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"In Nomine Iesu"

The Resurrection of Our Lord

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Welcome to St. Paul's and a blessed Easter morning to you!!! This day is, in a sense, the most important day of all and is the source of all other holy days within the church year. For, as Paul says, "If Christ had not risen from the dead, our faith is in vain, and we are still in our sins" (1 Cor. 15:17). But thanks be to God that Jesus has risen! Alleluia!

Today churches throughout the world boldly proclaim the fact that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. That the very One who was sacrificed on the cross for the forgiveness of sins, is the same One who rose to claim victory over sin, death, and the devil. The resurrection is not only foundational for our faith, but it is living proof of God's faithful love to us. And so our service this morning spills over in shouts of joy and praise to Jesus, our ever-living Savior! He is risen! Alleluia!

Christ has risen. Alleluia!

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. St. Paul's congregation practices "fellowship communion." By this we mean that those who commune at our altar confess a unity in faith with us and the fellow members in our Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Please check the questions on the back of the white attendance card. We invite our members and guests from sister congregations to share in this celebration. If you wish to commune at St. Paul's for the first time, please speak with Pastor or an usher before the service.

All members and guests are asked to fill out the registration card found in your pew rack and hand it to an usher when you leave. Have a blessed day.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bell

Invocation *(please stand)*

P We begin our worship in the name of the true and living
God the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the
Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P This is the day the Lord has made!

C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

P People of God, Good Friday was not the end of God's
story! Our God is the God of the living! Jesus Christ has
risen to save you! He has risen to give you life! The tomb
is empty! He has risen!

C **The tomb is empty! Alleluia!**

P No more will death and sin have any power over us!
God's perfect plan of salvation has been accomplished,
for Christ is risen!

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

P And so, if Christ has been raised from the dead, so also
will all believers be raised to eternal life, for Jesus
Christ is risen!

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

*(Please turn and face the entrance to the sanctuary
and follow the cross to its place in the chancel.)*

"The Hallelujah Chorus" arr. By George F. Handel
St. Paul's Choir

Opening Hymn *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"* LSB #457

Confession and Absolution

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P We come before You, Lord Most High, because You alone are God and there is none other. But before You, who could stand? In Your presence, none are worthy. In Your presence, our sin is all that we see, and our guilt condemns us. Come to our aid, O Lord. Remove our sin. And grant us the joy of Your salvation.

C **Most Merciful God, my daily life does not reflect that this day is most important, for I sin daily. I forget Your presence in my life. I do not worship You as often or as sincerely as I should. Forgive me, renew me, and help me to walk in Your ways and live according to Your holy will. For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Just as surely as the sun rose this morning, so has the Son of God risen from the dead and won for you the forgiveness of sins. God's grace is truly amazing! By the power and the command of Jesus Christ, receive the Good news of God for you today; your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C **Amen.**

(be seated)

Choir Anthem *“Crown Him Lord This Easter Day”*

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

This is the Feast (please stand)

LSB 155

Refrain



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



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



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. *Refrain*
 hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia. *Final Refrain*



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



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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the

women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(be seated)

Children’s Message

Hymn “Alleluia! Jesus is Risen” LSB #474

Sermon

Nicene Creed *(please stand)*

All 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.

(be seated)

Presentation of the Offering & Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church

(After each portion of the prayers)

P Lord, in your mercy, **C** **Hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, our risen Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

Preface *(please stand)*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

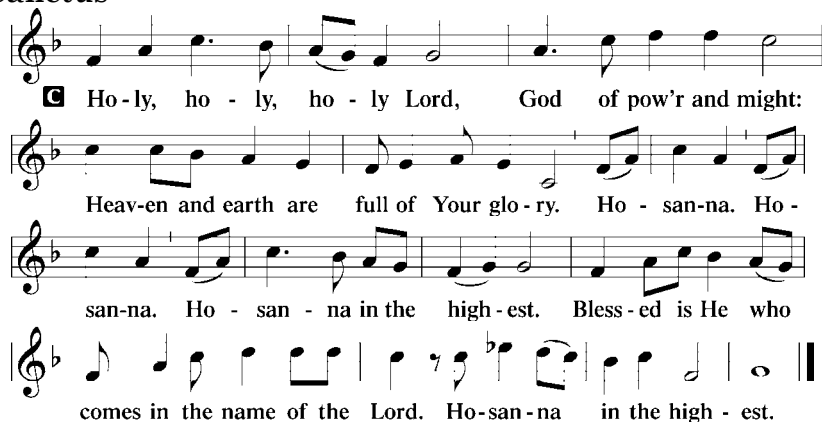
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Proper Preface

P It is 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 saying:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en 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 who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You loved the world so much that You gave your only Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks for His entire obedient life of service, His sacrificial death, and His glorious resurrection. Gathered in His name, we ask You to bless us as we partake of His body and His blood. Strengthen us thereby to witness to His rising; and grant us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation which come to us

in this sacrament. To you, O Father, with the Son and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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."

Proclamation of Christ

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

All 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 Amen.

Agnus Dei

☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution *(be seated)*

(All members of our St. Paul's family are invited to meet the Lord in this Sacrament. When at the table, please indicate your preference of common or individual cup. *Children are welcome to remain standing to receive a blessing from the pastor.*

The CENTER RING of the individual communion cup tray contains white grape juice. The OUTER RINGS contain red wine. Gluten free wafers are available from a communion assistant.)

Distribution Hymns

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" LSB #633

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives" LSB #461

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" LSB #477

Post-Communion Thanksgiving *(please stand)*

- P Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, gracious Lord, we give thanks that
You have refreshed us through this foretaste of the feast
to come. Grant us strength and guidance that we may
be Your messengers of pardon and peace each day until
faith gives way to sight at the marriage feast of the
Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus
Christ, our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Benediction

- P The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who sent His
Son to certain death in order to give us life, the Son (+),
who left the tomb empty on this day of His rising, and
the Holy Spirit, who graciously enables us to be
messengers of the resurrection—be upon you, now and
forever.
- C **Amen.**

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

Closing Hymn “*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*” LSB #463

Silent Prayer

(be seated)

Postlude

“Soli Dei Gloria”

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*“Easter is the joy of newness,
hope for the future,
the miracle of a yearning fulfilled,
an exciting love let loose across the world!”*