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The Resurrection of Our Lord

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“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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Holy Baptism *Please Be Seated*

Bradi Wren Willever

Lord's Prayer

Apostles' Creed

Invocation

This is the day that the LORD has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

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

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Confession and Absolution

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us. Enliven us by Your Spirit. Fill our hearts with joy that we may walk by faith this day and always to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

A Time of Silence

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

♪ Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor the Lamb, Heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

~Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

♪ Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes;

Breaking our bread, Giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. ~Jesus is...

♪ Jesus the vine, We are the branches; Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;

Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, Gift of the future now flowing to me. ~Jesus is...

♪ Weeping be gone; Sorrow, be silent: Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing: “O grave, be open!” Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. ~Jesus is...

♪ City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,

River of life, Saints and arch-angels, Sing with creation to God the I AM! ~Jesus is....

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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.

Old Testament Reading *Please Be Seated*

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.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“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!

Please Stand

♪ 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 Gospel

Mark 16:1–8

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

The Hymn *Please Be Seated*

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives" vv. 1–4

- ♪ 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.

Proclamation of the Word

"The Prison Break"

Mark 16:1–8

Response Hymn

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives" vv. 5–8

- ♪ 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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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 the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Psalms 136

Proper Preface

Sanctus Hymn *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

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Agnus Dei Hymn *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 Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“At the Lamb’s High Feast”

♪ 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!

♪ 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!

♪ 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!

♪ Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. 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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Prayer of the Church *Each petition is concluded with the following:*

Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer and fill us with Your joy!

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.

Amen.

Numbers 6:24–26

Recessional Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

- ♪ Now all the vault of heav’n resounds In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!” Alleluia, alleluia, allelu-ia!
- ♪ Eternal is the gift He brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- ♪ O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer Through Your triumph; Grant grace sufficient for life’s day
That by our lives we truly say:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- ♪ Adoring praises now we bring And with the heav’nly blessed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!” Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, allelu-ia!

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Postlude