

THE OPENING HYMN: This Is the Day the Lord Has Made (LSB 903)

- 1 This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the hours His own.
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad And praise surround the throne.
- 2 Today He rose and left the dead, And Satan's empire fell;
Today the saints His triumphs spread And all His wonders tell.
- 3 Hosanna to the anointed King, To David's holy Son!
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring Salvation from Your throne.
- 4 Blessed is He who comes to us With messages of grace;
He, in the Lord's name, comes to us To save our fallen race.
- 5 Hosanna in the highest strains The Church on earth can raise.
The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns, Shall give Him nobler praise.
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INVOCATION

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

EASTER ACCLAMATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Psalm 118:24; John 16:23, 33

- P This is the day that the Lord has made.
C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

- P On another day, the one before He gave His life for us, our Lord said, "In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you."
Today, this side of Easter, we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. But we cannot free ourselves from our sinning and our sinful condition. Let us therefore ask our heavenly Father for forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

- P Almighty God,
C **have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P Although Jesus foretold about the disciples' scattering that very night, yet He said, "I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.
C **Amen! And may peace also be with you.**
P Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our

Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Thank We the Lord and Sing His Praise.*

Thank we the Lord and sing His praise.

Tell ev'ryone what He has done

With rejoicing, His name voicing.

He has His promises fulfilled;

Christ kept them just as He had willed.

Shout we, praising, His fame raising.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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FIRST LESSON: Acts 16:9–15

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S TALK:

GOSPEL: John 16:23–33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord. (John 16:23–33)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

CONFESSIO OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

C 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.

HYMN: *God of Wonders*

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky.

The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on High!

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy. Holy.

The universe declares your majesty. You are holy. Holy.

Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light.

And when I stumble in the darkness I will call your name by night.
God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy. Holy.
The universe declares your majesty. You are holy. Holy.
Lord of heaven and earth Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
God wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy. Holy.
Precious Lord reveal your heart to me. Father, hold me. Hold me.

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SERMON: Traded Spaces - Revelation 21:21-27

OFFERING:

HYMN: *Revelation Song*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Holy, Holy, is He
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on Heaven's Mercy Seat [Repeat 2x]

Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing: Praise to the King of Kings!
You are my everything, And I will adore You!

Clothed in rainbows, of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and Glory and power be
To You the Only Wise King,

Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come

With all creation I sing: Praise to the King of Kings!
You are my everything, And I will adore You!

Filled with wonder Awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your Name
Jesus, Your Name is Power Breath, and Living Water
Such a marvelous mystery

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Jesus said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you.” Rejoicing in the resurrection, then, we bring before the Lord the needs and concerns of the church, the world, and ourselves.

For all who call on the name of Jesus throughout the world and for our own church body: That all who are called to ministry tasks—pastors, teachers, and all the people—fulfill their callings with humility and grace for the building up of the Body of Christ. That missionaries called to various places in the world, [especially . . .], speak the Gospel boldly and live in ways that draw people to following Christ. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For nations throughout the world: That governments and leaders strive for peace and exercise justice wisely. That care for the poor and justice for the oppressed never be neglected or forgotten. That those who serve in our armed forces fulfill their responsibilities well. That those victimized by warfare and terrorism find comfort and hope in Christ. That we and our enemies become reconciled. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For the needs of our local community: That businesses flourish for the good of all. That workers do their work with a sense of vocation, giving glory to God. That those with difficult jobs be assured that their labour is not in vain and that God is with them. That corruption and injustice decrease, and integrity, honesty, and responsibility increase. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For the needs of our church community: That those who are sick, [especially . . .], experience healing according to God’s will. That those with chronic or terminal diseases find comfort and hope in God’s promise never to leave them nor forsake them. That our Board of Elders and Parish Planning Council lead us not only to consider our own needs but also the needs of others. That the households of our congregation be places of forgiveness, peace, and genuine love. That we who are gathered here today for worship hear our Lord’s call and welcome newcomers in our midst. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P In thanksgiving for those who have gone before us in faith and now rest from the labours of this life: That we anticipate that day when we will join them in the city that has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light and its lamp is the Lamb.

These, and all of our prayers that remain unspoken or are too deep for words, we commend to You, Holy God, in trust that You hear us, You love us, and You desire us to flourish; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

C **Amen.**

C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION:

P Now may the God of peace—who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant—make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

C Alleluia! Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (LSB 849)

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.

- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.

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