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Resurrection Sunday

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“He has risen;
See he is not here.
the place where they laid him.”

Mark 16:6

Prayer before Worship

O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

† PREPARATION †

The Invocation and Litany are led from the back of the nave; the procession begins here and commences with the singing of the hymn.

INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

ENTRANCE RITE

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P Lord Jesus Christ, our Paschal Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world:
C **have mercy on us.**
- P Lord Jesus Christ, who by Your death has destroyed death, and by Your rising to life again has restored to us eternal life:
C **have mercy on us.**
- P Lord Jesus Christ, who rose early in the morning on the first day of the week and did first appear to Mary Magdalene:
C **have mercy on us.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, who appeared to Your disciples proclaiming peace and breathed on them the Holy Spirit:

C **have mercy on us.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, who revealed Yourself to Thomas with the marks of Your suffering and who commended the faith of those who have not seen and yet believed:

C **have mercy on us.**

P By Your suffering and dying:

C **deliver us from sin, its guilt, and its punishment.**

P By Your glorious resurrection:

C **deliver us from this body of death.**

P By the majesty of Your risen body:

C **deliver us from the weakness of this mortal life and lead us to eternity.**

P Set our minds on things above, that we may walk in love in this earthly journey and that we may dwell with You forever in the heavenly places of light and life.

C **Grant that we may live in Easter joy today and all the days of our lives until we attain its eternal joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN	“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”	LSB 457
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GREETING

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

C **Amen.**

† CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION †

- P Merciful and loving Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by our sinful actions and our failure to do the good You desire. We pray You to grant to the penitent absolution and peace, that freed from the burden of guilt they enjoy the gift of a clear conscience.
- C **Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.**

(In Service Absolution)

- P May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C **Amen.**
- P Christ is risen!
- C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

ENTRANCE HYMN “He’s Risen, He’s Risen” <i>vs. 1 & 2</i> LSB 480

**1 He’s risen, He’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death’s prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.**

**2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You promised that the veil of death would be lifted and that we would gather on the high mountain of Your presence to feast in the victory over sin and the grave.

- C **Always give to us the rich joy of believing in Jesus and His resurrection, so that, we, too, eagerly look to the resurrection of our bodies and to the gift of life everlasting;**
- P through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

- ⁶ On 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.
- ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
- ⁸ He 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.
- ⁹ It 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.”
- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But 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. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



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



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

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

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And 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. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸ And 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.**

A CONFESSION OF WHAT WE BELIEVE

Based on 1 Corinthians 15

- P For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
C **I believe Jesus suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified and died.**
P That He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,
C **I believe Jesus was buried, descended into hell, and the third day He rose again from the dead.**

- P And that He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time.
- C **Thanks be to God who gives me the victory through Christ's mighty resurrection!**

HYMN OF THE DAY “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” LSB 461 <i>vs. 1-2, 6-8</i>
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SERMON

“Bigger than the Slab”

Isaiah 55:6-13

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
O Gracious Father, help us believe that because Jesus lives, we, too, are made alive by faith and shall live with Him eternally.
- C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**
- P Let us never despair or grow weary of well-doing as we await the completion of all that our Lord began. Give us the will and desire to use our days to proclaim His victory to the ends of the earth.
- C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**
- P Give Your blessing to Your Church and to her ministers, so that we are called to faith and repentance, that we rejoice in Your merciful goodness, and that we are kept in the faith through the Means of Grace until the day we are raised to everlasting life with Christ.
- C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**
- P Give courage and discernment to missionaries far and near and to those planting new congregations that they abound in the hope of the resurrection and that those who hear this Gospel are granted the Holy Spirit and faith.
- C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

- P Consider those whose lives are burdened by afflictions of the body, mind, or spirit, and who seek Your healing and strength. **Especially we remember...**

Deliver them according to Your merciful will, and sustain them in faith until their troubles and trials give way to the blessings of the resurrection and eternal life.

- C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

- P Hear Your people on behalf of our nation and all our leaders, on behalf of all peoples and nations, for peace, justice, and freedom, and for the will to work together to relieve suffering and deliver the oppressed.

- C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

- P Guide us in the good use of the time, skills, abilities, and resources You provide so that we may support those in our care and serve the poor and those in need with the treasures of the Kingdom. Accept from our lips the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and from our hands the tithes and offerings of grateful hearts.

- C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- 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.**

CLOSING COLLECT

P Let us pray.

O Lord, our God of love and mercy, You have given us Your grace to hear the Good News of our Savior's resurrection and to receive His crucified and risen body and blood.

C **By Your blessed gifts, sustain us in faith, make us ready to fulfill the good purpose of Your love in our daily lives, and keep us holy and blameless until He comes to bring us into the place of everlasting light and life;**

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

C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

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 lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” LSB 465

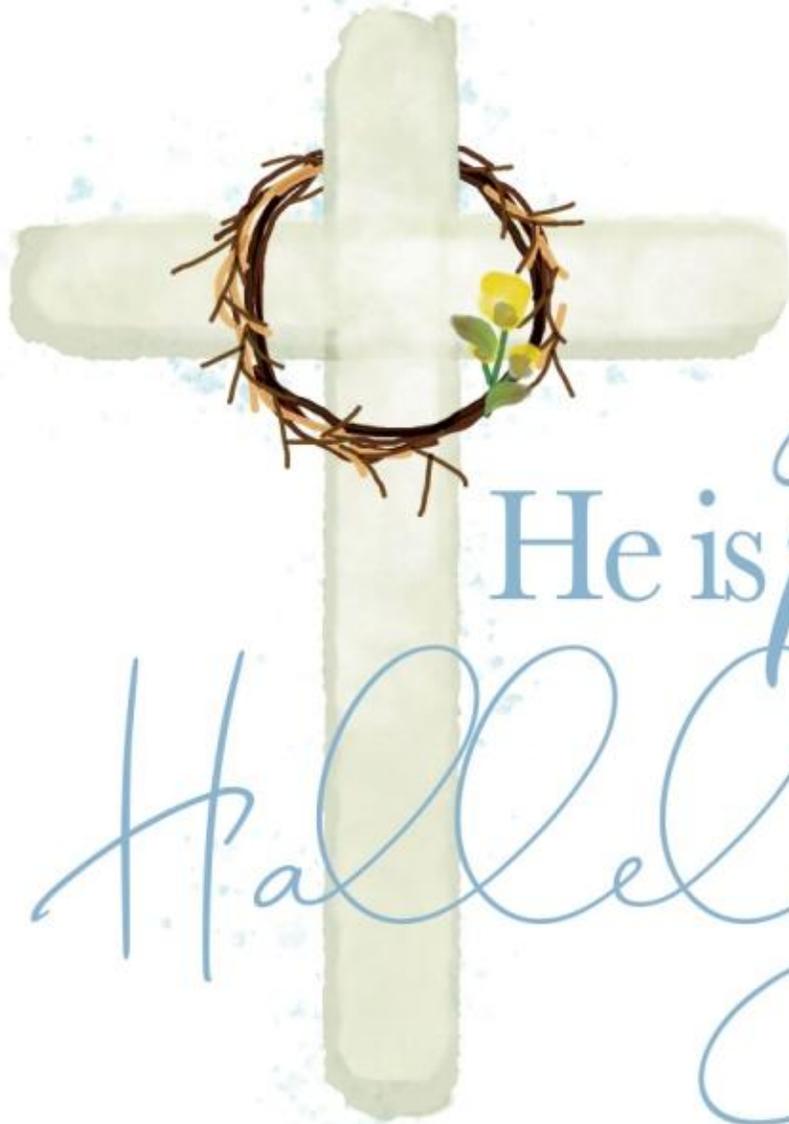
SENDING

P Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed!**

P Go in peace as you serve our risen Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



He is *Risen*
Hallelujah!