

THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION

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ALLELUIA!

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

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The Resurrection of Our Lord – Festival Service

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RETURN OF ALLELUIA

150 – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day;
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed,
4 Christ, who once for sin - ners bled,



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way;
Sin - less in the sin - ners' stead, Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled.
Now the first-born from the dead,



See the place where he was laid;
"Christ is ris'n," to - day we cry; Al - le - lu - ia!
While, in strange and awe - full strife,
Throned in end - less might and pow'r,



Praise him for the ran - som paid,
Now he lives, no more to die, Al - le - lu - ia!
Met to - geth - er death and life,
Lives and reigns for - ev - er - more.

Text: Latin sequence, 11th century, abr.; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1809–81, alt.
Tune: LLANFAIR (77 77 with Alleluias) Robert Williams, c. 1781–1821.

EASTER GREETING

M Christ is arisen!

C He is risen indeed.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

160 – This Joyful Eastertide

Stand as the hymn is introduced.



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row,
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.
Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day



pris - on, Our faith had been in vain; But



now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934.

Tune: VRIECHTEN (67 67 with Refrain) *Dauids Psalmen*, Amsterdam, 1684.

AN EASTER DIALOG

M This is the day the Lord has made.

C **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

M I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

M Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

C **Death has been swallowed up in victory.**

M The Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; he will lead us to springs of living water.

C **And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C **(spoken) Amen.**

Be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM

I Am Content! Christ Jesus Liveth Still

*I am content! Christ Jesus liveth still; In Him my heart is pleased.
He hath fulfilled the Law of God for me, God's wrath He hath appeased.
Since He in death could perish never, I also shall not die forever.
I am content! I am content!*

*I am content! Christ Jesus is my Lord, My Prince of Life and Peace;
His heart is yearning for my future bliss And for my soul's release.
The home where he, my Master, liveth He also to His servant giveth.
I am content! I am content!*

*I am content! Christ Jesus is my Light, My radiant Sun of Grace.
His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all, Sweet comfort, hope, and peace.
The Easter sun doth bring salvation And everlasting exultation.
I am content! I am content!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray. O God, you made this holy day shine with the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of sin by your Holy Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C (spoken) Amen.

LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ CORINTHIANS 15:1 Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them--yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

ANTHEM (Senior Choir)

Resurrection Glory

The choir will sing the first three verses in italics. The congregation is invited to sing the last two verses in bold.

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Once He died upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffered to redeem our loss, Alleluia!*

*Now let the heavens be joyful. Let earth her song begin.
Let's celebrate His triumph; He conquered death and sin.
He is risen! Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.*

*Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.
He is risen! Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.*

**Christ the Lord is ris'n today! Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high! Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply: Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head. Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

LUKE 24:1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of

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sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.”⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

HYMN OF THE DAY

143 – He’s Risen, He’s Risen



1 He's ris - en, he's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
4 Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate Word.
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
And death, hell, and Sa - tan he van - quished, his foes,
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door,
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts his ban - ner on high;
For all our trans - gres - sions his blood does a - tone;
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,



And earth, sea, and moun - tain the prais - es pro - long.
For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nev - er - more die.
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are his own.
Who now sits in glo - ry and ev - er shall reign.

Text: C. F. W. Walther, 1811–87; abr.; tr. Anna M. Meyer, 1867–1941, alt.
Tune: WALTHER (11 11 11 11) C. F. W. Walther, 1811–87.

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The Resurrection Is No Surprise

1. The first one ought not have been
2. The next one ought not be

After the sermon, please stand

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.**

Be seated

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Stand

- M** O God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, we thank and praise you for the mercy you have shown us through his glorious resurrection. Grant that on this day believers throughout the world may see the fullness of your grace and peace. Give us a living hope to believe that the grave has no power over us and that we have been made partakers of eternal life.
- C** **Strengthen your people that we may be faithful to death and may receive the crown of life.**
- M** Almighty God, as your Son on this day rose from the dead for us, victorious over sin and the grave, grant that sin may no longer live in our hearts. By the power of his resurrection set our minds on things above, not on earthly things.
- C** **Grant that in Christ's resurrection we may conquer sin and find strength to resist the devil's temptations.**
- M** Rule over the nations of the earth, O Lord, that they may join the hosts of heaven in songs of Christ's victorious triumph. Bless and preserve the President and Congress of the United States of America and all those who govern and guide us in this great city so that freedom, justice, righteousness, and peace may prevail. Watch over the members of our armed forces as they protect our nation from harm and evil. Grant contentment to service personnel and their families as they spend these holy days apart from one other.
- C** **Comfort those who mourn the loss of those they love and sustain the innocent who are caught in the carnage and cruelty of war.**
- M** In every adversity preserve us, O Lord. Heal the sick, giving them the hope of a glorious body in the resurrection of the dead. With the promises of this great day remove the fear of death from the hearts of the dying and the sadness of death from hearts that feel the loss of family and friends. Defend the weak and vulnerable, especially the unborn, the aged, those who are hungry, homeless, unemployed, and those who are struggling under the load of troubles and trials.
- C** **Bestow your gracious favor on our homes and families and bless us with Easter's joy and consolation.**
- M** We give thanks for all those who have died and now live with Christ in the triumph of Easter, especially our own faithful departed loved ones.
- C** **Unite us with them in the hope of the resurrection of the dead.**

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

Silent prayer

M Hear us, O Father, for the sake of him who is the firstborn of the dead and is now alive forevermore, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE (spoken)

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C **It is good and right so to do.**

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

149 (6) – Christ the Lord is Risen Today

**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!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C (spoken) Amen.

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.**



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.

C (spoken) Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

167 (4,5) – Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

**I am flesh and must return
Unto dust, whence I am taken;
But by faith I now discern
That from death I shall awaken
With my Savior to abide
In his glory, at his side.**

**Glorified, I shall anew
With this flesh then be enshrouded;
In this body I shall view
God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
In this flesh I then shall see
Jesus Christ eternally.**

Be seated

We believe that gathering together at God's altar to receive Holy Communion is a testimony of the confession and commitment we share as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are not members of our denomination to speak with one of the pastors before joining us at the altar so that all may have a clear understanding of our faith and practice. Thank you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

152 – I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to
 5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save. He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove. He lives, my hun - gry
 guide me with his eye. He lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears. He lives to calm my



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives and loves me to the end. He lives, and I shall conquer death.
 He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. He lives to bring me safely there.

8 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!"

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99, abr.
 Tune: DUKE STREET (LM) attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793.



PRAYER

Stand

M O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C (spoken) And his mercy endures forever.

M We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you give us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. We pray that through this precious gift you would feed our faith, nourish our hope, and strengthen our love that we may live as your people now and as your guests forever at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C (spoken) Amen.

BLESSING

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.

C (spoken) Amen.



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CLOSING HYMN

153 – Alleluia! Jesus Lives



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the
2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice; Praise him, ran - somed
3 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and
4 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, Life is yours e -



liv - ing one; From the gloom - y house of death
ones of earth, Praise him in a no - bler song,
fre - quent sigh? He who died our broth - er here
ter - nal - ly; Joined to him, your liv - ing head,



Forth the con - quer - or has gone, Bright fore - run - ner
Cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth, Praise the Vic - tor -
Lives our broth - er still on high, Lives for - ev - er
Where he is, you too shall be; You with him at



to the skies Of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
King, whose sway Sin and death and hell o - bey.
to be - stow Bless - ings on his Church be - low.
his right hand Vic - tor o - ver death shall stand.

Text: Karl B. Garve, 1763–1841, abr.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt.
Tune: FRED TIL BOD (77 77 77) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87.

Be seated following the hymn

POSTLUDE

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Why do you look for the living among the dead?

LUKE 24:5

