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April 5, 2026 – 6:30am, 8:00am, & 10:30am

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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2026 – 6:30am, 8:00am, & 10:30am

PRELUDE

Toccatà on “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

arr. Diane Bish

RINGING OF THE BELL

(We rise and face the processional cross in the back of the sanctuary.)

INVOCATION and OPENING VERSES

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

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

P The stone has been rolled away. Alleluia!
C The Crucified One is risen. Alleluia!

P He has conquered death by the cross!
C He has come out of the tomb!

P This is the day the Lord has made!
C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

P Give thanks to the Lord for He is good!
C His love endures forever!

P Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.
C Let us keep our Easter Feast.

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



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 en - dured, 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!

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Let us return to the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls, confessing our sin.

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

P Almighty God,
C We confess before You our preference for things that pass away, our silence in the face of injustice, our reluctance to accept the freedom of forgiveness. Make us whole again; renew in us the grace of baptism; and set our minds on the things that are above. Amen.

P In Christ's dying and rising, you are reborn; you are no longer dead in your sin. 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.

✠ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE ✠

CANTICLE "This Is the Feast"

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

- P** Let us pray together:
- C** 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. Amen.

(We are seated.)

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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(We rise.)

GOSPEL PROCESSION

(The Word is carried into the midst of the people. We turn to face the pastor who reads from the center of the Church.)

HYMN

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

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(Stanza 1)



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
 He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—
 Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.

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HOLY GOSPEL READING

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.**

(Stanzas 2-3)

2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
 Δ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:

See the an - cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;

Once He died, and once was bur - ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!

Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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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,
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.

(10:30 – No “Kids of the Kingdom” children’s church today.)

(We are seated.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!”

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(Stanza 4 will be sung by the choir.)

SERMON

“A Hollow Easter”

Text: Matthew 28:1-10 – Pastor Nathan Widener

**RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and
GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS**

ANTHEM

“Christ is Arisen, Indeed!...Natalie Sleeth

Adult Choir

Christ is arisen indeed! Gloria in excelsis,
Christ is arisen indeed, Glory to God in the highest!
Christ is risen, Glory be to the Lord on high,
For Christ is risen, Glory to God in the highest!

Once an infant small, born in cattle stall, wondrous gift that God gave us!
Rolled the stone away on an Easter Day, rose triumphant to save us!
Christ is risen, Glory be to the Lord on high,
For Christ is risen, Glory to God in the highest!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia.
Fought the fight the battle won! Alleluia.
Christ is arisen indeed! Gloria in excelsis,
Christ is arisen indeed, Glory to God in the highest!

Gone the agony, death on Calvary claims the victory never,
Now songs and anthems bring unto Christ the King, joyful praises forever.
Christ is risen, Glory be to the Lord on high,
For Christ is risen, Glory to God in the highest!

Christ is risen, glory to God in the highest!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Heavenly Father,

C We bring to Your table what we have, gifts from You, the One who makes all things new. With these signs we bring ourselves, that we may carry to the world the victorious life of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(We rise.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

P Lord God, on this glorious day, fill Your people with a holy fear at the resurrection of Your Son, that we would tremble no longer before the grave but rejoice and live in the truth of Your power to save. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, as You once chose apostles to proclaim the resurrection, so open the mouths of Your pastors and people to declare His praises to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, lead Your people in Your steadfast love, and guide them in strength to Your holy abode. Sanctify our homes. Be the companion of those who live alone. Make our households places where Your wisdom and grace are found. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power. Grant that all in authority would govern according to Your will, maintaining order and curbing evil, that we may live in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, have mercy on the sick and those in any need (*especially...*). Let the dawning light of the new creation in Christ sustain them in faith. In accord with Your will, grant them renewed health — a foretaste of their eternal healing in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, give us joy in Your Son's great victory feast as He shares it with us from this altar. In the eating of His true body and the drinking of His precious blood in faith, overcome our sin by His forgiveness and swallow up our death in His life, that we may be glad and rejoice in His salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P We praise Your holy name, O Lord, for all Your servants who have departed this life in faith. We pray that You will not abandon us to death but that, when we awake in the resurrection of all flesh, Your presence will give us joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Lord God, use us in these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world; through your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C Amen.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



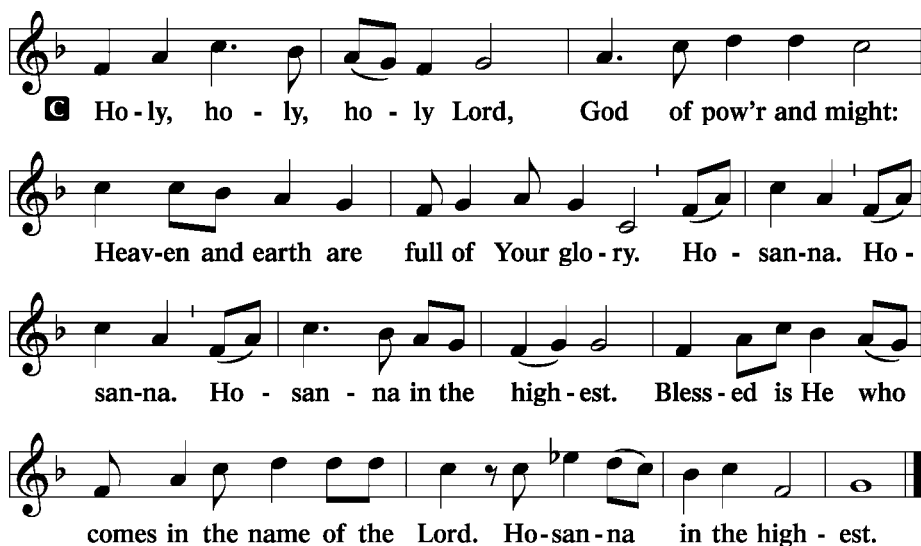
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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.

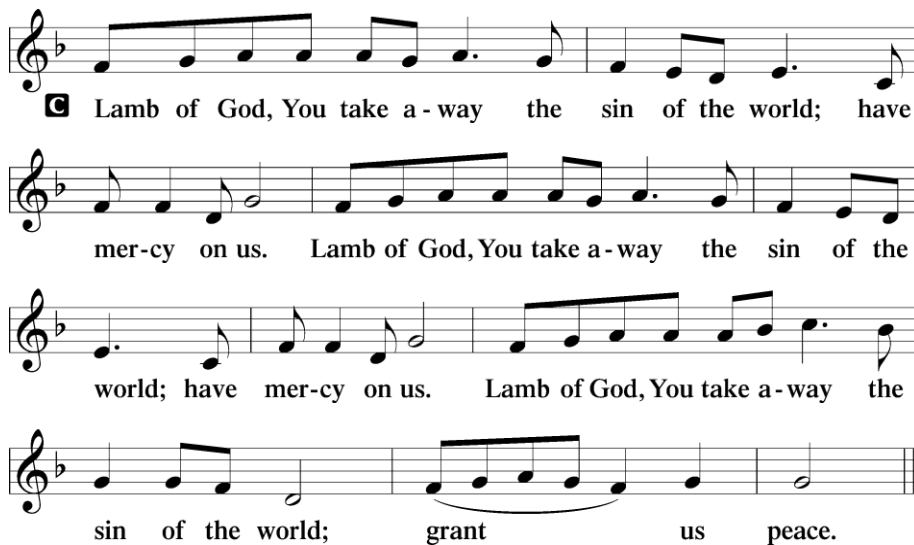
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(We are seated.)

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM and HYMNS

“Now the Green Blade Riseth”...arr. Kenneth Kosche

Adult Choir

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain.
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never He would wake again.
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again.
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green,

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (*We rise for stanza 8.*)

#633

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia”

#463

“This Joyful Eastertide”

#482

(We rise.)

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 CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P In this meal, Lord God, You have strengthened us by the risen life of Your Son. Send us by Your Holy Spirit to live in peace with one another and to renew Your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

P The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great faithful shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working within you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C Amen.

P Go in the power of the Spirit. Proclaim the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

#475



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:
can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



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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POSTLUDE

“Toccata” (*Finale from Symphony #5*)

Charles-Marie Widor