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***Our mission is to share the Good
News of grace and love with all
through worship, service, and
fellowship.***



Our Vision:
Joy is a spiritual community
sharing the love of Christ in a
challenging world.



He is Risen!

***RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
EASTER DAY
APRIL 20, 2025***




PRELUDE

“Easter Sunrise” – Melissa and Silas Daniel

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P In the name of  the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C Amen.

P Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own, that
restore to wholeness, and empower us to be
witnesses in your name. Baptized into you,
O Living One.

C make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your
church; waters that extend your boundless
love and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

C **make us one as you are one.**

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C **make us one as you are one.**

P Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified
and Risen One.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *ELW # 365-"JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY"*

**1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**



GATHERING HYMN: *ELW # 365-"JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY"*

**2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave,
Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**



GATHERING HYMN: *ELW # 365-"JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY"*

**3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**



GATHERING HYMN: *ELW # 365-"JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY"*

**4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

GREETING

P The love of God poured into our hearts,
the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the
abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with
you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: ***ELW page 185 “Glory to God”***

Refrain:

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God’s people on earth.**



HYMN OF PRAISE: *ELW page 185 “Glory to God”*

- 1. Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**



HYMN OF PRAISE:

ELW page 185 “Glory to God”

Refrain

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God’s people on earth.**



HYMN OF PRAISE: *ELW page 185 “Glory to God”*

**2. Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**



HYMN OF PRAISE: *ELW page 185 “Glory to God”*

Refrain

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God’s people on earth.**



HYMN OF PRAISE: *ELW page 185 “Glory to God”*

**3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE: ***ELW page 185 “Glory to God”***

Refrain

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and peace to God’s people on earth.**

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and peace to God’s people on earth.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us Pray.

C O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Acts 10:34-43
***God raised Jesus on
the third day***



P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: *"I WILL ENTER HIS GATES"*

Verse

I will enter His gates

With thanksgiving in my heart

I will enter His courts with praise

I will say this is the day

That the Lord has made

I will rejoice

For He has made me glad



PSALM: *"I WILL ENTER HIS GATES"*

Chorus

He has made me glad

He has made me glad

I will rejoice for

He has made me glad



PSALM: *“I WILL ENTER HIS GATES”*

Chorus

He has made me glad

He has made me glad

I will rejoice for

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THE LAST ENEMY TO BE DESTROYED

1 CORINTHIANS 15:26

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1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Christ raised from the dead, the first fruits



P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC



“An Affirmation of Life”- JOY Choir

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

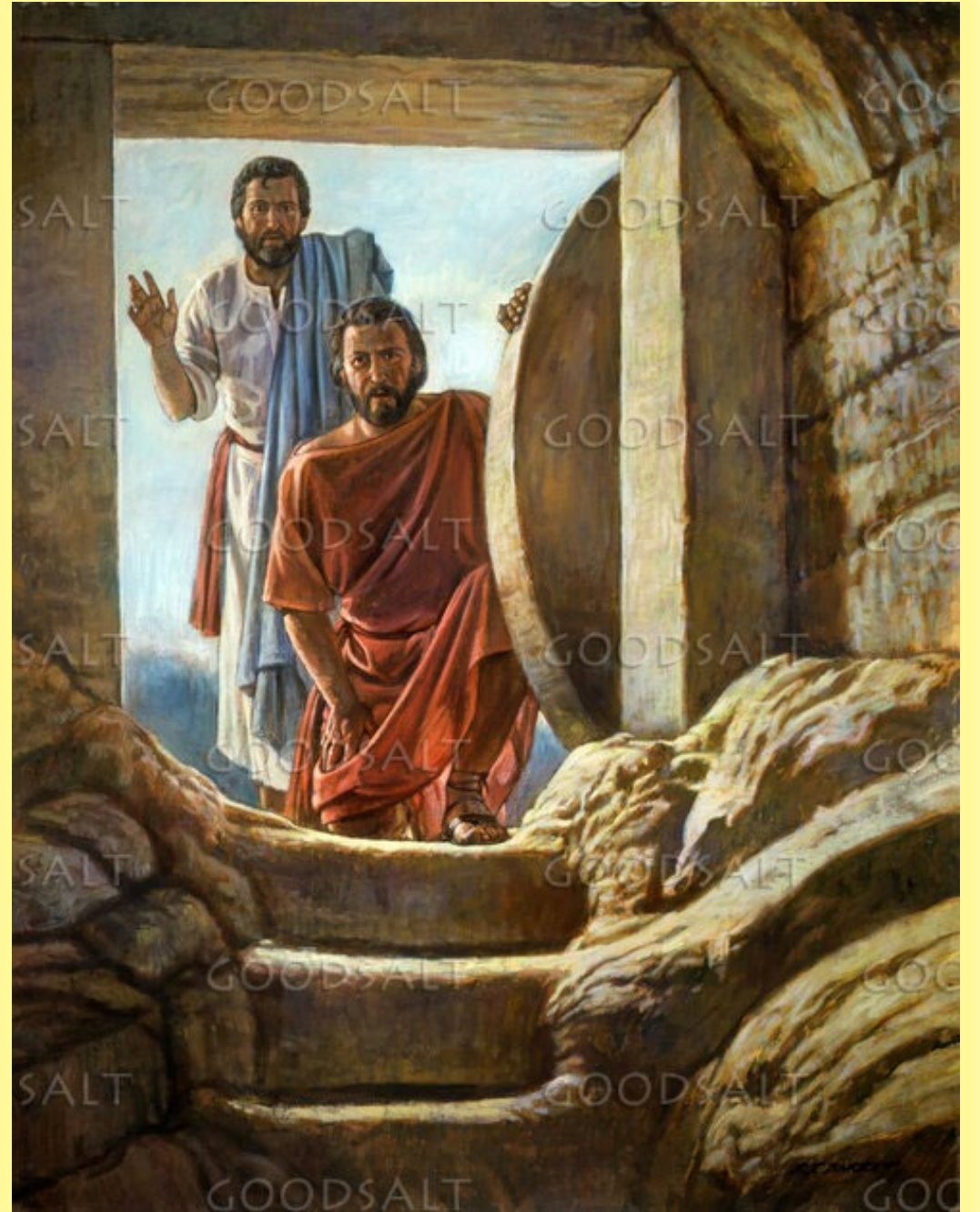
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

P The Holy
Gospel
according to
Luke 24:1-12

C Glory to
you O Lord.

(Gospel is Read)





THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD



PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.



***TODAY'S
MESSAGE
GIVEN BY***

***PASTOR
ART WUERTZ***



SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

Hymn of the Day: ELW # 369 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**



Hymn of the Day: ELW # 369 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

**2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**



Hymn of the Day: ELW # 369 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

**3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
when contending death and life, Alleluia!
met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**



Hymn of the Day: ELW # 369 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

**4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only 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 of the Holy Spirit and
the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**



**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



Passing of the Peace

P The peace of the
Lord be with you
always.

C And also with you.

*(Share the sign of peace in the
manner you feel most
comfortable.)*





OFFERTORY:

“Resurrection Morning”-JOY Handbell Choir

CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY: *“Raise a Hallelujah”*

**1 I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my
enemies**

I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief

I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody

**I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for
me**



CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY: *“Raise a Hallelujah”*

Chorus

I’m gonna sing in the middle of the storm

**Louder and louder you’re gonna hear my
praises roar**

Up from the ashes hope will arise

Death is defeated the King is alive



CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY: *“Raise a Hallelujah”*

**2 I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me**



CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY: *“Raise a Hallelujah”*

Chorus

I’m gonna sing in the middle of the storm

**Louder and louder you’re gonna hear my
praises roar**

Up from the ashes hope will arise

Death is defeated the King is alive



CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY: *“Raise a Hallelujah”*

Bridge 2

**Sing a little louder in the presence of my
enemies**

Sing a little louder louder than the unbelief

Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody

Sing a little louder Heaven comes to fight for me

Sing a little louder



CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY: *“Raise a Hallelujah”*

Chorus

I’m gonna sing in the middle of the storm

**Louder and louder you’re gonna hear my
praises roar**

Up from the ashes hope will arise

Death is defeated the King is alive



CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY: *“Raise a Hallelujah”*

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CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY: *“Raise a Hallelujah”*

Ending

I raise a hallelujah

I raise a hallelujah

I raise a hallelujah

I raise a hallelujah

A Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of
grace along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again, breathe your life into
us, and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the
world.

C Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give our thanks and
praise.**

“It is indeed right...”



SANCTUS: “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” – ELW Page 190

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow’r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses,**



**as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION



P Come to the table of grace.
Receive the gift of new life.

C **AMEN.**

***ALL baptized Christians are welcome to
receive the Lord's Supper.***

***Gluten-free wafers (distributed by Assistant Minister) and grape juice
(Clear juice in center of tray) are also offered, if desired.***

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: *ELW # 167-*

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain

**Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!**



DISTRIBUTION HYMN: *ELW # 167-*

Now the Feast and Celebration

- 1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God.**



DISTRIBUTION HYMN: *ELW # 167-*

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain

**Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!**



DISTRIBUTION HYMN: *ELW # 167-*

Now the Feast and Celebration

**2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever.**



DISTRIBUTION HYMN: *ELW # 167-*

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain

**Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!**



DISTRIBUTION HYMN: *ELW # 167-*

Now the Feast and Celebration

**3 For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new.**



DISTRIBUTION HYMN: *ELW # 167-*

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain

**Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore**

ELW # 705- "God of Grace and God of Glory"

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**



ELW # 705- "God of Grace and God of Glory"

**2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days,**



ELW # 705- "God of Grace and God of Glory"

**3 Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**



ELW # 705- "God of Grace and God of Glory"

- 4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.**

ELW # 392-"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."**



ELW # 392-"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

**2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received
him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?**



ELW # 392-"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

**3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**



ELW # 392-"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

**4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.**



ELW # 392-"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

**5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."**

ELW # 362-"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

**1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious king,
who has washed us in the tide
flowing from his wounded side.
Alleluia!**



ELW # 362-"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

**2 Praise we Christ, whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!**



ELW # 362-"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

**3 Where the paschal blood is poured
death's dread angel sheathes the
sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!**



ELW # 362-"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

**4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was
shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above. Alleluia!**



ELW # 362-"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

**5 Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
you have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!**



ELW # 362-"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

**6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!**



ELW # 362-"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

**7 Easter triumph, Easter joy,
this alone can sin destroy!
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!**



ELW # 362-"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

**8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!**

COMMUNION BLESSING: *(Please Stand)*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to
us. Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world.

C Amen.

BLESSING:

P The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

C Amen

**1 Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.**



Refrain

**Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!**



**2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting!**



ELW # 376-"Thine Is The Glory"

SENDING HYMN:

Refrain

**Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won**



**3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above.**



ELW # 376-"Thine Is The Glory"

SENDING HYMN:

Refrain

**Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won**

SENDING:

- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- A** Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- C** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”
arr. Elizabeth J. Grimpo

A dramatic landscape featuring three crosses on a grassy hill under a cloudy sky with a bright sun. In the foreground, a large, moss-covered stone sits on a rocky outcrop. The text "He is Risen!" is written in a white, elegant script across the middle of the image.

He is Risen!