

Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

P = Pastor

C = Congregation

+ Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the Sanctuary. +

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

LSB 465

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

Choir sings verse 3

THE INVOCATION

P: 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!**

P: Brothers and Sisters in Christ: On this joyous morning, we celebrate that our Lord has defeated sin, death, and the devil. We join our voices with Christians everywhere in praising our risen Lord.

C: **“Death has been swallowed up in victory! Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”**

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

C: **“But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!”**

I Corinthians 15:54-57

THE CONFESSION

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Almighty God, merciful Father, we confess to You all our sins and failings. We have not fulfilled Your law nor have we obeyed Your commandments. We sin daily and indeed deserve nothing but Your punishment. With sorrow-filled hearts we turn to You, asking for mercy and forgiveness, in the name of our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen**

THE ABSOLUTION

P: . . .

C: Amen

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

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Refrain *This is the feast of victory for our God.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: *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**

Choir: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

All: *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**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together:
Almighty God the Father,

C: **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.**

Amen

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On 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.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He 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.

⁹It 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.” (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE CHORAL ANTHEM

Adult Choir

"Thine Be the Glory"

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou over death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away.
Kept the folded grave-clothes, where Thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou over death hast won.*

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let His church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting,
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou over death hast won.*

*No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is naught without Thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou over death hast won.*

Thine be the glory! Amen!

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

*Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!*

THE EASTER GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they

saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And 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. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸And 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. (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one 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 for 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 glorified, 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 HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 461

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Choir sings stanza 4

THE SERMON

Job 19:23-26

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”

Pastor Countryman

²³ “Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴ Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever!

²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶ And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God. (ESV)

THE SERMON RESPONSE

Adult Choir

“Hallelujah Chorus”

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

Visitors and members are asked to fill out an Attendance Card and pass it to the center aisle. The ushers will pick up the cards after they have brought forward the offering.

THE VOLUNTARY

Bells of Praise

“Fanfare for Easter”

THE OFFERTORY

LSB 955

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.

THE PREFACE (Spoken)

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

P: Let us celebrate the foretaste of the feast to come.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: It is good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, and most

especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS

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*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

THE AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

LSB 633

"Easter Bells"

Bells of Praise

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"

LSB 463

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

LSB 680

Choir sings stanza 3

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The Lord bless you . . .

C: **Amen, Amen, Amen** (Sung)

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

LSB 464

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

THE SILENT PRAYER