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WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE

Happy Easter! We believe that God has drawn each person here on this special morning so they would experience His love, His peace, and His power. The Lord Himself welcomes us as we encounter Him in His Word and Sacraments. Our prayer is that you would soak-in the gifts and blessings of God as we worship, and that He would empower you through those gifts as you serve and follow Jesus this week.

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, we are honored that you are joining us! Please take a moment to fill out a blue "Welcome" card, then drop it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. Our ushers will be glad to help you with any questions you may have.

HE IS RISEN...AND WE ARE UNAFRAID

As we worship the Risen One this morning, we are reminded that Easter is much more than just a story of how Jesus, once dead, lives again. It is God's victory narrative: Not only did Jesus overcome temptations in this life, He conquered sin at the cross. At the open tomb it is apparent that sin's dear colleague, death, holds no power over Jesus. Death has been vanquished, and Jesus is alive forevermore. Victory is His to share with all who will come along with Him. As we walk with our Risen Lord, His words ring with power in our ears: *"Do not be afraid; go and tell." Today—and every day with Jesus—it doesn't matter what is going on in your life. Jesus is greater, and we share in His victory. Allow Him to align your life with His will, and you will never need to be afraid.*

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✠ THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD ✠

ORDER OF WORSHIP • APRIL 9, 2023 • 9:00 AM

✠ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

From the rear of the Sanctuary

WL: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WL: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave!

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

WL: Sin and death shall reign no more!

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

WL: Let this place resound with joy!

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

✠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

NOW ALL THE VAULT
LBW #143

✠ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

✠ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Our Lord has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them. Confident in God's love for us, let us confess our sins.

All: Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before Him or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give Him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be Your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the Church, His body. Amen.

WL: Brothers and sisters, our Lord loves with an everlasting love. Hear these words of forgiveness and assurance from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians:

When you were dead in your sins... God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

All: Amen! Thanks be to God!

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: 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.

All: Amen.

PARISH CHOIR

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
by André Kopolyoff, arr. H Gaul

*Ice has gone from all the rivers,
Cypress trees begin to bloom;
Now the wood dove coos his spring song,
Gone the days of dark and gloom.
Peasants in the field are planting,
Singing as they drop the seed:*

*Alleluia! Christ is risen,
Christ the Lord is ris'n indeed!
Alleluia! Christ is risen,
Christ the Lord is ris'n indeed!*

*On the steppes the flow'rs are gleaming,
Winter's wheat is cool and green,
March-buds glisten in the valleys,
Lowlands glow with mossy sheen.
Peasants on their farms are singing
As the oxen munch their feed.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

JEREMIAH 31:1-6

R: The Old Testament lesson for this Easter morning is from the book of the prophet Jeremiah, the 31st chapter.

¹ "At that time," declares the LORD, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people."

² This is what the LORD says: "The people who survive the sword will find favor in the wilderness; I will come to give rest to Israel."

³ The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. ⁴ I will build you up again, and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt. Again you will take up your timbrels and go out to dance with the joyful. ⁵ Again you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria; the farmers will plant them and enjoy their fruit. ⁶ There will be a day when watchmen cry out on the hills of Ephraim, 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.'"

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

R: The Epistle lesson for this Easter morning is from Paul's letter to the Colossians, the third chapter.

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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

✠ GOSPEL PROCESSION

LBW #142

***Hail, thee festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;
Day when our Lord was raised, breaking the kingdom of death.***

✠ HOLY GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 28:1-10

WL: The Easter Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord!

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."

WL: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Risen Christ!

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THE EASTER MESSAGE

Pastor Ken Green

"Christ Is Risen...and We Are Unafraid"

✠ MESSAGE HYMN

WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED

LBW #189

✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

WL: If we declare with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead, we will be saved. Let us confess our Christian faith together as the people of God:

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

WL: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, our strength and song, You have become our salvation. Receive our thanks for Your gracious deliverance in Christ Jesus, crucified and risen. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

WL: Heavenly Father, in Baptism You have joined us to Christ's death and resurrection and made us citizens of Your kingdom. Move our hearts to repentance, that we would set our minds on things above and be directed by Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

WL: Almighty God, when doubt and fear weigh us down, console us with the certainty that Christ is risen from the dead and that He rules over all things for our good and greets us with life in His Means of Grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

WL: Gracious Lord, lead Your people in Your steadfast love, and guide them in strength to Your holy abode. Sanctify our homes. Be the companion of those who live alone. Make our households places where Your wisdom and grace are found. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

WL: Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power. Grant that all in authority would govern according to Your will, maintaining order and curbing evil, that we may live in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

WL: Righteous Lord, You have seated Christ at Your right hand for our deliverance. Remember those afflicted with illness and injury. Give them health and strength according to Your will. Sustain them in faith, knowing that, for Jesus' sake, You will raise them in glory on the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

WL: O God, our strength and salvation, You delivered Your people from bondage in Egypt by means of the Passover lamb. As we celebrate Christ, our Passover Lamb, who has been sacrificed and raised from the dead, bless all who partake of His Sacrament. Cleanse them from boasting, malice, and evil, and give them repentant hearts to receive Him in sincerity and truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

WL: Eternal God, thanks be to You for victory over death through our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember all who mourn. Comfort them with the promise that You love them with an everlasting love and will raise them and all Your people from the dead; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

GATHERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

Welcome to the Lord's Table, where He gives us His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, joining Himself to us.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Prince of Peace in the belief and confession that in this Sacrament Jesus gives us His very body and blood (His real presence) with the bread and wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of their sins, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. We welcome those who share these beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament.

- ❖ **CHILDREN'S BLESSING** - We invite young children who have not yet had their First Communion to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing.
 - ❖ **GLUTEN-FREE BREAD** is available for those who are gluten intolerant. As the pastor approaches to give you the bread, simply motion with your hand toward the altar to indicate your need for the gluten free bread. It can also be helpful to speak to the pastors before or after the service to remind them of your need.
 - ❖ **NON-ALCOHOLIC** grape juice is available in the center of the trays.
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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE & SANCTUS

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WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

WL: 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 we are 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 angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

All: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:*

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

WL: 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 judgement. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: **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

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING!

LBW #210

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES!

LBW #352

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

All: Amen.

✠ POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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**All: *Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
tell ev'ryone what He has done.***

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

***He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.***

✠ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray: We give You thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules over all. We praise You for His presence with us. Because He lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from Your great love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose precious and powerful name we pray.

All: Amen.

PARISH CHOIR

EASTER SONG
by Anne Herring

✠ CHARGE & BLESSING

WL: Receive the good news: Christ is risen from the dead.

All: Alleluia!

WL: Tell the good news: the power of death shall no more oppress us.

All: Alleluia!

WL: Live the good news: we are free to love as He has loved us.

All: Alleluia!

WL: May God the Father, who raised Jesus from the dead, bless you and by the power of the Holy Spirit raise you with Him in glory.

All: Amen.

✠ RECESSIONAL HYMN

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

LBW #151

✠ SENDING

WL: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Risen Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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