

THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

THE CONFESSION

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, 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 CANTICLE – “THIS IS THE FEAST”

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 Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: Almighty God, the Father,

through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,

You have overcome death

and opened the gate of everlasting life to us.

Grant that we,

who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's

resurrection,

may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving

Spirit;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE HYMN – "I know that My Redeemer Lives!"

THE HOMILY – "The Power to Rise Again"

THE NICENE CREED

CONG: I believe in God,

the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

The only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living

and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and

gloried,

Who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I 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

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!”

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.