THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: EASTER DAY

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Worship Focus

Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!



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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

- **M** Dear friends in Christ, today we come together to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Let us draw near to him in worship and praise, in our thoughts and prayers. Christ is Risen!
- C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- **M** This is the day the Lord has made!
- C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
- **M** Come, let us worship!

OPENING HYMN

157 – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Brass and organ introduction

1. Choir and Congregation
Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Brief brass and organ interlude

3. Choir and Congregation

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!

Brief brass and organ interlude. Please stand.

2. Choir

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! 4. Choir (descant) and Congregation

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!

Choir

And he shall reign forever and ever. King of King, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

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CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

- **M** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.
- M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called 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.

C Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)

M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



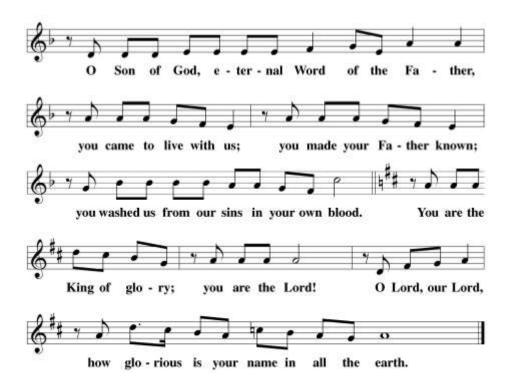
M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



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Be seated

PRAYER AND PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.



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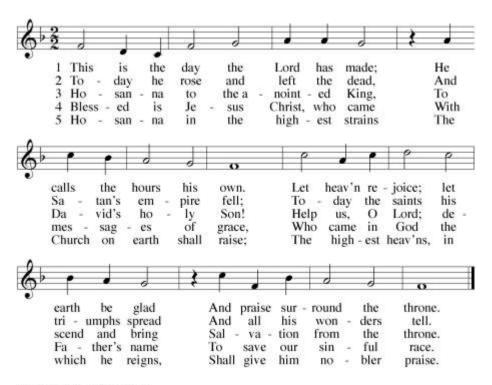


THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Jonah 2:2-9 Like Christ, Jonah escapes the clutches of death.

JONAH 2:2 He [Jonah] said:

- "In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry.
- ³ You hurled me into the deep, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me.
- ⁴ I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.'
- ⁵ The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head.
- ⁶ To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD my God.
- ⁷ "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple.
- ⁸ "Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs.
- ⁹ But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you.
 What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD."



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Tune: NUN DANKET ALL (CM) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

SECOND LESSON Colossians 3:1-4

Christ is alive! We set our hearts on things above.

COLOSSIANS 3:1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

VERSE OF THE DAY



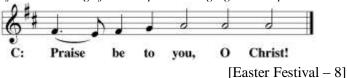
Please stand. The Gospel lesson is read by the presiding minister in the center aisle on the level of the congregation as a picture of Jesus' presence in the midst of his disciples when he appeared to them in the upper room on the evening of the first Easter.

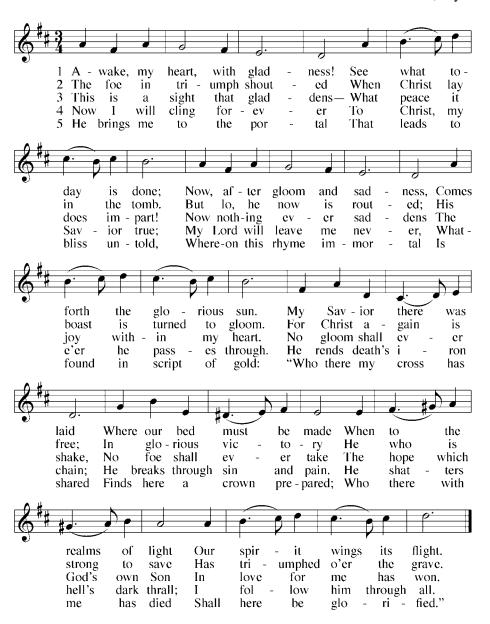
GOSPEL Matthew 28:1-10

The Lord is risen!

MATTHEW 28:1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." ⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:





Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt. Tune: AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ (76 76 66 66) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

SERMON John 16:22

Today, You Rejoice!

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

C 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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.
- C Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.
- M Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.
- C Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

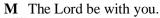
M Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES





M Lift up your hearts.



M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus)



[Easter Festival – 13]

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei)



[Easter Festival – 14]

DISTRIBUTION

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

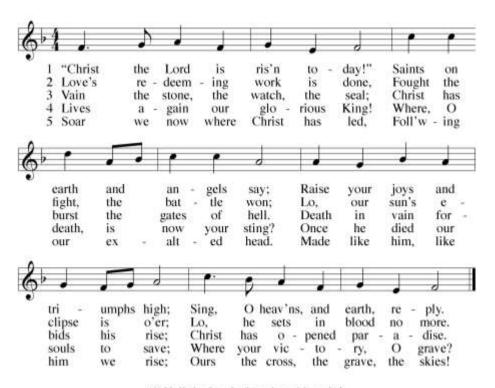
165 – O Sons and Daughters of the King



- 6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he, "My hands, my feet, my body see; And doubt not, but believe in me." Alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia!
- 8 Blessèd are they that have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been; In life eternal they shall reign. Alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days To God your hearts and voices raise In laud and jubilee and praise. Alleluia!

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

149 – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



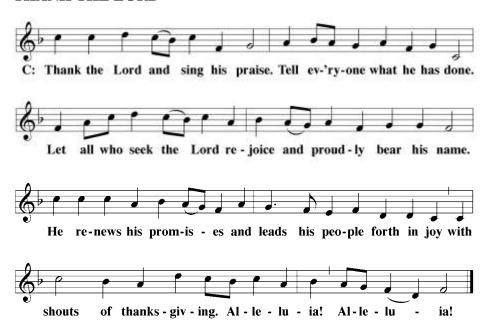
6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to you by both be giv'n! God has now fulfilled his Word; Praise the resurrected Lord!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, abr., alt.

Tune: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS (77 77) Pierre de Corbeille, d. 1221, adapt.

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD



PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.





[Easter Festival – 18]



After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

