### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE HYMN - "In Christ There Is No East or West"

### THE EASTER GREETING

Pastor: HE IS RISEN!

People: HE IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!

#### THE INVOCATION & THE CONFESSION

- P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen
- P: When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ.
- C: We were baptized so that we might have a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.
- P: Therefore, let us confess our sins to God so that we may be prepared to greet our ever-living King when he comes with the clouds in great glory.

(Silence for meditation and self-examination)

- P: Almighty and all-merciful God,
- C: We are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise. We have offended your majesty and defied your divinity; we have brought death and darkness where you once said, "Let there be light." We deserve the doom that you have decreed. We are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise.
- P: But Christ is risen.
- C: Risen indeed!
- P: Since we have been united with him in a death like his,
- C: we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. For his sake, we implore you: forgive our sins, so that we may receive, and share, the precious peace our Lord has promised. Let us be raised with Christ.
- P: "Thus it is written, that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins

must be proclaimed in his name." That Word is now proclaimed to you.

C: We have seen the Lord! Alleluia!

THE CANTICLE "THIS IS THE FEAST" (pg 60 in green hymnal)

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever.

Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.

### THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: And also with you

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,

we have celebrated with joy the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection

in all that we say and do;

through your Son, 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 OFFICE HYMN - "Above All"

THE SERMON: "The Devil's I" Acts 5: 29 - 32

THE NICENE CREED

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 our salvation

he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man.

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,

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord. People: Lord, have mercy.

# THE OFFERTORY AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (pg 66 in green hymnal)

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.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you

and be gracious to you.

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

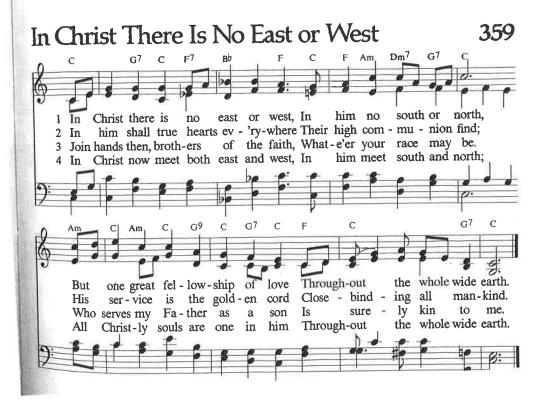
People: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

### THE RECESSIONAL HYMN - "The Trees of the Field"

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen



### 1. ABOVE ALL

Above all powers, above all kings, Above all nature and all created things; Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, Above all wonders the world has ever known; Above all wealth and treasures of the earth, There's no way to measure what You're worth.

Crucified, laid behind the stone; You lived to die, rejected and alone; Like a rose trampled on the ground You took the fall and thought of me Above all.

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talks with me a - long life's nar-row way. He lives, He lives, sal-He lives, He lives,

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## Thine Is the Glory



## 77. THE TREES OF THE FIELD

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace. The mountains and the hills will break forth before you. There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands. The trees of the field will clap their hands. The trees of the field will clap their hands. While you go out with joy.

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