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7:00 and 10:30 AM

Easter Sunday

WELCOME to Worship today! What a joy to be together in Christ! Please fill out the "Member" or "Guest" side of our Communication Card located in the pews. The elders will pick these up during the opening hymn or place them in the offering plate. Prayer request cards are also available. Again, welcome!

AS WE GATHER

Those who followed Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem had hopes and fears, but their experience was within what they expected. So, Isaiah's prophecy, which we shall hear again today, was one of those things that didn't seem to apply, for it was too much of a change to take seriously. And the news from the angel at the tomb went far beyond that! Life after death challenged every understanding so directly that the women were startled into fear-driven silence—at least for a time. That very day others would hear the news and soon many would see Jesus Himself, as Paul tells us in the Epistle. Today is a day to embark on a life based on the startling new reality that death is not the final word for anyone with faith in Christ. How then shall we live before we see Him ourselves?

Sunrise service begins below with burial preparations

Festival service (10:30 AM) begins on page 5

Congregation is seated in silence.

Today our service begins with the lights dimmed in remembrance of the events that took place on Good Friday. Jesus was crucified, died, and was buried. The Light of Christ was removed from our world. But behold, as the third day emerged, so did the Light! The tomb is now EMPTY!

(The sanctuary is prepared for the resurrection proclamation.)

Easter Sunrise Opening Sentences

- P** The light of Christ!
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

(the sanctuary lights are turned on)

- 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!**


(Refrain is only sung at beginning and end of hymn)

Opening Hymn: 464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done


Refrain



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




1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;
But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.

The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!

4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.
Alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee.
Alleluia! **Refrain**

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10:30 AM Service begins here (10:30 Service) Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

(7:00 AM Service continues here)

Easter Responses

Psalm 118:24; Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7

- P** This is the day that the LORD has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- P** Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again;
C **death no longer has dominion over Him.**
- 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.**

Invocation/Confession and Absolution

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **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.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sit

Hymn: 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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 endured, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 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!



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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Stand

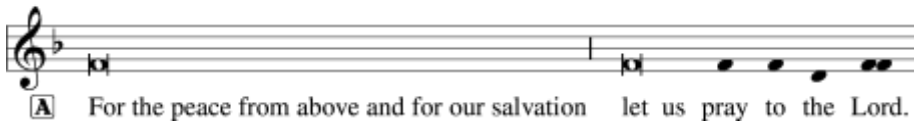
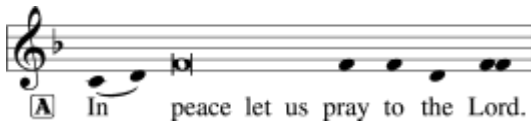
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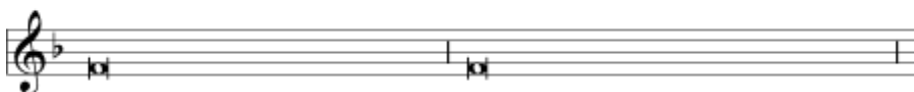
Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b

- P** I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
- C** **The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.**
- P** Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.
- C** **You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you
have redeemed;**
- P** you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.
- C** **You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,
the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,**
- P** the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.
The LORD will reign forever and ever.
- C** **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.**
- P** I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

Kyrie *LSB 152*





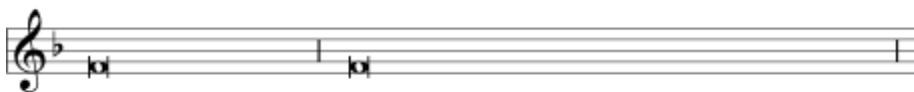
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast *LSB 155*

Refrain

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

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

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

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 156*



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

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 A - men.

Sit

First 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."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

- P** ¹Preserve me, O God,
for in you I take refuge.
- C** ²**I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”**
- P** ³As for the saints in the land,
they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.
- C** ⁴**The sorrows of those who run after another god shall
multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.**
- P** ⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
- C** ⁶**The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**
- P** ⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- C** ⁸**I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- P** ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
- C** ¹⁰**For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.**
- P** ¹¹You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes. Below it, the lyrics are: "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The piece ends with a double bar line.

Holy Gospel *Mark 16:1–8*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

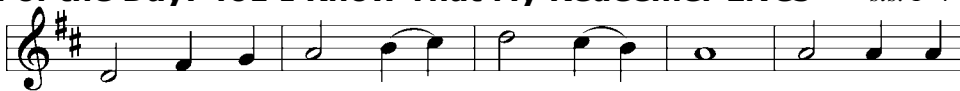
The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody consists of quarter notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "Praise to You, O Christ." The piece ends with a double bar line.

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.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives sts. 1-4



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

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Sermon

Hymn of the Day Cont.: 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives sts. 5-8



5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to
 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; He lives and
 7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and
 8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my
 loves me to the end; He lives, and while He
 I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion
 Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.
 lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.
 to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
 sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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The Gathering of our Tithes and Offerings

Stand

Offertory *LSB 159*



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed by 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 Thone is the kingdom and the
power and the glory. Forever and ever. Amen**

Benediction *LSB 166*



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.

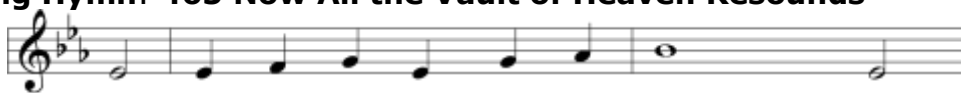


C A - - men.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Sit

Closing Hymn: 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



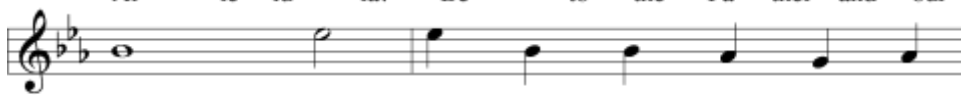
1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 △ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



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!



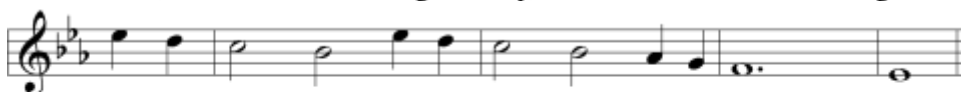
He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



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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