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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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EASTER DAY

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

As We Gather

“Break down the wall that would divide Thy children, Lord, on ev’ry side” (LSB 844:2). The resurrection of Jesus on that first Easter morning was the greatest breaking down of walls ever experienced on this earth. In his Gospel account, Matthew tells that there was a great earthquake on that Easter Day. He also records that on the day that Jesus died, the earth shook and rocks were split. God was at work in shaking up the earth at the time of the crucifixion and resurrection of His Son, our Savior. And God is still breaking down walls—walls that divide and separate people. Today we celebrate the forgiveness won for us and all people by Jesus, our all-powerful and victorious Lord.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

sts. 1–2



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences *Psalm 118:24; Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6, adapted*

P This is the day that the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P Christ has risen from the dead. Alleluia!

C God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,

P He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C He has put all things under His feet. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Confession and Absolution

P Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.

O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.

C Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P We confess that we have not lived as Your followers but have sought to go our own ways in directions that have not brought glory to You or blessing to others.

C Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation, that there have been times in which we have been loveless, thoughtless, and judgmental toward others, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

C Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord.

P We confess that Your will has not been our priority at all times and that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless in our circle of family, neighbors, and friends and beyond.

C Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord.

P We confess that we have not used every opportunity given to us to witness to the resurrection faith that is ours and have at times been slow to speak of the hope that is ours in Christ.

C Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord.

P Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously;*
the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.
The LORD is my strength | and my song,*
and he has become my sal- | vation.
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 ho- | ly 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 es- | tablished.*
The LORD will reign forever and | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously;*
the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

sts. 1, 3



1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n to - day!” Saints on earth and an - gels say;
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, re - ply.
Death in vain for-bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Grant that we who have been raised with Him may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 10:34–43

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹And 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, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²And 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. ⁴³To 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.

Gradual *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

L Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle *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. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When 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.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And 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. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then 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.” ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then 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.**

Apostles' Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

sts. 1-2

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious

once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'I Know That My Redeemer Lives'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has two vocal parts: a soprano line (1) and an alto line (2). The lyrics are: '1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort' and '2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -'. The second staff continues the lyrics: 'this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who' and 'ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious'. The third staff concludes the lyrics: 'once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.' and 'in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some phrases marked with slurs.

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Sermon

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633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

sts. 6–7

6 Now no more can death ap - pall, Now no
7 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy! This a -
more the grave en - thrall; You have o - pened par - a - dise,
lone can sin de - stroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
And Your saints in You shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!
New - born souls in You to be. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Prayer of the Church

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

That the Church would live out its calling and that the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ be joyfully celebrated in all places, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That the nations of the world find peace with justice in our time, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That the abiding blessing of God rest upon our families, our neighborhoods, our places of business, and our schools, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That those whose confession of the true faith leads to bodily peril or other sufferings know relief and deliverance from every danger, let us pray of the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That all whose labor adds meaning and beauty to the life of the Church—the musicians, artists, craft workers, flower arrangers, and others—find joy and blessing in all that they do to the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That all those whose lives know specific challenges, including those who are ill and those who mourn, [*including . . .*], know heavenly benediction and strength for each day, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That the memory of the faithful departed be held in reverence and honor by all of us as we await a time of resurrection and reunion at the close of the age, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P These things and all else that we should have asked on this day of holy rejoicing, grant to us, Lord, for the sake of our risen Savior Jesus Christ.

C 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.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

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.

465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

sts. 1-2

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -

praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!

He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us

clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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