

EASTER SUNDAY
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**Opening Hymn** 

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Todayy"

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## Invocation, Confession and Absolution

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

- P In the name of the Father and of the \(\mathbb{H}\) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For

the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

#### **Declaration of Grace**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

## Service of the Word

+ INTROIT + Psalm 16

Pastor: Preserve me, O God,

Cong.: for in You I take refuge.

Pastor: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord, Cong.: I have no good apart from You."

Pastor: As for the saints in the land,

Cong.: they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

Pastor: The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;

Cong.: their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my

lips.

Pastor: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;

Cong.: You hold my lot.

Pastor: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

Cong.: indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

Pastor: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel

Cong.: in the night also my heart instructs me.

Pastor: I have set the LORD always before me;

Cong.: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Pastor: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

Cong.: my flesh also dwells secure.

Pastor: Foy You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

**Cong.: or let Your holy one see corruption.** Pastor: You make known to me the path of life;

Cong.: in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures

forevermore.

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

Kyrie LSB 152

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia" p. 463

#### + SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY +

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

Cong.: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

Cong.: Amen.

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

P A reading from Isaiah, the twenty-fifth chapter.

<sup>6</sup> On 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. <sup>7</sup> And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup> He 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. <sup>9</sup> It 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." This is the Word of the LORD.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

P A reading from 1 Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

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

<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that He was buried, 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 at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <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, unworthy 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 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. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

+VERSE+ (sung) p. 157

Return to the Lord, your God, For He is gracious and merciful Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love And abounding in steadfast love.

### + THE HOLY GOSPEL +

Matthew 28:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.

## C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. <sup>7</sup> 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." <sup>8</sup> So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. <sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me." This is the Gospel of the LORD.

Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE SERMON HYMN: "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness" p. 467

#### **SERMON**

Nicene Creed p. 158

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.

## **Prayer of the Church**

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P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

## LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

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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 debts
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever. Amen.

## Collect

P Lord God, we humbly confess to You that we deserve Your fatherly chastisement for our sins; yet we earnestly implore You, for Your name's sake, to spare us in this time of disaster. Restrain all harmful powers and

help Your suffering people that Your Word may be declared faithfully and without hindrance and that we, amending our sinful lives, may walk in safety and peace according to Your holy commandments; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction LSB 166

C Amen.

Closing Hymn "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

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## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

Catechism Class: April 7 and 14, 6:15 p.m.