

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE HYMN – “Christ Arose”

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.

(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for 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 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 peace of the Lord be with you
People: And also with you**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God,
through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world.
Grant to Your faithful people,
rescued from the peril of everlasting death,
perpetual gladness and eternal joys;
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 OFFICE HYMN – “I Will Sing of the Mercies”

THE SERMON: “Let the New Pastor Be The Pastor”

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**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 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 – “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen