

# Easter Festival Worship

**Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

**LSB 457**

## **Invocation:**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Christ is risen!

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

## **Introit:**

**P:** I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously;

**C:** **the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.**

**P:** The Lord is my strength and my song,

**C:** **and He has become my salvation;**

**P:** Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,

**C:** **Your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.**

**P:** You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed;

**C:** **You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.**

**P:** You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain,

**C:** **the place, O Lord, which You have made for Your abode,**

**P:** the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established.

**C:** **The Lord will reign forever and ever.**

**All:** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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**C:** **the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.**

**Hymn Verse of Praise** Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia LSB 466 v. 1

**Christ has arisen, alleluia.**

**Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.**

**For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,**

**Even from death, dispelling its gloom**

**Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;**

**Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.**

**Our sin forgiving, alleluia!**

**Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**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.

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.

**C: Amen.**

**READINGS:**

**Old Testament** Acts 10:34-43 p. 1177

**Epistle** Colossians 3:1-4 p. 1261

*After Each Reading* P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia Verse: C: Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Gospel:** Matthew 28:1-10 p. 1067

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*After the reading*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn: Awake, My Heart, with Gladness LSB 467**

**Sermon**

**Apostles' Creed**

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 resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers**

P: Lord, in your mercy.

**C: hear our prayer.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance on you and give you peace.

**C:** Amen

## **Closing Hymn**

**I Know That My Redeemer Lives LSB 461**

*Soli Deo Gloria!*