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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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EASTER SUNRISE

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

At last! The day of Easter is finally here! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! The darkness of death is now overwhelmed by the light of Christ's resurrection victory. Satan stands defeated, and death is destroyed. The enemy no longer has power over Christ Jesus, nor does he have claim over your life either! As you bow in faith before Jesus and rise to sing your praises to Him early this Easter morning, may the joy of this day inspire you to find joy in your Savior every day. New beginnings start at the empty tomb, and there's no better way to begin our Easter celebration than at the break of day, joining together to sing the praises of Him who died yet was raised to life again. "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

IMAGE ON THE COVER

I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea. *Exodus 15:1b*

EASTER ACCLAMATION

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠PREPARATION✠

OPENING HYMN – 469 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
Lo! Our Sun's e - clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
- 6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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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.**

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 151

- 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.**

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.**

INTROIT

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

P I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;
C the horse and His rider He has thrown into the sea.

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

P Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
C Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

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

P You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain,
C the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your abode,

P the sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have established.
C 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.

P I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;
C the horse and His rider He has thrown into the sea.

KYRIE (Greek for “Lord, [have mercy]”)

P Risen Redeemer,
C have mercy upon us.

P Conquering King,
C have mercy upon us.

P Victorious Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C grant us Your peace.

HYMN OF PRAISE – 465 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 Δ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "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
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - 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!
 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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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You defeated death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.

C **Take away all gloom and sadness, and fill us with the joy of His resurrection victory;**

P through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 15:1–11

(The Israelites praise the Lord for His triumph and their salvation.)

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;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

²The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

³The LORD is a man of war;
the LORD is his name.

⁴“Pharaoh’s chariots and his host he cast into the sea,
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

⁵The floods covered them;
they went down into the depths like a stone.

⁶Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

⁷In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries;
you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

⁸At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;
the floods stood up in a heap;
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

⁹The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake,
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.'

¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

¹¹"Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 118:15-21, 23; antiphon: v.24

P This is the day that the LORD has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of
the Lord does valiantly,

C **the right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!"**

P I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

C **The Lord has disciplined me severely, but He has not given me over to
death.**

P This is the day that the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

C **This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

P I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

C **This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**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.**

P This is the day that the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 5:6b–8

("Let us therefore celebrate the festival.")

Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA and VERSE

2 Timothy 1:10b

P Alleluia. [Christ Jesus] abolished death

C **and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

(Mary Magdalene sees the risen Lord Jesus.)

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

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

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.

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.

CREED

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.**

Sit

SERMON HYMN – 478 *The Day of Resurrection*



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,
△ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light
Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.
All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,
And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!
And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

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SERMON

VOTUM

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

G Amen.

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

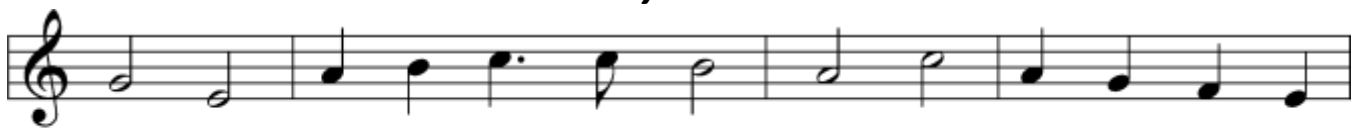
P Let us pray.

Gracious Father, You have made this day to be a day of rejoicing! As Your sons and daughters, we rejoice before You as we stand at the empty tomb of Your Son. Much like the ancient children of Israel rejoiced before You after You led them through the Red Sea and drowned their enemies who pursued them, we praise You for the deliverance You have given us from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. You provide well, O God, for all of our needs of body and soul, and we entrust the cares of our personal lives, our families, our community, and our congregation to You. Because Jesus lives, victorious over death and the grave, we are confident that there is no obstacle that can ever keep us from experiencing the life and love You give. Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer and fill us with Your joy!

HYMN – 490 *Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*

sts. 1–2



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is



scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.

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P Conquering King, by Your rising to new life from the grave on Easter morning, You shattered the rod that oppressed us and the burden that weighed us down. You lifted the curse of death from our backs and set us free from the chains that once had bound us. Risen Redeemer, because You have set us free, we are free indeed! Help us to live in the freedom, joy, and peace of Your resurrection victory. Satan has no authority over us because we have been named and claimed by You in the water of Baptism, which unites us to Your saving death and resurrection. Because You live, we shall live also—now, by faith, and on the future Day of resurrection, we shall live face to face with You in Your eternal kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and fill us with Your joy!

HYMN – 490 *Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*

sts. 3–4

3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall

liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell

Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will

need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.

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P Renewing Spirit of truth, grant joy to all who receive Your Word this day. With hearts restored and minds at peace, help us to cling to Jesus and hold fast to His promises. We pray for all who are sick and troubled, weary and downtrodden, [especially . . .]. Be their sure defense and help them to know that nothing can ever sever them from You, O Lord! All we need, You will dispense, for Jesus is our confidence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and fill us with Your joy!

HYMN – 490 *Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*

st. 5

5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -
mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath
When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall
cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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P Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our living Lord.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CLOSING SENTENCES

Psalm 118:23–24

P This is the LORD's doing;

C it is marvelous in our eyes.

P This is the day that the LORD has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

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.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CLOSING HYMN – 457 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*



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!
3 But the pains which He endured, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4 Sing we to our God a-bove, 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!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; 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!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, 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!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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