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DIVINE SERVICE—Setting Two

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OPENING HYMN

Welcome, Happy Morning!

TLH #202

**1 Welcome, happy morning!
Age to age shall say:
"Hell today is vanquished,
Heav'n is won today!"
Lo, the Dead is living,
God forevermore!
Him, their true Creator,
All His works adore!**

Refrain:

**"Welcome, happy morning!"
Age to age shall say;
"Hell today is vanquished,
Heav'n is won today!"**

**2 Maker and Redeemer,
Life and Health of all,
Thou from heav'n beholding
Human nature's fall,
Of the Father's Godhead
True and only Son,
Mankind to deliver
Manhood didst put on.
[Refrain]**

**3 Thou, of life the Author,
Death didst undergo,
Tread the path of darkness,
Saving strength to show.
Come, then, True and Faithful,
Now fulfill Thy word;
'Tis Thine own third morning—
Rise, O buried Lord.
[Refrain]**

**4 Loose the souls long prisoned,
Bound with Satan's chain;
All that now is fallen
Raise to life again.
Show Thy face in brightness,
Bid the nations see;
Bring again our daylight:
Day returns with Thee.
[Refrain]**

† CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION †

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

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

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**

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.**

1 John 1:8-9

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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 1:12; Philippians 1:6

C: Amen.

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

INTROIT

P: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

C: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

P: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore. *Psalm 133*

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.

P: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

Psalm 133:1

KYRIE — Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear, Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!**
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And as on wings of an eagle, uplifting sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining.**
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade you.**
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do As with His love He befriends you.**
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!**

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

ALL: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; 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 Third Sunday of Easter is from Acts, chapter two.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: . . . Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. Acts 2:14a, 36-41

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

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

ALL: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.

The Epistle is from First Peter, chapter one.

If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

1 Peter 1:17-25

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE

John 6:68

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

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.

Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Luke 24:13-35

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Having been baptized into Christ and clothed in His righteousness, we 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 Hallelujah! Jesus lives!
He is now the Living One;
From the gloomy halls of death
Christ the Conqueror has gone,
Bright Forerunner to the skies
Of His people, yet to rise.**

- 2 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice!
Praise Him, ransomed ones of earth.
Praise Him in a nobler song,
Cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway
Sin and death and hell obey.**

- 3 Jesus lives! Why weepst thou?
Why that sad and frequent sigh?
He who died our Brother here
Lives our Brother still on high.
Lives forever to bestow
Blessings on His Church below.**

- 4 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,
Life eternal waits for thee;
Joined to Him, thy living Head,
Where He is, thou, too shalt be;
With Himself, at His right hand,
Victor over death shalt stand.**

- 5 Jesus lives! To Him my heart
Draws with ever new delight.
Earthly vanities, depart,
Hinder not my heavenward flight.
Let this spirit ever rise
To its Magnet in the skies.**

- 6 Hallelujah, angels, sing!
Join us in our hymn of praise;
Let your chorus swell the strain
Which our feebler voices raise;
Glory to our God above
And on earth His peace and love!**

SERMON

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

#548

- 1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious! Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!
Death hath now no power o'er us, Thou hast conquered in the strife.
Thanks because Thou didst arise And hast opened paradise!
None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.**
- 2 Thou hast died for my transgression, All my sins on Thee were laid;
Thou hast won for me salvation, On the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise And shall meet Thee in the skies.
Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.**
- 3 For the joy Thine advent gave me, For Thy holy, precious Word;
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me, For Thy blest Communion board;
For Thy death, the bitter scorn, For Thy resurrection morn,
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee, And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: You have heard our pleas for mercy, O Lord, and given up Your Son to be our Savior. Hear us now as we come to You on behalf of ourselves and all people according to their needs.

P: Our hearts have burned in us, O Lord, as Your Word has been read and preached. Keep our faith from growing cold and grant us grace, that we may not waver in faith or succumb to temptation. Give to us and to our children receptive hearts, that we may hear and, hearing, believe and, believing, be steadfast in this faith and hope all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You have cleansed us, O Lord, with water and the Word in Baptism, and You have marked us as Your own people. Give to us grace, that we may live out this faith in holy lives, lifting up Your name in word and works for as long as we live. Guide us, that we may purify our souls by living in obedience to Your Word and in brotherly love for one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Bless Your Church, O Lord, that she may welcome the stranger in Christ's name and manifest the unity of the faith in the bonds of love. Bless Matthew, presiding in our Synod; our district president; our circuit visitor; and our pastor. Bless those training for church-work vocations. Bless each of us as we live out our baptismal vocation of worship, witness, prayer and service. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Guard our nation, O Lord, that we may enjoy peace and security in the face of threat and danger. Bless our president; the Congress of the United States; our governor; and all state and local officials, that they may fulfill their offices faithfully. Bless the members of the armed forces who protect us, and teach the nations the ways of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Deliver us from all our afflictions, and grant us strength to bear all our burdens, O Lord. Hear us in particular for those whom we name in our hearts. According to Your gracious will, heal the sick, relieve those who suffer, comfort the grieving and give peace to the dying. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Stay with us, O Lord, and be our strength in weakness and our hope in time of despair. Your gracious will once kept the saints in faith even unto death. Keep us, we pray, with them in Your faith and fear, that we may be found faithful when Christ comes again in His glory to bring to fulfillment all things, once and forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Through the breaking of the bread, O Lord, feed us upon the flesh of Christ and grant us to drink His blood in faith. Forgive our sins, strengthen our faith, build up our unity as a congregation and Synod, and equip us through this communion to love You and love one another as You have loved us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Accept, O Lord, this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving we bring for all Your goodness and generosity. And with our song of praise, accept our tithes and offerings, that Your Church may have the resources to proclaim Your Gospel and care for the poor and those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: These and whatever other things we need, O Lord, we pray You to grant us in the name of and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose death has made full atonement for our sin and whose resurrection has granted to us the promise of our own joyful resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

C: Amen.

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.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C: Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

#461

**1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.**

**2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

**3 He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.**

**4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

**5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.**

**6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly Friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

**7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.**

**8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives;
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

SILENT PRAYER

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.