



Easter - Sunday of the Resurrection

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He Is Risen, Indeed.

You Are Risen, Indeed.

As We Gather

Death is our common enemy. But God has chosen to do battle with our enemy and has given to all the same victory won by Jesus Christ. The veil of death cast over all is now removed in Christ Jesus. Death and all its terror and power has been answered by the resurrection of Jesus once for all. We participate in this victory in the banquet our Lord has prepared, first in the Holy Communion of His crucified and risen flesh and blood, and then in the marriage feast of the Lamb, which has no end. Though for now we wait by faith for Him to bring to consummation all things, we wait as a people saved by His blood and marked for everlasting life. So let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation!

Organ Prelude

Preservice Hymn "That Easter Day With Joy was Bright" 1-3

That Easter day with joy was bright;
The sun shone out with fairer light,
When, to their longing eyes restored,
Th' apostles saw their risen Lord!

Refrain: The Savior lives, and now are we
Set free from death's dread tyranny!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O Jesus, King of gentleness,
With constant love our hearts possess;
To You our lips will ever raise
The tribute of our grateful praise. *Refrain:*

O Christ, You are the Lord of all
In this our Easter festival,
For You will be our strength and shield
From ev'ry weapon death can wield. *Refrain:*

Ringling of the Tower Bell - Christ is Risen!

Congregation stands for doxological stanza

Preservice Hymn "That Easter Day With Joy was Bright" 4

All praise, O risen Lord, we give
To You, once dead but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise,
And God the Holy Ghost, we raise! *Refrain:*

PREPARATION

Congregation faces back of sanctuary for Invocation & Entrance Rite

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Entrance Rite

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Lord Jesus Christ, our Paschal Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world:
C have mercy on us.

P Lord Jesus Christ, who by Your death has destroyed death, and by Your rising to life again has restored to us eternal life:
C have mercy on us.

P Lord Jesus Christ, who rose early in the morning on the first day of the week and did first appear to Mary Magdalene:
C have mercy on us.

P Lord Jesus Christ, who appeared to Your disciples proclaiming peace and breathed on them the Holy Spirit:
C have mercy on us.

P Lord Jesus Christ, who revealed Yourself to Thomas with the marks of Your suffering and who commended the faith of those who have not seen and yet believed:
C have mercy on us.

P By Your suffering and dying:
C deliver us from sin, its guilt, and its punishment.

P By Your glorious resurrection:
C deliver us from this body of death.

P By the majesty of Your risen body:

- C** deliver us from the weakness of this mortal life and lead us to eternity.
- P** Set our minds on things above, that we may walk in love in this earthly journey and that we may dwell with You forever in the heavenly places of light and life.
- C** Grant that we may live in Easter joy today and all the days of our lives until we attain its eternal joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Merciful and loving Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by our sinful actions and our failure to do the good You desire. We pray You to grant to the penitent absolution and peace, that freed from the burden of guilt they enjoy the gift of a clear conscience.
- C** Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As we delight in God's forgiving love, let us be reconciled to one another and share the peace of the Lord.

457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

sts. 1-3

- 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!
- 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!
- 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!

Greeting

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** Amen.

457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

st. 4

- △ 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

WORD

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 25:6-9*

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 16; antiphon: v. 10

P ¹Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

C ²**I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**

P ³As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

C ⁴**The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

P ⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

C ⁶**The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

P ⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

C ⁸**I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

- P** ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
- C** ¹⁰**For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.**
- P** ¹¹You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy;
- C** **at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

951 Alleluia – I

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor (Psalms) Al - le - lu - ia.

ia. (hum)

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Verse

2 Timothy 1:10b

P Alleluia. [Christ Jesus] abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

C **Repeat alleluias**

Holy Gospel *Mark 16:1-8*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

482 This Joyful Eastertide

- 1 This joyful Eastertide
 Away with sin and sorrow!
 My love, the Crucified,
 Has sprung to life this morrow: Refrain

- ref Had Christ, who once was slain,
 Not burst His three-day prison,
 Our faith had been in vain:
 But now has Christ arisen,
 arisen, arisen;
 But now has Christ arisen!

- 2 Death's flood has lost its chill
 Since Jesus crossed the river;
 Lover of souls, from ill
 My passing soul deliver: Refrain

- 3 My flesh in hope shall rest
 And for a season slumber
 Till trump from east to west
 Shall wake the dead in number: Refrain

Sermon "He Is Risen, Indeed. You Are Risen, Indeed."

Isaiah 25:6-9

Second Article of the Creed - Redemption

C I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Prayer of the Church

Offertory & Steward *MINUTE*

- Offering Prayer

SACRAMENT

Preface

- 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 Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



1 Oh, ho - ly, ho - ly, is the Lord, The God by
2 How blest is He, the com - ing One, Lord Je - sus

heav'n and earth a - dored. We join the an - gels
Christ, God's on - ly Son, Ho - san - na with ga -

in their song, Their glo - rious prais - es to pro - long.
lac - tic space, Sing we, saved on - ly by His grace.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:


Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei



Meek, slaugh-tered Lamb of God, You bore the sin-ners' load
To buy our peace: Now ris - en and en-throned,
With life and glo - ry crowned, To all the
lost and found Please grant Your peace.

Distribution of Holy Communion

633 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 piercèd side.
Alleluia!

2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!

- 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!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!
- 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!
- 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!
- 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!
- 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!

466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

- 1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom. *Refrain*
- ref* Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!
- 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
Until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo;
And in its conquest His might did show. *Refrain*
- 3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear!
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;
Only the grave cloths are lying there." *Refrain*

4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done;
Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain*

5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free;
Alleluia, to Him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. *Refrain*

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Dismissal

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

1 Alleluia, alleluia!

Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:

Sing to God a hymn of gladness,

Sing to God a hymn of praise;

He who on the cross a victim

For the world's salvation bled—

Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,

Now is risen from the dead.

2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Death at last has met defeat:

See the ancient pow'rs of evil

In confusion and retreat;

Once He died, and once was buried:

Now He lives forevermore,

Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,

Whom we worship and adore.

△ **3 Alleluia, alleluia!**
Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior
Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia
To the triune Majesty!

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