- drousthings, Let all the
2. See how sal - va - tion for all has been won, Up from the <u>3. Now in our pres-ence the Lord will ap - pear</u> , Shine in the <u>4. Call us</u> , Good Shep-herd, we lis - ten for you, Want-ing to <u>5. Lord</u> , we are o - pen to all that you say, Read - y to <u>6. If we have love</u> , then we dwell in the Lord, God will pro-
peo - ple God's grave our new fac - es of life has be - gun, fac - es of life has be - gun, all of us here, see you in life has be - gun, fol - low your way, tect us from fire and sword,
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splen-dor shall ring: Je - sus, the Son: <u>out</u> all our fear: Va - tion pass through: we are the clay: peace of his word:

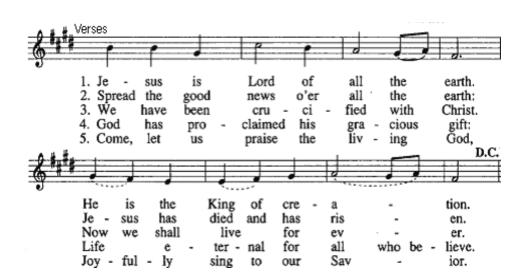
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Behold the Lamb

COMMUNION HYMN: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks.

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.



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RECESSIONAL HYMN: Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna! Tune: Ode to Joy

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, see a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding, bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning, see what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend. Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven, nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation, where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna ev'ry one.

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