

## **The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord**

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Holy Communion, Setting 8

*What is Easter anyway? Christians consider Easter to be the “first day.” From Easter comes the practice of worshipping on Sunday morning. It is the first day of the week. It is also the first day of new creation, sometimes called the “eighth day” of the week, for on it Christ restored the image of God in human beings and in so doing also brought restoration and renewal to all of creation. The Easter season proceeds from and celebrates this first day. In the resurrected Christ, there is time after the end, life after death, restoration of what was broken, the brightening of what had gone dark. In the fifty days of Easter, Christian communities around the world strive to worship God in a way which illustrates that the body of Christ lives now in the heavenly places and also in the gathered body in the world. Worship is where heaven and earth meet.*

Preservice Music/Welcome/Announcements

### **GATHERING**

Easter Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** *(Repeat 3 times)*

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism*

In the waters of baptism,  
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation.  
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne:  
through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.  
You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;  
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.

Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever.  
You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.  
In Jesus Christ, you calm troubled waters.

You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out.  
In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.  
Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.

Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.  
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.  
To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb,  
be honour, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**



<sup>1</sup>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, <sup>2</sup>through 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.

<sup>3</sup>For 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, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But 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. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia” verse      page 188      *Please rise if able*

Holy Gospel      John 20:1-18    *Response before reading - Glory to you, O Lord*

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.      *Praise to you, O Christ*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day      #377    *"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"*  
v. 2 – women only; v. 3 – men only; v. 4 – piano only

## Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



*Refrain*  
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Apostles' Creed

*inside front cover of hymnals or page 105 in the hymnals*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Faithful

On this day of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world, saying "Merciful God" and responding "**receive our prayer**". *A brief silence*

Renewing God, the good news of your resurrection changed the world. Give our Bishops, Susan and Kathy, our pastors and deacons and church leaders everywhere and all the baptized the same excitement as the women at the tomb, and inspire us to share your abundant life.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sustaining God, your creation abounds with signs of new life in budding trees and newborn creatures. Provide fertile soil, ample sunlight, and nourishing rain for the growth of plants, and provide farmers and all who grow food with a plentiful harvest. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sheltering God, strengthen and sustain all who support vulnerable people across the world, especially those in Ukraine, Ethiopia, Syria, Malawi and Central America. Empower government agencies and international organizations that provide for refugees and migrants forced to leave their homelands.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Encouraging God, you do a new thing among us. We pray for those gripped by fear and anxiety or who suffer in any way, particularly those known to us and loved by us whom we name before your now in silence or aloud. . .Send us as your healing presence to places of hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Surprising God, you offer endless ways for us to delight in your grace. Give this community of faith a sense of joy and wonder in exploring new avenues and expressions of faith, service, worship, and discipleship. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Resurrecting God, you make us alive in Christ. Thank you for blessing us with faithful witnesses who now rest in you (*especially Gwen, Dorcas, Freda, Hildegaard, Ian, Karsten, Rick and Frank*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy. **Amen.**

Peace/Offering/Offertory

*A musical reflection is played while the table is set*

## MEAL

Offertory Prayer

Living God, **you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Saviour, Brother and Friend. Amen.**

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Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Gifts

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.  
Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay,  
the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light.

Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient cry:  
The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.  
In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we praise his resurrection.  
Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.  
Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:  
The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.  
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:  
The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.  
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.  
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ.  
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.

Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:  
The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**

Amen, and amen. **Amen, and amen.**

Lord's Prayer (*sung to the usual melody*)

Fraction (*Breaking of the bread*)

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.  
Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. **Hallelujah!**

*Distribution of the feast of gladness as directed by the Presider*

Hymn to be sung before and during the meal      #491    "Come, Let Us Eat"

- 1 (Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,) come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
(Our Lord's body let us take together,) our Lord's body let us take together.
- 2 (Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,) come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
(Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,) Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.
- 3 (In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,) in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.  
(In the presence of our Lord we gather,) in the presence of our Lord we gather.
- 4 (Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,) rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.  
(Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,) Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup  
we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more.  
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,  
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## SENDING

Benediction

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone,  
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn      #376    "*Thine is the Glory*"

- 1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Refrain*

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

- 2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

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Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Postlude

Dismissal

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

Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**