

A vertical image featuring a sunset or sunrise over a body of water. The sky is filled with vibrant colors of orange, yellow, and purple, with rays of light emanating from the horizon. The water in the foreground is dark and reflects the colors of the sky. The text "He is Risen" is written in a white, elegant cursive font, centered in the upper half of the image.

He is Risen

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✠ THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD ✠

ORDER OF WORSHIP • APRIL 5, 2026 • 9:00 AM

✠ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP *From the rear of the sanctuary*

WL: Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

WL: Sin and death shall reign no more!

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

WL: Let this place be filled with song!

**All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ PROCESSIONAL SONG *WE COME REJOICING*  
by the PARISH CHOIR

✠ 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  
LBW Setting 1, page 60

## ✠ 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. Bring forth in us the fruits of the Spirit, that in both 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

ACTS 10:34-43

R: The First lesson for this Easter Sunday is from the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Acts.

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

R: Our Second Lesson is from the third chapter of Colossians.

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

WL: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## ✠ GOSPEL PROCESSION

NOW ALL THE VAULT OF  
HEAVEN RESOUNDS  
LBW #143, STANZA 1

**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, alleluia!**

## ✠ HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 20:1-18

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

All: **Glorify to you, O Lord!**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

## ✠ GOSPEL PROCESSION

NOW ALL THE VAULT OF  
HEAVEN RESOUNDS  
LBW #143, STANZA 2

**Eternal is the gift he brings,  
Therefore our heart with rapture sings  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still he comes to bring us life  
And by his presence stills all strife.  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### EASTER MESSAGE

"EASTER, BEYOND BELIEF!"  
REV. KENNETH D. GREEN II

**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!**

**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!**

✠ 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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# 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 loving power of God which raised Jesus to new life, strengthen you in hope, enrich you with love, and fill you with joy to live lives of faith.

All: **Amen.**

✠ RECESSIONAL ANTHEM GO OUT WITH JOY!  
by the PARISH CHOIR

✠ SENDING

WL: Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Risen Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SOLI DEO GLORIA  
TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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