

# THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE HYMN – “Good Christian Friend Rejoice and Sing

## 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 our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## 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

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 receive the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.

*Silence for reflection 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 denied your divinity; we have brought death and darkness where you once said, “Let there be light.” We deserve the doom 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, our Father, we implore you: forgive our sins and free us from all doubt and disbelief. Let us be raised with Christ!

P: “Thus it is written, that the Messiah had to suffer and to 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! 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 peace of the Lord be with you

People: And also with you

#### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,  
grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection  
may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation  
that Jesus is Lord and God;  
through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
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 OFFICE HYMN – "He Lives!"

#### THE SERMON: "Power Points of Life: The Power to Belong"

#### 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

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

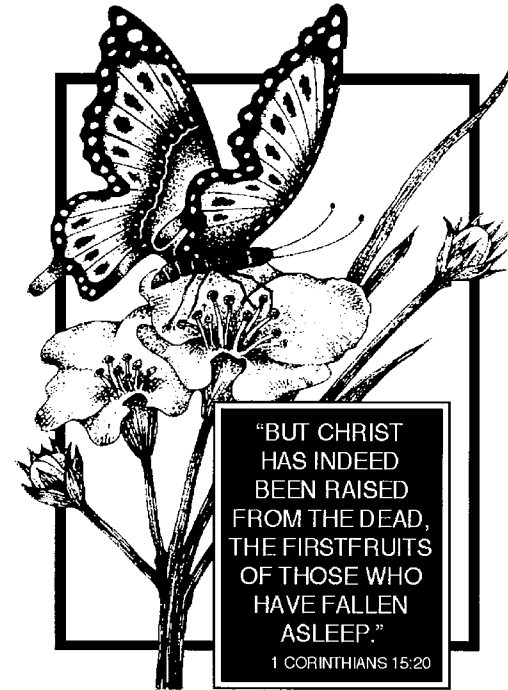
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

#### THE RECESSIONAL HYMN – “The Day of Resurrection”

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

## A SERVICE FOR THE SEASON OF EASTER



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