
∞ THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD ∞
ORDER OF WORSHIP • MARCH 31, 2024 • 9:00 AM

✝ Indicates the congregation should stand as able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✝ 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 be filled with song!

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

✝ PROCESSIONAL HYMN JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY
LBW #151

✝ INVOCATION

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

All: Amen.

✝ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. Trusting in God's promise, let us confess our sin.

All: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

WL: Brothers and sisters in Christ, hear the good news:

Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, all our sins have been forgiven. We are washed clean by the blood of the Lamb and are renewed and restored as the children of God.

All: This is the feast of victory! Alleluia!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

THIS IS THE FEAST
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✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Let us pray. O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 25:6-9

R: The First lesson for this Easter Sunday is from the book of the prophet Isaiah, the twenty-fifth chapter.

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken.

In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

R: Our Second Lesson is from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

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

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

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. 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. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

WL: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ GOSPEL PROCESSION SUNG BY THE PARISH CHOIR

The whole bright world rejoices now. Alleluia!

The birds do sing on every bough. Alleluia!

Then shout beneath the racing skies. Alleluia!

To him who rose that we might rise. Alleluia!

And all you living things make praise. Alleluia!

He guideth you in all your ways. Alleluia!

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Our God most high, our joy and boast. Alleluia!

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 16:1-8

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

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EASTER MESSAGE

✠ MESSAGE HYMN

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS,
REJOICE AND SING!

LBW # 144

✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

WL: Let us boldly confess our faith, with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

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CHOIR ANTHEM

MY CROWN OF CREATION

*My crown of creation, you were there at the start
When I dreamed of a world, you were there in my heart
You were made for the center of the garden I planned
Your name was forever written on my hand.*

*Take heart, the best is yet to be! If you can see what you mean to me
You will know the truth, and it will make you free
Once you see, my child, what you mean to me*

*You left me to wander, and the pain began
Imagine my grief when I called you and you ran!
I searched for you everywhere, at what a cost!
My coin, my sheep, and my child, all lost!*

*Take heart, the best is yet to be! If you can see what you mean to me
You will know the truth, and it will make you free
Once you see, my child, what you mean to me*

*I heard you there cheering when they waved their palms
I gave you healing when you begged for alms
And there at the hanging, did you hear my cry:
I am here for you, and for you I die?*

*Take heart, the best is yet to be! If you can see what you mean to me
You will know the truth, and it will make you free
Once you see, my child, what you mean to me*

*You thought we were finished when I lay quite dead,
But deep in grief you remembered what I said:
No grave can contain me, I will rise again!
And now that I live, you can sing Amen!*

*Take heart, the best is yet to be! If you can see what you mean to me
You will know the truth, and it will make you free
Once you see, my child, what you mean to me*

*I will move even heaven and the earth, I will
If you believe every promise I fulfill
No threat can tear us apart, you'll see:
Haven't I proved what you mean to me?*

*Take heart, the best is yet to be! If you can see what you mean to me
You will know the truth, and it will make you free
Once you see, my child, what you mean to me*

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

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 are we bound to praise you on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Paschal Lamb, who 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. With all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we give all glory, honor, and worship to you—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—
one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray together:

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

HYMN

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.

All: Amen.

✝ CHARGE & BLESSING *based on Psalm 121:5-8*

WL: Now may the truth of the empty tomb—the astonishing reality of Jesus’ resurrection—keep you fearless and sure that you will see the Resurrected One again and again in this life. May the power of God’s endless love surround you and guide you, ✝ this day and always.

All: Amen.

✝ RECESSIONAL HYMN THINE IS THE GLORY LBW #145

✝ 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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