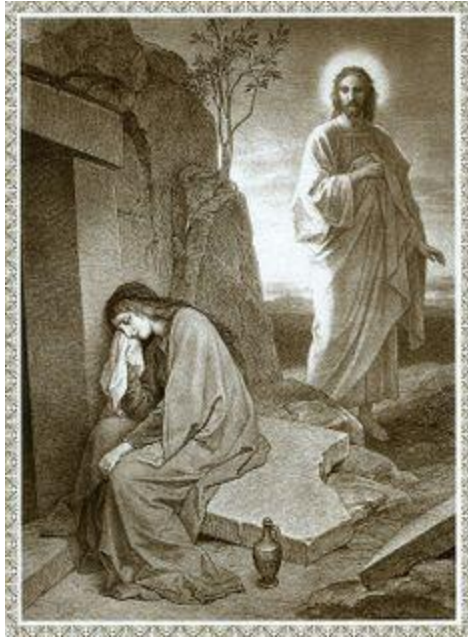


Easter – 2021

Sunday – April 4, 2021 – 9:30 am.

“Christ is Risen” – “He is Risen Indeed”



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† Call to Worship †

Easter Acclamation

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

Reading: John 20:1-10

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

Easter Acclamation

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

Special Music “In the End of the Sabbath”

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

LSB 151

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

Exhortation

LSB 151

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our Brother, Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve You faithfully. Set our feet upon the new path of life, and build Your kingdom here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Absolution

LSB 151

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Hymn # 482 "This Joyful Eastertide"



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber Till trump from east to west

Has sprung to life this mor - row:
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

Refrain
Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,
Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -
ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

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† Service of the Word †

The Song by the Sea: Exodus 15:1-11

Exodus 15:1-11

- P** ¹Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,
"I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
C **the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.**
- P** ²The LORD is my strength and my song,
C **and he has become my salvation;**
P this is my God, and I will praise him,
C **my father's God, and I will exalt him.**
- P** ³The LORD is a man of war;
C **the LORD is his name.**
- P** ⁴"Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea,
C **and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.**
- P** ⁶Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
C **your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.**
- P** ⁹The enemy said, '**I** will pursue, **I** will overtake,
I will divide the spoil,
C **my desire shall have its fill of them.**
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.'
- P** ¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;
C **they sank like lead in the mighty waters.**
- P** ¹¹"Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you,
C **majestic in holiness,**
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

ALL

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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. 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.



C A - men.

Sit

Special Music "Easter Song"

Old Testament Reading: Job 19:23-27

²³*"Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!"*

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

⁵¹Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

*"Death is swallowed up in victory."
⁵⁵"O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?"*

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

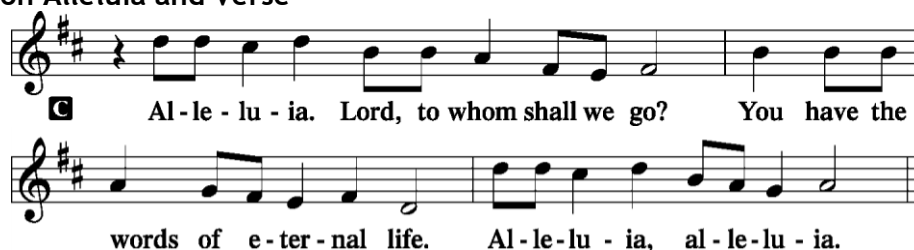
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Common Alleluia and Verse

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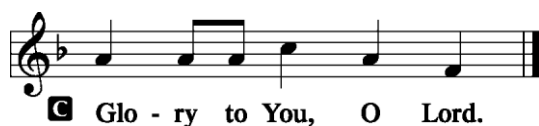


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: John 20:11-18

John 20:11-18

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn "Come, Mary, Gaze Into the Tomb"

(Original Version - Tune LSB # 458)



1 Come, Mar - y, gaze in - to the tomb. See where they brought
 2 You won - der if for - give - ness can En - dure when there's
 3 His blood He shed as sac - ri - fice, His rend - ing cry
 4 But, Mar - y, in great sor - row's thrall, You weep on Ea -
 5 Then take this mes - sage and go forth To the re - mot -

and laid Him; On ei - ther side the Cher - u - bim ---
 no tem - ple; No lamb ro bring, to cov - er sin,
 tears a - part The cur - tain in the Ho - ly Place
 ster morn - ing, Un - til your Rab - bi comes to call
 est na - tion. With Je - sus' name fill all the earth

Be - tween, the cloth that held Him. See the blood of
 To soothe our hearts that trem - ble. Hear how God has
 That once blocked us from God's heart. We who once had
 You by your name; and send - ing, "Tell My bro - thers
 To bring all tribes sal - va - tion. Je - sus is for

sac - ri - fice, Off - ered be - fore God's ho - ly eyes.
 come to bring His own True Lamb, His of - fer - ing.
 gone far wrong, Now to God's fam - i - ly be - long.
 how they may Come to the Fa - ther, I'm the Way,
 you the one, Who has an off - 'ring made and done,

It is the Seat of Mer - cy! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Mess - i - ah, sent to save us! Al - le - lu - ia!
 He names Him - self our Bro - ther! Al - le - lu - ia!
 The Truth and Life un - end - ing!" Al - le - lu - ia!
 To give you life for - ev - er! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Sermon "Yesterday, there was Death" John 20:15-18

Stand

Nicene Creed

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.

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Prayer of the Church

Responses:

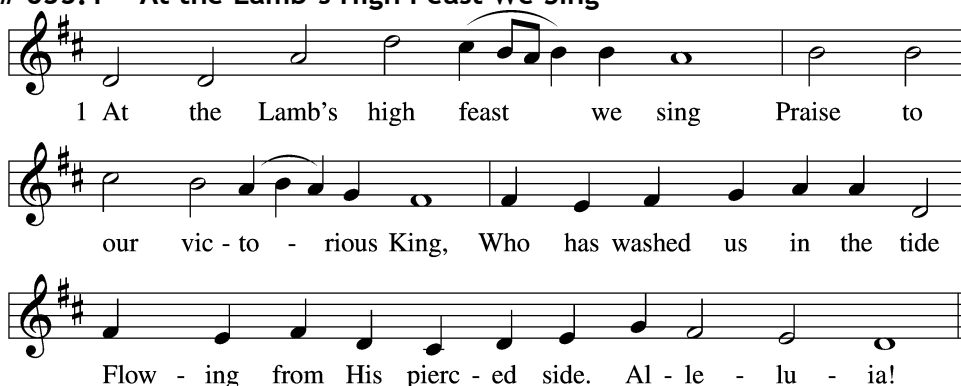
P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

P Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who
 lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

† Service of the Sacrament †

Hymn # 633:1 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”



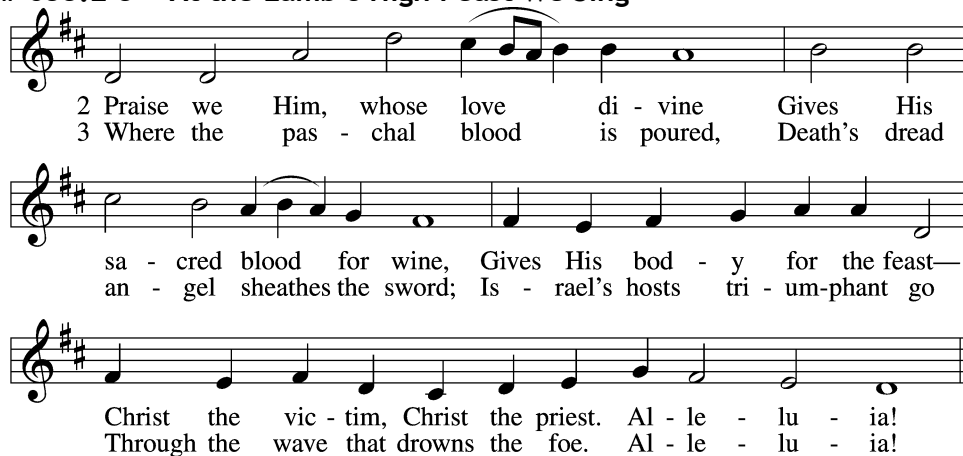
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Proper Preface

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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, archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious
 name, evermore praising You and saying:

Hymn # 633:2-3 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”



2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread

sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - umphant go

Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

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

LSB 162

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

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Hymn # 633:4 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”



4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Distribution

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Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endures forever.

Hymn # 633:5, 8 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”



5 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky, Hell's fierce
△ 8 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sav - ior,
pow'rs be - neath You lie; You have con - quered in the fight,
by whose death we live, Spir - it, guide through all our days:
You have brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!
Three in One, Your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
Grant, O Lord, that the lips which have sung Your praise in the sanctuary may glorify You in the world, that the eyes which have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope, that the tongues which have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth, and that the bodies of all who have tasted of Your Son's living body and blood may be raised to share in eternal life; with Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn # 461:1-2, 5, 7-8 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to
 7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and
 8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my
 I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion
 Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this

once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.
 to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
 sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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