

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD


THE HYMN – “Jesus Christ is Risen Today!”

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 KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

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 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

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 – “I know that My Redeemer Lives!”

THE HOMILY

THE NICENE CREED (only spoken at late worship)

**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: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

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

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

THE SERVICE OF THE EUCHARIST

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER


**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**

THE DISTRIBUTION

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 – “Celebrate Jesus!”

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.

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - umphant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

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1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; He lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my

once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; He lives to rule his Church in love.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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.

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.

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!

75. THE LAMB

- 1. The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!**

Chorus

**Worthy is the Lamb
Whose death makes me His own!
The lamb is reigning on His throne!**

- 2. The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n
His praise to sing (Chorus)**
- 3. The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their Shepherd kill.
So still, His will
On our behalf the Law to fill. (Chorus)**
- 4. He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me his own righteousness. (Chorus)**
- 5. He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
'Till ev'ry heart to him belong.**

Chorus

**Worthy is the Lamb
Whose death makes me his own!
The lamb is reigning on his throne!**

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!**

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