

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord,
there is nothing we can do
to deserve the grace you give us.
There is no way we can earn your love,
there is no way we can be worthy of your forgiveness.
And yet you shower your grace, love, and mercy on us.
You, who have taken away the sting of death,
meet us where we are, in our doubt and fear,
in our regrets and shame,
in our delight and awe.
Meet us here in this place,
and call us once again to trust in you.**

~ silent prayer ~

The liturgist pours water into the font in remembrance of our baptism

The Assurance of God's Forgiveness

God says to us: I have loved you with an everlasting love.

Christ says to us: Do not be afraid.

We need not fear, for we are forgiven,
and we are loved.

Alleluia!

Musical Response “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now
and ever shall be. Amen.*

The Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading Acts 10:34-43 CEB

[34] Peter said, “I really am learning that God doesn’t show partiality to one group of people over another. [35] Rather, in every nation, whoever worships him and does what is right is acceptable to him. [36] This is the message of peace he sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all! [37] You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism John preached. [38] You know about Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and endowed with power. Jesus traveled around doing good and healing everyone oppressed by the devil because God was with him. [39] We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, [40] but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen, [41] not by everyone but by us. We are witnesses whom God chose beforehand, who ate and drank with him after God raised him from the dead. [42] He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. [43] All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 ICEL

- [1] Give thanks, the Lord is good,
God’s love is for ever!
- [2] Now let Israel say,
“God’s love is for ever!”

**[14] My strength, my song is the Lord,
who has become my savior.**

**[15] Glad shouts of victory sound
within the tents of the just.**

**[16] With right hand raised high,
the Lord strikes with force.**

[17] I shall not die but live
to tell the Lord's great deeds.

[18] The Lord punished me severely,
but did not let me die.

**[19] Open the gates of justice,
let me praise God within them.**

**[20] This is the Lord's own gate,
only the just will enter.**

**[21] I thank you for you answered me,
and you became my savior.**

[22] The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

[23] This is the work of the Lord,
how wonderful in our eyes.

**[24] This is the day the Lord made,
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Second Scripture Reading Colossians 3:1-4 CEB

[1] Therefore, if you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side. [2] Think about the things above and not things on earth. [3] You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. [4] When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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Anthem “Christ Has Risen, Alleluia”
(Text: Bernard Kyamanywa / Music: Tasmanian melody)

Third Scripture Reading Matthew 28:1-10 CEB

[1] After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the tomb. [2] Look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. Coming to the stone, he rolled it away and sat on it. [3] Now his face was like lightning and his clothes as white as snow. [4] The guards were so terrified of him that they shook with fear and became like dead men. [5] But the angel said to the women, “Don’t be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. [6] He isn’t here, because he’s been raised from the dead, just as he said.

[7] Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, ‘He’s been raised from the dead. He’s going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.’ I’ve given the message to you.”

[8] With great fear and expectation, they hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. [9] But Jesus met them and greeted them. They came and grabbed his feet and worshipped him. [10] Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Go and tell my brothers that I am going into Galilee. They will see me there.”

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn #248 “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Litany for Easter

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried,
and rose again on the third day.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve,
and to many faithful witnesses.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe
and proclaim this good news to the world.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

~ a brief silence ~

God of grace,
we no longer look for Jesus among the dead,
for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.
From death you raise us up with him
and renew your gift of life within and among us.
Increase in our minds, hearts, and deeds
the risen life we share with Christ,
and help us to grow as your people
toward the fullness of eternal life with you,
through Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Offering “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”
(by Anna Laura Page)

Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

The Sacrament of Communion

The Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In every time and every age, O God...

...and with saints of every age,
we praise your name and join their hymn:

Singing # 552:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O Christ, servant of the universe.
You came among us to feed and heal and teach.
You challenged the wrong-hearted,
confronted injustice,
confounded the haughty,
and comforted those who longed for peace.

~ The words of institution ~

Remembering our Lord's self-giving love,
we sing the mystery of faith:

Singing #553:
Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.
Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life...

...In the unity of the Holy Trinity,
in gratitude for this great day of resurrection,
we praise you, God of all that is,
now and forever.

Singing #554:
Amen, amen, amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven...

The Communion of the People

During the receiving of communion, the people sing:
#507 "Come to the Table of Grace"

Prayer after Communion

A Time for Children

“These Treasured Children”

***These treasured children present now
are bound to us by sacred vow;
with love, we make a heartfelt claim
to welcome them in Jesus’ name.***

Charge and Blessing

Christ is risen! Do not be afraid.
Go and tell this good news to all.

Amen.

And may the steadfast love of the Lord be yours,
this day and forever.

Alleluia!

Postlude

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o’er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.