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# Stay Salty, My Friends

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Today's Lay Reader: Tom Crawford

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

"Cantabile" from Chartres

Richard Purvis

**Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**People:** **We come, ready to worship God with our brothers and sisters in Christ!**

**Leader:** Worship is better with friends! We are glad you are here!

**People:** **Lord, bless our time together as we learn, pray, sing and praise you together!**

## Hymn

## Thine Be the Glory

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;  
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb;  
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.  
 lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom.  
 Life is naught with - out thee; aid us in our strife.

An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,  
 Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,  
 Make us more than con - querors, through thy death - less love;

kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.  
 for our Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.  
 bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

*Refrain*

Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

### Morning Prayer of the Leni Lenape

We give thanks today to our Creator God for the countless ways he comes to us through creation – for all the beauty that our eyes see, for all the sounds that our ears hear, for all the scents that we smell, the tastes that we taste, for all that we feel: the sun, wind, rain, snow, warm, and cold. We pray this day that we may be open and attuned to the countless ways that our Creator God comes to us through our senses, through the gift of creation.

As we pray to you this day, we let go of all the pain, struggle, regret, failure, garbage of yesterday. We leave it behind.

We step into this new day, full of hope, promise, and potential and we give thanks for the gift of this new day, which God has made!  
Amen.

### Comments About Native American Sunday

*Lynn Caterson, Native American Ministries Representative*

### The Lord's Prayer

### Hymn

### Because He Lives

1. God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus;  
 2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by,  
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;

he came to love, heal, and for - give;  
 and feel the pride and joy he\* gives;  
 I'll fight life's fi nal war with pain;

he lived and died to buy my par - don,  
 but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance,  
 and then as death gives way to vic - tory,

an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.  
 this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.  
 I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he reigns.

\*Jesus

*Refrain*

Be - cause he lives, I can face to - mor - row;

be-cause he lives, all fear is gone;

be-cause I know he holds the fu-ture,

and life is worth the liv-ing just be-cause he lives.

**Senior Choir**

**Death Where Is Your Sting?**

**Lloyd Larson**

**Scripture Lesson**

**Matthew 5:1-13**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.



“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

**Message**

*Stay Salty, My Friends*

**Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory**

“Air” from Water Music

G. F. Handel

**Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Hymn**

Christ Is Risen

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Christ Is Risen'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

1. Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e -  
2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the  
3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er -

brate this day of days. Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der;  
cav - erns of des - pair. Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing.  
more shall be the same. Break the bread of new cre - a - tion

all cre - a - tion is a - mazed. In the de - sert all - sur -  
See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of res - ur -  
where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, de - mon - ic

round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown. Heal - ing leaves of  
rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend; Je - sus is our  
cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!" God the First and

grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Toccata**

**Craig A. Penfield**