

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Stand and face the crucifix as it processes forward.

Hymn ----- Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

CW 157

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 you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

DIALOGUE

M: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

M: Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

C: **What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?**

M: Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

C: **Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.**

M: But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C: **He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.**

CW 265

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-

lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. lu - ia.

To verses *Last time*

1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. *To stz. 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

M: Let us pray.

O God, for our redemption you gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before you in righteousness and

purity forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated.

Anthem ----- He Is Risen, Alleluia!

Choir

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Allelu, alleluia!
Angels and believers say: Allelu, alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high! Allelu, alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply: Allelu, alleluia!

Hear the bells ringing, they're singing that we have been born again,
born again!
Hear the bells ringing, they're singing, "Christ is risen from the dead,
from the dead!

Love's redeeming work is done; Allelu, alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Allelu, alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise! Allelu, alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise; Allelu, alleluia!

Hear the bells ringing, they're singing that we have been born again,
born again!
Hear the bells ringing, they're singing, "Christ is risen from the dead,
from the dead!

Joy to the world, he is risen! Alleluia!
He is risen, alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

THE WORD

First Lesson ----- Job 19:23–27

Oh how I wish that my words were written down.
Oh how I wish that they were inscribed in bronze,
that they would be engraved in rock forever
with an iron tool and letters filled with lead.
As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the end of time he will stand over the
dust.

Then, even after my skin has been destroyed,
nevertheless, in my own flesh I will see God.
I myself will see him.
My own eyes will see him, and not as a stranger.
My emotions are in turmoil within me.

Hymn ----- This Joyful Eastertide

CW 160

1. This joyful Eastertide
Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain:

Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen.

2. Death's flood has lost its chill
Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver. *Refrain*
3. My flesh in hope shall rest
And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number. *Refrain*

Second Lesson ----- 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? Purge out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, just as you are unleavened. For our Passover lamb has been sacri-

Stand.

Face the crucifix as it processes to the midst of the congregation.

ficed, namely, Christ! So let us keep celebrating the festival, not with old yeast, not with the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Gospel Procession Hymn ----- Alleluia! Jesus Lives

CW 153

1. Alleluia! Jesus lives! He is now the living one;
From the gloomy house of death Forth 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 do you weep? 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 is yours eternally;
Joined to him, your living head, Where he is, you too shall be;
You with him at his right hand
Victor over death shall stand.

Verse of the Day

Psalm 118:24

Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.



Stand.

Gospel ----- Mark 16:1-8

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could go and anoint Jesus. Very early on the first day of the week, at sunrise, they went to the tomb. They were saying to each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance to the tomb for us?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right

side, and they were alarmed. He said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

They went out and hurried away from the tomb, trembling and perplexed. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



The Gospel procession returns to the chancel.

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day ----- Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

CW 161



Choir 1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of - fens -
2 No son of man could con - quer death, such ru - in sin
3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, his peo - ple to
Choir 4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death



es giv - en; but now at God's right hand he stands
had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on earth,
de - liv - er; de - stroy - ing sin, he took the crown
con - tend - ed. The vic - to - ry re - mained with life,



and brings us life from heav - en. There - fore let us
and there - fore death had brought us in - to bond - age
from death's pale brow for - ev - er. Stripped of pow'r, no
the reign of death was end - ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture



joy - ful be and sing to God right thank - ful - ly
from of old and ev - er grew more strong and bold
more it reigns; an emp - ty form a - lone re - mains;
plain - ly saith that death is swal - lowed up by death;



loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
and held us as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia!
its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
dis - graced, it lies de - feat - ed. Al - le - lu - ia!

5. Here the true Paschal Lamb we see, Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursed tree-So strong his love-to save us.
See, his blood now marks our door; Faith points to it; death passes o'er,
And Satan cannot harm us. Alleluia!
6. *(Choir)* So let us keep the festival To which the Lord invites us;
Christ is himself the joy of all, The sun that warms and lights us.
Now his grace to us imparts Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
The night of sin is ended. Alleluia!
7. Then let us feast this Easter Day On Christ, the bread of heaven;
The Word of grace has purged away The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed; He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other! Alleluia!

Sermon ----- Mark 16:1-8

You Need Not Tremble at This Good News

Stand.

Luther's Explanation of the 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed

**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.**

**He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, 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.**

**All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his king-
dom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessed-
ness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is
most certainly true.**

Be seated.

Offering

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of the Gospel here and around the world.*

Stand.

Prayer of the Church

M: Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

C: Christ is risen!

M: For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

C: He is risen indeed!

M: He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

C: Alleluia!

M: We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.

C: We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.

M: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

C: You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.

M: With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

C: You are risen!

M: Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

C: **You are risen indeed!**

M: Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of salvation.

C: **Alleluia!**

M: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

C: **We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.**

M: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C: **He is risen!**

M: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and to all believers in Christ.

C: **He is risen indeed!**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

C: **Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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 SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

In Holy Communion we believe that Jesus gives us his own body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask that, in keeping with God's Word, only confirmed members who are in confessional unity with our church (WELS and ELS) would come forward to receive this sacrament. If you have any questions or are interested in communicant membership, please speak with the pastor.

During the distribution, the congregation sings the following hymn:

Hymn ----- Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

CW 156

1. Awake, my heart, with gladness! See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.
2. The foe in triumph shouted When Christ lay in the tomb.
But lo, he now is routed; His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free; In glorious victory
He who is strong to save Has triumphed o'er the grave.
3. This is a sight that gladdens— What peace it does impart!
Now nothing ever saddens The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake, No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.
4. Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never, Whate'er he passes through.
He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain.
He shatters hell's dark thrall; I follow him through all.
5. He brings me to the portal That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal Is found in script of gold:
"Who there my cross has shared Finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with me has died Shall here be glorified."

Hymn ----- Like the Golden Sun Ascending

CW 147

1. Like the golden sun ascending, Breaking through the gloom of night,
On the earth its glory spending So that darkness takes to flight,
Thus my Jesus from the grave And death's dismal, dreadful cave
Rose triumphant Easter morning At the early purple dawning.
2. Thanks to you, O Christ victorious! Thanks to you, O Lord of life!
Death has now no power o'er us, You have conquered in the strife.
Thanks because you did arise And have opened paradise!
None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.
3. You have died for my transgression; All my sins on you were laid.
You have won for me salvation; On the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise And shall meet you in the skies.
Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.
4. Grant me grace, O blessed Savior, And your Holy Spirit send
That my life and my behavior May be pleasing to the end,
That I may not fall again Into death's grim pit and pain,
Whence by grace you have retrieved me
And from which you have relieved me.
5. For the joy your advent gave me, For your gospel's great reward,
For your baptism which has saved me, For your supper and your Word,
For your death, the bitter scorn, For your resurrection morn:
Lord, I thank you and extol you, And in heav'n I shall behold you.

After the distribution is finished the congregation stands and sings:

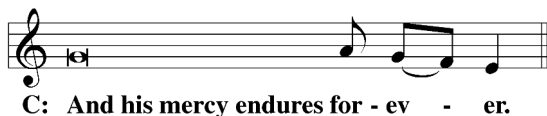
Song of Simeon

Nunc Dimittis



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Blessing

M: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be seated.

Hymn ----- I Know that My Redeemer Lives

CW 152

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.

Please stand for the final stanza

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!"



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