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THE PRELUDE ~ “

Stand.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN ~ “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

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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!
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 you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The lyrics are: "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!"

THE INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

ORDER FOR CONFESSION FORGIVENESS AND THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

silence for reflection and self-examination

P In the waters of Holy Baptism God liberated us from sin and death, joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P Living God,

C **in the light of the resurrection we rejoice to see our Lord Jesus, by whose wounds we have been healed. Trusting in your promise of mercy, we repent of our sins. Forgive our quickness to turn from you and slowness of heart to believe. Renew in us the grace of baptism and guide us in the way of truth and life. Amen.**

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as sons and daughters, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.

In great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In obedience to our Lord's command, and by His authority I forgive you, who do truly repent and believe, all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P By the same command and authority, I declare to those who do not repent and believe, that so long as they continue knowingly, arrogantly and willfully in their sins, God has not forgiven them, and will assuredly bring judgment upon them, if they do not turn from their evil ways and come to true repentance and faith in Christ.

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

THE GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

THE KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

A This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

P O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection,

through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit.

THE FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

L A reading from Acts.

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*

his mercy en- | dures forever.

²Let Israel | now proclaim,*

"His mercy en- | dures forever."

¹⁴**The LORD is my strength | and my song,*
and he has become | my salvation.**

¹⁵**There is a sound of exulta- | ion and victory*
in the tents | of the righteous:**

¹⁶ "The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!*

The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!"

¹⁷I shall not | die, but live,*

and declare the works | of the LORD.

¹⁸**The LORD has pun- | ished me sorely,*
but he did not hand me o- | ver to death.**

¹⁹**Open for me the | gates of righteousness;***

I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the LORD.

²⁰ "This is the gate | of the LORD;*

he who is right- | eous may enter."

²¹I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me*

and have become | my salvation.

**²²The same stone which the build- | ers rejected*
has become the chief | cornerstone.**

**²³This is | the LORD's doing,*
and it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

²⁴On this day the | LORD has acted;*
we will rejoice and be | glad in it.

Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
his mercy en- | dures forever.

**Glory to the Father, and | to the Son,*
and to the | Holy Spirit,
as it was in | the beginning,*
is now and will be forev- | er. Amen.**

THE SECOND READING: I Corinthians 15:1-11

L A reading from First Corinthians.

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and 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 and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 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, unfit 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 has not been 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 proclaim and so you have come to believe.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C **Alleluia. Christ, our paschal lamb, | has been sacrificed.* Therefore, let us |
keep the feast. Alleluia. (I Corinthians 5:7, 8)**

THE GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early

on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P The Gospel of the Lord!
 C Praise to you, O Christ!

Sit.

THE HOMILY

Stand.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY ~ “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” LBW143



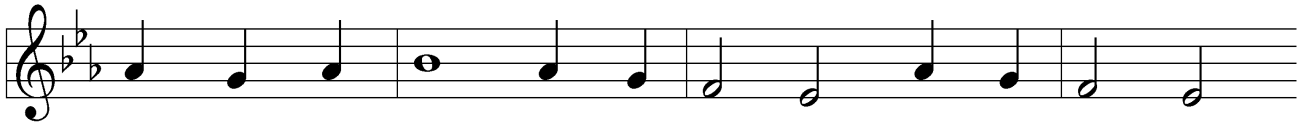
1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; set heart and will on
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n-ly



still a - bounds: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”
 rap - ture sings: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”
 things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;
 bless - ed sing: “Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!”



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
 Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -
 grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives
 Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

THE BLESSING OF PERSONAL RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

Personal religious articles and religious jewelry such as crosses, pendants and medals will be blessed.

P Lord, show us your mercy and love

C **and grant us your salvation.**

THE READINGS: Romans 8:26b, 27; Colossians 3:17

P A reading from Romans.

For we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

P A reading from Colossians.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

P May the merciful Lord enliven and strengthen by his blessing the spirit of devotion and love in your hearts, so that you may walk blamelessly through this life and happily reach life everlasting.

C **Amen.**

The presiding minister will give a personal blessing for each particular article.

P May this item and the one who uses it in faith be blessed, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

THE NICENE CREED

A Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

C **I believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen:**

**And in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
I look for the + resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is powerful, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Free oppressed peoples and teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity, wholeness, and good health (*especially*). God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may boldly proclaim your Gospel. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death, especially John Donne, whom we commemorate today (*and*). Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P In the presence of Christ himself, let us pray as he has taught us.

a **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.**

THE BENEDICTION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Almighty God, the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit, bless you and raise you to life, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN ~ "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

LBW135

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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff. The music ends with a double bar line.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, he ris - es glo - rious
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

THE DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection. Alleluia, alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE ~