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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD-EASTER DAY

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DIVINE SERVICE - Setting Four
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OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

#457

- 1 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!**
- 2 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!**
- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!**
- 4 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!**

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 118:24; Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6, adapted

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: Christ has risen from the dead. Alleluia!

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. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P: Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.

O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: We confess that we have not lived as Your followers but have sought to go our own ways in directions that have not brought glory to You or blessing to others.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation, that there have been times in which we have been loveless, thoughtless, and judgmental toward others, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord.

P: We confess that Your will has not been our priority at all times and that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless in our circle of family, neighbors, and friends and beyond.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord.

P: We confess that we have not used every opportunity given to us to witness to the resurrection faith that is ours and have at times been slow to speak of the hope that is ours in Christ.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord.

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in † peace.

C: Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS — *Glory to God in the Highest*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

**To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole begotten, The Father's Son, we pray:
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

ALL: 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. Amen.

The First Reading for the Resurrection of Our Lord is from Acts, chapter 10.

Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Acts 10:34-43

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7, Psalm 8:6

L: Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor,

C: He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

ALL: **Alleluia. [Christ Jesus] abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.** *2 Timothy 1:10b*

The Epistle is from Colossians, chapter three.

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. *Colossians 3:1-4*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE

P: In honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

C: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." *Matthew 28:1-10*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Having been baptized into Christ and clothed in His righteousness, let us confess the faith we have in Him in the words of the 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.

- 1** Awake, my heart, with gladness, See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.
- 2** The foe in triumph shouted When Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed, His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free; In glorious victory
He who is strong to save Has triumphed o'er the grave.
- 3** This is a sight that gladdens— What peace it doth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake, No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son In love for me hath won.

- 4** Now hell, its prince, the devil, Of all their pow'r are shorn;
Now I am safe from evil, And sin I laugh to scorn.
Grim death with all his might Cannot my soul affright;
It is a pow'rless form, Howe'er it rave and storm.
- 5** The world against me rages, Its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wages, Its work is all in vain.
My heart from care is free, No trouble troubles me.
Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.
- 6** Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never, Whate'er He passes through.
He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell's dark thrall; I follow Him through all.
- 7** He brings me to the portal That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal Is found in script of gold:
"Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with Me has died Shall here be glorified."

SERMON

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Come Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

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- 1** Come, let us join our cheerful songs With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, But all their joys are one.
- 2** "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To be exalted thus!"
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply, "For He was slain for us!"
- 3** Jesus is worthy to receive Honor and pow'r divine;
And blessings more than we can give Be, Lord, forever Thine.
- 4** Let all creation join in one To bless the sacred name
Of Him who sits upon the throne And to adore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord and sharing in His peace, let us pray to the Lord on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need.

P: O risen Savior, set free our tongues to confess Your resurrection before a world still captive to sin and death. Give us courage to go to every place and to speak in every language the salvation won for us upon the cross and the hope granted to us of life that death cannot overcome. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O risen Savior, make us to burn with the fire of Your love, that we may love You above all things and love our neighbors as ourselves. Deliver us from fear and relieve the anxiety of our hearts, that we may live out fully the hope planted within us and the new lives we received in the waters of our Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O risen Savior, anoint the words of those who preach to us Your Gospel, and open our ears to hear with faith all that He has done to save us. Raise up many who will serve You in the various callings of Your Church and who will serve us in Your name with Your Word and gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: O risen Savior, hear us on behalf of our president; our governor; the Congress of the United States; and all state and local elected officials. Guide them according to Your Word, that justice may be given to all and those most in danger may live freely and without fear of threat. Bless especially the lives of the unborn lest they suffer for our shame. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: O risen Savior, across our nation so many are imprisoned. Bless prison guards and police, that they may act mercifully and serve with integrity. Bless those incarcerated, that they may be brought to repentance and faith and restored to a productive place within our society, and bless their families who love them. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: O risen Savior, hear us on behalf of those who cry to You in any need, especially the sick, the suffering, the disabled, the wounded in spirit, those who suffer mental illness and those in their last days on earth. Give them grace according to their need, and sustain them in their afflictions to the day when their sufferings will be exchanged with glory in the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O risen Savior, accept the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving from our lips and the tithes and offerings we bring this day, that these may flow from grateful hearts who delight in Your mercy and who are thankful for all Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O risen Savior, open the hearts of all who commune this day, that we may receive to our benefit Your body and blood in this Sacrament. By this communion, strengthen us in faith and equip us to love one another as You love us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O risen Savior, before the words come to our lips, You know the desires of our heart. Hear our prayers as expressions of our trust that You supply us with all things needful and keep from us all things harmful. O crucified and risen Savior, with the Father and the Spirit You reign as one Lord and one God. Hear the prayers of Your people. Your will be done, O Lord, now and always.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

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.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

Numbers 7:24-26

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia

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- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia! Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now He lives no more to die. Alleluia!**
- 3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia! God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia! Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

SILENT PRAYER

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.