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PRELUDE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Our Savior Brass

Charles Evans

WELCOME AND PREPARATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P This is the day that the LORD has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P All of you choirs of angels and saints in heaven before us:

C Rejoice at Christ's victory over death.

P Now, heaven and earth, even all of creation:

C Rejoice, for the eternal darkness has been defeated.

P Rejoice, brothers and sisters in Christ both here and around the world!

C Our Lord has kept all God's promises!

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Resurrection Hymn
Our Savior Choir / Our Savior Brass

Keith Getty / Stuart Townend
arr. Steven Strite

Alleluia!

*See what a morning gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem.
Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!*

Alleluia!

*See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?" As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking calling her name; It's the Master the Lord raised to life again.
The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound 'til he appears, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!*

Alleluia!

*One with the Father, Ancient of Days, Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and authority.
And we are raised with Him, death is dead, Love has won, Christ has conquered.
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!*

Alleluia!

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INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
- P** Christ has risen from the dead.
C God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.
- P** He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
C He has put all things under His feet.
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!


OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Setting: John A. Behnke



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!
 Δ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant 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!

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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 ye 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!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** We cannot enter God's presence as we are. Our sinful condition falls short of the glory of God. Let us therefore give voice to those sins, confessing our faults and failures to one another and to God Himself.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

- C** 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.

- P** Rejoice and be glad! God has not merely overlooked your faults; He has not missed your failures; and He knows the frailty of the human condition. Rather, He became one of us as Jesus, who died to pay for every sin or yours and your sinfulness itself. Jesus not only paid the penalty; on this day our heavenly Father proclaimed to all the world that He accepted the payment. Your sins are forgiven indeed! In the stead and by the command of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** Amen.

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** 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.
- C** 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;
- P** through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25: 6 – 9
[pew Bible page 586]

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

- R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lord of the Dance
Our Savior Ringers

arr. Jason W. Krug

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:1 – 11
[pew Bible page 984]

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our

sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE EASTER GOSPEL

Mark 16:1 – 8
[pew Bible page 853]

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 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. 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.” 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.

R This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

APOSTLES’ CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now the Green Blade Rises
Vs. 1: All, Vs. 2: Choir, Vs. 3 – 4: All

setting: Michael Burkhardt



All: 1. Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
Choir 2. In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
All: 3. Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
All: 4. When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;

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love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.
love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.
love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.
love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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MESSAGE

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

He Is Arisen! Glorious Word



He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled



is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.



My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -



rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.



O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,



Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

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Tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608
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EASTER PRAYER LITANY AND LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Gracious Father, You have made this day to be a day of rejoicing! As Your sons and daughters, we rejoice before You as we stand at the empty tomb of Your Son. Much like the ancient children of Israel rejoiced before You after You led them through the Red Sea and drowned their enemies who pursued them, we praise You for the deliverance You have given us from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. You provide well, O God, for all of our needs of body and soul, and we entrust the cares of our personal lives, our families, our community, and our congregation to You. Because Jesus lives, victorious over death and the grave, we are confident that there is no obstacle that can ever keep us from experiencing the life and love You give. Lord, in Your mercy,


C hear our prayer and fill us with Your joy!

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.


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P Conquering King, by Your rising to new life from the grave on Easter morning, You shattered the rod that oppressed us and the burden that weighed us down. You lifted the curse of death from our backs and set us free from the chains that once had bound us. Risen Redeemer, because You have set us free, we are free indeed! Help us to live in the freedom, joy, and peace of Your resurrection victory. Satan has no authority over us because we have been named and claimed by You in the water of Baptism, which unites us to Your saving death and resurrection. Because You live, we shall live also—now, by faith, and on the future Day of resurrection, we shall live face to face with You in Your eternal kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,


C hear our prayer and fill us with Your joy!



3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and



plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion




soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.


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- P** Renewing Spirit of truth, grant joy to all who receive Your Word this day. With hearts restored and minds at peace, help us to cling to Jesus and hold fast to His promises. We pray for all who are sick and troubled, weary and downtrodden, especially . . . Be their sure defense and help them to know that nothing can ever sever them from You, O Lord! All we need, You will dispense, for Jesus is our confidence. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer and fill us with Your joy!



6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; He lives and
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



loves me to the end; He lives, and while He
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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- P** Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our living Lord, who remembers us in His kingdom and teaches us to pray:

- C** 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.

BENEDICTION

P “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

C “O death, where is your victory?
 O death, where is your sting?”

P The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

C But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

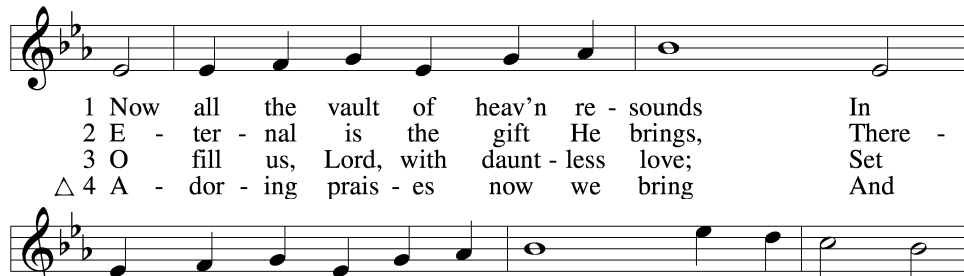
P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CLOSING HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Setting: John A. Behnke



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 △ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And

praise of love that still a - bounds: “Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: “Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: “Christ has tri - umphed!

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He is liv - ing!\" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!\" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!\" Be to the Fa - ther and our

clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: \"Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!\"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: \"Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!\"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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DISMISSAL

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P** We are raised to new life with Christ.
 Go in His peace. Alleluia, alleluia!
C Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Kenneth T. Kosche

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