
PASCHA (EASTER) SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2024

✠ FESTIVAL FOR THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD ✠

ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE...

The early service will begin without prelude as it is really the completion of our worship of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection which began on Maundy Thursday, and continued through the observance of Good Friday and Easter Eve. Please be in silence before the Most Holy One, the Father of our Savior Jesus Christ.

RINGING BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE RITE & EASTER PROCLAMATION

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CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

P: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

EASTER FANFARE

OPENING HYMN LSB 465 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

OPENING DIALOGUE

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

C: AMEN.

P: Alleluia! Christ being raised from the dead will die no more;

C: DEATH HAS NO MORE DOMINION OVER HIM.

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

C: LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT. ALLELUIA.

KYRIE*Lord Have Mercy*

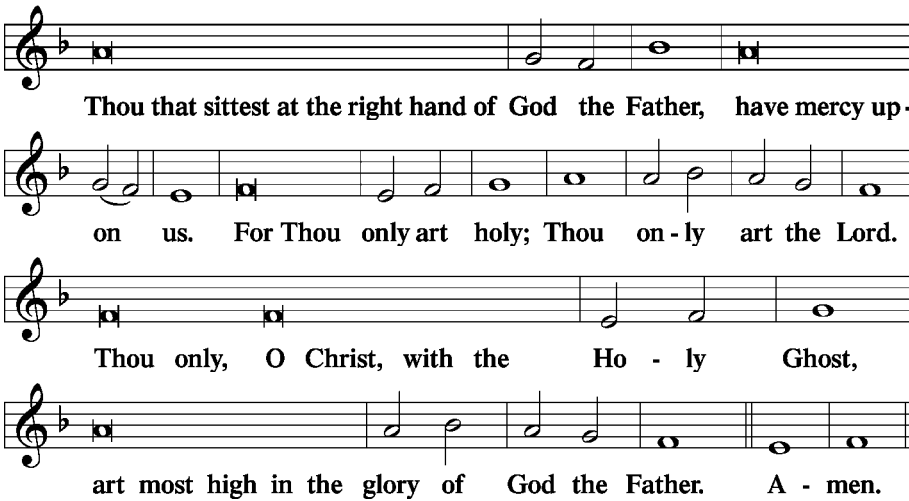
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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

HYMN OF PRAISE*Glory to God in the Highest*

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Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
P Let us pray.

C: **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.**

ANTHEM

Easter Carol
Gordon Young

Adult Choir

FIRST LESSON

⁶On 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.

⁷And He will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He 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.

⁹It 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.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALM Psalm 16

(Sung responsively by verse)



Preserve me, | O God,*
for in you I take | refuge.

I SAY TO THE LORD, “YOU | ARE MY LORD;*

I HAVE NO GOOD A- | PART FROM YOU.”

As for the saints | in the land,*
they are the excellent ones, in whom is all | my delight.

THE SORROWS OF THOSE WHO RUN AFTER ANOTHER GOD SHALL | MULTIPLY;*

THEIR DRINK OFFERINGS OF BLOOD I WILL NOT POUR OUT

OR TAKE THEIR NAMES | ON MY LIPS.

The LORD is my chosen portion | and my cup,*
You | hold my lot.

THE LINES HAVE FALLEN FOR ME IN PLEASANT | PLACES;*

INDEED, I HAVE A BEAUTIFUL IN- | HERITANCE.

I bless the LORD Who gives me | counsel;*
in the night also my heart in- | structs me.

I HAVE SET THE LORD ALWAYS BE- | FORE ME;*

BECAUSE HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, I SHALL NOT BE | SHAKEN.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | jices;*
my flesh also | dwells secure.

FOR YOU WILL NOT ABANDON MY SOUL | TO SHEOL, *

OR LET YOUR HOLY ONE SEE COR- | RUPTION.

You make known to me the | path of life;*
in Your presence there is fullness of joy;
at Your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND | TO THE SON*
AND TO THE HOLY | SPIRIT;**

AS IT WAS IN THE BE- | GINNING, *

IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. | AMEN.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

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

ALLELUIA

Alleluia No. 1
Hal Hopson

Adult Choir

GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONS

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.



G Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So 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.”³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb.⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in.⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there,⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself.⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead.¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.¹³ 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.”¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.¹⁵ Jesus said to her, **“Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?”** 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.”¹⁶ Jesus said to her, **“Mary.”** She turned and said to Him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher).¹⁷ Jesus said to her, **“Do not cling to Me, for 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.’”**¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that He had said these things to her.

RESPONSE

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord



HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

SERMON

VOLUNTARY

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
John Behnke

Bell Choir

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C: I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH AND OF ALL THINGS VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE.

AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, BEGOTTEN OF HIS FATHER BEFORE ALL WORLDS, GOD OF GOD, LIGHT OF LIGHT, VERY GOD OF VERY GOD, BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE, BEING OF ONE SUBSTANCE WITH THE FATHER, BY WHOM ALL THINGS WERE MADE; WHO FOR US MEN AND FOR OUR SALVATION CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT OF THE VIRGIN MARY AND WAS MADE MAN; AND WAS CRUCIFIED ALSO FOR US UNDER PONTIUS PILATE. HE SUFFERED AND WAS BURIED. AND THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES AND ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER. AND HE WILL COME AGAIN WITH GLORY TO JUDGE BOTH THE LIVING AND THE DEAD, WHOSE KINGDOM WILL HAVE NO END.

AND I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LORD AND GIVER OF LIFE, WHO PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON, WHO WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON TOGETHER IS WORSHIPED AND GLORIFIED, WHO SPOKE BY THE PROPHETS. AND I BELIEVE IN ONE HOLY CHRISTIAN AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH, I ACKNOWLEDGE ONE BAPTISM FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS, AND I LOOK FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD AND THE LIFE ✠ OF THE WORLD TO COME. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY HYMN LSB 463 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia*

PREFACE

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P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, Who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. 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 singing:

SANCTUS

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

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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.*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



G A - men.

AGNUS DEI

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Prayer before Communing: Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after Receiving the Sacrament: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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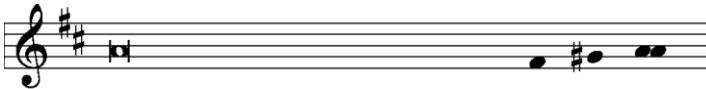
P May the true Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His most precious Blood, strengthen you in true faith, granting you the forgiveness of sins, unto life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C **AMEN.**

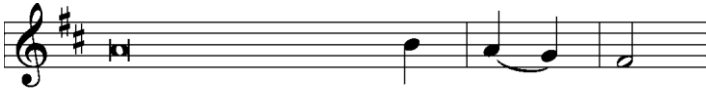
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *LSB 475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*

THANKSGIVING

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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

CLOSING DIALOGUE

P: Alleluia. Cleanse out the old yeast

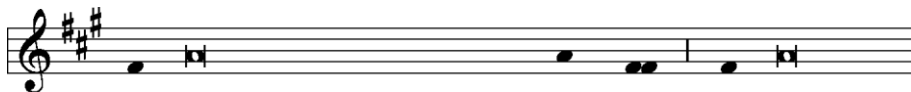
C: TO MAKE FOR YOURSELVES FRESH DOUGH, NEW UNLEAVENED BREAD!

P: For Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.

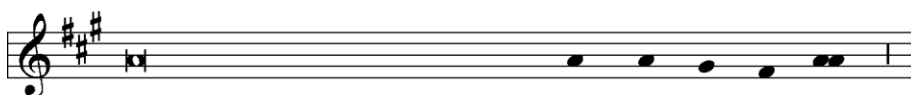
C: THEREFORE LET US CELEBRATE THE FEAST WITH THE UNLEAVENED BREAD OF SINCERITY AND TRUTH. ALLELUIA.

BENEDICTION

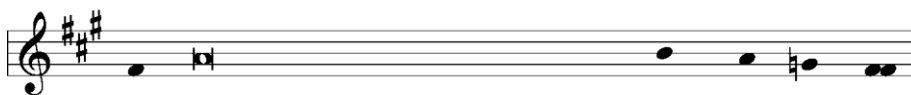
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



G A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN *LSB 461 I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

POSTLUDE

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Flor Peeters

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