

PRELUDE

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GATHERING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

ELW # 365

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE TFF #95 "He is Lord"

He is Lord, he is Lord,
he is risen from the dead and he is Lord;
ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is love, he is love
he has shown us by his life that he is love.
All his people sing with one voice of joy
that Jesus Christ is love.

He is Lord, he is Lord,
he is risen from the dead and he is Lord.
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of mercy, **we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

BIBLE READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #388 "Be Not Afraid"

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!

Christ is risen, alleluia!

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!

Christ is risen, alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John **Glory to you, O Lord**

John 20:1-18

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

"Longing for New Life"

Pastor Julie Brenden

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #382 - vs. 1, 2, 4 "Christ Has Risen, Alleluia"

1 Christ is risen! Alleluia!
 Risen our victorious head!
 Sing his praises! Alleluia!
 Christ is risen from the dead!
 Gratefully our hearts adore him
 as his light once more appears;
 bowing down in joy before him,
 rising up from griefs and tears.

Refrain: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!

2 Christ is risen! All the sadness
 of our Lenten fast is o'er;
 through the open gates of gladness
 he returns to life once more;
 death and hell before him bending
 see him rise, the victor now,
 angels on his steps attending,
 glory round his wounded brow. ***To Refrain***

4 Christ is risen! Henceforth never
 death or hell shall us enthrall.
 We are Christ's, in him forever
 we have triumphed over all.
 All the doubting and dejection
 of our trembling hearts have ceased;
 hail the day of resurrection!
 Let us rise and keep the feast. *To Refrain*
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation

Response: Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

MEAL

OFFERING TFF #94 "Up From the Grave He Arose"

- 1) Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior
 Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord.

Chorus

**Up from the grave He arose
 With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
 He arose a victor from the dark domain
 And He lives forever with His saints to reign
 He arose He arose
 Hallelujah Christ arose**

- 2) Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,
 vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord. *To Chorus*
- 3) Death cannot keep his prey Jesus my Savior
 He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord. *To Chorus*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray: Merciful God,
**accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
 You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
 when we will hunger and thirst no more.
 Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
 that goodness and mercy may follow us
 and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,
 Amen.**

THE GREAT 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 God thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Glory to you, O God!
Glory to you, O God!

...This is my body, given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me.
We remember Jesus' humble love.

...my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.

We remember Jesus' mercy is for all people.

We have seen the Lord!
We have seen the Lord!

Glory to you, O God!
Glory to you, O God!

Amen. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

ELW #473 "Holy, Holy, Holy" (*repeats*)
Holy, holy, holy,
my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words:
You are holy, God.

- ELW #483 "Here Is Bread"
- 1) Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine,
Christ is with us here.

Refrain:

**In this bread there is healing,
in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit,
Christ is with us here.**

- 2) Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace,
feast on Jesus here. ***(To Refrain)***

Refrain:

**In this bread there is healing,
in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit,
Christ is with us here.**

- 3) Here we are, joined in one,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes
Jesus crucified. ***(To Refrain)***

**In this bread there is healing,
in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit,
Christ is with us here.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy One,
**through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.**
**Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.**
In the name of Jesus, Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW #367 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 4 Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!