

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, 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.

THE BENEDICTION

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 RECESSIONAL HYMN – “The Trees of the Field”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen

In Christ There Is No East or West

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C G7 C F7 Bb F C F Am Dm7 G7 C

1 In Christ there is no east or west, In him no south or north,
 2 In him shall true hearts ev-'ry-where Their high com-mu-nion find;
 3 Join hands then, broth-ers of the faith, What-e'er your race may be.
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, In him meet south and north;

Am C Am C G9 C G7 C F C G7 C

But one great fel-low-ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
 His ser-vice is the gold-en cord Close-bind-ing all man-kind.
 Who serves my Fa-ther as a son Is sure-ly kin to me.
 All Christ-ly souls are one in him Through-out the whole wide earth.

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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1. I serve a ris-en Sav-ior, He's in the world to-day; I know that He is
 2. In all the world a-round me I see His lov-ing care, And tho my heart grows
 3. Re-joice, re-joice, O Christ-ian, lift up your voice and sing E-ter-nal hal-le-



liv-ing, what-ev-er men may say; I see His hand of mer-cy, I
 wea-ry I nev-er will de-spair; I know that He is lead-ing thru
 lu-jahs to Je-sus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek Him, the



hear His voice of cheer, And just the time I need Him He's al-ways near.
 all the storm-y blast, The day of His ap-pear-ing will come at last.
 help of all who find, None oth-er is so lov-ing, so good and kind.



CHORUS



He lives, He lives, Christ Je-sus lives to-day! He walks with me and
 He lives, He lives,



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



Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; End - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of life; Life is nought with-

vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let his Church with glad - ness
 out thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con-qu'rors,

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth;
 Through thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

Where thy bod - y lay.
 Death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;
 To thy home a - bove.

End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won!

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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