

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD


THE HYMN

THE EASTER GREETING

Pastor: HE IS RISEN!

People: HE IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!

THE INVOCATION

Pastor: We begin our worship in the Name of the Father, and of the  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

THE CONFESSION


Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(A time of silence will be observed for personal reflection and self-examination.)

Pastor: Most merciful God,

People: We confess that we are in bondage to sin. We cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of

all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

(As we have been reconciled to God, so we greet one another to share His peace and be reconciled to each other also.)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened for us the gate of everlasting life. Give us your continual help; put good desires into our minds and bring them to full effect, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE HYMN

THE HOMILY

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE OFFERTORY AND THE GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come. Amen

THE SERVICE OF THE EUCHARIST

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION


(During Communion please join us in singing the third and fourth hymns on your song sheet)

(Communicants will come forward down the center aisle. At the Baptismal Font you will receive the host. (If you need a gluten – free wafer, please ask the Communion Assistant.) Then turn towards the outer walls of the nave and proceed to the next station where you will receive the chalice, returning to your seats by the side aisles. After all have communed there will be a joint dismissal.)

THE DISMISSAL

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE HYMN

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

OUR THANKS to all who have made our Easter celebration a time of praise and thanksgiving. We are glad that you added your voice, your hands and your heart to worship today. We hope you will join us again next Sunday. We thank all who have served in any way so that this celebration was made possible.

1ST HYMN

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY - 151 GREEN

1. 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!
2. 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!
3. 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!
4. 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!

2ND HYMN

THE DAY OF RESURRECTION - 141 GREEN

1. The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God.
From death to life
eternal,
From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought
us over
With hymns of victory
2. Let hearts be purged of
evil
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light,
And list'ning to his
accents,
May hear, so calm and
plain,
His own "All hail!" and
hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph
And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen,
Our joy that has no end!

4. Then praise we God the Father,
And praise we Christ his Son,
With them the Holy Spirit,
Eternal Three in One;
Till all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne,
And honor, pow'r, and glory
Ascribe to God alone!

3. Death cannot keep his prey
Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away
Jesus, my Lord!

4TH HYMN

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES!
352 GREEN

1. I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head!
2. He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives exalted, throned above;
He lives to rule his Church in love.
3. He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with his eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
4. He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.
5. He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

3RD HYMN

CHRIST AROSE – 138 RED

1. Low in the grave He lay
Jesus, my Savior!
Waiting the coming day
Jesus, my Lord!

Chorus:

Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign:
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2. Vainly they watch His bed
Jesus, my Savior!
Vainly they seal the dead
Jesus my Lord!

Chorus

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6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end'
He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing'
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!

7. He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

(Please rise for last verse)

8. He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

LAST HYMN

CELEBRATE JESUS

Celebrate Jesus, celebrate!
Celebrate Jesus, celebrate!
Celebrate Jesus, celebrate!
Celebrate Jesus, celebrate!

He is risen,
He is risen,
And He lives forevermore.

He is risen,
He is risen,
Come on and celebrate
The resurrection of our Lord!