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**AS WE GATHER** – “Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!” That Easter greeting, proclaimed throughout the ages of the Church, takes root in our hearts so that we understand that the resurrected life is now our own. *Alleluia*, meaning “Praise the Lord,” infects our hymns and anthems as we tell others the Good News that our Lord is risen, risen indeed.

## + Preparation +

*(The Christ Candle is carried to the front. When the candle has been placed all the lights are turned on.)*

*(The Gospel Reading from the Christ Candle) (Stand.)*

## **EASTER GOSPEL, PART 1:** Mark 16:1-6 (ESV)

*(The angel announces Christ's resurrection.)*

Pastor: <sup>1</sup> When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” <sup>4</sup> And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup> And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.”

## **EASTER RESPONSE**

Pastor: Christ is risen, alleluia!

**People: He is ris'n indeed, alleluia!**

*(You may greet one another with the peace of the Lord and a blessed Easter.)*

**HYMN:** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

LSB 457

Congregation: Verses 1, 3-4; Adult Choir: Verse 2

## THE INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## EASTER RESPONSE

Pastor: Triumphant from the grave rose Jesus strong to save.

**People: He crushed Sin, Satan, death and hell.**

Pastor: O Christian, mark it well!

**People: Now sing our glad song, and joyous praise to Him prolong!**

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## HYMN OF PRAISE: “This Is the Feast”

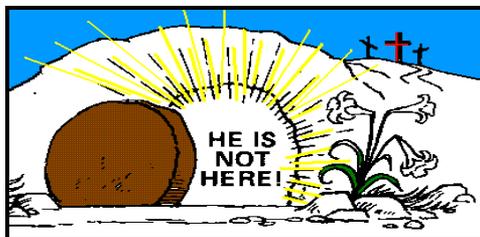
Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. (Refrain)

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. (Refrain)

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. (Refrain)

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.  
(Refrain)



## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us.

**People: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be rescued from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

*(Be seated.)*

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Isaiah 25:6-9 (ESV)

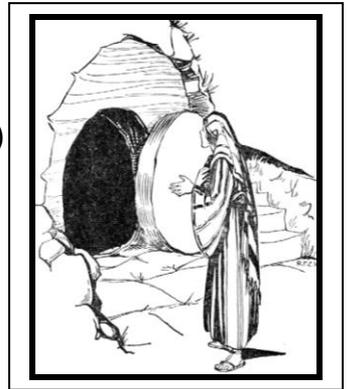
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (ESV)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



“Ye Sons and Daughters of the King” - Adult Choir Erik Routley

*(Stand.)*

**EASTER GOSPEL, PART 2:** Mark 16:7-8 (ESV)

Pastor: [The angel said:] <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup>And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*(Be seated.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

LSB 467

## **HOMILY**

Text: Mark 16:1-8

## **OFFERING**

*(Note to our visitors: You are our guests this morning! Please do not feel the need to make a contribution to our Offering. We would ask all visitors and members to sign the Register Pad as the Offering is being collected. Also, Prayer Cards are available in the pew racks for special intercessions during the time of congregational prayer.)*

“The Strife Is O’er” – Adult Choir

Lani Smith

## **FOR ALL WHO DESIRE TO RECEIVE THE LORD’S SUPPER**

*We believe that Christ’s Body and Blood is present in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. In this sacred meal Jesus gives Himself in love to His Church to build us up in faith, hope and love. Since Christ is truly present, the Sacrament is not to be received in a careless or indifferent manner. St. Paul writes: “Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. **Examine yourselves**, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup.” (1 Corinthians 11.27-28)*

*We believe that such self-examination necessarily includes the following points: 1) Do I believe that the only true God is the Triune God, Three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, within One Divine Being? 2) Do I humbly acknowledge before God that I am indeed a sinner in need of His grace? 3) Do I believe that Jesus Christ the Son of God is my personal Lord and Savior? 4) Do I believe that in this Sacrament Christ is truly present for me for the forgiveness of my sins? 5) Do I have a sincere desire, with God’s help, to live a life that is pleasing to Him?*

*For those who can answer these questions in the affirmative, we welcome you to join us at the Lord’s Table. For those who have a different religious understanding, or are unclear as to the points listed above, we ask that you talk to the pastor before receiving the Sacrament.*

*(Stand.)*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

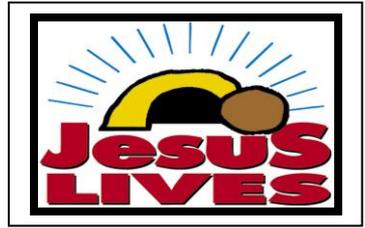
## PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**



Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE FOR EASTER SANCTUS

[TUNE: DUKE STREET]

**Sing holy, holy holy Lord,  
Lord God of Hosts by all adored;  
Heaven and earth will full acclaim  
Sound forth the honor of Your name.**

**Sing hosanna in the heights,  
Sing we hosanna to the Lord;  
Blessed the One who comes in God's name  
Jesus, our ris'n and glorious Lord.**

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Pastor: Lord Jesus, in giving us Your body and blood in this sacrament You enable us to remember Your life and Passion, Your death and rest in the tomb, Your glorious resurrection and ascension, and Your coming return. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*(John 20:19)*

**People: And also with you.**

## **THE DISTRIBUTION** *(Be seated.)*

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing”

LSB 633

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

LSB 461

Congregation: Verses 1, 3-4, 6

Adult Choir: Verses 2, 5

## **DISMISSAL**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(Stand.)*

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

*(Psalm 118:1)*

Assistant: We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, for in Him You kept all Your promises through all the ages and did not "let Your holy One see corruption" *(Psalm 16:10)*, but raised Him on the third day. Strengthened by this sacrament, grant that we may become Your messengers, proclaiming that Christ has risen, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look on you in favor and give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN: “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”** LSB 461

Verses 7-8

*(Be seated.)*

