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**The**

**Resurrection of our Lord / Easter**

Now, heaven and earth, even all of creation: Rejoice, for the eternal darkness has been defeated.

**AS WE GATHER**

Those who followed Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem had hopes and fears, but their experience was within what they expected. So, Isaiah’s prophecy, which we shall hear again today, was one of those things that didn’t seem to apply, for it was too much of a change to take seriously. And the news from the angel at the tomb went far beyond that! Life after death challenged every understanding so directly that the women were startled into fear-driven silence—at least for a time. That very day others would hear the news and soon many would see Jesus Himself, as Paul tells us in the Epistle. Today is a day to embark on a life based on the startling new reality that death is not the final word for anyone with faith in Christ. How then shall we live before we see Him ourselves?

**INVOCATION and EASTER ANNOUNCEMENT**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**HYMN** *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”* (*LSB* 457)

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!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

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!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heav’nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 25:6-9 *(bulletin insert)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *(bulletin insert)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** Mark 16:1-8 *(bulletin insert)*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN** *“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”* (*LSB* 461, vs. 1-4)

I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head!

He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul’s complaint.

**SERMON *“He Is Risen”***

**HYMN** *“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”* (*LSB* 461, vs. 5-8)

He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I’ll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

**RETURNING OF OUR FIRST FRUITS**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD’S PRAYER**

Pastor: … let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

### BENEDICTION

**EASTER ANNOUNCEMENT**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**HYMN** *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”* (*LSB* 465)

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! Christ has triumphed!”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 is triumphed! He is living!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O 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!

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!

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 **… Christ is honored.**