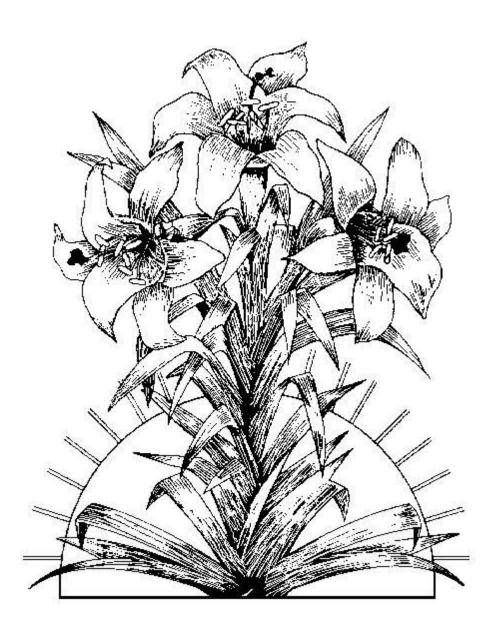
## THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

# THE HAND OF THE LORD WHO IS RISEN April 20, 2025 8:00 AM



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#### **AS WE GATHER**

This day of days, this feast of feasts, is the climax of our Lenten meditations on "The Hand of the Lord." It brings all of God's promises in the Old Testament, all of our Lord's words and works of His earthly ministry, all the peace, all the healing, and all the hope of eternal life now given to you and to each person who comes to the risen and reigning Lord of all in repentance and faith, here where He promises to be through Word and Sacrament for us. We thank the Lord for all His grace and mercy shown to us as we wend our way through the various days and times of our earthly lives. Yet all of that is but a prelude to the great and promised feast of the day of "the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come" (Nicene Creed). As God the Father did not abandon His Son to the corruption of the grave but raised Him bodily to endless life, so also is our certain hope. God will not abandon you now or ever.

## **OPENING SENTENCES** Psalm 118:24; Romans 6:9

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
- C death no longer has dominion over Him.

# HYMN "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" LSB 457, 1-4△ (The cross processional enters during the final verse, everyone, please stand.)

#### INVOCATION

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

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 1 John 1:2, 5–9

- P The word of life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us. . . . This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you,
- C that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.
- P If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,
- C we lie and do not practice the truth.
- P But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,
- C and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P Let us then, in full faith and confidence, confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, even in the light and joy of the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus, we confess to You that we remain sinful and unclean while in this world. It is against You we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned against You even as we have failed to do good for others. In short, we have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your punishment both now and even forever.

For the sake of Your Son, our crucified, risen, and ascended Lord Jesus, and by His intercession for us at Your right hand, have mercy on us. Forgive us and breathe into us once again Your renewing breath of life so that we may live according to Your will to the glory of Your holy name.

- P At His ascension into heaven, our Lord Jesus lifted up His hands and blessed His disciples. So now, upon this your confession, receive the blessing of our Lord. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## (Please sit)

**INTROIT** Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18

P The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,

Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.

You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established.

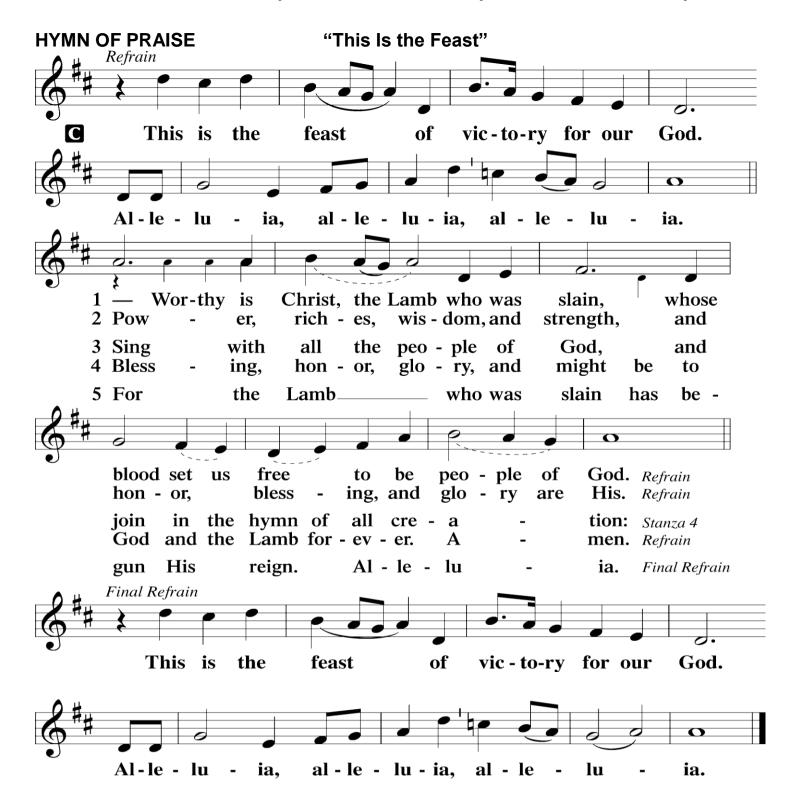
The LORD will reign forever and ever.

C 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**



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



## **SALUTATION**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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 Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 65:17-25

L The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, the sixty-fifth chapter.

<sup>17</sup>"Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.
<sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.
<sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people;

no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

<sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days.

for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

<sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

<sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of My people be, and My chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

<sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity,

for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them.

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- <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food.

They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain," says the LORD.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:19–26**

L The Epistle is from First Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

<sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming

those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

HYMN "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" LSB 464, sts. 1-5

## (Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup>And as they were

frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise."

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<sup>8</sup>And they remembered His words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

# (Please sit) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" LSB 466, sts. 1-5

SERMON "THE HAND OF THE LORD WHO IS RISEN"
The Rev. Peter Gueldner

(Please 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,

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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

P Almighty God, on this feast when we celebrate Your great victory over all the disobedience and sin of this world and the defeat even of death by the power of the resurrection of Christ, with glad hearts we raise joyful shouts of praise acknowledging that, because He lives, we shall live also. You have made known to us the path of life, in Your presence there is fullness of joy, and at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that You have done for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

P Save and defend Your whole church throughout the world. Grant wisdom and strength to all pastors and bishops who serve Your people with Your Word and Sacraments, and strengthen the faith of all thereby, that Your kingdom continue to increase in all nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

P Preserve our nation in justice and honor, and grant health and wisdom to all who bear office in our land, all who make, administer, and judge our laws. Help them to serve according to Your holy and righteous will. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

P Sanctify our homes with Your presence, keeping our children in the promise of their Baptism, and helping parents to bring them up in the true faith. Bless our families that we may show Your praise in our land. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

P Lay Your comforting, healing, and consoling hand upon all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any adversity. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow, and grant us Your love and tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, Your gracious and merciful and saving hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## C Amen. (Please sit)

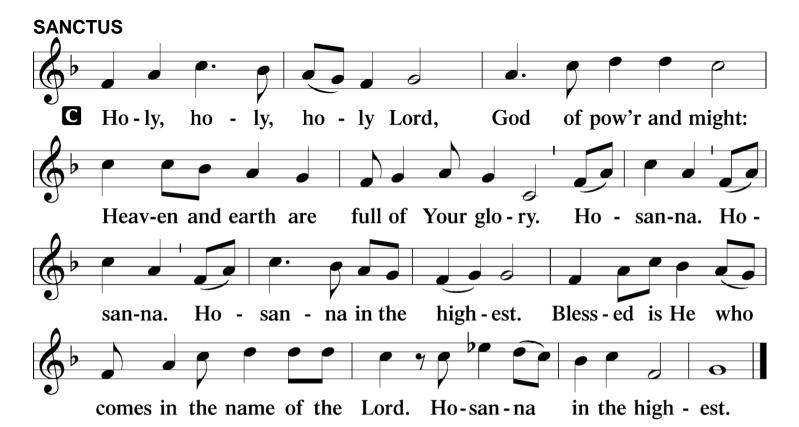
# **TITHES AND OFFERING** "Jesus, the Risen King" *Trinity Choir* (*Please stand*)

## **PREFACE**

- 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:



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- 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.
- 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

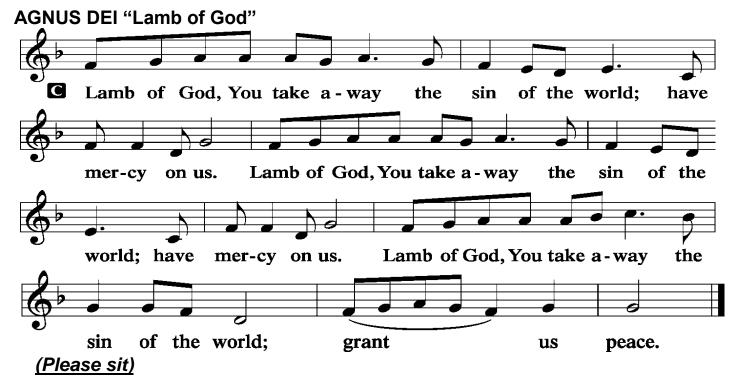
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed 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**

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.

### **PAX DOMINI**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



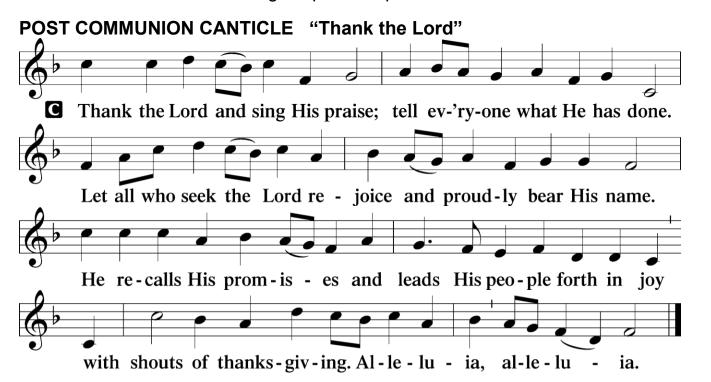
## DISTRIBUTION

- "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" LSB 490, sts. 1-5
- "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" LSB 633, sts. 1-8\(\triangle \)

## (After the distribution, please stand)

### DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace. **C Amen.** 



## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, from Your Son's loving, nail-pierced, and now glorious hands, You have fed us with His own risen body and precious blood, giving us the forgiveness He won for us on the cross as well as a foretaste of the feast to come in the day of the resurrection of all flesh and of our final redemption. We thank You now with hearts and hands and voices, and we pray that You would take us by the hand to lead us faithfully until that day when we celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## **EASTER ACCLAMATION**

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

#### BENEDICTION

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 Amen.

(Please sit)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CLOSING HYMN "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" LSB 477, sts. 1-3

+ To GOD Alone Be All Glory +

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