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The Resurrection of Our Lord

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

- ♪ 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!
- ♪ 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!
- ♪ 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!
- ♪ 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!

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Holy Baptism *Please Be Seated*

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalms 118:24

Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

2 Timothy 1:10b

Jesus our Lord was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 4:28, 10:9

God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Alleluia! Alleluia!

1 Corinthians 6:14

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our creator and preserver, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are stained by sin from our very beginning and we have sinned again and again in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves and have often turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for all our many sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us for Jesus' sake, and by the power of the Holy Spirit direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us victory over all that oppresses us and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our risen and living Lord.

A Time of Silence

In His boundless mercy, God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him for restoration and renewal. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“At the Lamb’s High Feast” (vv. 1, 5–8)

- ♪ At the Lamb’s high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!
- ♪ 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!
- ♪ Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- ♪ 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!
- ♪ 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!

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First Reading

Acts 10:34–42

³⁴So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Colossians 3:1–4

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“This Joyful Eastertide”

♪ This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sor---row!
My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this mor---row;
~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 aris--en!

♪ Death’s flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the ri---ver;
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliv---er: ~Had Christ,...

♪ My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slum---ber
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in num---ber: ~Had Christ,....

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The Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Matthew 28:1–10

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Children’s Message *Please Be Seated*

The Hymn

“In Christ Alone”

♪ In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

♪ In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

♪ There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

♪ No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath. Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home — Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Proclamation of the Word

“Where Death Ends and Life Begins!”

Colossians 3:1–4

Offering and Musical Offering

Preface *Please Stand*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Colossians 3:1

Let us give thanks to Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Psalms 136

Proper Preface

Sanctus

Music: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”, Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 457

♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord: Alleluia! God, Almighty: we adore! Alleluia!

Hosanna, to You we sing! Alleluia! Bless'd is He who comes, our King! Alleluia!

Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

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

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

1 Corinthians 11:26 & Revelation 22:20

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

The Peace of the Lord

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Agnus Dei

Music: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today", Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 457

♪ Lamb of God, You take away, Alleluia! All our sin, our thanks, we pray: Alleluia!
Grant us mercy, grant us peace, Alleluia! Let our praises never cease! Alleluia!

Distribution Hymns *Please Be Seated*

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

♪ I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.

♪ He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

♪ He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

♪ He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

♪ He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

♪ He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

♪ He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

♪ He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

♪ 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.

♪ 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.

♪ 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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Prayer of the Church *Please Stand Each petition is concluded with the following:*

Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on You with favor and + give You peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

♪ 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!

♪ 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!

♪ Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia! God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!

When contending death and life, Alleluia! Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

♪ 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!

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Postlude