

**✠ The Order of Service ✠**  
**The Resurrection of Our Lord**  
March 31, 2024

**PRELUDE**

**EASTER INVOCATION:** Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

*(The Paschal Candle is lit.)*

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 118:24*

P The light of Christ!

C **Thanks be to God!**

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!**

P This is the day that the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!**

**INVOCATION**

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P We cannot enter God's presence as we are. Our sinful condition falls short of the glory of God. Let us therefore give voice to those sins, confessing our faults and failures to one another and to God Himself.

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 Rejoice and be glad! God has not merely overlooked your faults; He has not missed your failures; and He knows the frailty of the human condition. Rather, He became one of us as Jesus, who died to pay for every sin of yours and your sinfulness itself. Jesus not only paid the penalty; on this day our heavenly Father proclaimed to all the world that He accepted the payment. Your sins are forgiven indeed! In the stead and by the command of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(please rise)

#### HYMN OF PRAISE #457 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

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!

#### SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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.

C 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;

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

C **Amen.**

**CHOIR** Alleluia #1

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 25:6–9* (When the Lord swallows up death, it will be like having the best feast ever prepared.)

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *1 Corinthians 15:1–11* (Paul, persecutor of Christians, is one of many people who saw Jesus alive after death. The news is of primary importance for people of faith.)

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**SOLO** Litany for Easter ...Gordon Young

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 16:1–8* (The women are so shocked by the news of the resurrection that they initially tell no one.)

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

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

(The Gospel is read.)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CATECHISM** *The Second Article*

P I believe 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. What does this mean?

C **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY #461**

**“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”**

**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!**

**SERMON**

**PRAYER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## OFFERINGS ARE PRESENTED

### OFFERTORY HYMN #821, v 1

**1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood."**

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. He lives to intercede for us before the Father. With confidence, let us present to God our petitions for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus.

For the holy Christian Church throughout the world, that it may be found without fault at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all believers in the Lord Jesus that their lives may testify to His resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace of the whole world, that a spirit of respect may grow among nations and peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those in positions of public trust in all levels of government, that they may serve justice and promote the welfare and dignity of every person, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who suffer because of poverty, persecution, or sickness, [*especially . . .*], and all others we name in our hearts [*silence*], that they may know the healing power of the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who grieve because of the death of their loved ones, [*especially . . .*], that through the sure hope of the resurrection of Christ, God would wipe away the tears from their eyes and give them comfort, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy**

**P** For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth God's glory in all that we do, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who come this day to the feast of our Lord's body and blood, that their faith be strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Amen.**

**P Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

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

### **✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

**PREFACE** *2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **PROPER PREFACE**

**P** It is indeed good, right, and salutary that we should in every time and place thank and praise You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But today we praise You especially for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He took our sins to the cross and yet arose, destroying death in the process and opening eternal life to us. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS HYMN #821, v 3**

**3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not spare Your only Son, but gave Him into death that we might have life. Though we cannot understand Your love or comprehend eternity, we lift our voices in thanksgiving and pray You to strengthen us through this Sacrament to serve as Your witnesses.

**C** Give us opportunity, use our gifts, and move us by Your Holy Spirit to tell the news of Jesus' victory over death each day that You give us for loving service.

**P** Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;*

*Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

**AGNUS DEI HYMN #821, v 4**

**4** Alleluia! King eternal,  
Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary,  
Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.  
As within the veil You entered,

**Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,  
Here on earth both priest and victim  
In the eucharistic feast.**

## DISTRIBUTION

**SOLO**      Risen      ...Shawna Edwards

(After all have received communion)

## BLESSING ON COMMUNICANTS

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

**C Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**      HYMN #821, v 5

**5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood."**

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. We give thanks, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, that You have refreshed us through this gift of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Strengthen us by this Sacrament to live in the startling reality that Christ is alive and with us each day until we join saints and angels around His banquet table; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**      *Numbers 6:24–26*

P The Lord bless you with unexpected joy and gladness and keep you in His grace.  
The Lord look on you, showering you with His great love.  
The Lord look on you with favor to promise you resurrection ☩ and eternity with Him.

**C Amen.**



**1** Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
In praise of love that still abound,  
"Christ hath triumphed, He is living!  
"Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear,  
Repeat their song of glory here,  
"Christ hath triumphed, Christ hath triumphed!  
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**2** Eternal is the gift He brings,  
Therefore our heart with rapture sings,  
"Christ hath triumphed, He is living!"  
Now still He comes to give us life,  
And by His presence stills all strife  
Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**3** O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through your triumph,  
Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our life we ever say,  
Christ has triumphed, He is living!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**4** Adoring praises now we bring  
And with the heavenly blessed sing,  
"Christ has triumphed!" Alleluia!  
Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
All the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### DISMISSAL

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

**P** Go in peace as you serve our living Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

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